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Swim season is here!

Check out the pool schedules — Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team, will hold clinics at select city pools

It's time to follow up with our April report on the YMCA's operations of three city pools this summer. Southside, Tahoe and Glenn Hall pools will be open seven days a week and will offer full programming such as water exercise, swim lessons, swim team and open swim. And did you know you could rent the pools out? Every Friday and Saturday night the pools are available to rent from 6 to 10 p.m. at a rate of \$80 per hour for a 2-hour minimum and a max of 50 people! Pool rentals can be made by contacting mhoe@ymcasuperior.org

In a nutshell the pools will offer lap swim in the early mornings, swim lessons and open swim during the afternoon, followed by at least one lap lane in the evening hours. But specifically, the following is the schedule and pay scale, which is subject to change. Besides all that, the Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team has partnered with the YMCA to offer camps. See the story on the team in this issue.

Tahoe, Southside and Glenn Hall Pool Schedules

Saturdays
9 a.m. – lap swim
10 a.m. – swim lesson
11 a.m. – water exercise
Noon – open swim
6 p.m. – pool rental is available

Sundays
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – lap swim
1 p.m. – open swim

Monday through Thursday
6-8 a.m. – lap swim
11 to 1 p.m. – lap swim
Noon to 1 p.m. – swim lessons AND water exercise
1 to 5 p.m. – open swim
5 to 7 p.m. – lap swim WITH (5 p.m. – swim lessons followed by water exercise at 5:30 p.m. and swim team at 6 p.m.)

Friday: 1 p.m. open swim, 6-10 p.m. pool rentals

Fees
Recreational Swim (Open Swim)
Adult Daily Pass (18+): \$4 per visit
Youth Daily Pass (0-17): \$2 per visit
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Adult Summer Pass: \$125 (Unlimited Visits)

Lap Swim/Water Exercise
Daily Pass: \$5 per visit/class
25 visit/class punch card: \$75
Summer Pass: \$150 (Unlimited Visits/Classes)

Addresses
Southside Pool is located at 2115 6th St.
Glenn Hall Pool is located at 5415 Sandburg Drive, Sacramento 95819
Tahoe Pool is located at 3535 59th St., Sacramento 95820

City operated pools and 'play pools' schedule and pay scale

Admission Fees for Swimming Pools
\$2 -- Children/Teens 17 years & under
\$4 -- Adults 18 and older
Everyone pays to enter the pool.

PLAY POOLS free admission: Colonial Park, Land Park, Roberston Park, Mama Marks Park & Bertha Henschel Park. Pool phone numbers are valid only during the summer swim season unless otherwise noted. 808-2306.

Clunie Pool & Wading Pool, 601 Alhambra Blvd. in McKinley Park, Phone: 808-5301; Closes Sept. 2. Pool is open for summer recreational swim 1-5pm Tuesday through Friday, and 1-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Weekday rec swim hours change to 4-7pm, Aug. 27-30. Lap swim is Saturday and Sunday from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday-Friday 4-7pm. Swim Lessons are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and evenings. The pool is closed Mondays, excluding holidays.

McClatchy Park Pool & Wading Pool, 35th St. and 5th Ave. in McClatchy Park. Phone: 277-6041. Closes August 25. Open 1-5pm for recreational swim Monday through Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Join us for Family Night Mondays! Pool is open 3-7pm. All family members accompanied by parent get in for \$1. Swim lessons are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. POOL IS CLOSED FRIDAYS.

Oki Pool & Wading Pool, Wisseman Dr. and Cliffwood Wy. Phone: 277-6160. Opens June 17/Closes August 25. Open for recreational swim Wed/Fri/Sun, 1-5pm. Swim lessons are Mon/Wed/Fri evenings. POOL IS CLOSED MON/TUE/THUR/SAT.

Play Pools (free admission)
Play pools are for children ages 7 and under! Parent supervision is required. All dates and times are subject to change.

Bertha Henschel Play Pool, A St. & 45th St. Phone: 808-5301 (Clunie Pool). Closes August 25. Open for recreational swim 12nn-4pm Tu-Fr, and 1-5pm Sat/Sun. POOL IS CLOSED MONDAYS.

Colonial Play Pool, 18th Ave. & 53rd St. Phone: 277-6041 (McClatchy Park Pool). Closes August 22. Open for recreational swim 1-5pm Mo-Th. POOL IS CLOSED FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

It's like dancing in the water:

Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team to hold clinics at city pools

By MONICA STARK
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Synchronized swimmers can tread water for a long period of time and it's a well-known fact that their feet never touch the bottom of the pool. Skills such as ballet leg, front and back layout, support skull, ballerina bunny, torpedo, and back tuck somersault are all done together while listening to music underwater and perform a routine.

Simply stated, it's like dancing in the water and some of the youngest locally are just 11 years old.

Meet Paige Gwaltney age 11. She was just selected to be on the U.S. National Team for the 2013-2014 year. In July, she will live and train at the U.S. Olympic Training Facility in order to be prepared for international competition on behalf of the U.S.

Gwaltney is a member of the only competitive synchronized swim team in Sacramento, the Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team, which just announced it will be holding clinics at city pools, including three the YMCA will be operating: Southside, Tahoe, Glenn Hall and one the Y is not running, Oki Pool in the College Greens area.

Bringing the clinics closer to where more people live will likely bring new swimmers into the mix, who may one day become as impressive as Miss Gwaltney.

"We are really excited about it," said Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team Membership Coordinator Kimmie Kwong. "We have worked with the YMCA in the past years to offer synchronized swim clinics there. When we met with the Aquatics Director about having summer clinics at the YMCA, she mentioned that they were in the process of getting three City of Sacramento pools for the summer. "So we jumped on the opportunity to offer a summer synchro camp at all of their locations. This also worked out for the City of Sacramento because we are also offering a synchro camp at one of their pools as well. "We had planned to see if we could coordinate with them for our summer camps, and everything just worked out. We are hoping that by offering a longer camp, we can introduce the sport to those swimmers who want to do something different and enjoy learning something new," Kwong said.

Kwong's daughter has been a synchro swimmer for more than three years.



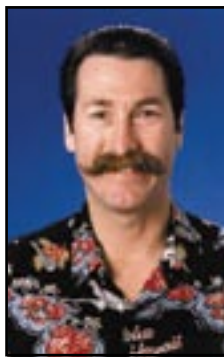
"She absolutely loves the sport," Kwong said. "She loves how it looks and feels that it is unique because she has a combination of what she has been doing for years (gymnastics, ballet and swimming) all in one sport.

"My daughter has been swimming for over seven years prior to learning this sport. She also loves her swim friends she considers her second family because of the amount of time she spends in the water with them. She never gets tired of swimming, especially since this is a year round sport," Kwong said.

Summer camp sessions:
All sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon, cost is \$125 per person. For more details contact 692-9366 or visit www.sacsynchro.com or email memberships@sacsynchro@gmail.com
Session 1: Oki Pool- June 17, 19, 21 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday only), Wisseman Drive and Cliffwood Way)
Session 2: Southside Pool- June 24-27, 6th and U streets
Session 3: Glenn Hall Pool- July 8-11
Session 4: Tahoe Pool- July 15-18, 3535 59th St.
Session 5: Glenn Hall Pool- July 22-25, 5415 Sandburg Dr.



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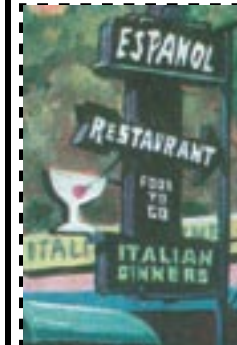
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McKinley Village breakdown:

Recent meeting highlighted issues of concern neighbors have

By MONICA STARK
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If all goes according to Riverview Capital Investment's plan, McKinley Village will have the first phase of homes up for sale as early as April 2015.

The proposed project consists of development of 328 residential units, a neighborhood recreation center, parks and other public spaces on about 48-acre site located along the south side of the Capital City Freeway, north of the Union Pacific rail lines, largely east of Alhambra Boulevard and largely west of Lanatt Street in the northeast area of downtown Sacramento.

Though none of the homes have been designed yet, they are slated to run between 1,250-2,500 square feet and are expected to be priced between \$300,000 to \$600,000.

A variety of residences are proposed on different lot sizes. The proposed project includes three parks that total about 2.4 acres, including about 1-acre neighborhood recreation center and pool. The overall density of the project is about 10.9 units per acre and access to the project site would be provided from A Street and 28th Street to the west of 40th Street to the east. The project is proposing to upgrade A Street and the freeway overpass to current City roadway standards. Improvements include widening the bridge to add a second sidewalk and upgrading the guardrails.

A second vehicle access is proposed in the eastern portion of the site through the extension of 40th Street through the Cannery site connecting C Street between 40th Street and Tivoli Way. This connection would require an underpass to be constructed under the UPRR embankment. A pedestrian/bicycle tunnel is also proposed under the UPRR embankment connecting to the eastern terminus of Alhambra Boulevard and B Street, in the southwestern portion of the site. The proposed project also includes a storm-water detention basin in the western por-

tion of the site, on the north side of A Street.

According to principal planner, Greg Bitter, the project is at the very beginning stages and there still needs to be a review from the police and fire departments. The city planning department is asking for written comments of what needs to be analyzed with the Environmental Impact Report. Comments are due by July 9.

"The city staff is committed to taking this project to the planning design commission," Bitter said at the Tuesday, June 4 meeting put on by McKinley East Neighborhood Association and East Sacramento Improvement Association. There will be a public hearing where the commission can hear input and relay it to the city council.

Megan Norris, RCI vice president, said one of the project's goals is to keep historic landscape and architecture consistent with that of the city's general plan. To that end, she said the team - dubbed "Village Team" has a "longstanding commitment to Sacramento."

Jan Burch, vice president with the Placemaking Group, which is doing consulting work for RCI, said the biggest intention is that the project has the look and feel of neighboring homes but with modern electricity. In response to criticisms about the Village Team not answering questions by critics of the project, she said: "We can't promise anything we don't know for sure, otherwise we would be misrepresenting the project. We look at every concern ... and take them seriously."

Burch lives on 35 Street near McKinley Park. She said she wouldn't want to live there if something was built that isn't something she doesn't want to live next door to.

Following are some of the issues raised by neighbors and responses by the development team.

Traffic Issues:

Developer Phil Angelides is aware of the worries people have surrounding increased traffic, but he is taking a wait-and-see approach

until the traffic study comes out (which will be when the EIR comes out). Meanwhile, many of the neighbors asked why the plan doesn't have three traffic access points, which Angelides said was not possible due to technical reasons. They argued that Alhambra should be the main thoroughfare, not C Street. Some fear a "spider effect" will take place with cars scrambling through the various streets in the McKinley Park neighborhood.

At the meeting, one of the residents of the midtown area denounced the lack of low-income housing the project will have, meanwhile having traffic impact her lower-income area: "There is no low-income housing proposed yet half of the traffic will be dumped into a lower income area," she said.

Burch responded after the meeting: "We really feel traffic impact will be minimal ... We don't intend to dump cars into anywhere. It's not our intent ... We think it will be better to look at impartial study results and then work with it. At least then we will be discussing facts."

Low-income housing

Bitter said the city requires low-income housing to be included into this development, but that "we are talking about modifying our inclusionary housing units." Angelides said currently they are contemplating that on some of the units, there may be an option of "granny flats" to meet the low income-housing requirement.

"We are talking to (the city) and will do whatever they want us to do," Burch said. "And we know we have the secondary units available so they will be available to rent. We can work out the numbers," she said.

Flood Threats

Sacramentans are well aware of the flooding issue in town. We've seen the photos of people kayaking through East Sacramento. Whenever it rains, we flood because we don't have adequate retention facilities. So the developers have planned to put in

two retention ponds, one on top of the other underneath the ground on the west end of the project. While many people think of the railroad as sitting on top of a levee, it has never been intended for flood prevention.

Landscaping

One of the most beloved things about the McKinley neighborhood is the canopies of trees that line the streets, so in keeping with that love for trees, Angelides said they have budgeted \$8 to \$10 per square foot for landscaping with a plan to plant 2,000 trees (not including trees that are in the backyards of people's homes).

Schools

The proposed development sits within the Twin Rivers school district but Angelides said they have put in an application to the Sacramento City Unified School District to have the area rezoned. If both districts agree, basical-

ly there would be a transfer, though it will be the Sacramento County Office of Education that will make the final decision on transfers. While SCUSD has seen declining enrollment, critics point out the nearest SCUSD elementary school, Theodore Judah, is impacted at this time.

What now?

Submit comments no later than June 24 by 4 p.m. to Dana Allen, associate planner for the City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, 300 Richards Blvd., third floor, Sacramento CA 95811. Or call him at 808-2762 or email dalen@cityofsacramento.org

The Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and subsequent environmental documents are posted on the City's Environmental Impact Report webpage at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/planning/environmental-review/eirs/index.cfm>

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East Lawn Memorial Park history includes nursery, florist

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part 13 in a series about the rich history of and associated with East Sacramento's award-winning East Lawn Memorial Park.

Among the features of East Lawn Memorial Park is a full-service florist, which has been serving the community for more than a century. And the cemetery's history also includes a nursery, which is no longer in existence.

Although an early promotional booklet for the cemetery places the majority of its attention on East Lawn's 1926 mausoleum, it does dedicate an entire page to the flower shop and nursery.

Included on that page are the following words: "Many years ago, East Lawn established the floral shop and nursery to fill its own needs for quality flowers, shrubs and trees.

"Shortly thereafter, these facilities were expanded to permit the nursery and flower shop to serve the general public.

"The constantly growing demand for top quality flowers and nursery stock has led to successive additions, until today the nursery and flower shop have more than six acres

of display rooms, greenhouses and growing grounds.

"A member of the nationwide Florist Telegraph Delivery Association, the flower shop supplies bouquets, corsages, plants and special arrangements for all occasions. Visitors are always welcome."

The 1911 city directory includes an advertisement for what was then known as East Lawn Conservatories.

This business, which was located on the cemetery grounds, was noted to offer floral designs and set pieces, shrubs, plants and shade trees, and the "best service in city at lowest prices."

The manager of the "conservatories" at that time was Ivar A. Nyquist, who was also serving as the cemetery's superintendent.

Ivar was recognized in the 1910 U.S. Census as a 29-year-old Finland native, who was employed as a cemetery gardener and resided on M Street (Folsom Boulevard) with his 23-year-old wife, Lydia, and his 7-year-old son, Ivar, Jr.

The superintendent of the cemetery in 1910 was Herbert W. Hand, who by the following year was working as a salesman for the local real estate and insurance company



Greenhouses at East Lawn Nursery are shown in this historic photograph.

Photo courtesy of East Lawn Memorial Park

of Charles E. Kleinsorge and Otto F. Heilbron.

By 1912, Robert Armstrong was serving as superintendent of the East Lawn Cemetery and manager of East Lawn Conservatories.

A 1914 advertisement for the conservatories noted that the business offered cut flowers and a "full line of everything for the garden."

Two years later, former East Lawn assistant secretary Andrew Cruikshanks (1874-1961) replaced Armstrong as cemetery superintendent and manager of the conservatories, which were then being referred to as the East Lawn Nursery.

In 1927, Dolph A. Wiedenmen replaced Cruikshanks as the nursery's manager, but

Cruikshanks, who resided for many years at 1540 46th St., remained the cemetery's superintendent until 1939.

The nursery had a new manager in 1928, as it was then under the direction of Robert Hughes, who resided just east of the cemetery at 4638 Buckingham Way.

Alfred O. "Fred" Fick began his longtime association with East Lawn three years later, when he moved to 1133 35th St. and began working as a chauffeur for the East Lawn Nursery. He eventually served as the nursery's manager for many years.

Fred, who began residing in East Sacramento with his wife, Druscilla "Dru" in 1936, moved to a home on the cemetery grounds in 1947.

Despite moving from that home a decade later, Fred, who with Dru had a daughter named Carol, continued to serve as the nursery's manager until about 1974.

Another person who dedicated many years to the nursery was a florist named Armand "Mandy" Guidotti, who resided with his wife, Katie, at 1070 55th St.

After leaving his position as a florist at the now 92-year-old Sacramento business, G. Rossi & Co., at 1026 8th St. in about 1941, Mandy spent about the next 30 years working at the East Lawn Nursery.

Many cemetery visitors were assisted by Mandy, who served as head of the nursery's flower shop.

East Sacramento's Rust Florist at 5215 Folsom Blvd. is directly linked to the old East Lawn flower shop, as Joseph F. "Joe" Rust opened Rust Florist in 1970 after working at the old cemetery flower shop for the previous 25 years.

Joe, who was the business's head designer, and his wife, Katherine, raised nine children, George, Larry, Dennis, Loretta, Greg, Mary Rose, Marty, Dolores and Vickie.

In sharing his memories about the cemetery's florist,

Cemetery: East Lawn Florist open Monday-Friday

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Marty recalled that the business also had about five designers.

He also noted that about three, old greenhouses, which were eliminated in about 1981, stood behind the flower shop, which is still in operation near the cemetery entrance gate at 46th Street.

Antone J. Niederost was serving as general manager of the nursery at the time of its closure about 32 years ago. And with the nursery's demise, Niederost retired.

Marty is one of very few people who can honestly tell one that he was a living resident at East Lawn.

"There were three (houses) there (at East Lawn)," Marty said. "We lived in the last (house). Those homes are all gone. Two of them were kind of small. I think they were two-bedroom homes. But our house was a bigger one. It was a two-story, four-bedroom home, with a bath and a half, a kitchen and a living room and a family room. The dining room table was in the kitchen, so it wasn't a real big kitchen. It was like a concrete house. It was cold in the winter and it was hot in the summer. It had a fireplace and one of those old-fashioned floor heaters and a couple of balconies. It was kind of an unusual house."

Marty recalled when Fred Fick was his family's neighbor, and added that East Lawn nurseryman Robert R. "Bob" Johnson lived in the other house on the cemetery grounds. And in explaining how his father became involved with East Lawn, Marty said, "(Fred) is the one who brought my dad over (to East Lawn). They were both Swiss. I think he felt like (Joe, who was born in Oregon) was a fellow countryman, so he talked my dad (who was working as a machinist for the Southern Pacific Co.) into coming to work at East Lawn."

The Rust family, as Marty recalled, moved away from their home at the cemetery during the late summer of 1969.

Despite the fact that East Lawn Florist continues to add to its long history, many cemetery visitors are still unaware of its existence.

Jim Miller, who has been operating East Lawn Florist for about the past 25 years, said that part of the reason for that situation is the florist's physical address.

"Our address is 4590 Folsom Blvd., officially, but a lot of people come up to that spot on Folsom (Boulevard) and they don't see a flower shop there, because we're down the driveway," Jim said.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis as part of the Class of 1975, Jim decided to take a different direction in life.

Jim, after becoming interested in the idea of operating his own florist, trained at a floral school, and operated The Flower Mill florist at 5363 Elkhorn Blvd. for about a decade prior to his time with East Lawn Florist.

In discussing the latter named florist, Jim, who has a wife named Patricia, a son named Christopher, two daughters, Susie and Jenny, and a granddaughter named Chloe, said, "We try to maintain a quality flower shop in the tradition of East Lawn. East Lawn is probably the oldest flower shop in Sacramento. Many of our customers are East Lawn customers, so we try to maintain that connection with the East Lawn family, and operate within the East Lawn community, as well as the Sacramento community, not just for funeral needs, but also for the quality needs of a full-service florist. We do weddings, we do anniversaries. Many things that a lot of customers don't expect us to do, we do as a full-service florist. And there's great parking here!"



Photo courtesy of East Lawn Memorial Park
A selection of plants is on display in this early view at East Lawn Nursery.

East Lawn Florist is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Rocking and Rolling at the Teen Fair



By MARTIN RELLES
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In 1964, the managers of the old State Fair on Stockton Boulevard came up with a novel idea. They decided to stage a fair within the Fair, just for teenagers, called the Teen Fair. In the American entrepreneurial spirit, they even tacked on an extra fee for entering the Teen Fair. The exhibit was set up on a grass field right next to the carnival. It became an instant success.

The Teen Fair featured booths with teen clothing, instruments, and even amplifiers and speakers for electric

guitars as well as the usual fair food and beverages. But, the main attraction was the music. Virtually all the local rock and roll bands played at one of the two stages the fair offered, the Contenders, the New Breed, the Sveltes (an all-girl band) and the Intruders.

My friend Dan Blakolb played bass guitar for the Intruders and his involvement with the band makes for quite a story. In the spring of 1964, Dan sang in the Hiram Johnson High School choir. Remember when kids did those kinds of things? Anyway, one day at practice, the boy next to him asked if he would like to sing in a band. The band needed an-

other singer. Dan said yes, but then said, "I don't play an instrument." The boy said: "That's OK. Come to my house on Thursday, I can show you how to play electric bass." The rest is history. Six weeks later, Dan played his first gig with the Intruders. He would play with the same band on and off for the next 30 years. His conversation in choir practice led to a career in music.

The Intruders appeared at the Teen Fair in the summers of 1964 and 1965 playing instrumental songs like Wipe-out and Walk, Don't Run, and singing vocals like the great Louie, Louie. The Teen Fair venue opened at 10 a.m. daily and ran until 10 p.m. Bands played virtually non-stop on

two stages all day long. Kids came from all over California to take in the Teen Fair. I recall walking from Janey Way to the State Fair with Jim Duncray to see the Intruders play at the Teen Fair. It had everything we wanted: good food, good music and girls. We had a ball.

Sadly, like all good things, the Teen Fair gradually faded away. After 1966, the State Fair dropped the venue.

The Intruders (then called the Psykicks) kept playing though, and my friend Dan continued to play with them well into the 1990s. He recalls touring the entire country playing various venues.

These days, Dan is semi-retired, playing about 40 dates a year with a group called the Jay Rolerz Band—at events such as high school reunions, weddings. But, he has not forgotten his experience at old State Fair. Now, the Teen Fair is just another rocking and rolling Janey Way memory.

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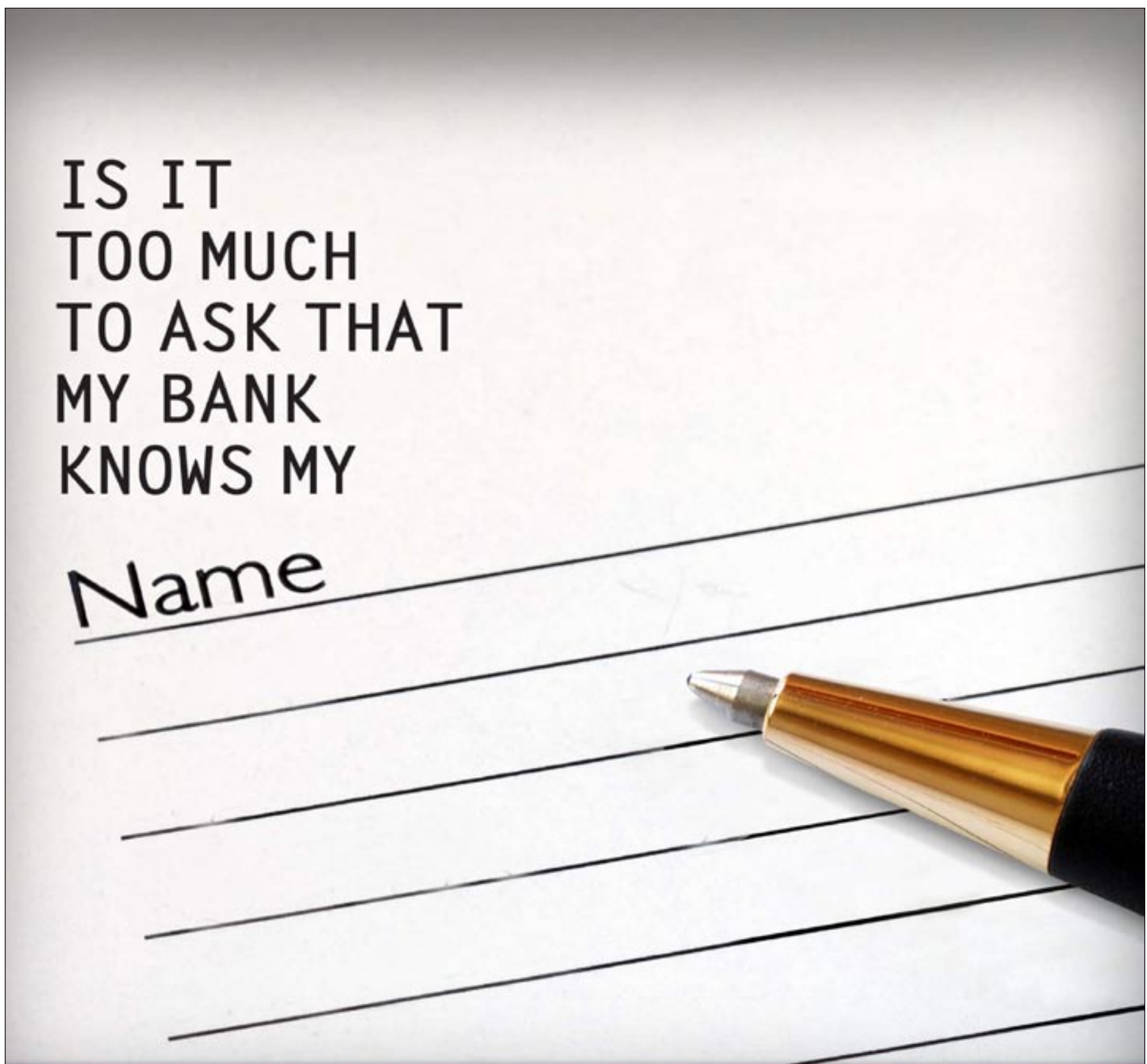
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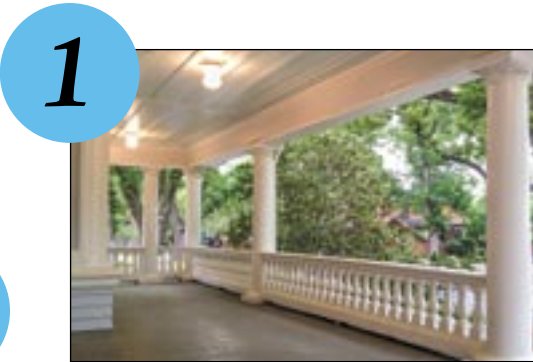
Touring the 'Didion House': \$1.65M home for sale in Poverty Ridge

Perched on a hill in Poverty Ridge, this house has been a part of our city's historical landscape for more than a century and remains one of the most gracious homes in Sacramento. Joan Didion, a well-known author, lived in the home before leaving for college; to this day, many still affectionately refer to her former abode as "the Didion House." More than a half-century later, you can almost hear her typewriter echoing throughout the hallways.

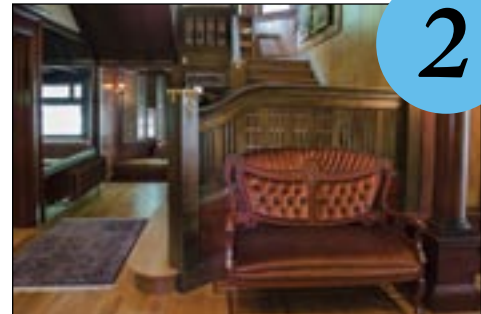
An elegant mix of Colonial Revival and Prairie School styles, the home was designed by Seadler & Hoan. In addition to four bedrooms, this home also includes an office, sunroom, and fully-loaded media room. Its unique and intricate woodwork and fine detailing are a rare spectacle in this day and age, and serve as a poignant reminder of a bygone era. It was purchased in 2008 by Chris and Julie Dolan who have restored and updated it, melding old world charm and new world technology. It has been a labor of love.



Editor's note: What follows is a tour of the house, starting out in the front of the house. Once inside, descriptions match photographs clockwise starting at the entry on the first floor.



Didion porch and exterior The front porch boasts fluted columns and Corinthian capitals with Doric details and nicely rounded spindles. The porch ceiling was painted light blue to bring good luck and ward off evil spirits. It was contracted by Mary Kendall Roos-Roan, designed by Seadler & Hoan and built by Seller Brothers & Company over a century ago.



Entry / Foyer As you enter the house, you see an elegant staircase with hammered metal brass caps and old growth wood. Columns here match those on the front porch. There are beaded glass pendant ceiling lamps on display. To the right is the study and to the left is the living room.



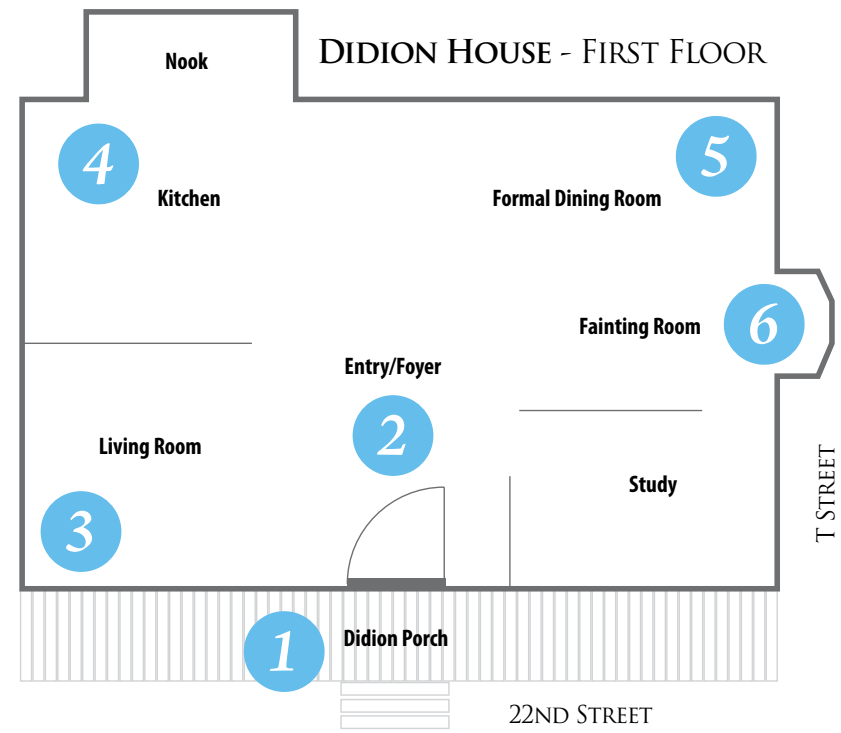
Living Room As you enter the living room, you can look from the front bay of the house. The living room has an original mantle and original leather like walls.



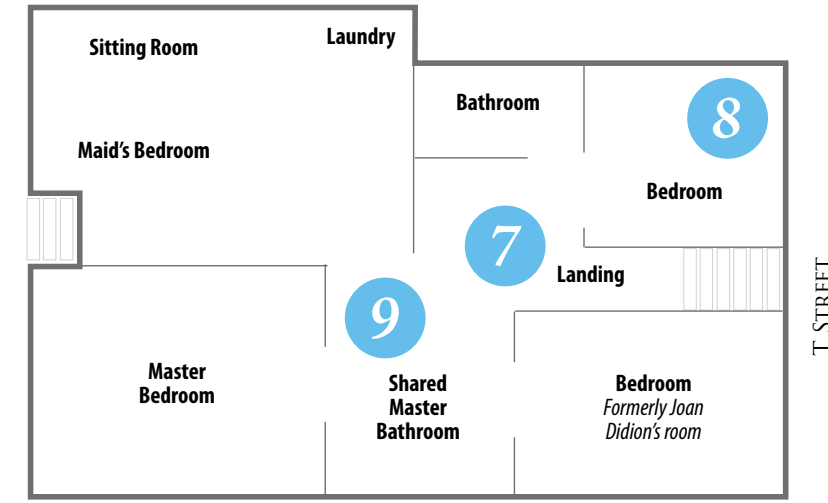
Kitchen/Nook As you come around the corner and go left with your back against the back staircase, you see the new state-of-the-art kitchen. Beyond that is the breakfast nook and to the left of that new double glass doors to the backyard.



Formal dining room The dining room brags a ceiling with a bit of a Renaissance Revival flare and tiffany velvet pads the walls. All the woodwork has been re-finished, including on the walls and floors.



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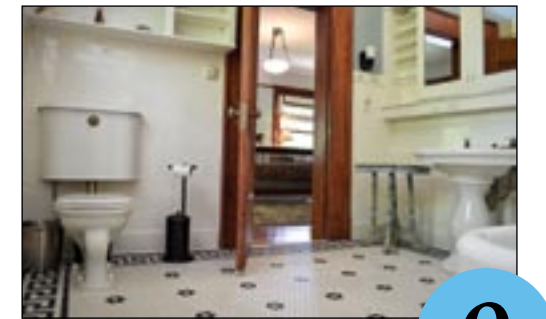
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Fainting Room According to Wikipedia, a fainting room was "a private room, of which its main features/furniture were fainting couches, used during the Victorian era, to make women more comfortable during the home treatment of female hysteria." The Didion House has the fainting room on the T Street side. It's perfect for reading. Steam radiators are original but have been converted to a high energy system, using "state-of-the-art" technology.



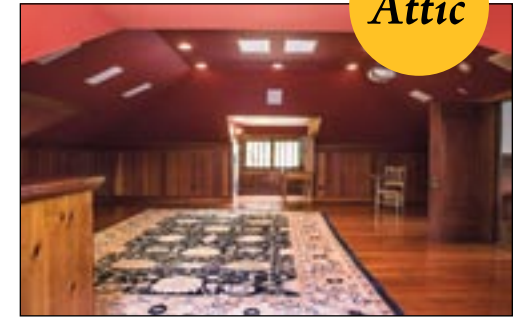
Bedrooms There are four bedrooms. The master bedroom is located on the southeast corner of the second floor. The floors through out the main portion of the house are white oak with mahogany inlay. The bedroom on the north side (T Street side) of the house has a tall gilt-trimmed mirror.



Master bathroom While the bathroom has the original toilet, the sink and tub have all been re-plumbed between the master and the bedroom where Joan Didion resided for two years while attending McClatchy High School.



Landing There is an old music box on the second floor landing, which provided good acoustics for socializing on the main floor.



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Faces and Places: McKinley Playground Community Build

Photos by STEVE HARRIMAN
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From June 3 to June 9, volunteers battled high temps to get the beloved playground built up from ground zero. In the words of this photographer: "What a great week. Many new friendships, great memories, and hundreds (thousands) of photos filling up my hard drive. The new McKinley playground is beautiful. Thank you again to all of the volunteers and community leaders who made this happen. I am super proud to be a native Sacramentan right now. And thanks to Phil Serna and the Republicrats for bringing great music to the closing party ... One of my favorite college professors once said that every grade school playground has one group of kids that loves to build castles and forts, and another group of kids that loves to destroy castles and forts. He said these grade school behaviors typically carry on through adult life, and we all encounter members of both groups in various ways. It was inspiring to spend the week with an amazing group of castle and fort builders!"



CALENDAR

Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

JUNE

California Youth Basketball League now registering for summer

Games between June 24-July 19: CYBL is currently registering for the summer 2013 season. Mission Statement: California Youth Basketball League is a non-profit year round league for girls and boys ages 4-18 that prides itself on being well organized. They aim to develop basketball skills, sportsmanship, and self-esteem through their coaches, gym officials and organizers. Register as a team or individually. 391-3900; <http://www.cybhoops.com/>

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

June 20: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Twilight Thursday at the Zoo

June 20: Zoo open until 8pm. Enjoy warm summer nights at the Sacramento Zoo with extended hours on Twilight Thursdays, June 6th through July 25th. The Zoo is open from 9am to 8pm for your whole family to enjoy. Dinner specials, live music and activities start at 5 pm. Regular daily admission rates apply. General admission is \$11.25. Children ages 2-11 are \$7.25. Children under one are free. For more information call 808-5888 or visit saczo.org.

Wellspring Women's Center's third-annual Girl's Night Out

June 20: Prepare yourself (and your closest!) for the newest trends at Girl's Night Out! You'll be supporting Well-spring in the process. Grab your girlfriends (or guys - they're welcome too, and men's fashion will be included on the runway) and join us for a night of fashion, shopping and fun! Tickets include access to our fashion show, exclusive shopping, fabulous raffle items, tasty appetizers from Evan's Kitchen and more! The event goes from 6-9 p.m. and will be held at The Alumni Center as CSU Sacramento, 6000 J St., Sacramento. Visit <http://www.wellspringwomen.org> for more information.

Bi-Polar Anonymous

June 21: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting

June 21: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Family Campout at Fairytale Town

June 21, 5:30 p.m. - June 22, 7 a.m. Spend the night at Humpty Dumpty's house. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater performance, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-along. Wake up the next morning under Fairytale Town's canopy of trees to a light continental breakfast. Prices range from \$35-\$45 per person and include all activities. Member discounts are available. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462.

Pops in the Park presents Mick Martin & the Blues Rockers at McKinley Park

June 22: Free music event, starting at 6 p.m.

Walk with a Doc at Garcia Bend

June 22: Walk with a Doc, a free walking program for anyone who is interested in taking steps to improve their heart health. In addition to the numerous health benefits you'll enjoy just by walking, you'll also get the chance to talk with the doc while you walk. Registration starts at 8 a.m.; the 2.2-mile walk along the levees starts at 8:30 a.m.

King of Feasts

June 22: From 6pm to 9pm, enjoy this unique gourmet food and wine luau featuring live entertainment, Polynesian dancers, local celebrities and a silent auction at King of Feasts. Feast on foods from dozens of the finest Sacramento-area restaurants and bakeries. Sample premium California wines, beers and spirits in the relaxed and lush setting of the Sacramento Zoo. Please note that this is an adults-only event. Zoo closes early at 1:30 pm. Parking is free and available throughout the park. For more information, please call 916-808-5888 or visit saczo.org.

Whip up a Cookbook workshop no. 2 at Belle Cooledege

June 22: Starting at 11 a.m., collect, organize and put it all together in this 6-part series. Workshop #2 focuses on writing a cookbook and how to write a recipe. Bring recipes in any format or condition for your cookbook. For more information visit www.saclibrary.org or call 264-2920. Belle Cooledege Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Music in Carmichael Park

June 23: Free music featuring Lincoln Highway, 50s-90s country and rockabilly from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

June 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

East Sac Rotary

June 26: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotrary.com.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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Teens and Tweens create Asian Cuisine

June 28: Starting at 3 p.m., a monthly food class with the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op (ages 9-18). For more information visit <http://www.saclibrary.org> or call 264-2920. Belle Cooledege Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

12th annual Sacramento French Film Festival

June 21-30: Film festival to be had at the Crest Theatre, located at 1013 K St. For more information, visit <http://sacramento-frenchfilmfestival.org/index.htm>.

Music in Carmichael Park

June 29: Free music featuring Group Therapy, classic rock and R&B from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

Music in Carmichael Park

June 30: Free music featuring Songbird Trio, 50s-90s oldies, country, pop and rock, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

Senior resource fair at St. Anthony's

June 29: A resource fair will be held at St. Anthony's from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anthony's is located at 660 Florin Rd. The resource fair will be sponsored by Primrose. Potential vendors can contact Casey Simon at 392-3510. Set up time will be at 8 a.m.

Capitol Pops Concert Band

June 29: Capitol Pops Concert Band continues its 16th season with a free, open to the public, patriotic concert at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2013, in Sacramento's Jane Steele Park. The park is at 4855 Hamilton Street, just south of the Madison Avenue exit off Interstate 80. Under the baton of Director Jerry Lopes, CPB's performance will include a mix of some of the band's traditional American favorites, contemporary hits and tunes from the movies and the stage. Visit www.capitolpops.org for more information.



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The "Didion House" in Poverty Ridge! 4 bedrooms 2 full baths and 2 half baths with 3rd floor media room that features state-of-the art equipment. Turn of the century woodwork and detailing; new kitchen and full basement. Nicely updated while preserving original style! \$1,650,000

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This beautiful home has been remodeled to the last detail. Every room's a showpiece: detailed custom moldings, hardwood floors with inlays, recessed lighting, whole house speaker systems, imported Italian tile throughout. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths. Spacious master with 13' ceilings, fireplace & dual 90sqft closets has a private terrace overlooking the gorgeous back yard and pool. \$1,499,500

DAVID KIRRENE 531-7495



CONTEMPORARY

Built in 1978, this unique contemporary styled home features 3 bedrooms 2 baths, a large open space providing views of beautiful, mature gardens. Living room, dining room, kitchen, family room and master bedroom all have views and access to the gardens. \$689,000

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WONDEROUS EAST SACRAMENTO

4 bedrooms 4½ baths, nearly 5000 square feet, this home has it all ... a gourmet kitchen, a formal dining room, a large living room and an open breakfast room. The home also features a family room, a sauna/steam room, a full gym, and a workshop. Outside is your own private sanctuary on a big lot with a newer pool and built in kitchen; perfect for entertaining \$1,895,000

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