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## President's Corner

By Justin Regnier

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has sprung! All around us we are reminded of new beginnings and our fortune to live in such a beautiful place. This edition of the newsletter showcases the beauty that we find all around us, and provides an introduction to new Board members just beginning their service.

My wife and I moved to Elmhurst in 2008. We love the trees, the quiet, the sense of community, and the friendly people (not necessarily in that order). In joining the board and becoming President, I am humbled by the quiet competence of the Board members. Each one of them is an expert in their field and all bring a palpable commitment to both preserving and improving our quality of life. It is my hope that we will be able to build on our past successes and engage more of the citizens in our ~ 1,200 households to establish new traditions.

This is an exciting time to live in Elmhurst. We have several high-profile redevelopment projects going on, the pace of home improvements continues unslaked, and we have had the fortune of more rain this year than anyone could have reasonably expected. With all this fortune, though, comes responsibility. We are taking an active role in monitoring development and advocating for traffic calming. We are partnering to provide education and monitoring to preserve our namesake elms, and we are working to get out information on the water meters that will help assure that the bounty of this year's rain is wisely utilized.

In all of these (and more) efforts, we are working to make sure that we coordinate with other organizations and campaigns. We are blessed to have active parents' groups, preservation societies, businesses, and

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### Saturday, April 8

#### Training Class for STEP Volunteers

9 to 11 a.m., Coloma Community Center

See page 3 for details.

### April 10 to 14

#### Spring Break for Public Schools

### Saturday, April 15

#### Elmhurst Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck

9 to 11 a.m., Coloma Community Center

### May 2, June 6, July 11

#### ENA Board Meetings

6:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month (except for the July meeting)

Coloma Community Center, Gold Run room

### Thursday, May 4

#### Farmer's Market at UCDCM begins

Every Thursday, 3 to 7 p.m., 45<sup>th</sup> and X Sts.

### Saturday, June 3

#### Pops in the Park begins

Continues on June 10, June 17, & June 24

See [eastsacpopsinthepark.com](http://eastsacpopsinthepark.com) for details.

### Saturday, June 24 (tentative)

#### Elmhurst Summer Picnic

Details to come; check NextDoor or our Facebook page in June.

## Everyone's Welcome at the Elmhurst Easter Egg Hunt on April 15

The Elmhurst Parents Group will be holding its annual Spring Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt on

**Saturday, April 15**, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Coloma Center on T Street. Please bring a potluck item to share and an Easter basket for the egg hunt.



This event is always lots of fun and is a great way to meet other families in the neighborhood. Plus, we

hear the Easter Bunny will make an appearance! As always, the event will be held rain or shine.

If you'd like to volunteer, please email [President@ElmhurstNA.com](mailto:President@ElmhurstNA.com).

# UPDATES FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



## ASSEMBLY UPDATE

By Assemblymember  
Kevin McCarty

### Refugees in California

In recent years, many refugees have come to California — Sacramento County alone welcomed 3,261 refugees escaping war and persecution last year. In addition, more than 37,000 Iraqi and Afghan nationals have been granted Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) to live in the U.S. Many of them helped or were employed by the U.S. government (often as translators), and fled fearing reprisals against their families.

Refugees and SIVs face numerous barriers assimilating, including finding employment in their occupation. Many have difficulty determining which parts of their education and work experience are applicable to California's different licensure requirements, forcing them to work completely different jobs.

I've introduced a bill — AB 349 — which requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to assist and expedite the licensure process for people with SIVs to ensure their experience and education are applicable to professions in California.

Also, because there is literally no place else they can call their home, another bill of mine — AB 343 — would make refugees with SIVs eligible for in-state tuition and state financial aid. This would ensure that these students are able to pursue their education, rebuild their lives, and improve the lives of their family.

While the number of affected students is small, the financial consequences for each are significant. These new Americans have overcome enormous barriers in order to pursue a decent education and an honest job. They shouldn't be forced to forego their life goals, or compromise their ability to contribute to California's economy.

For more information, visit me at:  
[Asmdc.org/McCarty](http://Asmdc.org/McCarty)



## DISTRICT 6 NEWS

By City Councilmember  
Eric Guerra

### Investing in our Youth

#### Summer at City Hall:

In January, the City Council provided additional resources to the Summer at City Hall internship program, which offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to have an internship this summer to gain valuable work experience and learn how to make a difference in our community.

A stipend and five high school credits will be included with the internship. The application process is open now, and the deadline for submissions is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.cityofsacramento.org/Summer-at-City-Hall](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Summer-at-City-Hall) or call (916) 808-6789 for more information.

#### #SacYouthWorks:

The City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services Division is glad to announce that applications are now being accepted for the #SacYouthWorks Summer Internship Program. #SacYouthWorks is a four-week summer program focused on placing Sacramento youth in internship opportunities in the public and private sector.

Our goal is to provide youth with an opportunity to develop positive work ethic and to learn and develop skills to improve performance in an actual work setting. Interns will be required to complete a 42-hour internship. Internship schedules and location vary depending on internship assignment.

Applicants must reside within the Sacramento City limits and be able to obtain a work permit if under age of 18. Participating students will have received a Regional Transit bus pass and a \$300 stipend upon completion.

The deadline to submit your application is Monday, April 17, 2017.

For more information about the #SacYouthWorks Youth Internship Program, contact Suzie Vang at (916) 808-8315 or visit <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Neighborhood-Services/Programs/SacYouthWorks>.

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## BIG Changes at the ENA Board of Directors

*Introducing new members ... including a President!*

**Justin Regnier, President:** Justin Regnier is a 9-year Elmhurst resident who is interested in making sure the neighborhood stays family friendly and welcoming. His interests are energy, transportation, urban design, and child development. Justin grew up in San Francisco and the Central Coast and moved to Sacramento for the quality of life. He takes his family obligations and his work seriously but doesn't take himself too seriously.

**Rick Henry, Board Member:** Rick is a 24-year resident of Elmhurst and a lifetime resident of Sacramento. He is retired from UCDCM. Rick says he is very honored to be serving on the ENA board. He is currently spearheading a committee, working with city representatives, looking at solutions to traffic issues generated at the intersection located at 51st and V Streets. This is the third time that Rick has served in such a role, and he hopes that his past experience can serve the best interests of the neighborhood. To learn more or to join the effort, please email Rick at [ovejasthenry@gmail.com](mailto:ovejasthenry@gmail.com).

**Patricia Daugherty, Board Member:** Patricia is a 15-year resident of Elmhurst. She says she looks forward to strengthening and diversifying neighborhood communication to help neighbors stay informed and engaged on issues that affect our neighborhood.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to **Vicky Blocker**. She joined the ENA Board last fall and was our resident tree expert. Vicky is relocating to the Bay Area.

**Welcome, Justin, Rick and Patricia!**

## Love Trees? Volunteer to Help Save the Elmhurst Elms!

The Sacramento Tree Foundation is currently looking for neighborhood volunteers who can help save Elmhurst elms by joining its **Save The Elms Program, or STEP**.

This **Saturday, April 8**, from 9 to 11 a.m., a training class will be held at the Coloma Center on T Street. This class will teach volunteer "citizen scientists" how to spot the symptoms of Dutch elm disease. This is important because Sacramento elm trees are in danger of disappearing due to this contagious disease.

STEP volunteers will help keep track of trees using a phone app developed especially for that purpose. STEP is a very easy process of monitoring 7 trees, 3 times during the spring and summer.

For more information on the program, visit [sactree.com/STEP](http://sactree.com/STEP).

You can RSVP for the training by clicking [here](#).



## MEET THE ENA BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

**President:** Justin Regnier

**Vice President:** Open

**Treasurer:** Gordon Olson

**Secretary:** Kristin Brady

**Newsletter Editor:** Susan Carlson

**Webmaster:** Al Eno

**Event Coordinator:** Ken Kazarian

**Members:** Tom Cregger, Rick Henry, Patricia Daugherty, and George Godfrey

To contact the Board, please email [info@ElmhurstNA.com](mailto:info@ElmhurstNA.com).

**Membership in the ENA is open to all residents of Elmhurst.**

We encourage our neighbors to get involved by donating (see the back page for details), volunteering, or attending one of our many neighborhood events.

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## City Services Updates

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### Spring/Summer Watering Rules Are Now in Effect

As of March 12, Sacramento is enforcing its watering rules, which will be in effect until November 5, 2017. The times residents can water is based on house numbers:

- Addresses ending in ODD numbers can water Tuesdays and/or Saturdays
- Addresses ending in EVEN numbers can water Wednesdays and/or Sundays.

Watering is to occur before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m., and no watering or car washing will be permitted on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays. Residents are asked not to use sprinklers when rain is in the forecast. For more information, please call **311** or use the 311 app.

### Water Metering Scheduled to Start in Elmhurst

Starting in mid-April, the City of Sacramento will begin the process of installing water meters in the Elmhurst neighborhood. Residents will receive notification in the mail two weeks before work is to begin. Once it begins, residents will always have access to their homes, but street parking and sidewalk access may be limited. Residents will be asked to remove all vehicles from driveways and in front of their home. In addition, during construction hours (weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.), your water could be shut down for up to 4 hours, and crews may need access to your yard.

For more information, please visit [www.MetersMatter.org](http://www.MetersMatter.org) or call the Meters Matter information line at **916-808-5870**.

### Teens Welcome to Apply for City Internship Program

The City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services Division is accepting applications for the #SacYouthWorks Summer Internship Program, a four-week summer program that places teenagers and young adults ages 16-24 in internships in the public and private sector. Interns will be required to complete a 42-hour internship, and will receive a stipend upon completion.

Applicants must live within the Sacramento city limits; get a work permit if under 18; attend a mandatory workshop; and be fingerprinted if over age 18. Participants must also be committed to the entire four weeks of the program.

The application deadline is **April 17**. To apply, or get more information, visit [www.cityofsacramento.org/SacYouthWorks](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/SacYouthWorks) or [click here](#).

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## IT'S FARMER'S MARKET SEASON!

It's that time of year when farmers markets are starting up for the summer season. Luckily for us, we have one right in our backyard. Enjoy fresh produce, food vendors, live music, and the opportunity to meet your neighbors!

**What:** UC Davis Health System Farmers Market

**When:** Every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. starting **May 4**

**Where:** 45<sup>th</sup> and X Streets



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## DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

**Dan Petrocci** of The Evergreen Company has provided information on the progress of the development at Stockton Blvd. and T Street and along S Street between 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>.

**Apartment Project:** Dan says that they are still working with their lenders, but they plan to start taking the old tile and insulation out of the building in April. He says it should take about 30 days to demolish the building.

**Town Homes on S Street:** Evergreen representatives have had a preliminary meeting with city staff. Dan and his team are preparing a formal package to submit to city planners.

**Existing Building:** Dan says that they have had a couple of calls about a suspicious person hanging around the building at Stockton and T Street. The company has security walking the inside the building each night, and they are patrolling the outside more often. Evergreen has also authorized the building for the Sheriff's department to do their dog training, but no dates for that activity have been set.

## Gunshots Hit Houses in Elmhurst



*The gunshot holes on Christiana's house. Another bullet hit a home nearby.*

On March 19, many Elmhurst residents were woken up by a very loud series of noises. Apparently, someone driving on Highway 50 shot a gun repeatedly toward the Elmhurst neighborhood. The bullets hit two homes in Elmhurst. After it happened around 5:50 a.m., neighbors posted it on NextDoor.

Christiana Smith, who has lived on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street at S Street for 17 years, woke up when the gunshots occurred. She said that SPD officers arrived soon after, then CSI technicians searched her house for more bullets and holes. The shots actually hit her house (see photos below), but didn't make it through the plaster. She says her cats "tore around the house" when they heard the noise, and Christiana herself hid in the hallway for safety.

Christina has a number of video cameras around her home, and she says that she could see the dust from the bullets' impact. She's very grateful that the bullets didn't hit any gas lines or windows on her home, and has since covered some of the gunshot holes with tape to keep the rain out.

## Elmhurst Resident Receives Teacher of the Year Award

**Diane Pibbs** was one of 16 middle school teachers honored recently at a dinner celebrating Middle School Teacher of the Year by the San Juan Unified School District. Diane, who has taught math and science for 8 years at Will Rogers Middle School, was nominated by the school's parents, teachers, and students for the award. Unfortunately for the school, Diane is planning to retire at the end of this year. Diane is the second Elmhurst resident to be honored as such; **Larry Edgemon** is a previous Will Rogers Teacher of the Year!

### Congratulations, Diane!

Another house nearby also was hit with bullets, and the shot went through a wood wall, through a bathroom, and out another wall. Luckily, no one was hurt and the bullet left only tiny holes.

Christiana loves her neighborhood, but she hopes that this incident could help spur the building of a new wall/sound barrier along the freeway. CalTrans has plans for a wall, but it has been held up due to lack of funds and logistics.

John, who lives across the street but did not get hit with bullets, says he just moved from Arden-Arcade last year. He says he is surprised at the number of burglaries and car break-ins in Elmhurst. John said that although he often heard gunshots in his old neighborhood, they didn't have such a problem with random break-ins because neighbors were vigilant. He protects his property with multiple video cameras and fences.

### Contacting the Sacramento Police Department

**Emergencies:** Call **911** from a landline or **(916) 732-0100** from a cell phone

**Non-emergency line:** **(916) 808-5471**

NOTE: The SPD suggests that you program these numbers into your cell phones. One reason is if you call 911 from your cell phone, you will get the California Highway Patrol (CHP) instead of the SPD.

### Join the New Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch

The formation of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch has been delayed by changes on the ENA Board. Yet crime still occurs in our neighborhood.

So if you're worried about security, join Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch.

To get on the email list, write us at [ElmhurstWatch@ElmhurstNA.com](mailto:ElmhurstWatch@ElmhurstNA.com). You'll be notified when the next meeting will take place and other news.



**President's Message, continued from the first page**

neighborhood watch organizations taking an active role in improving our quality of life. It is my intention to do everything in my power to make connections among all of the people who are working to make this neighborhood the best it can be.

Through the results of national elections and local decisions, our citizenry is galvanized as never before to take action and "double down" on our commitment to a more inclusive society. The board of the ENA welcomes this energy and invites everyone to get engaged. We have slots on our Board, we have spots for people who are interested in coordinating with other groups, and we are always open to hearing constructive ideas. Please feel free to send your ranting, raving, or reminiscing to [president@ElmhurstNA.com](mailto:president@ElmhurstNA.com).

I'm proud of our neighborhood and look forward to serving it to the best of my ability.

Your President,

Justin

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**Water Meter Update**

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, many neighbors attended the Elmhurst Water Meter Town Hall. During the meeting neighbors met with city staff to learn about what to expect during water meter installation. It was an informative event where neighbors could engage in helpful dialogue and received answers to their questions.

To recap, this Spring construction crews will begin to install water meters throughout Elmhurst. Prior to installation home owners will be notified by mail when their water meters will be installed. Included in this notice will be information regarding what to expect during the installation process, where your meter will be installed, and the timeline of installation.

If you have questions the city has put together some helpful information here: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Conservation/Water-Meters>.

For further information on district activities, do not forget to sign up for our newsletter at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASACRA/subscribers/new>.

**Donate to a Great Cause: Your Neighborhood!**

The Elmhurst Neighborhood Association does not have a required monthly or annual membership fee. ENA participation, events, and the quarterly newsletter are available to anyone in the neighborhood. That said, there are costs associated with running a neighborhood association.

We have a suggested annual donation of \$10 per household to support these costs. We will use these funds to continue producing the newsletter each quarter and put on great events, like the summer picnic, fall pancake breakfast, and hopefully more.

Please mail donations to: Elmhurst Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 191613, Sacramento, CA 95819-7613

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