

# Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter Summer 2024



## TPNA Awards Scholarships to HJHS Grads

This spring the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association awarded \$5,250 in scholarships to graduating Hiram Johnson High School students, for a total of nine scholarships. These scholarship recipients started their high school years at the height of the pandemic in Fall 2020 when most campuses were closed. Despite that difficult beginning, they all found their path to college. Most are first generation college students and have had to balance supporting their families and their academics.



2024 TPNA Scholarship Recipients

The scholarship awardees have also focused on volunteering in the community and participating in leadership programs and school clubs to help support them in their growth, such as the FACES Program (FACES for the Future Coalition), SANE (Safe Alternatives Thru Networking and Education), Summer @ City Hall, National Honors Society, and Key Club. They have a range of interests they want to pursue in college, including many in the medical field, biochemistry and molecular biology, speech therapy, and engineering.

Since 2006, TPNA has awarded more than \$80,000 to over 100 Hiram Johnson seniors. Awarding college scholarships is a proud tradition for TPNA.

Your donations are the only source of funds for these impactful scholarships. All donations are tax deductible. Help us meet our fundraising goal of \$5,000 for 2025 scholarships!



Scan here to help TPNA raise \$5,000 for 2025 Scholars!



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## From the President

Dear Neighbors,

If we haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Isaac Gonzalez, and I am the president of your Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association. I've had the joy of calling this neighborhood home for 15 years and have been serving on the board for the past 13. Our association is made up of a fantastic group of volunteers who are dedicated to making our community a better place for everyone.

We achieve this through a variety of efforts, including organizing family-friendly events, advocating for resources with our elected officials, presenting important topics at our monthly meetings, and offering opportunities for neighbors to give back. Whether it's through our clean-up events, scholarship program, or supporting local schools, there's always a way for everyone to get involved.

One of my favorite events is our annual Halloween Spooktacular. It's a fun and engaging way for neighbors to come together, enjoy the festive spirit, and create lasting memories. It's a testament to the community spirit that makes Tahoe Park such a wonderful place to live.

As we look ahead, we have board elections coming up this November. I encourage you to consider participating in our neighborhood association. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our board,

bringing fresh talents and energies to our team. Whether you have a knack for organizing events, a passion for community advocacy, or just a desire to give back, we would love to have you on board.

Serving on the neighborhood association is a rewarding experience that offers the chance to make a tangible difference in our community. It's also a great way to meet new people, develop new skills, and have a direct impact on the issues that matter most to our neighborhood.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to share your thoughts and get involved. We welcome your input and are always looking for ways to improve and better serve our community.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and working together to continue making Tahoe Park an incredible place to live. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

*Isaac Gonzalez*  
*President, TPNA*



*Make a difference  
in our community*

## Your TPNA Board

**President:** Isaac Gonzalez

**Vice President:** Lilian Ghafari

**Secretary:** Robin Michael

**Treasurer:** Christie Munson

**Member:** Nancy Shinn

**Member:** Rose Cabral

**Member:** Lysa Twardosz

**Member:** Christina Lokke

**Youth Member:** Farrah Avender

**Join or renew your  
membership now!**



## Coming Up:

**Fri 8/09: Free Swim** at Tahoe Park Pool 3 to 7 pm

**Fri 8/23: Food Trucks and Makers' Market** in Tahoe Park 5 to 8 pm

**Thur 9/5: Mayoral Debate** at Tahoe Elem. 6 pm

**Fri 9/27: Movie Night, Food Trucks and Makers' Market** in Tahoe Park 5 to 9 pm

**Fri 10/25: SPOOKTACULAR, Food Trucks and Makers' Market** in Tahoe Park 5 to 9 pm

# TPNA to Host Debate for Mayoral Candidates – Sept 5, 2024

On January 18, 2024, the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association hosted a Sacramento Mayoral Candidate Forum at Tahoe Elementary. The four candidates who participated were Steve Hansen, Kevin McCarty, Dr. Flo Cofer, and Dr. Richard Pan. Questions were submitted by community members through a survey and the forum was moderated by Chris Tavarez, Sports Journalist. The forum's attendance exceeded our expectations, and the positive media coverage undoubtedly cast our neighborhood in the most favorable light.



TPNA Mayoral Forum, January 18, 2024

With only two candidates left in the Sacramento Mayoral Race, Dr. Flojaune Cofer and Kevin McCarty, the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association will host a **Mayoral Candidate Debate on Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Tahoe Elementary School.**

Questions for candidates can be submitted through a survey that will be posted on TPNA's social media. The debate will be moderated by Robert Wassmer, Ph. D, public policy professor at California State University, Sacramento.

## Free Shade Tree Program

In February 2024, TPNA gathered 52 community members to plant shade trees on residential properties throughout the Tahoe Park neighborhood. The shade trees were provided by Sacramento Tree Foundation and planted by volunteers who share a vision for a healthy tree canopy in their community.

Shade trees provide many benefits to a neighborhood including cooler temperatures, reduced heating and cooling costs for homes, and a more inviting aesthetic. We will be planting more trees in 2025!

If you are interested in having a free shade tree planted in your yard, or in helping planting trees this coming winter, please and fill out the interest form here:

<http://www.tahoe-park.org/neighborwoods.html>



TPNA volunteers planting trees in 2024

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# TPNA Garden Tour Highlights Your Neighbors' Beautiful Yards Each May

On May 18th, the TPNA held our 4th Annual Tahoe Park Garden Tour. This self-guided tour showcased 13 neighborhood gardens and free community art galleries. The event jumped off at our own Tahoe Park Community Garden, adjacent to Tahoe Elementary, where we enjoyed the presence of community partners like SMUD, UC Master Gardeners of Sacramento County, and The Xerces Society. Also present was the Tahoe Elementary PTA selling plant starts grown by Tahoe Elementary students who participate in the Tigers Garden Program; a hands-on gardening opportunity for kids.



TPNA Community Garden 2024 Garden Tour

Our neighborhood boasts such diversity and our neighbors' gardens did not fail to impress; featuring everything from freshly installed landscapes to mature gardens tended to for over 5 decades. Our tour included a broad range of garden styles, including full sun succulent gardens, water features hosting habitats for water loving animals, thoughtful hardscaping surrounding ADUs, and complimentary softscaping of both drought tolerant and shade loving plants. The gardens were a vision of inspiration and showcased just how much Tahoe Park has to offer the novice and seasoned gardener alike.

**Mark your calendars! If you would like to showcase your own garden during the next Tahoe Park Garden Tour on May 17, 2025, please let us know.** Visit <https://www.tahoe-park-garden-tour.com/> for more information.

## TPNA Board Seeks Youth Board Member

We are looking for the next Youth Board Member to represent the Tahoe Park Neighborhood. Farrah Avender has served as the first TPNA Youth Board Member and will soon be moving away for college. If you are a youth in the Tahoe Park Area and want to practice civic engagement or to become more involved with your neighborhood, please reach out to us and nominate yourself as the next Youth Board Member to serve our community. Learn the value of advocacy and asking questions while being a representative in discussions regarding our neighborhood!

*TPNA meets on the second Monday of every month except December. Join TPNA or follow us for meeting announcements.*

*Volunteer with TPNA! You can help us beautify the park, learn about land use, raise money or help out at an event!*



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Message us at: **TahoeParkNA**  
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## Maker's Market

We're fortunate to have talented neighbors who create all kinds of wonderful treasures for YOU!  
Come check them out at our Maker's Market during 4th Fridays in Tahoe Park!

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