

# THE LAND PARK NEWS since 1991

December 27, 2012

Community News in Your Hands

[www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)

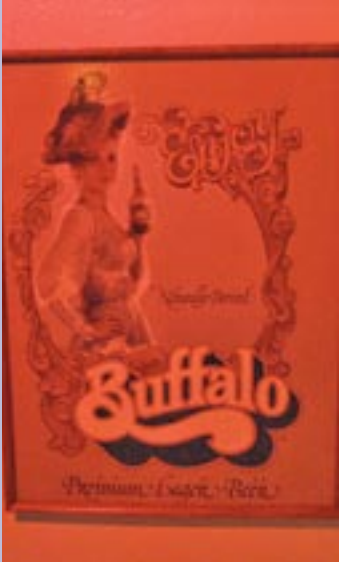
## Fairytale Town holds Winter Wonderland

See page 17

Zoo starts 'quarters for conservation' program  
See page 2

FORMER LAND PARK STATION POST OFFICE CLERK STILL BRINGING SMILES TO THE COMMUNITY, PAGE 6 • COMMUNITY CALENDAR, PAGE 19

### Inside This Edition



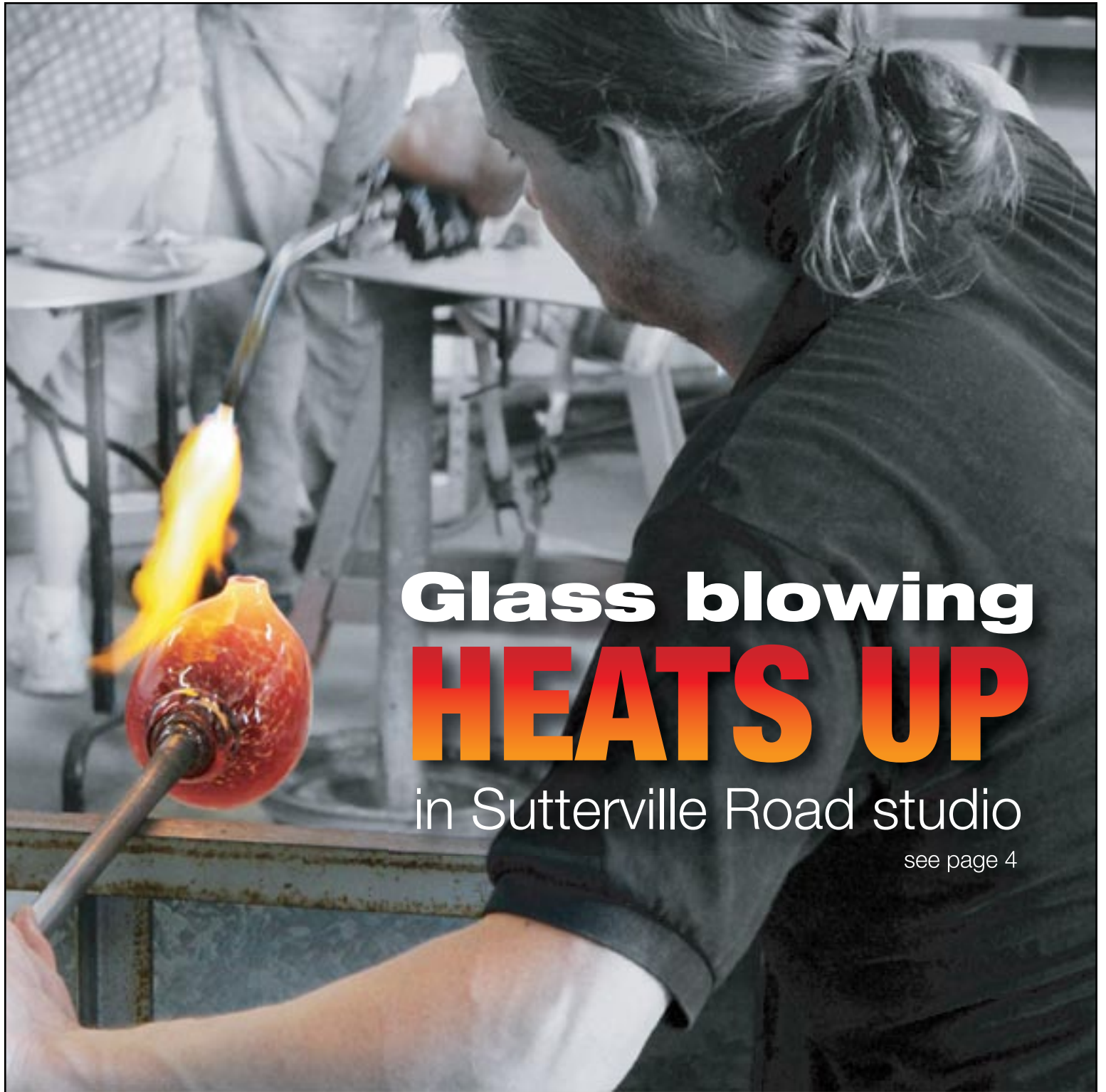
Biz feature:  
New Helvetia

See page 5



Faces and places: Winter Fair  
at Waldorf School

See page 23



## Glass blowing HEATS UP

in Sutterville Road studio

see page 4

## **B** POCKET BISTRO



- Full Bar
- **Now catering!**
- Prime Rib Thursday Nights
- Sunday Brunch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Lunch & Dinner Served Daily
- Happy Hour: Tuesday - Saturday, 3:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us  
**for New Years!**  
*Make your reservations now!*

6401 Riverside Boulevard • 916.391.7990 • [www.PocketBistro.net](http://www.PocketBistro.net) Hours: Tues-Thurs 11:30am-9:30pm • Fri-Sat 11:30am-10pm • Sun 10:00am-8:30pm



**THE LAND PARK NEWS**  
WWW.VALCOMNEWS.COM

E-mail stories & photos to: editor@valcomnews.com

Vol. XXI • No. 24

The Land Park News is published on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and delivered by mail and home delivery in the area bounded by Broadway to the north, Interstate 5 on the west, Florin Road on the south and Freeport Boulevard/21st Street on the east.

**Publisher**..... George Macko  
**General Manager**..... Kathleen Egan  
**Editor**..... Monica Stark  
**Art Director**..... John Ochoa  
**Graphic Designer**..... Serene Lusano  
**Advertising Executives**  
Linda Pohl, Patty Colmer, Melissa Andrews, Jen Henry  
**Distribution/Subscriptions**..... George Macko

2709 Riverside Blvd.  
Sacramento,  
CA 95818  
t: (916) 429-9901  
f: (916) 429-9906

Cover courtesy:  
Sacramento Art Glass  
Editing: Serene Lusano  
Other photos  
Benn Hodapp  
Stephen Crowley



Photo courtesy Sacramento Zoo

## Sacramento Zoo 'Quarters for Conservation'

The Sacramento Zoo is supporting field conservation projects with the Quarters for Conservation program. Through the collection of quarters, the Zoo provides funding for wildlife conservation projects both locally and around the globe. Members and visitors are part of this exciting contribution to wildlife conservation.

As guests enter the Zoo they receive a token representing a contribution to conservation. The token enables guests to vote for a conservation project of their choice—the vote helps the Zoo determine how much funding each project receives. Guests have an opportunity to learn more about the projects and cast votes at the Zoo's Entry Plaza. Each project is guaranteed \$5,000 annually with additional funding based on the number of votes each project receives.

In 2012, the first year of the Quarters for Conservation, the Zoo was able to provide funding for the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society, Mabula Ground Hornbill Conservation Project and the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program. During 2013, visitors will be able to cast their vote for the Riparian Brush Rabbit Recovery Program, Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project and the Masai Giraffe Conservation Project.

### Snow Leopards

Snow Leopards, who are native to small areas in central Asia, are very elusive and rarely sighted in

See Zoo, page 3



Photo courtesy Sacramento Zoo

## Zoo: New snow leopard brought from Canada

Continued from page 2

the wild. They are not fast runners and so they rely on stealth and their great rock climbing abilities to evade predators and catch prey. They are a medium sized cat, weighing between 60 and 120 pounds. Snow leopards have many features that help them in their natural habitats. Their large paws act like snow shoes while their long, thick tails can wrap around their body and face protecting themselves from the cold wind. Their smoke-grey fur with large, dark rosettes and spots help them blend in with rocks and snow.

Researchers estimate that there are between 3,500 and 7,000 en-

dangered snow leopards left in the wild. Because they are so elusive and solitary no one has been able to get an exact count. There are many threats facing snow leopards, including poaching and habitat loss.

While visiting the Sacramento Zoo you may notice that they now have two snow leopards. The older female, who has resided at the zoo for quite some time, recently gained a roommate. Blizzard is a young male from Canada who is full of energy. Currently he is smaller than the female, but once he reaches adulthood he will be the larger of the two.

**COMSTOCK MORTGAGE** Local Mortgage Bankers

With interest rates at a multi decade low makes this a great time to refinance.

Call to see if refinancing could save you money!

You may qualify even if you owe more than your home is worth!

**Scott Filby**  
Senior Loan Consultant  
916-732-4333 direct  
916-600-4313 cell  
sfilby@comstockmortgage.com

If anyone you know is purchasing a home, please have them CALL SCOTT TODAY!

4211 Freepoint Blvd., Sacramento CA 95822

**LAND PARK GOLD & SILVER**  
State of the Art Jewelry Repair and Metal Diagnostics  
A Family Shop LIC# 34041416

**Jewelry Rare Coins**  
UNWANTED BROKEN GOLD OR SILVER?  
Turn It Into Cash!

We Buy and Sell Gold, Silver, Jewelry, Coins  
Call for Today's Rates on Scrap Gold 916.457.2767

Buying 7 Days a Week: M-F 10-6pm, Sat 10-5pm, Sun 10-4pm

Watch Batteries \$5.00+ Tax  
Installed - per watch  
(Some Restrictions Apply) Expires 1/31/13 LP

5100 Freepoint Blvd (corner of Arica Way & Freepoint Blvd.)  
916.457.2767

Ring Down-Size \$15.00  
Most Rings  
(Some Restrictions Apply) Expires 1/31/13 LP

Ring Up-Size \$35.00  
Most Rings. Up to 2 Sizes  
(Some Restrictions Apply) Expires 1/31/13 LP

**Sacramento URGENT CARE**

Sacramento Urgent Care is a walk-in medical clinic established by a group of emergency-trained Physicians with years of experience providing a full range of medical care. Our Mission is to provide quality health care, and a consistently high level of customer service that exceeds expectations and demonstrates a sincere concern for you. We are conveniently located at the corner of Florin Road and South Land Park Drive, just off I-5 and minutes from Downtown, Midtown, East Sacramento, West Sacramento, Davis, Natomas, Elk Grove, Meadowview, and the Land Park & Pocket areas.

At Sacramento Urgent Care you will always be seen by a doctor.  
Most Insurances Accepted - Se Habla Espanol

**OUR SERVICES**  
Immunizations, Tdap Boosters, Flu & Allergy Shots • Flu, Coughs Sore Throats & Ear Aches • Sports, Employment, D.O.T. & Immigration Physicals • Workman's Comp & Occupational Medicine • Weight Management & Weight Loss Clinic • Fractures, Sprains & Dislocations • Cuts, Burns & Stitches • Asthma, COPD & Breathing Treatments • Women's Health • Drug, STD, HIV, Pregnancy, Diabetes, Cholesterol & Tb Testing • Ear Wax Removal • In-Grown Toenails

**OUR FACILITIES**  
On-site X-ray & EKG • On-site Lab • Six Exam Rooms • Trauma Bay and Procedures Room • Comfortable Waiting Room • Plenty of Free Parking

7200 S. Land Park Drive, Ste. 100 • Sacramento, CA 95831  
(916) 422-9110 • www.sacurgentcare.com  
Open 9 AM to 9 PM • 365 Days a Year • No Appointments Needed

**\$15 OFF**  
Office visit for new cash paying patients  
Expires 1-31-13

**Sue Olson & Teresa Olson**  
916-601-8834 DRE# 00784986  
916-494-1452 DRE# 01880615

Call for a Complimentary Market Evaluation of Your Property Or for Assistance in Purchasing a Home.

landparkhomes.com

**LAND PARK**  
Charming Tudor with three bedrooms plus den and two remodeled baths. Oversized living room with fireplace, formal dining room with french doors to backyard, kitchen with granite counter tops, hardwood floors, master bedroom with abundant storage and office/sitting area. Lovely backyard with built-in pool and spa. 1361 Vallejo Way

**LAND PARK**  
College Tract Custom Remodel. This lovely home features four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms upstairs and a downstairs master suite. Formal living room with fireplace, formal dining room with french doors to front courtyard. Kitchen/family room combo plus eating area, ss. appliances, and pretty backyard. 1801 10th Avenue \$789,900

**LAND PARK**  
Charming brick tudor on an amazing corner lot with landscaped gardens. Grand living room with beamed and coved ceiling, picture window and fireplace. Formal dining to garden patio. Kitchen with breakfast nook. Bathrooms are spacious and of 1930's deco design. Lovely backyard with trellis and built-in spa. 1700 11th Avenue

**LAND PARK**  
Charming three bedroom, two bath home. Formal living room with fireplace, formal dining area with french doors to backyard, upstairs master suite, bonus room for office or library, pretty backyard with two patios, two car garage plus 1/4 basement. 1307 Teneighth Way

Are higher federal and California state taxes a concern?

Interested in learning more about ways to manage your portfolio's tax burden? Call or e-mail me for a no-obligation report on strategies designed to help you reduce the taxes you owe on your investments.

**Joseph F. Eschleman, CIMA®**  
Managing Director - Investment Officer  
400 Capitol Mall • Wells Fargo Center Suite 1700 • Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-491-6327 • 800-877-7783  
joseph.f.eschleman@wfadvisors.com  
CA Insurance License #0C77273  
www.josephfeschleman.com

Wells Fargo Advisors is not a legal or tax advisor. However, we will be glad to work with you, your accountant, tax advisor, or lawyer to help meet your financial goals.

Investment and Insurance Products • NOT FDIC Insured • NO Bank Guarantee • MAY Lose Value

Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. Member SIPC, is a registered broker-dealer and a separate non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company.  
©Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. 0412-3352 [80631-v1] 09/09

To view Joseph's website, simply scan the code with your smartphone.



**Get Your Local News NOW! →**

Subscribe online for fast news updates. All you need is an e-mail. (Located on lower right side of webpage)

**VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, INC.** is online at [www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)

SUBSCRIBE FOR E-MAIL ALERTS

Sign up to receive the latest local news and regional updates from Valley Community Newspapers!

Enter your email address:

Delivered by PostBarber

**Happy New Year!**

**Brian J. Wong**  
barber & stylist

• STRAIGHT RAZOR SHAVES  
• HAIRCUTS

Appointments Only

BrianJWongTheBarber.com

Lake Crest Village 1024 Florin Road  
Located inside Simone Salon (916) 832-9949

**LISA MCCAULEY**

FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS

3559 MISTY MORNING CIRCLE | \$204,000

3 bedroom, 2.5 baths. Large and spacious 2-story, formal living room with vaulted ceilings, separate family room, island kitchen, new appliances, new paint, new carpet, new tile, new granite in master bath, walk-in closet. Indoor laundry room. New landscaping and turf.

(916) 601-5474  
DRE# 00933026

LEXINGTON REAL ESTATE

**Freeport**  
Bar & Grill

**New Years with Freeport Bar & Grill**

Join us for New Years Eve!

Lunch 11-3pm Dinner 4-10pm  
Special New Years Dinner Menu  
Karaoke at 9pm (no cover!)

Call for reservations (recommended): 916-665-1169  
8259 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95832

[www.freeportbarandgrill.com](http://www.freeportbarandgrill.com)

Mon through Thur 11am - 10pm • Friday 11am - 1:30am  
Saturday and Sunday 10am - 10pm

## Glass blowing heats up in Sutterville Road studio

By MONICA STARK  
editor@valcomnews.com

For Rene Steinke, nothing comes close to the enjoyment he gets from glass blowing. To this Land Park glass blowing guru, the challenge of the art form is both creative and physical.

"There is a kind of a magic involved every time I make something beautiful out of a simple gather of molten hot glass," he said.

Started blowing glass at just age 17, Steinke has worked with fire for 15 years now and recently, he started offering classes inside his studio near city college on Sutterville Road.

Steinke has been teaching for about four years - starting at Rainbow Glass (on Auburn Boulevard) where he built the entire glass blowing operation to now being able to teach in his own studio he named Sacramento Art Glass.

"I am now able to 'give back' by working with a couple of charities and share my enthusiasm for glass blowing," Steinke said.

Steinke said it's generally difficult in Sacramento for an aspiring glass blower to get practice and guidance, but luck came his way. He said other glass blowers have helped and mentored him and his mother, Darby Patterson, sent him to workshops in Seattle, Oregon and Corning, New York. Last year, he was an



Photo courtesy

Rene Steinke has opened a glass art studio called Sacramento Art Glass, located on Sutterville Road near Sacramento City College, where he offers classes to the public.

artist in residence at a major gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona.

From understanding glass blowing techniques to actually practicing them, it's not surprising that it would take a long time to master the art of blowing glass. Of course, Steinke teaches safety because students are working with glass that goes in and out of a furnace hotter than 2,000 degrees. He said they start by making something simple, just for practice and work their way up to a final piece that they will take home after it cools down.

Sharing the experience with students, Steinke teaches them to keep the hot glass at the end of the pipe rotating and moving at all times as well as have them understand the temperature of the glass and the effect of gravity when handling it when it's hot.

While most of the equipment Steinke uses is quite expensive, he said he was fortunate to know about

metal working and fabricating that he built almost all of his own equipment over a period of a few years. Other tools he has had to purchase little by little, such as: blow pipes, punys, cherry wood paddles and of course, he buys a steady supply of clear glass and also colored glass in the form of frit and powders.

Steinke is excited to rent the use of his studio to qualified people and to do glass blowing demonstrations on Second Saturdays - along with inviting beginners to experience classes.

"There is something very special about the allure of glass blowing and I hope that Sacramento learns to embrace and appreciate the art form more widely," he said.

The Sacramento Art Glass studio is located 2500 Sutterville Rd.

Interested in blowing glass? Rene is now enrolling. Each class limited to four students. All materials are included in the \$125 fee. Reservations at 443-2397.

## New Helvetia Brewing Company open for beer tastings, grand opening in January

By BENN HODAPP  
benn@valcomnews.com

Those who like to unwind with a tall, cold one at the end of the day have innumerable locations from which to buy their beer, but none of those places are steeped in Sacramento beer-making history like Land Park's newly-opened New Helvetia Brewing Company.

The brewery, located at 1730 Broadway began its soft opening month in December, having first opened its doors on Dec. 6. The site will be part bar, part brewery and part history as founder David Gull plans to pay homage to legendary Sacramento-based Buffalo Beer, which began brewing in the late 1800s.

The beer, which won't be called Buffalo Beer to avoid possible copyright issues, will be brewed in-house and sold to patrons at the bar under the name of Buffalo Craft Lager. Gull, a former real es-

tate broker who was part of the team that built the 19th and Broadway lofts, hopes to find enough success selling the beer to bar patrons to expand and sell kegs to bars and restaurants and perhaps even begin bottling it and selling it in stores.

The opening of the brewing company comes after four long years of research and hard work.

In 2008, after being laid off from his real estate job, Gull began to formulate his idea for the brewery/bar. He began to research old Buffalo Beer and come up with a plan.

"There was a family history with (Buffalo Beer), Gull said. "I recall being at an uncle's house and he had all kinds of Buffalo Beer stuff."

He started looking for locations in 2011, knowing that if he had his way the shop would end up on Broadway. Gull graduated from McClatchy High School in 1992 and cur-



Photo by Benn Hodapp

Land Park's newly-opened New Helvetia Brewing Company, located at 1730 Broadway began its soft opening month in December, having first opened its doors on Dec. 6. The site will be part bar, part brewery and part history.

rently resides in Land Park with his wife and children.

The lease for the Broadway location was signed in July of 2011 and got approval to open its doors in November 2012. But in the time between the lease and final approval, there was some work that needed doing. The site, which Gull said is recognized by most as the former site of the Casa Grande tortilla factory, went under construction in August 2012.

Along with the expected work such as painting and adding new light fixtures, Gull added a wall with large windows where peo-

ple can peek in at the brewing equipment that will soon whip up the New Helvetia spirits. In addition to the wall, new plumbing was added as well as new heating and air conditioning.

And though the spot has yet to hold its grand opening, those looking for a cold beer can come in and try one of the two locally-brewed beers on tap. Currently available are what Gull described as a fresh hop lager and a fresh hop IPA made with locally-grown ingredients by the brewery's brewmaster. Gull hopes to have the grand opening sometime

in January and expects the in-house brewing to begin soon.

New Helvetia Brewing Company will open as strictly a brewery/bar, but Gull hopes to expand it into a restaurant as well in the coming years. He cited that the lot is large enough to handle such future expansions as a fully-functional kitchen.

For more information on New Helvetia Brewing Company and its upcoming grand opening, you can call (916) 501-7622 or e-mail David Gull at dave@newhelvetiabrew.com.

**Get Your Local News NOW! →**

Subscribe online for fast news updates. All you need is an e-mail. (Located on lower right side of webpage)

**VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, INC.** is online at [www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)

**Forever Young Childcare** Infant and Toddler Center

1209 P Street, Sacramento  
Monday-Friday,  
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
(916) 446-4246

where being a kid comes naturally

Forever Young is a 30-year-old parent-run, non-profit co-op. Meals, diapers, and wipes are included in tuition. Meals are natural, vegetarian foods with little or no added salt, sugar, or preservatives. The learning environment is non-violent and gender-neutral which respects the diversity of all ethnic and cultural viewpoints.

[www.ForeverYoungChildCare.org](http://www.ForeverYoungChildCare.org) SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!

**"Wendi's expertise in staging and pricing helped us quickly sell our home for top dollar."**

**Wendi REINL**

916.206.8709 WendiReinl.com Wendi@WendiReinl.com  
DRE# 01314052

COLDWELL BANKER  
RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE



# Former Land Park Station post office clerk still bringing smiles to the community

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
lance@valcomnews.com

Many people in the Land Park and Pocket areas have fond memories of Sally Anderson, a clerk who worked for nearly a decade at the United States Postal Service's Land Park Station at 5930 South Land Park Drive.

But what many customers of that post office may not be aware of is that Anderson can still be found behind a post office counter bringing smiles to those who she serves.

After leaving Land Park Station 13 years ago, she has worked at the capital city's well known post office at 2000 Royal Oaks Drive.

But Anderson's post office career began long before her years at the Land Park Station post office.

In fact, Anderson, 84, was already a well established post office worker in 1971 — the year the United States Post Office Department was reorganized into the United States Postal Service.

Those who are most familiar with Anderson recognize her as a woman who displays a strong work ethic and a love for her job.

Anderson's positive attitude and joyful spirit was on full display last week as the post office was handling its busiest time of the year.

Anderson explained that like in years past, she recently enjoyed working at the post office during the holiday season.

"I love it, because people are mailing love," Anderson said. "That's what I like. When they come in and they're mailing something to somebody, I'm thinking they love someone they're mailing these things to and that's a joy to me."

Ralph Petty, customer relations coordinator for the Sacramento Post Office, said that during the holiday rush, USPS handles about a 20 percent increase in items being mailed.

After being asked to describe his appreciation for Anderson and her dedication to USPS, Petty said, "Sally is an ambassador for the post office. She's been around for a long time. She knows a lot of the history about Sacramento. She's able to reflect back on her early days when she worked for the postal service and she's given us a lot



Sally Anderson holds a vintage envelope commemorating the July 1, 1971 establishment of the United States Postal Service. Photo by Lance Armstrong

of information on the way things were and how we've advanced over the years. Sally is a very conscious person. She loves the history of the postal service and what it's meant to the American people throughout the years. She's just an all around absolutely wonderful person."

Many readers of this article were not even living in Sacramento or, in some cases, even born when Anderson began working for the local post office.

In presenting the early part of her history with the post office, Anderson, who has resided in the same Greenhaven area house since 1972, said, "I've been with the postal service for

47 years. I started out, actually, down on 7th and K (streets). That was a (red sandstone) building that belonged to the postal service and they called it the Pink Panther. I was hired as part of 50 people who were sorting Department of Motor Vehicles mail. That was a time when they did that just once a year."

Anderson's next post office work was at the old post office building at 8th and I streets.

Eventually Anderson, who was hired under the classification of "temporary indefinite," was encouraged to take a post office test, so that she could become a regular full-time postal worker.

Although she was initially uncertain whether she wanted to continue working for the post office, Anderson said that she ultimately decided to pursue a long-term position because she figured \$2.34 an hour was "pretty good."

"I took the (post office) test (in 1965) and two days later I got a call and they said, 'Please come in' and I've been here ever since," Anderson said.

Anderson continued to work at the 8th and I streets building while the Royal Oaks post office building was being constructed.

The Royal Oaks building was opened on May 8, 1966

See Post Office, page 7

# Post office: Clerk loves her job after 47 years

Continued from page 6

and its carrier annex was added in the 1980s.

Among the first mail sorters at the Royal Oaks post office was Anderson, who alternated between the "Tour 3" 3 p.m. shift and the graveyard shift.

Anderson's next assignment at the Royal Oaks post office was sorting mail in an upstairs room.

She later worked at the same post office putting together mail that had fallen apart.

In speaking about this latter job, she said, "You hopefully get the right mail going in the right (packaging) or else people were going to be really surprised."

Anderson said that people have attempted to mail many odd things during her tenure with the Sacramento Post Office. Among these things were a baby alligator and a very odiferous item.

The latter item was initially quite disturbing to the post office's workers, Anderson explained.

"You could smell it and it smelled horrible," Anderson said. "About that time, we had heard that there was someone who had dismembered someone and (the package) was the size of a head. (The item turned out to be) a head of (rotting) cabbage."

After deliberating for a day shift, in 1974, Anderson was made a "pool clerk," which is a person who is trained to perform a variety of jobs and then rotated to different positions.

Through her work as a pool clerk, Anderson worked at many post offices in Sacramento and Yolo counties.

Eventually the pool clerk position was eliminated and Anderson was sent to the West Sacramento post office to sort mail.

As previously mentioned, Anderson's post office career included her employment at the Land Park Station, where she enjoyed working with the public for eight years.

But Anderson explained that she enjoys interacting

with the public wherever she works.

"I do love my job," Anderson said. "I like to talk to people across the counter. I also like to try to get them to buy stamps that they are just going to put away."

Anderson, who is a long-time, avid stamp collector, believes that stamp collecting is a great way to learn history.

"People learn from (stamps)," Anderson said. "They learn history of this country and that's what's so important. I love my country, I make my money here and I spend it here."

And in being a traveler, Anderson takes opportunities to learn about America at the actual sites of historical happenings.

Thus far, she has visited 36 states, including two of her favorites, Alaska and Tennessee. While in Tennessee, she visited Elvis Presley's beloved Graceland Mansion.

Anderson said that Presley played a strong role in USPS history, through his post-mortem connection to what she referred to as the "stamp explosion."

"When the Elvis stamp came out (in 1993), we made more money on that stamp than we've ever made on any other stamp," Anderson said. "People would buy whole pads, which are 2,000 stamps each and just put them under their beds or in their closets and stuff."



Sally Anderson stands at her familiar spot behind the counter at the Royal Oaks post office. Photo by Lance Armstrong

## FUNERAL DIRECTORY

Call Patty at (916) 429-9901  
www.valcomnews.com

EAST LAWN FD136  
**ANDREWS & GREILICH MORTUARY**

3939 Fruitridge Road  
Sacramento, CA 95820

"Ready to provide guidance at a difficult time."  
916-732-2026

**GEORGE L. KLUMPP**  
CHAPEL OF FLOWERS  
FD 360

2691 Riverside Boulevard  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Phone: (916) 443-7917  
Fax: (916) 443-7931

Family owned and operated since 1921

**EAST LAWN**  
EAST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK

4300 Folsom Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95819

916-732-2000  
FD1242  
"Compassion and Integrity Since 1904."

**Harry A. Nauman & Son**

**Dignity**  
FD366  
4041 Freeport Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95822  
(916) 452-6157

Serving Sacramento Families since 1903.  
Pre-arrangement packages available.

EAST LAWN  
**ELK GROVE MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARY**  
FD1455

9189 East Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95624  
916-732-2031

**LIND BROTHERS**  
FD 1141

A Local Family-Owned Funeral Home  
Serving Sacramento Since 1964  
916.482.8080

EAST LAWN  
SIERRA HILLS  
MEMORIAL PARK AND  
EAST LAWN MORTUARY  
5757 Greenback Lane  
Sacramento, CA 95841  
916-732-2020

"Knowing that professional guidance is always by your side" FD1242

Call  
Patty  
Today

916-429-9901

**VCA Greenhaven Pocket Animal Hospital**

**FUN FACT**  
Did you know dogs see certain colors?

- Full Service Animal Hospital
- Health Exams • Dentistry
- Medicine/Surgery
- Vaccinations • Spays/Neuters

Our furry friends can become stressed with groups of family and friends around. Make sure they have a stress free quiet place to go.

Remember to keep all candies and table scraps out of the reach of our 4 legged friends.

**More Than Just a Veterinarian!**

Mon: 7:30am - 7pm • Tue-Fri: 7:30am - 6pm  
Sat: 8am - 5pm • Sun: 9am - 4pm

1 Valine Court  
916.391.3677

Check out our website for more special offers!  
www.vcagreenhaven.com

CONSIDERING A PET?  
We can help you decide which breed is best suited for your family and lifestyle. CALL US!

**VCA**  
Animal Hospital  
Expert care. With a passion.

**VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, INC.**  
Community News In Your Hands

CONTACT A SALES REPRESENTATIVE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSPAPERS!  
2709 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818  
916.429.9901 | www.valcomnews.com

Discover Your Style  
with *Paris*

Hair Color & Style Specialist -  
Paris is now at **Taki Salon & Spa!**

5866 South Land Park Drive  
Call for your appointment  
**916.761.8255**

"Paris listened to what I wanted and I was thrilled with my cut. She is sweet and a very good stylist, and affordable, too!" -Kathleen



## Operation Christmas Child comes to an end, with great results

Residents of the Sacramento region generously gave of their time and resources to help impact thousands of hurting children this Christmas through Operation Christmas Child. Together volunteers were able to pack 47,500 shoe boxes—filled with toys, school supplies and basic necessities—8,600 of these being packed at one large packing party. The region's shoe box gifts, joined by millions of others, are now on their way to needy children in 100 countries. During the 2012 collection season, Operation Christmas Child reached a milestone—more than 100 million children have been impacted by the power of a simple gift since 1993.

Organizers also thank the volunteers at local collection sites. Although all 14 of the drop-off locations are now

closed, there is still plenty of time to get involved through the project's "Build a Box" online tool where you can virtually pack a shoe box gift. To get involved, go online to [www.samaritanaspurse.org/giving/buildabox/](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/giving/buildabox/). Gifts are also received year-round at Samaritan's Purse by mailing them to 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, N.C., 28607.

Operation Christmas Child year-round volunteer opportunities are available. To find out how you can use your gifts and talents to make a difference in children's lives around the world visit [www.occnorcal.org](http://www.occnorcal.org) (volunteer application is located on the 'Contact' page) or call Ann Olson, Area Coordinator at 783-3838.

A simple gift, packed with love, can communicate hope and transform the lives of children worldwide.

## The Sacramento Antique Faire is moving to a new location beginning in January

The 300 vendor, antiques and collectibles outdoor marketplace that is held the second Sunday of every month, rain or shine, from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 21st and X streets in midtown will be moving to Front Street. Jan. 13 will be their opening date at a new site located at 2300 Front Street. It is located just north of Broadway still under the freeway and just one mile away from 21st and X Street. Cal Trans will commence an 18 month long construction project at 21st and X necessitating the move.

Though the address will be changing, the date (Second Sunday), hours, and number of vendors will remain the same. Call with questions (916) 600-9770 or look for updates on our website at [www.sacantiquefaire.com](http://www.sacantiquefaire.com).

Visit us online at:  
[WWW.VALCOMNEWS.COM](http://WWW.VALCOMNEWS.COM)

# Senior Services *and* Resources

Call Melissa (916) 429-9901

### ESTATE PLANNING

The Law Offices of Richard A. Lewis

**ASSET PROTECTION**  
Using a Combination of Revocable Living Trusts  
Credit Shelter Trusts  
By-Pass Trusts • Charitable Remainder Trusts  
Off-Shore Trusts and Asset Protection Trusts

Asset Protection errors are catastrophic - Peace of mind is everything. **916.446.4141**

### DOCUMENT PREP SERVICES

**LIVING TRUST/LIVING WILL**  
Legal Document Prep Services:

- Trust • Will
- Powers of Attorney
- Residential Deed

Couples \$495 Singles \$450  
Lynda K. Knight (916) 214-1215  
1337 Howe Ave., Ste. 103  
Sacto 95825

### YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

**Call Melissa today!**  
Your services are needed.  
Your ad should be here.  
Ad design is free.  
Call 429-9901

### HELP AT HOME

**HELP AT HOME**  
**Senior Care**  
Caring, In-Home Assistance & Companionship  
• Light housekeeping  
• Meal preparation  
• Med reminders • Errands  
• Dementia care • Bathing & Much More  
For no-cost/in-home assessment, call 877-404-6636

### LOVING COMPANIONS



Specializing in  
24/7 Live-In  
Service

Excellent  
Rates &  
Discounts

Certified care  
**(866) 312-2157**

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

**+AMD Medical Supply**



Visit our website - [amdmedsupply.com](http://amdmedsupply.com)  
Tel/Fax: (916) 485-2500  
3108 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

Now Accepting Medicare

### REAL ESTATE SERVICES

**Moving On?**  
FREE Real Estate Help & Advice  
tailored to seniors & their families  
Contact John Woodall, GRI  
Seniors Real Estate Specialist  
**(916) 421-5421**  
✓ out my blog at:  
[aSeniorsBlog.com](http://aSeniorsBlog.com)

### SENIOR PLACEMENT

**FREE Senior Living Placement**

Finding local, long term care for every senior is our specialty!  
We will personally drive you to the locations that meet your personal, financial, and geographic preferences.

Get Assistance. Call Today!

**916-372-3762**



[www.AssistedTransition.com](http://www.AssistedTransition.com)

### SPECIAL ALZHEIMER'S LIVING

**† Primrose**  
*Living With Memory Loss*

Day Club, Respite,  
Residential, Support Groups  
& Educational Classes  
[cas@primrosealz.com](mailto:cas@primrosealz.com)  
[www.primrosealz.com](http://www.primrosealz.com)  
**(916) 392-3510**

7707 Rush River Dr. Sacto, CA 95831

### YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

**Call Melissa today!**  
Your services are needed.  
Your ad should be here.  
Call **(916) 429-9901**

HOW DO YOU  
BUILD YOUR  
DREAM HOME  
AND KEEP YOUR  
BUDGET ON THE

**LEVEL**



That's the question when it comes to residential construction loans and here is the straight answer: competitive rates. Luckily, that's just what you will find at Merchants National Bank. And when you add that to our rating as one of California's most secure banks<sup>1</sup>, plus our high level of service throughout the life of your loan, it's easy to see why we excel at relationship banking – and have since 1921.

<sup>1</sup>Ratings according to Bauer Financial Reports, Veribanc and Institutional Risk Analytics.

**The Merchants National Bank**  
*of Sacramento*

RELATIONSHIP BANKING SINCE 1921

[merchantsnational.com](http://merchantsnational.com) • 916.442.3883





## SCUSD middle and high schools open for visitation days, tours

Events help parents learn of options before Open Enrollment Jan. 28- Feb. 8

Sacramento City Unified School District middle schools and high schools are hosting a series of tours, showcase nights and visitation days to help parents learn their options before Open Enrollment next month.

Visiting a school is often the best way families can determine if a campus is right for them. During visits, parents can observe teachers and students at work in classrooms, talk to ad-

ministrators about the school and its programs and talk to other parents.

Open Enrollment (January 28 through February 8) is an opportunity for families that live within the boundaries of Sacramento City Unified to apply for enrollment to SCUSD middle and high schools. Acceptance is contingent on seats available and, in some cases, student eligibility. For example, West Campus High School, the Humanities and International Studies Program at C.K. McClatchy High School and

John F. Kennedy High School's PACE (Program in America and California Explorations) have eligibility criteria that must be met for admission.

In addition, SCUSD has several specialized small high schools that are geared toward specific careers or employment fields. These include Health Professions High School, Sacramento New Technology High School and the School of Engineering and Sciences. Other choices in SCUSD's portfolio of schools include George Wash-

ington Carver School of Arts and Science, one of only two Waldorf-inspired high schools in the country, and The Met Sacramento High School, which connects classroom learning to real-world experiences through internships.

For a full schedule of school visitation events, including dates, times and locations, please visit [www.scusd.edu/high-school-visitation-events](http://www.scusd.edu/high-school-visitation-events). To learn more about Open Enrollment, go to [www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment](http://www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment).

Seven Cats Rescued in Superstorm Sandy Land at Sacramento Airport

## Family death prompts cross-country effort to help stranded cats find new homes

An extraordinary long distance animal rescue effort took place on Dec 5 when cats orphaned by Superstorm Sandy arrived at the Sacramento International Airport to begin a new life. The seven felines were welcomed by volunteers from FieldHaven Feline Rescue, RedRover and the volunteer foster families are caring for the animals until permanent homes are found. This effort was launched after FieldHaven co-founder and New Jersey native Joy Smith's family member died in Superstorm Sandy – leaving two cats homeless and lost in the devastation.

"We knew we needed to rescue the two orphaned cats, but we also knew that there were countless pets left stranded in the wake of Sandy – putting an enormous strain on all shelters in the Northeast region," said Joy Smith, co-founder of FieldHaven Feline Rescue. "FieldHaven serves as an emergency shelter in Placer County when needed so we knew from experience how overwhelming the sudden influx of traumatized animals can be for the rescuers. We had to find a way to help, so we reached out to the rescue folks in the trenches to identify seven cats we could fly to California to start a new life."


This heartwarming effort is made possible by a network of rescue organizations working together to save these special cats. S.A.V.E. volunteers waded through the devastation to locate and rescue countless pets in the aftermath of the storm. Sacramento based RedRover – an organization dedicated to helping animals in crisis – made an emergency grant to cover air transport costs. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, New Jersey – a leader in the effort to rescue animals in New Jersey – donated seven airline approved cat carriers. And FieldHaven Feline Rescue – a Lincoln rescue organization – has been organizing staff and foster families to care for these furry refugees until they are adopted in a loving home.

Just days after Superstorm Sandy devastated the Jersey Shore, Smith was notified that a relative was among the casualties. As an experienced animal rescuer, Joy immediately hit the phones to try and locate the relative's two cats. Three days and about 100 calls later, Joy found the cats in the care of emergency foster volunteers. They had been rescued by Shore Area Volunteer Enterprise (S.A.V.E.) in Toms River, NJ. After hearing the heartbreaking reality of what was happening on the ground in the devastated areas, Joy realized that FieldHaven could make a real difference by taking not only Smokey and Blackie (the relative's cats) – but five additional felines.


# CONGRATULATIONS BOCA'S CELTIC!

GOOD LUCK IN THE 2012 NORCAL STATE CUP FINALS!

For five years, this collaboration of caring coaches and talented girls – supported by very committed parents – have successfully demonstrated great skill, sportswomanship, & competitiveness.



**PROUD MOM!!!** *This soccer family is like no other!*



**STEPH BAKER** REALTOR®  
(916) 775-3447  
CentralCityDigs@gmail.com

**Central City Digs**  
Homes, Lofts, Condos  
.com

**COLDWELL BANKER**  
DRE# 01402254

BACK ROW: COACH TODD, CARLY, HANNAH, TY, JESSIE, ISABELLA, MORGAN, KATE, JAEDYN, COACH LORI. FRONT ROW: MADDIE, BRENNAN, ASHLEY, LEXI, MEGHAN



**Primrose**  
Living With Memory Loss

*Sending Holiday Cheer & Warm Wishes for the New Year!*

*Primrose Staff*

**7707 Rush Drive, Sacramento CA 95831 • 916-392-3510**

LIC 347001338; 347001342

**Get a free \$15 Visa Gift Card**  
With Your December Transactions!

We pay **CASH** for **GOLD**

Jewelry, Coins, Scrap, Watches (working or not), Dental

We pay **CASH** for **Sterling Silver**  
flatware, serving pieces, coins, jewelry, scrap silver

We **BUY** Vintage Wrist & Pocket Watches  
working or not

**CROWN PRECIOUS METALS**  
3245 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento CA 95816  
(on Folsom between 32nd & 34th)  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday  
**916-456-6227**  
Independently Owned & Operated. Honest & Friendly. 30 Years Experience.

"SACRAMENTO'S **BEST** NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT" 2 YEARS IN A ROW

# RIVERSIDE

CLUBHOUSE

"Where Neighbors, Friends and Family Gather"

Come Join Us

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DINING/PARTY and NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

9 AM TO 2 PM



**ADDITIONAL PARKING at RIVERSIDE PLAZA - NEXT DOOR AFTER 5PM**  
NO PARKING on Beverly Way

KIDS EAT FREE

Monday & Tuesday Nights  
"Cow Menu"  
12 Years or Younger  
Happy Hour Menu excluded

---

BREAKFAST SERVED

Saturdays & Sundays, 9am-2pm  
Bottomless Mimosas \$8.00 Each

HAPPY HOUR

Monday - Friday 3-7pm  
Friday & Saturday 10pm-Midnight

Feat. 12 Appetizers from \$4 to \$6

Selected Wine/Drinks Menu - Discounted by 30%

Saturday Night Birthday Bash

Book your party & receive \$100 OFF

2633 RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD

916-448-9988 • [www.RiversideClubhouse.com](http://www.RiversideClubhouse.com)



**FREE!**  
TWO FIREWORKS SHOWS IN OLD SACRAMENTO

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SKY SPECTACULAR**  
OLD SACRAMENTO DECEMBER 31, 2012

**6 PM**  
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD & DRINK VENDORS

**9 PM**  
FAMILY FIREWORKS SHOW  
FOOD & DRINK VENDORS

**9:30 PM**  
LIVE MUSIC & STREET ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD & DRINK VENDORS

**12 AM**  
GRAND FINALE FIREWORKS SHOW  
FOOD & DRINK VENDORS

**Radio Disney AM 1470**

**FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**  
6:00PM SWIFT COUNTRY - A TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR SWIFT  
7:00PM RADIO DISNEY ROCKIN' ROAD CREW  
7:40PM SWIFT COUNTRY - A TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR SWIFT  
8:30PM RADIO DISNEY ROCKIN' ROAD CREW

**LIVE MUSIC**  
BIG BAD BOOGIE ROCK  
A 70'S & 80'S COVER BAND  
SHOWS AT 9:30PM, 10:45PM & 12:15AM

**NYESACRAMENTO.COM**

**SACRAMENTO**  
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

**FREE!**  
SWIFT COUNTRY  
A TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR SWIFT

**BIG BAD BOOGIE ROCK**  
Where Disco & Rock EXPLODE!!



For over  
36 years

**COOK**  
REALTY  
www.cookrealty.net

**SOLD**

**1300 MARIAN WAY • \$399,000**  
MEENA CHAN LEE 837-9104

**SOLD**

**812 FREMONT WAY • \$259,000**  
KEIKO WONG 718-7400

**SOLD**

**2306 2ND AVENUE**  
Victorian in upscale Curtis Park. Total remodel 2011-'12. Historic look but modern function. Open floorplan, spacious entry, large living/dining room, huge kitchen & breakfast rm. 3-4 bd, 3 full ba. \$439,000  
JAMES WALKER • 607-0519

**PENDING**

**2334 IRVIN WAY**  
First time on the market in over 30 years. This home oozes pride of ownership, from the gleaming hard wood floors to the lovely backyard w/sparkling pool. Master suite w/cathedral ceilings, walk-in closet large bath w/double sinks. \$294,000  
MINDY DEFENBAUGH • 834-6202

**SOLD**

**2111 MARKHAM WAY**  
Owner carry possible for up to 5yrs at competitive rate w/strong down payment. 3bd 3ba home on Curtis Park's storybook street, Markham Way. Cosmetic fixer w/ good bones. Needs kitchen, baths & floorcovering upgrades. \$389,000  
JAMES WALKER • 607-0519

**SOLD**

**3732 JEFFREY AVENUE**  
S. Curtis Park Cottage. Boasting period look & detail while blending modern design & function. Just completed, stylish & extensive remodel. All systems in home new & energy efficient. \$275,000  
JAMES WALKER • 607-0519  
TANEA EVANS • 296-9451

See all our listings at [www.cookrealty.net](http://www.cookrealty.net)

**REAL ESTATE SCHOOL**  
★ LOW INTRODUCTORY COST  
★ START ANYTIME  
★ LIVE CLASSES  
Call: Ed Daniels • 451-6702

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**  
★ MONTHLY CASH FLOW  
★ TENANT SCREENING  
★ MAINTENANCE  
Call: Brittany Naucke • 457-4907

**ADDITIONAL LISTINGS**

**2 RIVERSHORE COURT,**  
BEAUTIFUL four b **SOLD**  
bath well layed out home with 2783 Sq. Ft. and Japanese garden!  
\$469,000  
SUSIE K. PARKER • 421-3546

**2246 22ND AVENUE**  
Built on an expansive **SOLD**  
size bkyd, plenty of room on either side of the house. Hardwood floors, liv rm frplc. \$199,000  
TREY BONETTI • 768-9360

**18 ALSTAN COURT**  
South Land Park 1800+ Sq. Ft. single story three bedroom two bath best buy, Equity home!  
\$1,175,000  
SUSIE K. PARKER • 421-3546

4305 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento **COOK REALTY** www.cookrealty.net • (916) 451-6702



# Donate E-Waste and support Boy Scout Troop 136 High Adventure Group

Parkside Community Church supporting Boy Scout Troop 136 High Adventure Group has partnered with CEAR to recycle all of the collected e-waste. CEAR is a CA State approved Collector & Recycler of Electronic waste. We completely shred all hard drives at our securely monitored facility.

Providing fundraiser and community outreach is part of what makes CEAR a unique E-waste Recycler. For your security, all hard drives are completely shred at the CEAR facility. For any questions or details regarding holding fundraisers please contact us at 388-1777 or events@cearinc.com.

## We will accept:

Monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PCs, VCRs, stereo equipment, CDs, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, laser and multifunction scanners and fax machines, small household appliances such as toasters, mixers & blenders, vacuum cleaners with the dust bag removed.

## We cannot accept:

Large Household Appliances (i.e. refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.) Furniture, Hazardous Household Waste including batteries, car batter-

ies, paint, pesticides, used oil, cleaning supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, water heaters, tires etc.

Questions regarding the event? Contact Craig Chalmers 826-0513, Curt Thue 730-4626, Chris Salmon 310-795-9151, Susan Little 494-9664, or John MacAllister 806-2596

## If you go:

When: Saturday, Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Where: Parkside Church/5700 South Land Park Drive, North Parking Lot

RESERVE YOUR SPACE IN THE UPCOMING

# California Kids!

Be seen by over 100,000 readers each month

CALL JEN AT (916) 429-9901

### Advertise in these papers:

Arden-Carmichael News, East Sacramento News, Land Park News, Pocket News

Call (916) 429-9901 TODAY!

MENTION THIS AD FOR APPLIED DISCOUNT

Not valid with any other offer. Expires 3/31/13

Introductory offer for new advertisers

# 20% OFF FIRST 4 ADS

# Choice, luxury and fun



Here at Greenhaven Estates Assisted Living we provide assisted living as well as Alzheimer's and dementia care in our Expressions community.



**Greenhaven Estates**

7548 Greenhaven Dr, Sacramento, CA 95831

(916) 427-8887

www.PrestigeCare.com

License #: 347004312

# Happy New Year 2013

from these businesses serving the Land Park Community



a world of good tastes...  
...right in our neighborhood!



Pam Wishes Everyone a Happy New Year 2013

**Pamela Petterle**  
Direct: (916) 453-3349  
Cell: (916) 601-9494  
ppetterle@golyon.com  
www.PPetterle.GoLyon.com



**PARK TERRACE**  
SWIM & TENNIS CLUB

5500 PARKFIELD COURT  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95822-2429

(916) 448-2896 / ParkTerr@sbcglobal.net / www.ptswimtennis.com

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY 2013!

- Family fun since 1953 • Year round heated pool
- USPTA Norcal Tennis Pro of the Year
- Year round tennis programs for all ages • Summer programs for kids
- Summer recreation Junior Swim Team • Limited memberships available



Here's to Living Well in 2013 -  
Wishing you health and prosperity  
from The Meadows of  
Elk Grove Senior Living

Comfortable living  
designed with you in mind!



9325 E. Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95624  
www.lifestylesllc.com  
916-226-9319  
Lic #347002379

Happy New Year  
from  
**MAITA NISSAN**

The Ultimate Used Car Superstore

2820 AUBURN BLVD. SACRAMENTO, CA 95821

www.MaitaNissan.com

(916) 488-5400

**JIM JEFFERS**

448-6225

www.JJeffers.GoLyon.com  
JJeffers@GoLyon.com



DRE# 00768740



1775 7th Ave 3bd 2 bath 2203 sq ft. \$599,900



1941 4th Ave 3Bd 1 bath \$399,900

### RECENT SALES

1049 11th Avenue .....\$849,900  
3600 W. Lincoln .....\$1,195,000  
1241 11th Avenue .....\$935,000  
2636 16th Street .....\$370,000  
3728 19th Street .....\$899,900  
31 Lakeshore Circle .....\$269,900  
612 6th Avenue .....\$345,000  
1156 34th Avenue .....\$269,900  
797 Still Breeze Way .....\$550,000



## Advertise Online

Have your ad be seen by many instantly. With thousands visiting our website daily, your ad will get tons of exposure.

**Fast, Easy & Affordable.**  
Call 429.9901 for more info & rates.



VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, INC.  
is online at  
[www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)



### Faces and Places: NorCal Big Band Preservation Holiday Gala held Dec. 16 at Elks

Photos by Stephen Crowley  
[Stephen@valcomnews.com](mailto:Stephen@valcomnews.com)

Celia Cottle's 21-piece J. Street Jazz Cats from Davis got dancers in a nostalgic and festive mood at the holiday gala ball on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Sacramento Elks Lodge, No. 6. Following their presentation was legendary bandleader Buddy Harpham, 91, who followed with an array of Christmas songs, plus hits of the 30's, 40s, and 50's in swing, fox trot, waltz and Latin tempos.

Cottle's band of 13-15 year old musicians, who rehearse weekly, played holiday treats like "Let it Snow", "Jingle Bells", "Santa Claus", "Silver Bells". Celia formed her first "J Street Jazz Band", renamed the "Cats" by the teen members for Cottle's SPCA housing more than a dozen cats in her spacious home.

Harpham's will be playing these and other favorites like "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", "White Christmas", "Chestnuts Roasting", "Christmas", and other dance favorites during the three 15-minute segments of ladies' tags. For more information, call 444-6138 or e-mail [loucopp45@gmail.com](mailto:loucopp45@gmail.com).



Living with care in our community includes boundless interaction while we assist you to live independently.

**Move-in by December 31st with a 2 year lock-in rate!**

Retirement Living • Assisted Living • Skilled Nursing



Pioneer House, 415 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 442-4906 [www.PioneerHouseRetirement.org](http://www.PioneerHouseRetirement.org)  
RCFE# 340300522

# 'Twas a Winter Wonderland at Fairytale Town

By JOHN COOPER  
[jcooper@valcomnews.com](mailto:jcooper@valcomnews.com)

On Dec. 15, Fairytale Town gave park guests the chance to meet Santa and his reindeer during the Winter Wonderland event. From 11 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon, Christmas music played throughout the park as children lined up to visit Santa's workshop, take pictures with Saint Nick and ask for presents, and feed the live reindeer on loan from the Windswept Ranch.

Though the weather outside was frightful, parents still flocked to the park with their kids. All of Fairytale Town's usual lures were as popular as ever, though the new holiday attractions drew every child's attention. Santa's workshop, located in the Children's Theater, was easily the favorite, followed by the reindeer pen. It would have been enough to just be able to see the two reindeer, rented by the park from the Windswept Ranch, but children were also allowed to feed them; both reindeer would literally eat from the palm of your hand.

Fairytale Town truly has the Christmas spirit, apparent from the gigantic Christ-

mas tree set up and decorated in the park's central area. Standing 20 feet tall and surrounded by presents, the tree was visible from all areas of the park, and gave it a festive atmosphere. It was easy to forget how cold it was that Saturday, and imagine instead that you truly were about to meet Santa.

The park maintained the same level of comfort in the winter as it did in the summer, providing parents with plenty of places to sit as they watched their children run and play. Many of the play structures stand waist high, so that parents can take pictures with their kids without having to kneel. Fairytale Town is conveniently located near several good restaurants, and offers its own selection of reasonably priced meals as well. Additionally, it sits across the street from the Sacramento Zoo, making for an excellent stop on any parent's day out with the kids.

Although the Winter Wonderland has come to a close as Santa and his reindeer return to the North Pole, Fairytale Town has a full list of upcoming events at <http://www.fairytaletown.org/>.



Please **RECYCLE** this paper.  
Thank You

## BIRTHDAY Announcement?



Happy Birthday to my beautiful sister

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(actual size ad)

- Submit a photo
- Description of event/date
- Names of highlighted party(ies)
- Your contact information

**\$20.00** per paper  
**\$75.00** all 4 papers  
*(black/white ad)*

**Submit/contact:**  
Valley Community Newspapers  
2709 Riverside Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
(916) 429-9901

**Arden-Carmichael News,  
East Sac News, Land Park  
News, Pocket News**  
[www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE**  
IN THE UPCOMING  
**California Kids!**  
Be Seen by Over 100,000 Readers Each Month.  
**CALL JEN TODAY!**  
(916) 429-9901

Happy Birthday,  
Nathaniel!  
3 years January 1

Sophie Maya  
Sophie turned 1 on Dec. 23. Over her first year of life, she has experienced many new and exciting things. From trying tasty new foods (the most exotic being butternut squash risotto) to saying her first words (in order: hungry, mama, dada, that, raggedy, Lucky, doggie, baby, thank you, all done), Sophie has grown into a beautiful little girl, whom we love with all our hearts.



# Your Home Improvement Guide

Call a sales representative today for great advertising rates: 429-9901

## AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

**We're NOW Your DUCT CLEANING HEROES!**  
Call for Details

**BEYOND PROS. WE'RE HEROES!**

**916-686-2626**  
**HuftHeroes.com**

**SUPER A/C OR FURNACE TUNE-UP \$69.00 with this ad**

**Huft**  
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC.  
Service • Sales • Installation

Like Us... Follow Us... Review Us...

© 2012 Huft Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. (License EP133)

## YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE!

**Call today!**

**Your services are needed. Your ad should be here. Ad design is free.**

**(916) 429-9901**

# CALENDAR

For more calendar entries visit  
[www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)

Send your event announcement for consideration to: [editor@valcomnews.com](mailto:editor@valcomnews.com) at least two weeks prior to publication.

## ONGOING:

### Iron Steaks to donate to Society for the Blind

Now to Jan. 15: Iron Steaks will be donating a portion of their profits to the Sacramento Society for the Blind. This donation will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Iron's live music Saturdays. Bill Taylor, the owner of Iron Restaurant, is excited to be expanding their upstairs for live music events. The plan is to have a "Cotton Club" atmosphere, with dinner and live music every other Saturday. The kick-off for these events will be on New Year's Eve with the Sacramento favorite classic rock band Cinema 7. Iron Steaks is located at 2422 13th St., 13th and Broadway. For more information, call, 737-5115.

### Need an End-of-Year Write Off?

The Casa Garden Restaurant was established in 1974 to provide financial support to the children of the Sacramento Children's Home. Today they're fulfilling the same mission, and in the same place! But, 38 years later, they are in need of capital improvements such as painting, new carpets, and kitchen fixtures. Consider making a charitable donation to the Casa Garden Restaurant before the end of the year and help them with improvements and help with your tax-

es. Please note "capital improvements" on your check so your donation is applied correctly. Checks should be sent to: Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Sacramento, 95820

### The Camellia Symphony now accepts vehicle donations

If you have a vehicle you'd like to donate to support CSO, call 320-0476 to get the process started. Not only is a vehicle donation a great way to support classical music in your community, but it may also provide you with a tax deduction. <http://www.camelliasympphony.org/sponsor/vehicle-donation/>

### Old Sacramento Theatre of Lights

Theatre of Lights continues through the holiday season with two 20-minute light shows at 6:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 23 with special Monday shows at 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas Eve show will only be at 6:15 p.m. New Year's Eve will feature Theatre of Lights as an important piece of the overall fireworks spectacular with shows running later in the evening at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Chautauqua Children's Theatre presents its Christmas production 'Reindeer Revolution' Playing every Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. Now through Dec. 22. Tickets are \$7 all ages and can be purchased by calling

489-7529 or by emailing: [tickets@cplayhouse.org](mailto:tickets@cplayhouse.org) 5235 Engle Rd. Ste. 110. Carmichael.

## DECEMBER

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 27: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

### All Saints Concerts

Jan. 27: There will be an organ recital by Dr. Ryan Enright at 4 p.m. at 2076 Sutterville Rd. Childcare will be provided and overflow parking is available across from Sutterville Road at City College. Reception to follow.

### Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 28: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

Dec. 28: Kwanzaa performance at Crocker at 2 p.m. Big Dreams Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. ) Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

### Congregation B'Nai Israel's sustainability committee sponsors e-waste collection

Dec. 30: Free public collection event to dispose of your electronic waste, from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. E-waste will be safely and properly recycled and some of the proceeds will benefit the Downtown Food Closet. Examples of accepted items: Computers, monitors, printer, TV, VCR, ink and toner cartridge. Not Accepted: All types of lighting, household batteries, car batteries, paint, mercury containing devices, appliances, universal waste, non-electronic waste. Attention Businesses - For a special pick up, call 310-734-6700, [www.newwaste.com](http://www.newwaste.com)

### Book, CD, and DVD 'swap meet' at Sacramento's Central Library

Dec. 30: The Sacramento Public Library is inviting the public to trade their books, CDs and DVDs and meet other reading, music and movie lovers during a free social gathering from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular

Dec. 31: Come one, come all to the 13th annual New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular in Old Sacramento between 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. With two stunning -- and free -- fireworks shows at 9 p.m. and midnight, guests will enjoy twists, turns and heart pounding visual inspiration choreographed to music. Free. 808-7777 or [www.nyesasacramento.com](http://www.nyesasacramento.com)

## JANUARY

### POWERTalk International

Jan. 1, 5: Want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? POWERTalk International, a nonprofit public speaking organization, provides coaching in leadership skills, sales presentation, interviewing, confidence building and more. Meets First Tuesdays of the month 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and First Saturdays of the

Month 12 noon-3 p.m. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Liz Richardson (916) 208-9163, [erichardson1202@yahoo.com](mailto:erichardson1202@yahoo.com) [www.powertalkinternational.com](http://www.powertalkinternational.com)

### Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Jan. 1: 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](http://www.rotary.org).

### Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Jan. 1: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

### East Sac Rotary

Jan. 2: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

### The Yale Spizzwinks A Cappella Concert

Jan. 2: Featuring Sacramento native and 2012 Jesuit High School alumnus Drew Robiner, the Yale Spizzwinks(?) kick off their west coast tour at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For Tickets: [\\$15 Adult / \\$5 Student & Child](https://spizzwinks.ticketbud.com/sacramento)

### First Wednesday Art - What a Year! Accordion albums

Jan. 2: From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library.

See more calendar, page 20

### ADDITION SPECIALIST

**LYTLE CONSTRUCTION INC.**  
Award-Winning Design/Build Firm  
Serving Sacramento for more than 25 years

Remodeling and Design  
LIC# 480492

- Additions
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Custom Cabinetry

**FREE Consultation**  
**916-422-6639**

Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodeler

[www.lytleconstruction.com](http://www.lytleconstruction.com)

### CLEANING

#### PRIME QUALITY MAINTENANCE

- RAIN GUTTER CLEANING
- Pressure Washing (house ext/walkways/all concrete areas)
- Window Cleaning (inside/out/screens washed)
- Hard Water Stain Removal
- Landscape Maintenance

Free Estimates  
Licensed & Insured

**Call Jesse (916) 417-4231**

### CLEANING

#### The Cleaning Brothers

"We Treat Your Home Like It's Our Own"

Commercial & Residential Services:

- Pressure Washing
- Gutter Cleaning (Starting at \$75)
- Window Cleaning
- Solar Panel Cleaning
- Pool/Spa Draining

Free Estimates! Call Now! (916) 402-8390  
[www.TheCleaningBrothersCo.com](http://www.TheCleaningBrothersCo.com)  
Licensed & Insured

### ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

**CAPITOL ELECTRIC**  
Reasonable Residential & Commercial Work since 1960  
Repairs, Trouble Shooting  
Custom Lighting/FREE Est.  
Excellent ref from Angie's List

**(916) 451-2300**  
**Cell: 213-3740**  
Neil McIntire — C.S.L.# 394307

### ELECTRICAL

**Sunshine Electrical**  
Residential Specialist  
Security Lighting  
Upgrades/Remodels/Repairs  
Spa Electrical  
FREE Estimates/Small jobs OK

(916)752-5308  
Ca License # 633853 (Liability Insured)

### FENCING

Bob Grove  
(916) 425-7435 License #: 927602

**GATEWAY FENCE CO.**  
Commercial & Residential

Gateway-Fence.com  
[bob@gateway-fence.com](http://bob@gateway-fence.com) Fax (916) 429-1905

**10% OFF VCN Special**

### GLAZIER/GLASS WORK

**TOUCH OF GLASS**  
We'll beat any price!  
Commercial & Residential

REPAIR & INSTALLATION  
Replace broken windows, etching, shower doors, mirrors, patio doors

**916.456.2420**  
[www.touchofglass916.com](http://www.touchofglass916.com)  
Glazier Lic# 812600 • Over 20 years!

Advertise in these papers:  
Arden-Carmichael News,  
East Sacramento News,  
Land Park News, Pocket News

**Introductory offer for new advertisers**

**20% OFF 4 ADS**

**Call (916) 429-9901 TODAY!**  
MENTION THIS AD FOR APPLIED DISCOUNT  
Not valid with any other offer. Expires 3/31/13

# Your Home Improvement Guide

Call a sales representative today for great advertising rates: 429-9901

### HANDYMAN

**FREEDOM HANDYMAN SERVICE**  
I specialize in all areas of home improvement!  
Carpentry - Electrical  
Sprinklers - Plumbing  
Accepts All Major Credit Cards  
Quality work the first time, guaranteed!  
NO JOB TOO SMALL!  
Call Eric (916) 470-3488  
Licensed and Insured #152902

### HANDYMAN

**Holiday Clean-up Specials!**

- RAIN GUTTER CLEANING
- ROTOILLING/SOD PLACEMENT
- CONCRETE REMOVAL
- YARD CLEAN-UP/HAULING
- PRESSURE WASHING

Pressure wash your driveways clean! your decks, too!  
Clean out your garage! Replace that old lawn!  
Hard work ---not a problem!

**SPECIALS FOR SENIORS\*/SERVING THE AREA FOR OVER 15 YRS\***

Call LESTER  
(916) 838-1247  
Lic#128758/Ref

### HARDWOOD FLOORING

**Hardwood Flooring**

Specializing in installing, sanding, and finishing hardwood flooring

Call Michael - (916) 383-8742  
Lic # 544159/References Available

### PLUMBING

**ROONEY'S PLUMBING**  
FULL SERVICE PLUMBING  
ROOTER SERVICE

**CALL 456-7777**  
[rooneysplumbing.com](http://rooneysplumbing.com)  
License #683668

### PLUMBING

**MIDTOWN PLUMBING**  
Licensed Plumbing Contractor Since 1973

Reasonable Residential Work • Repairs • Re-Pipes  
Sewers • Water Heaters • Drains • Disposals Etc.

**916-393-2109 Cell 275-8236**  
CSL # 284755 • Fully Bonded & Insured • Accepts all major credit cards

### REALTOR

**Big Heart Realty**  
Dedicated to the Community

**Ron Roberts**  
Listing & selling in the neighborhood!

(916) 806-0118  
**BigHeartRealty.com**

### ROOFING

**TOPKINS ROOFING**  
34 years experience  
Specializing in all types of roofing & repairs  
Dry rot repairs • Senior discount

**(916) 731-7073**  
24-hour service • License #667013

### LANDSCAPING

**SMOOT LANDSCAPING**  
CUSTOM LANDSCAPES & DESIGN

**916.454.1300**  
[www.smootlandscaping.com](http://www.smootlandscaping.com)  
Lic #633224

### PAINTING

**GARY'S PAINTING**  
CUSTOM RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR & EXTERIOR OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH PRIDE  
EXCELLENT REFERENCES

**725-8781**  
Contractors Lic. # 734323  
McClatchy '67

### PAINTING

**SOVEREIGN PAINTING**  
Quality craftsmanship 3rd Generation Painter with over 30-years experience

**(916) 422-4416**  
[sovereignpaintingco.com](http://sovereignpaintingco.com)  
[sovereignpaint@yahoo.com](mailto:sovereignpaint@yahoo.com)

**Dan Sovereign**, Interior & Exterior Painting  
Lic# 484215  
Better Business Bureau Member

### PAINTING

**COOK PAINTING**  
Full Service Company - Start to Finish

Ask about our VCN Special!

- Custom Painting
- Super clean, neat & fast
- Interior/Exterior
- Cabinets

Specializing in custom trim & moulding!  
Color Consultants • Free Estimates

In business since 1982  
CSL# 432951

**(916) 591-5056**

### TILE WORK

**BAXTER TILE**  
EXPERT INSTALLATION  
REMODELING & REPAIR

Ceramic • Marble • Granite  
Floors • Counters • Walls

33 Years Experience • FREE Estimates  
**916-213-4669**  
License #668100

### TREE SERVICE

**Terra Bella Tree Service**  
"Not your typical mow, blow & go company!"

- Tree Trimming
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Removal
- 20 years experience!

Call Randy (916) 454-3430 or 802-9897  
[www.terrabellagarden.com](http://www.terrabellagarden.com) • Lic# 974388

### TREE SERVICE

**DON'S TREE SERVICE**  
ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST WE 6590A  
Trimming, thinning, shaping & stump removal  
Family Owned & Operated since 1967

#1 in customer satisfaction  
(916) 428-4882  
(916) 689-5244  
[www.donandsonreeservice.com](http://www.donandsonreeservice.com)  
Lic# 331196

### YOUR AD HERE

**Call today!**

**Your services are needed. Your ad should be here. Ad design is free.**

**Call 429-9901**



# CALENDAR

For more calendar entries visit  
www.valcomnews.com

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Jan. 3: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
Jan. 4: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Sacramento Anime Convention (Sacanime) in Sacramento**  
Jan. 4: SacAnime is the anime convention "Where Fans Come to Play", providing Japanese influenced pop culture fun for the entire family. Events include live concerts with Kazha and Raj Ramayya, a huge vendors room, karaoke contest, cosplay masquerade, lolita tea party, maid cafe, video game tournaments, artists alley, panels and workshops and much more, also special guests. This event will take place at 1400 J St. Friday: \$20 Saturday: \$30; Sunday: \$15; and Weekend: \$40. For more information visit <http://www.sacconventions.com/>.

**Free Tree Pruning Clinic**  
Jan. 5: Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 11 to 12:30 p.m. at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. Register at [www.sactree.com/events](http://www.sactree.com/events).

**Free MS Excel computer classes scheduled at Central Library**  
Jan. 5: The Sacramento Public Library is presenting a free, six-session, basic Microsoft Excel software class, starting 10 a.m., Saturday, January 5, at its Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**Free Tree Pruning Clinic**  
Jan. 5: Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave (at Northrop Ave). Register at [www.sactree.com/events](http://www.sactree.com/events).

**Christmas Tree Pickup**  
Jan. 5-6: Boy Scouts from Carmichael Troop 55 will once again be picking up Christmas trees from Carmichael residents and businesses this season. Trees will be mulched and used to improve parks within the Carmichael Parks District. Suggest donation is \$10, with proceeds going to support troop activities throughout the year. Call Ed at 743-3336 for questions or to arrange a pickup.

**Carmichael Library hosts book sale**  
Jan. 5-6: The Sacramento Public Library can help you find great bargains of used children's and adult books and DVDs at its Carmichael branch, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Hosted by the Friends of the Carmichael Library, sale hours are Saturday, January 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, January 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**  
Jan. 8: 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](http://www.rotary.org).

**Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting**  
Jan. 8: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El

Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

**Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders**  
Jan. 8: Youth concert at Crocker at 11 a.m. and noon. Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

**Alzheimer's Association Workshop on Legal and Financial Planning**  
Jan. 8: This is an interactive program where you will have a chance to learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near you from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Dustin Mac Farlane, Elder Law Attorney. Registration requested. Call 1-800-272-3900. Asian Community Center Park City, 7375 Park City Dr. Sacramento, 95831.

**East Sac Rotary**  
Jan. 9: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Jan. 10: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Volkssport walking**  
Jan. 10: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or [nussb@surewest.net](mailto:nussb@surewest.net). Also [www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org](http://www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org)

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
Jan. 11: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Carmichael Chamber of Commerce presents M.V.J.**  
Jan. 11: The Chamber presents the Most Valuable Jerry 2013 person of the year awards dinner and fundraiser honoring former Carmichael resident and Sacramento Kings TV Analyst Jerry Reynolds for almost three decades of service to sport, broadcasting and community: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at La Sierra Community Center 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. \$55 in advance, includes dinner, no host bar, raffle, silent auction. Meet celebrities and community leaders. Portions benefit Bev Angel's Project. 481-1002.

See more calendar, page 22



## Faces and Places: Mike's Light Ride

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY  
[Stephen@valcomnews.com](mailto:Stephen@valcomnews.com)

The first-ever Mike's Light Ride – a fundraiser and bicycle cruise through Curtis Park to enjoy holiday lights in the community – took place on Saturday, December 22. The Coffee Garden was a good location for people to meet up for a bike ride. Attendees mingled with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Snoopy. The bike ride went through some of the best holiday lights in the area, plus there were a few stops for hot chocolate and hot apple cider along the way. The ride was a benefit for the Tubman House, Wellspring Women's Center and the Praise of Worship Church of God.

**– EVENT LISTING SECTION –**  
Advertise your craft fairs, holiday bazaars, school fundraises, church events, etc. in your Community Newspapers.  
Call (916) 429-9901 for rates.

*Concert at*  
**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
4:00 pm Organ Recital:  
*Dr. Ryan Enright*  
January 27, 2013 - \$10  
2076 Sutterville Road, Sacramento  
Child care provided • Overflow parking available across Sutterville Rd. at City College • Reception to follow • \$10 per person

**CALL AND PLACE YOUR  
EVENT TODAY!  
(916) 429-9901**

**CLASSIFIED ADS**  
Call a sales representative today for great advertising rates: 429-9901

**COMPUTERS**  
GOT COMPUTER PROBLEMS?  
Pocket Computer Technician. I do on-site visits in the Pocket area. \$45/hr. Outside the Pocket area, travel charge will apply. Problem not fixed? No pay! Free estimates/consultation. Call cell# 296-7161

**PERFECT GIFT!**  
PET PORTRAITS  
Realistic paintings of beloved pets. Perfect gift for animal-lovers/Reasonable prices. Submit photograph—turn around 7-10 days. Email melissa@melissaandrews.com or call 447-4441.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
Need Home Improvement?  
Check out the Home Improvement Guide in the Land Park News.  
For Melissa for Home Improvement ad rates, call 429-9901.

**BOOKKEEPING**  
#1 BOOKKEEPER  
30 yrs. exp. in industries like Auto, Mechanics, Restaurants, Caterers, Massage, Doctors, Chiropractors, Non-Profit, Retail, Martial Arts, Barber, Construction, Wholesale, Investment Clubs, Corp, Partnerships, Sm Business. We are experts in General Ledger, Payroll, Profit & Loss & Quarterlies. Call for yr specialized appt. Same low 1990 rates. Ask for Irene Senst (916) 640-3820, Nevada (775) 410-3422. [www.taxirene.info](http://www.taxirene.info)

**TAX PREPARER**  
#1 TAX PREPARER  
30 yrs. exp. We specialize in Business Tax returns including Corp & Partnerships. We prepare expertly all **past tax returns** including all State returns. Get the most deductions allowed to you by law. CTEC Registered & Bonded. Please call for yr appt. today. Irene Senst (916) 640-3820, Nevada (775) 410-3422. Same low 1990 rates. [www.taxirene.info](http://www.taxirene.info)

**HANDYMAN**  
HOLIDAY CLEAN-UP SPECIALS!  
Pressure Washing— Concrete removal (Patio, driveways, borders, etc.) Rain gutter cleaning, power spray, hauling, yard work, painting, tree & shrub removal, clean-up, fence repairs, light tree trimming, & more. Ref avail. Call Les at 838-1247. Specials for seniors. Licensed.

**FOR A BOX  
CLASSIFIED  
AD**  
Call Melissa  
**429-9901**

**Call (916) 429-9901  
for ad rates for  
Classified and  
Home Improvement**

**ADVERTISE YOUR RENTALS**  
Call 429-9901

**WILL BUY VINTAGE FURNITURE**  
VINTAGE FURNITURE  
Old stuff lying around that you don't need? We'll buy it! Wish to buy 1950's and 60's furniture, Atomic, Retro, Mid-Century Modern, Danish modern, Scandinavian, or vintage office/industrial. Email photos to [blockhousesacramento@gmail.com](mailto:blockhousesacramento@gmail.com) or call 916-594-7971

Please join us... **NBS Pillow Party Event**  
To Help Local Mastectomy Patients  
**Monday, January 7th, 2013,  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Central United Methodist Church Social Hall  
5265 H Street  
**6pm: Potluck  
6:30-8:30pm: Pillow stations**  
Sewing skills not required • **BRING A FRIEND**  
Contact Person: Joan Eddy at 451-3831 or [eddyjk@comcast.net](mailto:eddyjk@comcast.net)  
This Pillow Party Service Project is sponsored by Central United Methodist Church and The Table at Central, in conjunction with the nonprofit, Necessities Bag Sacramento.

**WE  
ARE  
MOVING**

**SACRAMENTO  
ANTIQUÉ  
FAIRE**  
AN OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE  
2300 FRONT STREET - NEAR BROADWAY

**January 13, 2013 Sacramento Antique Faire**  
**300 Vendors! Vintage Decor! 2nd Sunday of Every Month! 6:30am - 3pm, \$3 Admission**

**FOOD • FREE PARKING • FURNITURE • TEXTILES • ART • VINTAGE CLOTHING & MORE!**  
**2300 Front Street (near Broadway)**  
**916. 600. 9770 www.SacAntiqueFaire.com**



# CALENDAR

For more calendar entries visit  
www.valcomnews.com

## Riverside Elks 6 Crab and Shrimp Feast

**Jan. 12:** Crab and shrimp anti pasta, pasta, green salad, garlic bread, no host cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner by 7 p.m. Huge raffle. Open to the public. Tickets available in the Lodge Office or call 422-6666. Credit cards accepted. \$45. 6446 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento. Proceeds go to the general fund.

## Note card craft program for adults slated at Belle Cooleedge Library

**Jan. 12:** The Sacramento Public Library will present a greeting card craft program for teens and adults at noon at its Belle Cooleedge branch, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Participants will learn how to transform paper scraps into original art cards which they can send as "thank you" notes. Supplies will be provided. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## Rachel Barton Pine to perform at Sacramento Philharmonic

**Jan. 12:** A virtuosic violinist, philanthropist, educator and music detective, Rachel Barton Pine has earned critical acclaim for her many recordings and orchestra performances around the world. Pine will perform with the Sacramento Philharmonic, Michael Morgan conducting at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Theater (1301 L St. Sacramento). Tickets are \$21 to \$117, to order tickets please visit sacphil.org or call 808-5181.

## Run for Grant a Wish 5K Run or Walk

**Jan. 13:** Starting at 9 a.m. Run/Walk Site: Land Park, River Walk at Miller Park. Proceeds will benefit SGAW-Sacramento Grant a Wish Foundation. Registration fee only \$15 per person. Bonus: Each person/spon-

sor will be entered into a raffle to win a 60-minute massage and will receive a "I ran for (SGAW) Sacramento" Tumbler. Register at 752-9152 or email info@sacgrantawish.org

## Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

**Jan. 13:** Concert: Jan. 13, 3 p.m. multi-media musical, featuring Bibbs as The Docent-Singer. Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

## Last day for Christmas Tree Recycling

**Jan. 14:** The city also provides curbside holiday tree pickup. The last day trees can be placed out for pickup is 6 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. Trees should be clean of all lights, tinsel, decorations, and have no stand attached. Flocked trees will be accepted.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

**Jan. 15:** 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.

## Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

**Jan. 15:** An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

## Free adult nutrition class set Jan. 15 at Belle Cooleedge Library

**Jan. 15:** The Sacramento Public Library will help adults earn all the great 'Go' foods to eat that will benefit one's health and start the new year strong. The free nutritional workshop will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15 at the Belle Cooleedge branch, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Nutritionist Margie Erwin will teach tasty ways to fit those healthy foods into a diet, while limiting the other foods. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## East Sac Rotary

**Jan. 16:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Jan. 17:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## Frosty's Magic Hat puppet show at Arcade Library

**Jan. 17:** The Sacramento Public Library invited school-age kids (ages 6 to 12) to a winter-themed puppet show at 4 p.m. at its Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Ave. The puppet show is about a little girl who makes a wish upon a star and then makes a magic snowman. The fun-filled program features music, poetry, magic, ventriloquism, and lots of laughs. 264-2920 or www.saclibrary.org.

## 'Driving Miss Daisy'

**Jan. 18-Feb. 23:** Post WWII story of a rich, sharp-tongued Jewish widow who meets her new black chauffeur. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 www.cplayhouse.org

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

**Jan. 18:** Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## Free E-Waste Collection Event at Parkside Community Church

**Jan. 19:** Parkside Community Church is supporting our local youth by having a free E-Waste Collection which will benefit a High Adventure Group in Boy Scout Troop 136. This group of 11 scouts and adults are taking a 2-week long canoeing adventure in the wild lands of Northern British Columbia. The canoeing area they will explore is known as the Bowron Lakes area. Their trip will begin in late July 2013. Help this adventure group by bring your E-Waste to Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Dr, on January 19, 2013 between 9am and 1pm. For questions regarding the event or to arrange friendly pre-event or event day pickup! Contact: Craig Chalmers 826-0513, Curt Thue 730-4626, Chris Salmon 310-795-9151, Susan Little 494-9664, or John MacAllister 806-2596.

## CASA's 20th annual Crab Feed

**Jan. 19:** Grab your board-shorts and Hawaiian shirts because this year Court Appointed School Advocates for Children (CASA) is going on a surfin' safari to a totally far out crab feed. The night will be filled with live music, a no-host bar with Hoppy Brewing Company beer, wine and a special 'surf' cocktail, raffles, a silent auction, and of course a crab dinner (chicken and vegetarian options available upon request). St. Mary's Church, Giovanni Hall, located at 1333 58th St. Sacramento. 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 before Dec. 31 and \$55 after. 875-6606, Kathy@sacramentocasa.org

## Free Tree Pruning Clinic

**Jan. 19:** Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford St., Folsom. Register at www.sactree.com/events.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

**Jan. 22:** 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

**Jan. 23:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Jan. 24:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

**Jan. 25:** Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## Free Tree Pruning Clinic

**Jan. 26:** Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Belle Cooleedge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. Register at www.sactree.com/events.

## Free tree pruning clinics offered

**Jan. 26:** A free tree pruning clinic will be presented by Luanne Leineke, of the Sacramento Tree Foundation who will discuss pruning 2- to 8-year-old trees to develop good structure and form. 11 a.m., Saturday, January 26 at Belle Cooleedge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## Free SAT/ACT college entry test workshop slated Jan. 26 at Carmichael Library

**Jan. 26:** College-bound students who can't choose taking either the ACT or SAT college admission test are invited to a free Sacramento Public Library workshop on Saturday, January 26 at 12 noon at its Carmichael branch, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## U.S. Citizenship workshop held

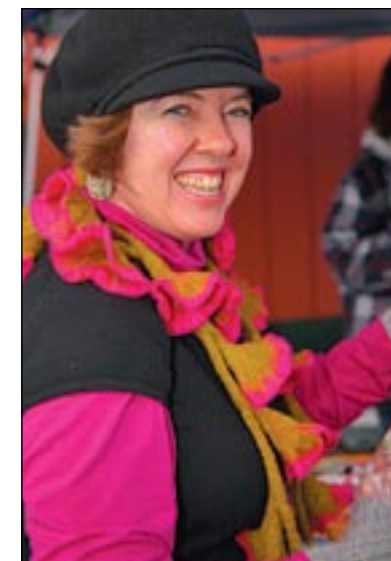
**Jan. 26 at Colonial Heights Library**  
**Jan. 26:** The Sacramento Public Library will host a free workshop of those wishing to become an American citizen at 2 p.m., at its Colonial Heights branch, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento. Contact vilaysay.p.chang@uscis.dhs.gov.

## Faces and Places:

# Camellia Waldorf Winter Faire

Photos by Stephen Crowley  
Stephen@valcomnews.com

Imagine a school transformed into a magical winter wonderland with King Winter, gingerbread houses, holiday activities, festive live music, mulled cider and delicious hearty food! Camellia Waldorf School invited the public to attend its 24th annual Winter Faire on Saturday, Dec. 8. The Winter Faire featured puppet shows, crafts for kids, candle-dipping, local vendors and artisans, a soup competition, home-baked treats, and our traditional "Children's Store" (where children had an opportunity to shop for small treasures). <http://www.camelliawaldorf.org/calendar/>



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SCHOOL**

**A Leader in Catholic High School Preparation**  
Faith, Lifelong Learning and Community

K-8 • Academic Excellence • Interactive Classroom Technology  
Performing/Fine Arts • Competitive/Recreational Sports Teams  
Community Service • After-School Care

**Kindergarten Information Night – Wednesday, January 9, 6:30**  
**Open House – Sunday, January 27, 10:30 to noon**

Call 916-448-5663 for information or to arrange a campus tour  
[www.hs-ps.com](http://www.hs-ps.com)

**LAND PARK Smog Center**

SMOG CERTIFICATION • TEST-ONLY STATION

Comments from some of our very happy customers on Yelp.com!

“Back again for my smog check. Still a very happy customer and appreciate the wonderful service provided by the family that owns this shop.”

“Quick, friendly and fair... can't ask for more. I bring all the family's vehicles there.”

Serving the Land Park neighborhood for 16 years!

No appointments necessary. Walk-ins welcome. | **2701 RIVERSIDE BLVD.**  
AT THE CORNER OF 2ND AVE & RIVERSIDE





**WALK TO LAND PARK**

This spacious three bedroom home has all the classic charm with a vintage fireplace, hardwood floors, dual pane window, an open floor plan, and sweet yard on nearly a third of an acre. The kitchen has been remodeled and has a large eating area. Also included is a large 2 car garage. \$529,000

**TIM COLLOM 247-8048**



**LAND PARK SPANISH**

Stylish 2 bedroom 2½ bath home in the heart of Land Park. Oversized rooms, granite kitchen, family room and pretty hardwood floors. Bonus room off of the garage is perfect office or art studio! Newer central heat & air system. Just steps to William Land Park! Don't miss this one. \$529,000

**PAULA SWAYNE 443-1229**



**LOVELY S LAND PARK**

Handsome 3 bedroom 2 bath home with updated kitchen, pretty hardwood floors and family room with cozy fireplace. 2-car attached garage, all beautifully maintained and waiting for you! \$279,500

**SHEILA VAN NOY 505-5395**



**DELIGHTFUL CURTIS PARK**

Cute 3 or 4 bedroom, with storage galore! Brand new garage space is awaiting your finishing touches as guest quarters, art studio, office or additional entertainment area! Hardwood floors, newer HVAC units, updated appliances, and a terrific park view round! \$465,000

**CHRIS BRIGGS 834-6483**



**CURTIS PARK GEM**

3 bedrooms 1½ baths, built in 1925, this charming home has been lovingly maintained and updated, and is ready for you. Fantastic floor plan, hardwood floors, built-ins, beautiful leaded glass doors; and remodeled and updated kitchen and baths. \$469,500

**CHRIS BRIGGS 834-6483**



**POVERTY RIDGE**

One-Of-a-Kind opportunity...this is an investor dream project! With over 1/4 acre lot, this 1937 home has endless possibilities. Sitting across the street from Tapestry Square, the large front and back yards have amazing old trees providing privacy and serenity in a terrific location. Guest room or office space attached. \$429,000

**JAMIE RICH 612-4000**



**DARLING LAND PARK**

Exceptionally well-cared home featuring retro kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors, living room fireplace, 2 nice-sized bedrooms! Pretty yard with flower beds, roses and trees. Nice two-car detached garage. Walk to Vic's Ice Cream and fun! Owner has original plans for this home built in 1940! \$324,900

**LEIGH RUTLEDGE 612-6911**



**ADORABLE HOLLYWOOD PARK**

Fantastic location for this 2 bedroom 2 bath home!. Master Suite has jetted bath, separate shower, dual shower heads and walk-in closet. This home features updated kitchen, master bath, dual pane windows, hardwood floors and newer roof. Check out the large yard and huge patio cover! \$239,900

**JAMIE RICH 612-4000**



**SPACIOUS CURTIS PARK**

Perfect family home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths! Newer home close to Curtis Park. Walk to Gunthers Ice Cream and various coffee shops. Close to downtown and transportation. Deep backyard is great for family fun. Move in ... and enjoy! \$259,900

**SHEILA VAN NOY 505-5395**

*for current home listings, please visit:*

**DUNNIGANREALTORS.COM**

**916.484.2030**

**916.454.5753**



**Dunnigan is a different kind of Realtor.®**

**DUNNIGAN,**  
*Realtors*