

Tahoe Park

neighborhood association

Community Newsletter • Fall 2016

From the President

Dear Neighbors,

As a member of TPNA for the last 15 years, I have watched and been an engaged participant as our organization has grown, not only in size but in taking on the role of reaching out to the community and increasingly communicating on matters of concern for our neighborhood. From the initiation of the Scholarship Program for Hiram Johnson High School seniors, now in its 11th year, with awarded scholarships totaling over \$46,000, to our Community Garden, to our hard working Land Use Committee (LUC), to our park clean ups and our continued involvement in engaging with our elected leaders, as well as communicating to residents about issues which effect their quality of life, we have widened our net to include support for Tahoe Elementary School, and provide important information about programs such as Justice For Neighbors, which helps neighbors in dealing with problem properties, with an assist from the Sacramento Police Department and the City Attorney's office.

With an eye toward collaborating with other neighborhood associations, I have reached out to Colonial Heights, Elmhurst, and Oak Park neighborhood associations, expressing a willingness to help on matters of mutual concern, and have received in return, their support on matters important to our organization as well.

I'm very proud of our board members, and volunteers, who give of their time and energy to help make our community a better place to live. Please join me in thanking them for their dedication to our neighborhood.

As your new president, I look forward to the challenges and rewards of working with you all to continue to make Tahoe Park a great, welcoming community.

The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association meets the first Monday of every month, excluding holidays, at 7:00 p.m. located at 5959 8th Ave., and we encourage you to join us in helping to make a difference.

Terrie Barron

President, Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association
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Calendar of Events

TPNA Meeting

1st Monday of the month,
Tahoe Park Community Center;
5959 8th Ave.

Land Use Committee

2nd, 3rd, 4th Monday of Each Month;
Tahoe Park Community Center

TPNA Marks Successful Clean-Up Event

By Isaac Gonzalez

The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association held its annual Clean-Up Day event on Saturday, October 8, the first of which was in partnership with the United Way and their nationwide "Week of Caring" campaign. All told, more than 125 people volunteered their time to clean and spruce up our park.

"Over the past six years, I've held dozens of these events, and this one by far has been the most impactful!" said Isaac Gonzalez, TPNA boardmember and chair of the Beautification Committee. "We had more people than ever before, finished more projects than ever before, and had more to be proud of that ever before because of the hard work from our volunteers."

Play sand was added to both the volleyball pit and the playground areas. Trees with low-hanging branches were trimmed and mulch was spread. The jogging path was rid of weeds and even the community garden got its share of attention.

"Partnering with the United Way really amplified our ability to reach potential volunteers," Gonzalez remarked. "Plans are already underway to work in tandem with this great organization again next year."

For more information about future clean up events, contact isaactpna@gmail.com.

TPNA scholarship recognition

By Bill Motmans

The awards ceremony held on June 8th for graduating Hiram Hohnson seniors started with a glitch — and ended with joy and enthusiasm. The recording of the Star Spangled Banner experienced a “technical difficulty” after the first note.



Not to worry. Dozens of Johnson students attending the event immediately picked up the slack, with a joyous and rousing rendition, which inspired proud parents, teachers and other members of the audience to join in.

That spirit continued as seniors walked across the stage of Johnson’s Theater to clapping and shouts of encouragement in recognition of their accomplishments. As they have for the past 11 years, TPNA was present as well. This year, TPNA awarded scholarships totaling \$4500 to six deserving seniors bound for four-year colleges or universities.

TPNA president Terrie Barron, who announced and congratulated the awardees as they accepted their scholarships, and who has attended all the past award ceremonies, later commented, “Every year the ceremony seems to be more inspiring than the last.”

The awardees this year are Jessica Chervanev \$1000, Sophia Lira \$1000, Daymond Kietsathit \$750, Luck Vuong \$750, Anh Nguyen \$500, and Lisa Saechao \$500.

Since 2006, TPNA has awarded \$46,500. Last year, in recognition of the 10th anniversary, we awarded \$10,000 to 10 deserving seniors. We thank the community, as well as Council member Eric Guerra, and past Council member Kevin McCarty, for the contributions and support that has helped this worthy cause to grow.

Justice for Neighbors

By Bill Motmans

A presentation on Justice for Neighbors (JFN) was presented at TPNA’s general meeting on September 12. A packed house of over 50 residents listened intently as Deputy City Attorney Mike Benner provided information on the program initiated by the City, the City Attorney’s Office, and the Sacramento Police Department. Mr. Benner was joined by Sgt. Pease, a former POP officer, and Officer Carson, who also participated and provided further information. There are three officers in the program supervised by Sgt. Pease.

The program was initiated approximately eight years ago to deal with nuisance abatement enforcement. The nuisances can include instances of criminal behavior emanating from a particular property, whereby, based on reviews for calls for service, the Police Department, in concert with the City Attorney’s office will monitor problems related to a particular property and take appropriate action, usually in the form of a lawsuit or the imposition of administrative penalties against the particular property owner,

As Sgt. Pease explained, problems related to behavior at a particular property abate about 80% of the time once the owner of the property has been made aware there is a problem by Police or the City Attorney’s office. It is the other 20% that merit further investigation and documentation.

Numerous questions were asked of Sgt. Pease, Officer Carson, and Mr. Benner. Most of the examples given were general, such as properties with drug activity, criminal behavior by a tenant, etc., and though the questions as well as answers varied, there was one consistent theme. Neighbors must call the Police to make sure the issues are documented, as calls for service is the main criteria evaluated to determine whether JFN is a suitable remedy for the situation. Put another way, neighbors and complainants must call the Police Department, not Sgt. Pease and his officers, to complain about a problem(s). They, in turn, will look at the call logs as well as the type of behavior, and begin their evaluation process.

The JFN team meets once a month to discuss, evaluate, and determine which cases rise to the level of inclusion into the program. The good turnout for this presentation and the positive comments generated indicated the presentation was instructive as well as practical and TPNA will do some periodic follow up. Thanks to Mr. Benner, Sgt. Pease, and Officer Carson.

TPNA Land Use Committee Update

By Patrick McDaniel

Over the summer, TPNA’s Land Use Committee (LUC) has been actively engaged in an effort to keep in place the Broadway-Stockton Special Planning District prohibition against the sale of alcohol for off-site consumption by small markets. Members of the TPNA LUC met with planning commissioners and led a standing-room-only crowd of residents from Tahoe Park and surrounding communities at two planning commission meetings of approximately three hours each. Both of those meetings resulted in a deadlocked decision and the matter then went to the city’s Law & Legislation committee. On Oct. 18, by a 2-1 vote, Law & Legislation voted to allow convenience stores to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption in the blighted Broadway Stockton Special Planning District (SPD) with Council members Schenirer and Harris voting for the change and Guerra voting against. The matter now moves to the full city council for a vote on December 6. Residents are urged to attend that meeting and voice their opinion. The TPNA will continue to keep the neighborhood informed on developments and how residents can voice their opinion. *Read more here: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article109085007.html#storylink=cpy>*

Tenants have begun occupying “The Foundation” rent-by-the-bed housing facility on Redding Ave. (formerly known as Campus Crest). The TPNA LUC has been in contact with Council member Guerra’s office to work out the issues and make sure conditions that were agreed to are being followed. One of those conditions, the installation of a “Hawk” crossing signal at Folsom Blvd. and Redding Ave., paid for by the developer, is expected to be installed in November.

According to Council Member Guerra, the Manassero Homes development on 65th St. should be starting construction soon.

Medusa Salon celebrates first year in landmark building

By Bill Motmans

On Sept. 11, partners, longtime hairstylists and business-owners Paulo Arrabit and Ronny Veirs threw a party to celebrate the one-year anniversary at their salon, Medusa, located at Broadway and 58th St. Family, friends and neighbors in the Tahoe Park community, including workers from UC Davis, helped them celebrate.

They gutted the unique but dilapidated building, which many Tahoe Park residents might recall housed Swanson's Cleaners, and restored it to emphasize the interesting details of its period architecture.

District 6 Council member Eric Guerra, who has been helpful and supportive of the enterprise since Paulo and Ronny embarked on this challenging restoration, was on hand to congratulate them and joined dozens of neighbors for a full tour of the facility. TPNA President Terrie Barron, along with other TPNA board members, were also in attendance to admire the transformation.

Ronny is a Hiram Johnson High School graduate, and he and Paulo bought a home right around the corner from their business. Both have made a tremendous investment in the Tahoe Park area and community, generously supporting TPNA's Concert in Tahoe Park as well as contributing to scholarships that TPNA provides to deserving Hiram Johnson graduates going on to four-year colleges or universities.

Medusa is a great addition to the iconic Broadway corridor, and vastly improves a building that not so long ago was in disrepair.

The Y serves Tahoe Park

The mission of the Sacramento Central YMCA is to inspire all to a healthy life – in spirit, mind and body. We strive to do that through a variety of programs and services that benefit individuals and our community. With help from partners including the City of Sacramento, Sacramento City Unified School District and the TPNA, the Y offers summer day camp, youth sports and swimming in Tahoe Park Pool.

We also operate the YMCA Tahoe Park Community Center and use it as a place to hold meetings and our youth and government delegation, a model legislature and court program for high school students.

The YMCA is committed to creating healthy, sustainable communities. The Y has something for every age, interest and background. For more information call 916-452-9622 or visit ymcasuperiorcal.org.

District 6 News

By City Councilman Eric Guerra

I wanted to offer you an update about the successes we've accomplished through our community partnerships and the work of dedicated volunteers. Tahoe Park residents have again worked together to help build a better community.

It was great to see our community members volunteer at the Tahoe Park Serve Day this past July and September. I would like to recognize Richard Perez, our Volunteer and Program Coordinator in the Parks Department, as well as our community partners who did an outstanding job revitalizing the horseshoe pit, refilling the sandbox, and replacing the benches and BBQ's. Our park has new life now thanks to the collaboration between TPNA, city staff, and Measure U funds. .

We are also making major safety improvements in our district. As part of a repaving project, I requested that we increase the amount of green striping on specific danger areas where vehicle traffic

intersects with bicyclist traffic. I'm glad to announce that the repaving project has been completed, and we are expecting to re-stripe those danger areas on the 65th Street corridor from 4th Avenue to Folsom Boulevard by the first weekend of November. Furthermore, work for the pedestrian hybrid beacon on Folsom Boulevard and Redding Avenue started this week, and the project is expected to be completed around the third week of November, weather permitting.

Lastly, through our food truck events, the Tahoe Park community helped raise funds for scholarships that will help Hiram Johnson students attend college. These efforts wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of the Tahoe TPNA. Additionally, volunteers from the Front Street Animal Shelter raised a whopping \$10,840 for our great animal shelter!

I look forward to continuing to work together to improve our parks and create a stronger, safer community. Wishing you joy and peace throughout the holidays!

Support your neighborhood!

Become a Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) member today! Fill out the form below and mail in your payment, or register on the website: www.tahoe-park.org

Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone Number (Check One Home Work Cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

I am especially interested in: _____

Return this form with \$10 membership and/or your donation to:
TPNA, PO BOX 162162, SACRAMENTO CA 95816-2162

Membership dues are due annually. Pay Online Via Paypal at tahoe-park.org

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TPNA meetings are held the first Monday of each month
at 7 pm at 5959 8th Ave.

All are welcome!

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**Sacramento Police
Department reminder**

Remain observant

Report suspicious activity immediately. When
in doubt, call the non-emergency reporting
number: 916-264-5471.

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