

# Tahoe Park

neighborhood association

Community Newsletter – Fall 2018

## From the President

Quality of life is on everyone's mind in Tahoe Park; it's the reason we have a neighborhood association where we communicate neighborhood concerns to each other and our public officials, propose ideas and solve problems. I first got involved with a group of neighbors including a few TPNA board members in 2013, when an out of state developer notified our neighborhood about their intent to build the Campus Crest rent by the bed facility. I worried about what kind of traffic impacts that development would bring. The following year that group of Tahoe Park residents became TPNA's Land Use Committee which now keeps us engaged with the private and governmental processes that will shape our neighborhood for years to come.

As our neighborhood continues to attract the interest of developers, and pedestrian and bicycle modes of transportation increase in popularity, the associated safety issues on our roads have become a big concern for Tahoe Park residents. During the first half of this year our neighborhood's inadequate pedestrian infrastructure on Broadway and adjacent streets resulted in three pedestrian fatalities. I, my fellow board members and many of you find this to be unacceptable for our neighborhood. We will continue to proactively engage with our public officials to seek out ways to make the streets surrounding Tahoe Park safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Over the 28 years of TPNA's existence, countless community members have engaged with their interests and concerns for our neighborhood by working with TPNA. Many became TPNA board members, Presidents and some were elected to political office. While this may not be your ambition, all Tahoe Park residents have something to contribute to improve our neighborhood. As you read about what TPNA is up to in this newsletter, I hope you will be inspired to engage by becoming a member, attending board meetings, participating in community events, volunteering your time to a committee, or making a financial contribution to TPNA's Hiram Johnson Scholarship fund. No matter how large or small your effort, together we can continue to make Tahoe Park a great place to live.

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## Calendar of Events

### TPNA Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.  
Tahoe Park Community Center

### Land Use Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, Tahoe Park  
Community Center

## Scholarships

By Bill Motmans

On June 8, 2018, TPNA awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to six Hiram Johnson High School seniors at the annual Senior Awards Ceremony. Awardees, Jason Chervanev, Anna T. Nguyen, Varn Chuy Saechao, Caitlin T. Song, Erika Herrera, and Rahjae Johnson, received between \$600 and \$750. Congratulations!

TPNA appreciates and thanks the community for your generous support to these deserving students. Thank you for growing this tradition, we hope you will continue to support students for years to come.

To date, we have awarded approximately \$75,000 to 65 students in recognition and support of young graduates and future leaders in our community. In June 2019, for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, TPNA will award scholarships to another group of deserving college bound seniors.

Visit our website for a list of past awardees, as well as photos from recent award ceremonies.

## TPNA Marks Successful Clean Up Event

By Isaac Gonzalez

The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association held its annual Clean Up Day event on September 22nd, the third straight in partnership with the United Way and their nationwide "Day of Caring" campaign. All told, over 50 people volunteered their time to clean and spruce up our park as part of the collective effort.

"Over the past 7 years, I've held dozens of these events, and this was one of the funniest so far!" said Isaac Gonzalez, TPNA Boardmember and Chair of the Beautification Committee. "We had a great time, great effort, and great results."

Trees with low hanging branches were trimmed and pruned properly. The jogging path was rid of weeds, and the community garden got its share of attention. Several trailers of green waste and garbage were removed from the park by city staff.

"Partnering with the United Way always amplifies 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](mailto:isaactpna@gmail.com).

## TPNA Forms Membership Committee

By Isaac Gonzalez

During its October Board Meeting, TPNA chose to create a membership committee with the following three goals in mind:

- a). Create a process and workflow to identify which members are in good standing (dues paid) and which are not.
- b). Draft a one-page document for new members to sign up and answer Frequently Asked Questions concerning the Association.
- c). Draft a plan for a large-scale membership solicitation to as many households as possible in Tahoe Park.

It is hoped that through this effort, TPNA will increase its membership and capacity to effect change in our community.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this committee work, please email [secretary@tahoe-park.org](mailto:secretary@tahoe-park.org)



## Shade Trees

By Anika Jesi

There are many things that make this neighborhood of ours great, however, there is undeniably one thing that makes our neighborhood stand out - our trees! Without the tree canopy that Tahoe Park enjoys, summers in this neighborhood would be near unbearable. SMUD recommends watering young trees 2-3 times per week, and giving mature trees a deep soak a couple times a season. Neighbors have done a great job of honoring watering restrictions and letting their yards go golden, however, don't forget that even the most mature trees still need an occasional watering to make it through the dry months. If you've recently lost a tree, you can get up to ten free trees through the SMUD Shade Tree program. They can even enlist volunteers to help you plant! Not only are trees part of what makes our neighborhood beautiful, they can significantly reduce cooling costs, make our air healthier to breathe, and even help increase property values! Let's make it our mission as neighbors to keep our trees healthy and happy so everyone can reap the benefits they provide!

For more information on the SMUD Shade Tree Program, visit: <https://www.smud.org/en/Going-Green/Free-Shade-Trees>

## Local Recycling

By Steve Gabbert

As my experience is limited to "Planet Earth" recyclers on Folsom Blvd. in the Savemart shopping center (59th Street) I'll give you a few details to facilitate there:

1. Caps off and emptied for true weight
2. They prefer no hard liquor or wine bottles
3. Have aluminum, plastic, and glass separated upon arrival.
4. Hours open: 10AM-4:30PM Tuesday-Saturday

Photo: Volunteers during Tahoe Park Clean Up Day in partnership with the United Way Day of Caring.



Spook-tacular winners!

Top: The Incredibles  
Oaxaca Family

Bottom: The Futuristic  
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## Land Use Committee

By Bill Motmans

The TPNA Land Use Committee (LUC) meets the third Monday of each month from 6-7 p.m. at 5959 8th Ave.

Project updates: The 30 two-story, single family Manassero Homes project has been partially completed, and homes are for sale. Prices start at \$394,990. The Marjorie Way project was approved. The Crossings, a 225-unit, 750 bed project marketed to Sac State students, has opened. The Ramona Ave. to Folsom Blvd. connection is still in progress. Sales have been brisk at The Grounds, the 44 single family homes built off Fairgrounds Dr., north of Broadway. Further information can be found at: [thegrounds916.com](http://thegrounds916.com)

The LUC monitors proposed developments and attempts to meet with developers and their representatives before their projects go to the Planning Department, Planning Commission, or City Council, though we are willing to meet with them at any time during this process. The LUC seeks to be an informal forum where developers can obtain feedback from the committee and community members, often times before they have submitted final plans to city departments. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

## Spook-tacular

By Kelly Burns

Thank you to all who joined us at the first annual Halloween Spook-tacular!

Over the last several months, a group of neighbors and their wild children came together to celebrate the Tahoe Park community and everyone's favorite holiday, *Halloween*.

This evening was a celebration of our neighborhood. We brought scary Halloween entertainment for all ages (even pets). Our Spook-Tacular featured SactoMoFo food trucks, carnival games, a haunted house, arts and crafts, balloon animals, beer and wine garden, a monster mash dj dance party, parade, costume contest and Sacramento Fire's own Engine 10!

The event was 100% grassroots, and was truly a spooky cauldron of local talent and generosity. Artistic neighbors designed, decorated, and built the carnival games; students from Hiram Johnson and C.K. McClatchy High Schools acted in the haunted house; and volunteers baked delicious desserts for the cake auction.

Tahoe Park's favorite City Council member Eric Guerra, fierce ghostbuster and Halloween aficionado, enthusiastically supported the event every step of the way, helping to make all of our spook-tacular dreams come true.

The event proved not only Tahoe Park's ability to have lots of fun, but also to give back to our community. There was a donation drive where we collected 200 pairs of socks, a dozen coats, and hundreds of dollars for the Tahoe Park Elementary PTA.

We are grateful to Senator Pan, Mayor Steinberg, Asssemblyember McCarty, School Board member Ellen Cochrane, neighborhood activist Leticia Garcia, the Tahoe Park Elementary PTA, the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, the Sacramento Fire and Police Departments, SactoMoFo, Sacto Cali Rocks, and many more supporters!

Thanks to everyone's hard work, creativity, generosity, and scary dance moves, we successfully put Tahoe Park on the map for hosting one of the best Halloween parties in Sacramento! Please get involved next year, contact [tp Halloween@gmail.com](mailto:tp Halloween@gmail.com) for more info.

## Tahoe Park Community Garden

By Nancy Shinn

**H**ow does your garden grow? Our garden at 5959 8th Avenue has 12 community plots. All plots are currently rented for the year, but if you want to be added to the waiting list, contact: [garden@tahoe-park.org](mailto:garden@tahoe-park.org).

Need some ideas for winter planting? Plant Sweet Peas or California Poppies from seed thru December, as long as there has not been a hard frost. The California Poppy takes approximately 55-75 days from seed to flower. They like rich, fast-draining soil, ample water and plenty of sunshine. The Sweet Pea takes approximately 3 to 4 months from seed to flower. They are grown for their flower color and their intense unique fragrance.



## Giving back

By Rose Cabral

**G**iving back to our community is a big part the neighborhood association. Our fundraising committee meets monthly to create opportunities for neighbors to give back. In October neighbors gathered together for dinner at Chipotle with 50% of all proceeds going directly to the scholarship fund, raising \$122. In August and October TPNA met neighbors at SactoMoFo in Tahoe Park. The 50/50 drawing and new memberships raised a total of \$392. Our goal this year is \$5,000. You can help us reach our goal at: [www.Tahoe-Park.org/donate](http://www.Tahoe-Park.org/donate)



# SING DANCE LEARN

Music & Movement Program  
SACRAMENTO CENTRAL YMCA

## Mister Cooper is Back!

By Rachel Gregg

**E**very Thursday morning you'll find families with young children piling into the Tahoe Park Community Center for a joyful half hour program of music and movement. The songs start at 9:30 am and the music ends just before 10:00 am so beloved local musician, Mister Cooper, can close out the week with his coveted hand stamps.

Mister Cooper is a local musician who writes and performs original and classic children's music throughout the Sacramento area. For years he performed at the Colonial Heights Library, but funding/support was often difficult to come by and in April the library decided to cut the program. As a mom who personally relied on the enrichment and regularity of our weekly Mister Cooper attendance I was disappointed, so I set to work to restore this program for the benefit of all of the kids in our community.

It wasn't an easy road. The library rebuffed my pleas (and public comments) to reinstate the program and I wasn't sure there was a good alternate venue that could accommodate children and families and caregivers nearby. Luckily a few helpful neighbors and TPNA board members helped to get me on the right track. Before long the program had a new host: the YMCA, and a new place to call home: Tahoe Park Community Center.

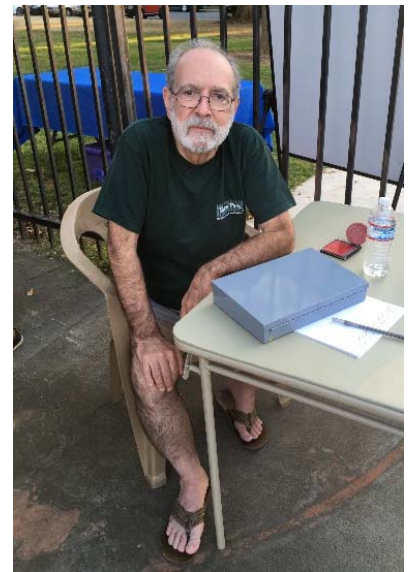
It was always important to me the new site be accessible by public transit or foot and FREE. Mister Cooper charges a modest fee, but that quickly adds up when you are hosting a weekly program. Luckily we landed start-up support from Councilmember Guerra, Bacon and Butter, TPNA, and a few generous neighbors. That initial infusion of cash helped us bring the program to life after the YMCA's summer camp closed for the season. Then, in early October, we got incredible news: the YMCA's grant application for TOT funds had been selected. Thanks to the support of Supervisor Serna and the grant review board the program is now funded for the rest of the school year!

Our community is very lucky to have such supportive elected officials and, thanks to a little grit and community organizing, we are also very lucky to have a high-quality and educational music program for young children (ages 0-6) right here in our backyard.

SING DANCE LEARN live music program  
Tahoe Park Community Center  
5959 8th Avenue Sacramento, CA 95820  
9:30 am - 10:00 am every Thursday

More on Facebook: YMCA of Superior California, Sacramento

# Instagram Highlights



## Remembering Monty Stowers

The board is deeply saddened to share that one of our board members, Monty Stowers, has passed away.

Monty was passionate about land use and first got involved with TPNA as a founding member of the Land Use committee.

Bill Motmans shared the following, “Monty was a Johnson graduate, a veteran, proud of his family, his city and his country. He was a no nonsense guy, who spoke his mind, and wasn’t afraid to ruffle feathers. Sometimes a bit gruff, but never mean, he was a friend, teacher, coach mentor and tireless worker for his community.

To say he will be missed is a cliché, but never more true than now. I will dearly miss my conversations with him—he always had a common sense, often insightful view, and a fresh perspective on issues based on his knowledge and experience.”

Our wishes are with his wife Jenny, his children Sam and Molly and everyone who knew and loved him.

Support your neighborhood!

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

### Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am 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](http://tahoe-park.org)

TPNA is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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**TPNA meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7PM at 5959 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

**All are welcome!**

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