

Tahoe Park

neighborhood association

Community Newsletter – Spring 2019

From the President

Tahoe Park is a unique place to live and our residents and TPNA members are the reason! It has been an honor for me to be a part of this community's voice through serving on the TPNA board and its committees over the past six years. I've joined many of you at City Council meetings to advocate for keeping bad things like new liquor stores out, working to make the inevitable things like proliferation of new student housing, and increased traffic more tolerable and together we've all been a part of encouraging positive change. As TPNA's President this past year, I have sought to provide the community with interesting and informative speakers who have news to share about the direction of changes in the community that are relevant to our lives. This past year, new energy has infused TPNA's social media outreach, and membership recruitment. TPNA's Land Use Committee continued to provide positive influence on developments in our neighborhood such as the coming "Retreat" student housing project. TPNA has secured \$15,000 for pedestrian improvements on Broadway that TPNA's next board will work to allocate to a worthy project. TPNA continues to provide scholarships, continues to provide a community garden, to organize park cleanup & beautification efforts, to organize fundraising efforts, and has started an events committee. I will be leaving the TPNA board in June, and feel that I'm leaving it in good hands. Keep up the good work everybody and best of luck to the new TPNA board.

Patrick McDaniel

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TPNA is on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter!

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Calendar of Events

TPNA Meeting

1st Monday of each month.
Tahoe Park Community Center

Land Use Committee

3rd Monday of each month, Tahoe Park
Community Center

VFW Post 67

By Bill Motmans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 67, established in 1917, is the oldest chartered VFW in California.

Located at 2784 Stockton Blvd., the Lt. Lansdale post provides support to veterans of all branches of the service, their families, and the local community. Such services include a VA Claims Clinic on the second Wednesday of the month to help veterans with questions and to assist with any benefit questions. On Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. through 12:00 p.m., delicious and reasonably priced breakfast and early lunch is available to the general public. The VFW also has a large hall, as well as a smaller hall, which are affordable and available to be rented out to the public for graduation parties, community dinners, ceremonies, wedding receptions, and other gatherings. Post 67 also has a full bar and commercial kitchen, with free parking onsite of up to 100 vehicles. The Commander of Post 67, Norma Christensen, herself a Tahoe Park resident and community activist, invites the community to come and learn more about this storied and historical post right in our neighborhood. Questions? Call (916) 453-9209.

Are you a member?

By Isaac Gonzalez

The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association has formed a membership committee with the purpose of increasing our official membership enrollment and streamlining the annual membership renewal process. With over 3,000 households in Tahoe Park and less than 300 dues-paying members of the neighborhood association, this committee hopes to close that gap and provide all neighbors with the opportunity to join easily join TPNA.

“We are planning to use the latest automation tools to make the entire process easier and consistent,” said TPNA Boardmember and membership committee member Isaac Gonzalez. “We’re hoping that roll out will coincide with the 2019/20 fiscal year.”

Part of the committee’s plans also include a neighborhood-wide membership solicitation. If you would like to learn more or help by volunteering with the committee, please send a message to isaactpna@gmail.com.



Luigi's Pizza Parlor

By Vanessa & Jennifer

Luigi's Pizza Parlor, located at 3800 Stockton Blvd, has new ownership! Complete with a totally renovated dining room, vintage pinball arcade and plenty of room for families. We are excited to be a part of the Tahoe Park community, and with being only minutes away from all of Tahoe Park, this new summer hang out can be your weekly spot to enjoy an ice-cold beer on draft and craft cans, great Italian wine selections and “pizza all day”.

There are a few versions of Luigi's Pizza Parlor's origin story out there. Here's what we like to believe...In 1953, Luigi's Pizza Parlor was opened by a team of bookies from Southern Italy. Seeking a front for their illegal gambling, the owners made pizza, pasta and sauces from scratch in the hopes that their back-room card games and gambling business would be overlooked by the Sacramento Police Department. As it turned out, these bookies were better at slinging pie than running numbers, and Luigi's Pizza Parlor successfully settled into place as the oldest original pizza parlor in Sacramento.

In 1965, the Brida family of Northern Italy bought Luigi's and continued the tradition of great pizza. For an impressive 53 years, the Bridas have passed the parlor from generation to generation, handing down secret family recipes, and making Luigi's Pizza Parlor the much loved restaurant it is today. In 2019 the traditions of Luigi's Pizza Parlor were once again passed on. This time to Sacramento-local families with a deep love for pizza and beer. Having grown up eating at Luigi's we are excited to welcome you back to your neighborhood pizza parlor.

Hours: Sunday-Wednesday 11AM-9PM & Thursday-Saturday 11AM-10PM

Neighborhood Renovations

By Patrick McDaniel

A new Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon crossing is scheduled to be installed at the 60th St crossing of at 14th Avenue to provide safer pedestrian access between Tallac Village Shopping Center and central Tahoe Park. This is but one of several badly needed pedestrian crossings that TPNA has been pursuing for the arterial streets in our community. Currently, the project is being advertised. It will be two months until the bid can be awarded. Construction could begin as early as June.

The bathrooms at Tahoe Park are due to be renovated this coming fall. Plans call for the existing building to be modified to create two unisex single person ADA compliant restrooms with locking doors. Doors will automatically lock from the outside between sundown and sunrise hours to discourage anyone from camping inside of them. Construction is expected to begin at the end of summer, after Labor Day.

Scholarships

By Bill Motmans

On June 6th TPNA will award approximately \$4000 in scholarships to deserving Hiram Johnson High School seniors who have been accepted to 4-year colleges or universities. Applicants have until May 1 to submit their applications, which includes an essay on What Community Service Means to Me. Details of the awards ceremony, as well as the names of the lucky awardees have not yet been determined. This year will mark the 14th consecutive year that TPNA has awarded scholarships to Johnson graduates. Since 2006, TPNA has awarded over \$50,000 to over 70 graduating seniors. Three families have had multiple awardees since we began our program. Thanks to the community for supporting this very worthy enterprise which invests in future leaders. TPNA will continue to grow this tradition with your help!

Mae Fong Park Grand Re-opening

By Rose Cabral

On a beautiful sunny Saturday, April 27th, neighbors gathered to celebrate the grand re-opening of Mae Fong Park at 3004 Redding Avenue.

Family of Mae Fong gathered to remember her tenacity and love for her neighborhood. Mae taught elementary school for the West Sacramento School District for 13 years before launching Fong & Fong Printers with her husband Paul; one of northern California's premier commercial printing companies. During Mae's career; she had many affiliations. She was a Charter and Founding Member of the Boards of River City Bank and First Commercial Bank, served on the board of SACTO and was honored by the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce as a "Businesswoman of the Year". She also believed in philanthropy and supported many local organizations in the Sacramento area.

Vice Mayor Guerra presented a proclamation from the City Council to Jenny Stowers, wife of former TPNA board member and Land Use Committee founding member Monty Stowers for his contributions to the neighborhood, the city, and his country. In attendance were numerous friends and relatives of Monty, including children Molly and Sam. In presenting the proclamation to Jenny, VM Guerra cited the numerous phone conversations he had with Monty regarding issues important to the neighborhood, and how much he appreciated those calls.

Park improvements include an outdoor exercise stations, ping-pong table, access via the SouthEast corner, a jogging trail, new benches, and over 100 new trees.



VOTE May 23rd!
2019-2020

Proposed Slate:

Executive Members:

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Secretary - Nancy Shinn

Board Members:

Terrie Barron

Kelly Burns

Isaac Gonzalez

Kathy House

Christina Lokke

Bill Motmans

Dave Orcutt

Kathryn Raley

Levee Reminder

By Rae Vander Werf, American River Flood Control District Trustee

Our Levees require regular maintenance to ensure they continue to protect us. The American River Flood Control Board's staff works hard every day doing jobs from mowing and brush removal, to repairing the levees. As the weather warms up, many of us will be out enjoying the river, by walking, running, and biking. Please, when you see us on the levee or bike trail give us, and our equipment space. We're there to keep our community safe.



Happy Spring from the Tahoe Park Community Garden

By Kathy House

Thank goodness that the rain has stopped and allowed our Sweet Peas to bloom. They have a wonderful fragrance that can be smelled by all that walk by the garden. If you are walking the park, please take the time to visit and smell them for yourself. If you see the gate open, feel free to step in and visit. We are more than happy to show off our plots and what we have planted.

We just recently had our garden clean up and are proud to say that it looks great. A few gardeners planted tomatoes, squash and strawberries and we are all anxious to see who will deliver the first tomato. At this time all of the plots are rented, but please let us know if you are interested in renting a plot in the future.

A year ago, we started composting in the garden and we have just uncovered our first batch of California Gold, beautiful dark, earthy compost. It's amazing what some brown leaves, lawn clippings, eggshells, fruit & vegetables that had seen better days can produce when mixed together. Composting is recommended to all, it's great therapy!

Here's to a great tomato, vegetable and fruit season. Get planting and hope to see you in the garden.



Senate Bill 58

By Bill Motmans

Senate Bill 58, which would extend sales of alcohol in bars, nightclubs, and restaurants until 4:00 a.m. in ten California cities, including Sacramento, was passed by the Senate Governmental Organization committee on March 12. From there, it was to be "re-referred" to the Appropriations Committee. As of this writing, a date for the hearing has not been determined. The TPNA has taken a position against SB 58 and has sent a letter to the Appropriations Committee to that effect. If it passes in Appropriations, the bill would then be sent for another hearing in the Assembly. The Elmhurst Neighborhood Association has joined TPNA in opposition to this bill. When an earlier iteration of this bill reached Governor Brown's desk on September 28, 2018, it was vetoed. A press release at the time quoted one of the Governor's reasons for the veto: "I believe we have enough mischief from midnight to 2 a.m. without adding two more hours of mayhem." At the time, the CHP was against the bill, as was MADD. MADD continues to oppose this legislation. The CHP, as a matter of policy, does not comment on pending legislation, their previous comments about the increases in DUI arrests coming on the occasion of the Governor's veto. According to Bruce Lee Livingston, Executive Director/CEO at Alcohol Justice, "dozens of peer-reviewed studies show that two more hours of alcohol sales will nearly double alcohol related violence, crime, police calls, and emergency department visits." A press release last December quotes Mayor Steinberg, who, along with the City Council, supports the bill, as saying the legislation, "gives us the flexibility to tailor our nightlife scene to attract tourists and conventions while protecting the character of our quieter residential neighborhoods."

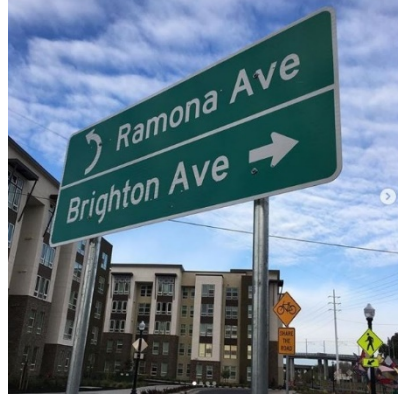
Land Use Committee

By Bill Motmans & Anika Jesi

On February 22 the grand opening of the Ramona Avenue Extension took place. The project improves connectivity north and south of Highway 50 by extending Ramona Avenue from Brighton Avenue to Folsom Blvd. The road extension and addition of a new intersection helps close a gap in bicycle and pedestrian access to Sac State. In addition, there are new curbs, sidewalks and median, as well as at-grade rail crossing and streetscape and Public Art Installation. Vice Mayor Guerra and Councilman Harris hosted the ceremony, which was attended by Sac State President Nelson, Power Inn Alliance representatives, other city officials, and the community. TPNA board members Isaac Gonzalez and Terrie Barron attended as well.

On February 28 the Planning Commission heard a presentation from representatives of the The Retreat, a 224-unit multifamily housing complex which will be marketed primarily to college students. Prior to the Commission hearings, representatives from Landmark Properties had met with the TPNA Land Use Committee. The interaction with Landmark and their legal and design teams was productive, and most of the recommendations made by the LUC and TPNA were incorporated into their final plans. TPNA had submitted comments to the Commission prior to the hearing and board members Isaac Gonzalez and Bill Motmans testified at the hearing as to Landmark's willingness to meet with and address concerns raised by the community. It was also noted that the Planning Department's support in encouraging developers of prospective projects to meet with and listen to community concerns prior to making final submission of plans was appreciated, along with Landmark's receptivity to feedback. With Spring upon us, more projects will be coming Tahoe Park's way. We encourage the community's participation.

Instagram Highlights



SactoMoFo is back!

By Rose Cabral

Join your neighbors on the 4th Friday of the month for a picnic in Tahoe Park. Food trucks, live music, and even a bike valet from 5-8PM! Save the dates: May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25.



Spark-tacular

By Kelly Burns

Save the date for Tahoe Park's first ever 4th of July Spark-tacular! Join your neighbors at Tahoe Park for a pool party, parade and picnic! Led by JUMP bikes, parade around the park on patriotic bikes and wagons. Pets and marchers of all ages are welcome! Have lunch at your favorite Sactomofo food trucks, dance to live music, enjoy the balloon toss and get creative arts and crafts.

We are grateful for the hard work and passion of our Vice Mayor Eric Guerra and Senator Dr. Richard Pan for sponsoring this event. The planning has only just begun! Interested in helping? Find us on Facebook: Tahoe Park 4th of July Spark-tacular!

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

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

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

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 23

5:30-7:30PM

Tahoe Elementary School



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

All are welcome!

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