
HOLLYWOOD PARK HERALD

Published by the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association for Hollywood Park & Carleton Tract residents, Sacramento, CA

Spring 2026

Community Meeting to address Catholic Schools Merger *By Claire Sallee*

Many of you know that three local Catholic schools are merging to become one, which will be located at St. Robert School on Irvin Way. The local Catholic Diocese held three meetings at each of the three schools; I attended meetings at St. Patrick Academy (on Franklin Blvd.) and at St. Robert. My takeaways from each meeting are that many parents were very upset; the decision to merge the schools has been made; enrollment at St. Robert School will increase from approximately 160 to 300 students, and staffing will increase as well to accommodate larger class sizes.

For residents of Hollywood Park and Carleton Tract, this means a significant increase in the number of cars that will be coming and going each school day. HPNA has heard that St. Robert will implement staggered drop off times in the mornings; plans for pick up times are not clear as of this writing. We know that HP and CT neighbors want to make their voices heard, and we invite you to join us at a community meeting to address possible solutions.

HPNA will be hosting a Community Meeting on **Thursday, March 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library (5600 South Land Park Drive)**. This meeting is intended to give people the opportunity to: Express themselves; Discuss solutions; and Volunteer for the solutions. This meeting is NOT intended to protest the school merger. Councilmember Caity Maple will attend. Principal Anthony Jackson (St. Robert) has been invited, as has a representative from the Parking Services Department.

Due to capacity limits, **please try to RSVP (<https://evite.me/NaUEMX4ZQN>)** so that we know if we will have enough space. The link will also be posted online: on the HPNA website; on the HPNA Facebook page; on the HPNA Instagram page; as well as being emailed to the HPNA emailing list.

In This Issue:

Community Meeting -- Catholic School Merger . . .	1
HPE After Hours Access Update.	1
CommuniTree Corner	2
District 5 Updates	4
All About Mother Natives.	4
Updates from County Supervisor Kennedy	5
One Couple Wins 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff.	6
Join the HPNA Board!	7
Poetry Corner	7
SummerFest Save the Date	8
Crawford's Corner -- Independent Bookstore Day. . .	8

Update on After-Hours Access to Hollywood Park Elementary *By Libby Morain Sandy*

Since construction changes last year, the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) has been working to explore restoring neighborhood access to Hollywood Park Elementary after school and after-care program hours.

We have been in communication with Principal Luke and the Sacramento City Unified School District facilities team, and we appreciate the principal and district's support and recognition of the benefits that after-hours access could bring – not only to our neighborhood, but also to HPE students and families. Access to safe outdoor space supports healthy play, community connec-



Crawford's Books

New * Used * Trade

Mon-Sat 10am to 6pm
Sunday 11am to 3pm

5301 Freeport Blvd, #200
Sacramento, CA 95822
916.731.8001
www.CrawfordBooks.net



McLaren COACHING
capture your success

CAMI MCLAREN
certified performance coach

Tel: 916.747.3660
cami@mcclarencoaching.com
www.mcclarencoaching.com



FOUNTAINHEAD

BREWING COMPANY

4621 24th st., Sacramento, CA 95822



Shirley Hazlett
Paintings

4311 Attawa Ave
Sacramento

shirley.hazlett@shirleyhazlett.com
www.shirleyhazlett.com



Paula Swayne
Owner/Broker

S.A.R. President 2014
C.A.R. Professional Standards Chair 2022
S.A.R. Professional Standards Chair 2023
DRE #01188158

Direct (916) 425-9715
Paula@PaulaSwayne.com
www.PaulaSwayne.com



Dunnigan Realtors, 4215 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95822

tion, and a stronger relationship between the school and the neighborhood it serves. Conversations are currently paused during Principal Luke's leave, which began late last year, but we remain hopeful.

School leaders have also shared valid concerns based on past experiences with an open campus, including trash, dog waste, broken bottles, and even syringes left behind. In response, HPNA has been working to identify solutions that would address these concerns and make access sustainable. Ideas we plan to propose include:

- HPNA hosted play hours with neighborhood presence
- Organized volunteer shifts to monitor use and ensure the campus is left clean and safe
- School clean-up support, including trash pickup and maintenance assistance
- Exploring ways to help the school directly, such as weeding days, volunteer projects, and HPNA-hosted fundraisers to support their school programs

If you have other ideas for how the neighborhood can support Hollywood Park Elementary, please email HPNA95822@gmail.com. Your input can help demonstrate the strong community support behind this effort.

Together, we can strengthen both our neighborhood and the school at its heart.

CommuniTree Corner

By Teri Duarte

Trees in neighborhoods have many benefits, including health. A recent UC Davis study (<https://health.ucdavis.edu/news/headlines/trees--not-grass-and-other-greenery--associated-with-lower-heart-disease-risk-in-cities/2026/01>) showed that **street tree canopy is associated with lower heart disease risk** among the people who live on those streets. This is likely because tree can-

opy reduces the harmful particulates in the surrounding air. The CommuniTree Committee of Hollywood Park has planted more than 190 free trees in Hollywood Park since 2018. The next opportunity to get free trees planted in your yard will be this fall – stay tuned!

CommuniTree also works to make sure that those trees thrive so that they'll reach their full potential to provide shade and keep our neighborhood cool. Did you know that the trees in your yard may need to be trimmed from time to time? Pruning them while they're young helps to space the branches and stagger them evenly around the trunk. CommuniTree committee members can help you with **tree pruning**: contact us at our new email address, communitree95822@googlegroups.com. You can also learn more about pruning young trees from the Sacramento Tree Foundation: <https://sactree.org/tree-care-tips/how-to-prune-young-trees/>.

To enjoy and get to know the trees we already have in Hollywood Park, please join us in May on our next annual **bike ride through the neighborhood!** We'll take it slowly through the neighborhood, guided by a local botanist tree expert. There will be anywhere from 15 to 30 people on the ride. If you'd like to get an email when we announce the bike ride, send a note to us at communitree95822@googlegroups.com. We hope to see you there!

*Bus. (916) 452-5733
Cell (916) 765-2456*

**W
P
I**

Weisbeck Properties, Inc.
Realtor of the year 2013



*Tim A. Weisbeck
Broker/ President* ID: 00702078
Email: wpi79@comcast.net

Two Rivers Cider Company
4311 Attawa Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95822
916.456.1614



www.tworiverscider.com
tworiverscider@gmail.com

TWO RIVERS CIDER CO., SACRAMENTO, CA

grounded.

A different way to real estate.

Grounded Real Estate · 915 20th Street, Sacramento CA



*A Sure
Solution*

Lynn Humphries

(916) 208-8556
www.asuresolution.com
Lynnhumphries@aol.com

Senior Living
Consulting & Placement



Steph Baker
916.775.3447 Realtor®
Steph@SacramentoDigs.com

Helping clients make
smart moves since 2003!

DRE 01402254



 **DUNNIGAN**
Realtors

Sutterville Bicycle Company
Service and Sales
Used and New



916.737.7537
2365 Sutterville Bypass
Sacramento, California 95822

Tuesday - Saturday 11-7 PM
Sunday 12-6 PM
Appointments Available

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

District 5 Updates

A Message from Councilmember Caity Maple

Dear Neighbors,

If you're walking on 34th Avenue toward Carmela Way, along a long-abandoned corner of Mangan Park, you may notice some construction work and landscaping. You may even see a sewer line being installed along with trenches and French drains. That's because a new urban farm is in the works! Planting Justice and Three Sisters Gardens are collaborating with the City of Sacramento to turn an unused lot of land into a neighborhood source of fresh produce.

The former City Tree Nursery at 1920 34th Ave will be redeveloped into an urban farm, spanning one acre. It will feature an aquaponic pond, a teaching greenhouse, and five planned production fields with succession planting schedules. The farm hopes to eventually have educational programming for all ages, paid youth internships, volunteer days, and programs like propagating and composting workshops. Food access is a priority for my office because many neighborhoods in our district are still considered food deserts. As the Farm-to-Fork Capital, Sacramento should be a place where every family can access healthy, wholesome food. I look forward to celebrating a ribbon cutting for the farm this spring!

Otherwise, my office is hard at work in our community. Many know I am passionate about making our streets safer for everyone—not just those in cars. My team continues to alert City staff to dangerous intersections in our neighborhood so we can explore options to slow down traffic and protect pedestrians.

We have also heard concerns about the impacts of the consolidation of several Catholic schools on the St. Roberts campus. I invite HPNA members to share your concerns and ideas with my office as we meet with the Diocese to brainstorm ways to mitigate impacts to the surrounding neighborhood ahead of the school year.

Most of all, we in the D5 office maintain our commitment to building a city where every resident feels safe, supported, and able to thrive. Please see us as a resource if you ever need assistance. Call (916) 808-7005 or email district5@cityofsacramento.org.

In Community,

Councilmember Caity Maple, District 5

Mother Natives: Growing Habitat, Community, and Connection in Hollywood Park

By Sequoia Erasmus

Tucked into the historic Panama Pottery courtyard, Mother Natives is quietly transforming how neighbors think about gardens, landscapes, and community care. Founded by Shevaun Zakhir in 2022, Mother Natives began as a small backyard-style nursery and has since grown into a thriving community space and nonprofit dedicated to California native plants and hands-on environmental education.

Shevaun started Mother Natives after working in ecological landscaping and repeatedly encountering a challenge many gardeners know well: native plants were hard to find, and reliable, welcoming education was even harder. Her solution was simple and powerful—create a space where people could access native plants, ask questions without

intimidation, and learn by doing.

At its core, Mother Natives believes gardening can be a tool for ecological healing and human connection. The nursery emphasizes water-wise landscapes, pollinator habitat, and environmental stewardship, while prioritizing accessibility, inclusivity, and mutual support. Whether you're planting your first native grass or designing a full habitat garden, the space is intentionally welcoming to all experience levels.

Mother Natives operates as both a mission-driven small business and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Retail nursery sales and design services support broader nonprofit efforts, including workshops, volunteer days, and community habitat projects—many of which are low-cost or free. A newly formed board now helps guide the nonprofit's long-term vision, ensuring programs remain rooted in community needs.

As a Hollywood Park neighbor, Mother Natives aims to be an active, collaborative presence. The once-vacant courtyard now hums with creativity, nestled alongside the Panama Art Factory and local makers. It's a place to gather, learn, and reconnect—with the land and with each other.

Mother Natives at a Glance

What: California native plant nursery & environmental nonprofit

Where: 4421 24th St, Sacramento (Panama Pottery Courtyard)

When: Thursday–Sunday, 9am–2pm

Learn more: www.mothernatives.com

Coming Up: Check out the website for classes, workshops, and fun events!

Become a Member!

We can't do what we do (newsletters, community events, etc) without community support. For only \$20 a year you can be an HPNA member, please use QR code below:



Sacramento County Updates

A Message from Supervisor Patrick Kennedy

With the arrival of 2026, Sacramento County, like all counties, faces a new set of issues that will have devastating impacts on many of our neighbors.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors adopted a \$9.2 billion budget with continued focus on addressing healthcare and homelessness service needs as well as critical infrastructure and public safety needs. However, this budget was balanced using **+\$100 million in one-time funds**, an unsustainable strategy.

The coming budget year will present greater challenges and tough decisions.

- **State Funding Volatility:** Recent state budget projections show a potential \$18 billion deficit at the state level. This has already led to concerns that critical state grants for homelessness services and behavioral health—such as the HHAP program—may be reduced or deferred.
- **Mandated Expenditures:** We face rising costs from court-mandated jail system-improvements (Mays Consent Decree) and needed increased acute psychiatric inpatient care. Much of this is the result of the State shifting traditional prison functions from prisons to local jails.
- **Economic Uncertainty:** While sales tax

revenue reached record highs recently, it is projected to decline in 2026 due to inflationary pressures and broader economic shifts.

- **Federal Funding Risks:** Potential federal policy changes and the risk of a prolonged government shutdown threaten the 70% of funding that supports our Housing Authority and essential safety net programs. Access to healthy food and healthcare for our most vulnerable populations are at risk due to the Trump administration’s “Big Beautiful (Editorialization: UGLY) Bill”. As many as 100,000 risk loss of healthcare and healthy food in the county.

To address an anticipated operating deficit for the 2026-27 fiscal year, county staff have recommended potential reductions in discretionary and semi-discretionary resources by up to 2%, or more. Our priority remains protecting core services—public safety, health, and infrastructure—while rebuilding our "rainy day" reserves, which sit below recommended levels.

I remain committed to fiscal stewardship and ensuring Sacramento County continues to be a safe, thriving place to live for ALL of our neighbors. Difficult decisions will have to be made. My goal is to strike a balance between addressing budgetary realities while continuing to provide a safety net for the most vulnerable among us. Please feel free to contact me at supervisorkennedy@sac-county.gov with your thoughts, opinions, and ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

One Couple Wins 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff *By Amanda Jaynes*

On December 10 we gathered as a community for our second annual Chili Cookoff and Community Meeting at Two Rivers Cider. We heard from city and county leaders, honored longtime newsletter volunteer Victor Vasquez (pictured below with HPNA board members Claire Sallee and Paul Nauman), and of course enjoyed chili contributions from around the neighborhood. This year’s competition brought nine different chilis, both meat-based and vegetarian. The competition was close, but winners in both categories came from the same culinarily gifted household. Lauren Dunphy-Kinne took home the prize for her vegetarian “Winter Chili” and her husband Russ Kinne won for his Beef Chili. They were gracious enough to share their recipes with us, which can be found in the online version of the Spring newsletter, use the QR code at the right. Thank you Lauren and Russ!



HPNA BUSINESS MEMBERS

Shop local to help the business in our community thrive

You will not only save money and time, the money you spend at local businesses is twice as likely to stay in the neighborhood while supporting local merchants, jobs for people in the area, equity for development and better local government services.

HPNA encourages residents to shop locally. When you shop at any of our business members listed below, let them know you appreciate their membership in the HPNA. Visit our web page at www.hollywoodpark95822.org to join as a business member.

A Sure Solution

Senior Living Consulting & Placement
www.asuresolution.com | (916) 208-8556

Sam Allen, Grounded Real Estate

915 20th St. | (916) 662-5771
sam@grounded.city

Steph Baker, Dunnigan Realtors

4215 Freeport Blvd. | (916) 775-3447
steph@sacramentodigs.com

California Learning Center

3400 Cottage Way, Suite C | (916) 486-2646
www.californialearningcenter.com

Crawford's Books

5301 Freeport Blvd. | (916) 731-8001
www.crawfordbooks.net

Fountainhead Brewing Co.

4621 24th St. | (916) 228-4610
www.fountainheadbrewingco.com

Shirley Hazlett, MFA, Artist

4311 Attawa Ave | shirleyhazlett.com
shirley.hazlett@shirleyhazlett.com

Hellxia Art | Weird Illustrations!

Email: cat.hellxia@gmail.com
Website: Hellxia.com

Hollywood Park Daycare

Jill Marie Milholm
(916) 698-7460 (cell)

Haley LeFever, Notary Public

Certified Loan Signing Agent
(916) 594-9994

Kristi Matal, Singer and Songwriter

(916) 213-9802 | www.kristimatal.com

Cami McLaren, McLaren Coaching

Certified Professional Performance Coach
NLP Practitioner | 916-747-3660

Nicole Shieh, LMFT

1330 Q Street | (916) 800-2044
nicoleshieitherapy.com

Terran Landscape Design

(916) 426-6244
<https://www.terrandesign.studio/>

Two Rivers Cider

4311 Attawa Avenue | (916) 456-1614
<https://www.tworiverscider.com/>

Weisbeck Properties Inc., Tim Weisbeck

Tim Weisbeck | (916) 765-2456
Wpi79@comcast.net

Join the HPNA Board!

The HPNA Board is still looking for three neighbors to join us as a Board member. I know: you may be thinking, "I can't possibly take on something additional!" But I can assure you, YOU CAN! The time commitment is spread out throughout the year, so it never feels overwhelming.

- Monthly Board meetings
- Quarterly Newsletter article authorship and delivery
- Commit to supporting 1-2 annual events (community meetings or community gatherings)
- Be a dues-paying HPNA member (\$20/year)

Membership on the HPNA Board isn't as time-consuming as you might think, and it's a pretty nice way to spend your time, too. Just email hpna95822@gmail.com if you'd like to learn more.

Poetry Corner

Welcome to the HPNA Poetry Corner. Each quarter, we share a contemporary poem by a local writer — and/or a 'dog-eared' one selected by a neighbor. Our goal is to feature poems that spotlight our time and place, and do so in a way that appeals to folks of all ages. If you would like to contribute a poem for the summer newsletter, please email hpnasubmissions@gmail.com.

This spring, Charlotte Ely (Hollywood Park resident and LdV mom) is sharing an original piece about a storm and Kathy Frevert Levenson of Rescue, CA shared a beautiful painting.

Want more poetry in your life? Come explore the LocalVerse on **Friday April 3 at Two Rivers Cider from 6-9 pm**. Every first Friday of the month, poets join Local Sounds, the weekly acoustic music showcase at Two Rivers. For a comprehensive list of poetry-related happenings, check out Sacramento's Poet News: <https://www.sacpoetrycenter.org/poetnews>

Spring Poetry Corner -- Kuh Caw Fun Nee by Charlotte Ely

There are drops that keep dripping
down the drain by the door.
I can hear them haranguing
in the hollow like horns.

They plonk and they plink
as the precip patters and pours
on the rooftops where ravens
wrinkle, rattle, and roar.

As a canoe careens close
they caw: Kid, come on now!
So I bounce from my bed
bounding boldly to the bow.

They tow me like Togo took
toboggans through tundra
winding me weary
through wild waters of wonder.

Where Monday my mom made me
march miles to Maymee's
suburban streets are submerged
and seem such a strange sea.



**"Staying Above High Waters"
by Kathy Frevert Levenson**

I watch tree tops tip tide-ward
as my tow-ers tire.
They forfeit the flight
when the clouds flash with fire.

The storm strengthens as they sit
squabbling on the stern
and our craft crashes
into a curling comber's churn.

I dive down and down
to where it's dreamy, dark, and deep –
away from angry avians
so I can fall asleep.

When I wake hours later
the wailing weather's waned.
Inside, it's dry and warm.
Outside, the flood has drained.

I hear my sister's snore
and my parents' soft laughter.
I yawn once and drift back
happily ever after.

SAVE THE DATE!

The HPNA is happy to announce our
2nd Annual SummerFest!

Saturday, June 13, 2026

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Two Rivers Cider

Please email hpna95822@gmail.com
if you'd like to help with planning this
fun community event!

Crawford's Corner -- Independent Bookstore Day

By Sue Richards

Shop local, support your favorite bookstore,
and have a whole lot of fun! This year, cele-
brate Independent Bookstore Day ([https://
www.indiebound.org/independent-book-
store-day](https://www.indiebound.org/independent-bookstore-day)) for three days
- **Friday through Sun-
day, April 24 - 26, 2026**,
by participating in our
sixth annual Read the
Region Book Tour. Visit
Crawford's Books then
some or all of the other
participating stores to browse, buy books and
exclusive merchandise, and collect prizes. It's
a great way to explore and support your in-
die bookstores! **OPEN Friday - Sunday, 10am
- 6pm**



@Read_the_Region

Winter Chili (Vegetarian) - Lauren Dunphy-Kinne

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients:

- Simmered beans (see below)
- 2 tbsp neutral oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 large or 2 medium carrots, diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tbsp chili powder
- ½ tsp cumin
- 1 28-ounce can chopped tomatoes
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 tbsp tomato paste dissolved in 1 cup water
- 1 tbsp chipotle in adobo sauce (optional)
- 2 cups diced winter squash (about ¾ pound)
- Salt to taste
- 1 dried ancho chili, or similar (optional)
- ½ cup chopped cilantro
- Splash of black walnut vinegar or red wine vinegar

Preparation:

1. Heat the beans and the soaking water in a large pot or Dutch oven.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil over medium heat in a nonstick skillet and add the onion, carrot and pepper. Cook and stir until the vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Add garlic, stir until fragrant, 30 seconds to a minute, then add the chili powder and cumin. Cook and stir for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, oregano and salt to taste. Bring to a simmer and stir until the tomatoes have cooked down and the mixture is beginning to stick to the pan, about 10 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste dissolved in water and chipotle in adobo sauce and bring to a simmer. Add salt to taste and simmer, stirring often, for 10 minutes, until thickened.
3. Stir the tomato mixture into the beans. Add the winter squash and bring to a simmer. Add the dried ancho chili, if using. Simmer, stirring often, for 30 to 45 minutes. Taste and adjust salt. Add water if desired for thinness. Remove from heat, stir in cilantro and a splash of vinegar, and remove & discard the dried chili. Serve with your favorite chili toppings!

Russ' Beef Chili- Russ Kinne

Yield: 6-8 servings

Ingredients:

- Simmered beans (see below)
- 2 tbsp neutral oil
- 2 lbs ground beef
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp chili powder (cayenne)
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo plus 1 teaspoon sauce
- 1 15-oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar

Preparation:

1. Heat the oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high. Working in batches, break the beef into 2 inch chunks and add a single layer to the pot. Season with salt and pepper, flip once, and cook until browned on two sides, 4 to 6 minutes. (Meat won't be cooked through.) Transfer to a bowl, leaving the fat in the pot.
2. Reduce heat to medium, add onion and season with salt and pepper. Cook until softened, 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic, cumin and chili powder, and stir until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes.
3. Add the chipotle pepper, adobo sauce, and the beef. Break up the beef into small pieces. Stir in the tomato sauce, cocoa powder, and cinnamon.
4. Cover, reduce heat to low and cook, stirring frequently to avoid scorching, until the beef is tender and the sauce is flavorful, 25 to 30 minutes.
5. Add the beans and the soaking water, cook uncovered, stir often, until the liquid is slightly thickened and the beans are warm, 10 to 15 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes, then stir in the apple cider vinegar. Taste and add salt to taste. Enjoy with desired toppings.

Simmered Beans

Rinse and soak beans (1 lb pinto for vegetarian, ½ lb of combined pinto, cannellini, and black for meat chili) for at least 4 hours or overnight in 2 quarts of water. After soaking, add halved onion and bring to a boil. Then add 3 minced garlic cloves and 1 bay leaf, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add salt and simmer for another hour, or until the beans are soft. Remove & discard onion and bay leaf. Keep beans in the water to add to chili.