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President's Corner

By Michael J. Gaspar

Neighbors,

My thanks to those of you who joined us for the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association Picnic. It is always a pleasure to meet new friends and reconnect with old. A special thanks to my teammates on the board who played a crucial role in seeing all of this come together. If you would like to join our team or help in future events please let me know.

Many local businesses contributed to the success of our raffle. I encourage you to consider our neighborhood businesses first as you make your purchasing decisions. These establishments make our neighborhood a vibrant place to live and play. I know they appreciate your support.

As we move into the height of summer we want to invite you to the Coloma Center at 6:30 pm on July 22 for a summer safety discussion. Councilman Guerra will speak along with representatives from the Sacramento Police Department and other community interest groups. Whether it be the security of your property or personal safety as you enjoy the outdoors with your family, we all have common interest in building a happy and safe community.

Warmest regards,

Michael J. Gaspar

Summer 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Wednesday, July 15

UC Davis Med Center Meeting

5:30 - 6:30 pm, Comprehensive Cancer Center auditorium, 2279 45th Street

Wednesday, July 22

Elmhurst Summer Safety Summit

6:30 p.m., Coloma Community Center

July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25

Food Truck Event, Tahoe Park

Tuesday, August 4

National Night Out

See page 3 for details

August 5, September 2

ENA Board Meetings

6:30 p.m., Cottage Mart patio
Held the 1st Wednesday of every month

August 14, September 11

Food Truck Event, McKinley Park

Wednesday, September 16

ENA General Meeting

6:30 p.m., Coloma Community Center
All residents are invited to attend!

MEET THE ENA BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

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UPDATES FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

By City Councilmember
Eric Guerra

My first few weeks in office have been focused on the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The good news is that the overall fiscal outlook for the City continues to improve which allowed the City to continue focusing on restoring core services and targeting important priorities.

The total budget for FY2015/16 is \$940.5 million, including \$393.6 million for General Fund operations, \$456.3 million for Enterprise and other fund operations, and \$90.6 million for capital improvement projects.

This year, the budget included the allocation of \$22.22 million in General Fund and Measure U resources for priority initiatives and investment in key areas including our police department – 15 new police officers, and funding for the City's gang prevention task force; our parks department – restorations in park maintenance services, park improvement projects; and increased staffing to combat illegal dumping and our fire department – increased fire department staff, and funds to renovate two fire stations.

The budget also includes funds to modernize the 311 Call Center software to increase efficiency, and for increased staff for the Front Street shelter. As a substantial part of these programs are made possible with Measure U funds, we remain incredibly appreciative to the voters of Sacramento for approving the measure.

While the economic outlook is good, it's important to note that the City remains challenged to achieve long-term budget sustainability as expenditures continue to outpace revenue growth. I would appreciate any feedback or questions you have regarding this budget or the budget process in general. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Eric Guerra
Councilmember, District 6

P.S. Please don't forget to join us the 4th Friday of each month at 5:00 pm for our District 6 Food Truck Events at Tahoe Park!



STATE ASSEMBLY NEWS

By Assemblymember
Kevin McCarty

Save Money for Energy Efficient Upgrades

As many of you know, in 2011 the City of Sacramento passed a resolution which brought the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program to the City. I was a strong proponent of the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program- or PACE Program which provides homeowners here in Sacramento with energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation improvements. PACE finances the entire cost of your improvement and the financing is repayable over the long term through your property tax bill.

One of my top legislative priorities this year, in the California State Assembly, is to improve on this program state wide. Through AB 450, we will allocate Cap & Trade dollars into the PACE program. Cap & Trade is a State Program that both regulates emissions and creates funding to reduce emissions. AB 450 will strengthen and expand the PACE Program and increase the number of homeowners who will have access. Increasing funding will both lower interest rates for the program and create local well-paying jobs. AB 450 will assist home owners who want to become part of the solution to reduce Green House Gases.

To apply for the existing city program, go to the Sacramento PACE program's website: Ygrene.us/ca/Sacramento. From here, you click on the "Check Your Eligibility" button. This button will direct you to an online form that takes a few minutes to fill out. After filling out the form, a Ygrene representative will contact you to discuss your options. I encourage all of our Elmhurst residents to take part in this great program

Don't hesitate to contact me at Assemblymember.McCarty@assembly.ca.gov or call my district office at (916) 324-4676.

You can also sign-up to receive my future email updates by visiting my website at <http://asmdc.org/members/a07/>. I look forward to hearing from you.

P.S. Information about our Back to School drive is on page 3. Please consider donating to the cause.





Special thanks go to Todd Moise, who served as our grill master!

Thank You to our Business Partners!

Many local businesses donated raffle prizes for the ENA Summer Picnic, held June 27 at the Coloma Center.

Our business partners generously donated gift certificates, beautiful plants, pet supplies, museum tickets, beauty products, and much more.

They've shown their support of our neighborhood—please return the favor by visiting them soon!

- Alicia Kerr of Allie Studios**
- Bob Lystrup, Coldwell Banker**
- Burr's Fountain**
- Chocolate Fish Coffee Roasters**
- Cottage Market**
- Crocker Art Museum**
- Face and Body Emporium**
- Finnegan's Public House**
- Hot Rod's Chop Shop**
- Incredible Pets**
- Liberty Kovacs, local author**
- One Speed Pizza**
- Rich Cazneaux, Keller Realty**
- Rust Florists**
- Sacramento Asso. of Museums**
- Scrub Boys**
- Talini's Nursery**
- Three Sisters Restaurant**
- Trader Joe's**
- U.C. Davis Medical Center**
- Western Feed Supply**



Thanks to all for coming to the Elmhurst Summer Picnic! Pictured (l-r): Christina Lokke (wife of Eric Guerra), ENA Board Secretary Amreet Sandhu, ENA Board Treasurer Gordon Olson, ENA Board Member Al Eno, City Councilman Eric Guerra, ENA Newsletter Editor Susan Carlson, ENA Board President Michael Gaspar, and ENA Board Member Bonnie Hansen.

Stanford Youth Solutions' Back to School Drive

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty is excited to be partnering with Stanford Youth Solutions, a local nonprofit that provides vital programs for at-risk youth and families in difficult circumstances, on their *Back to School Drive*.

Donations will be accepted now through July 24th and may be dropped off at our District Office, located at 915 L Street, Suite 110. Or, give us a call and we'll arrange for a pick-up!

Any donations or help spreading the word about the drive are greatly appreciated. Together, we can help the youth in our communities get prepared for school!



If you have any questions, please call (916) 324-4676.

City Services Update

Volunteers wanted: The City of Sacramento has been very active in organizing volunteer groups to mulch and water mature trees in Land Park, Curtis Park, and other neighborhoods. And now there is interest in having volunteers do the same for Elmhurst. If you'd like to get involved, please call (916) 803-2904.

National Night Out: On Tuesday, August 4, 2015, neighborhoods throughout Sacramento are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 32nd Annual National Night Out crime/drug prevention event. From 6 to 10:00 p.m., residents throughout the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. For more information, or to organize a block party, please contact Carmen Herrera at (916) 808-8374; or if you'd like police representatives to attend your event, call (916) 808-6401.

Goodbye, Old Friend

A huge Elm tree is taken down in the T Street parkway

If a tree falls, do people hear it? They do if they live in Elmhurst!

On Saturday, June 27, Elmhurst residents watched as one of the largest trees in the T Street parkway was taken down by city workers. The tree, which was known for its huge, swooping branch close to the ground, was cut down because arborists determined that the tree was dying. Estimated to be more than 100 years old, the tree was suspected to have Dutch elm disease, which can quickly kill a tree and potentially spread to others nearby.



Because of the drought, and the restrictions on watering, the elm trees of our neighborhood are in danger. But it's not just the elms; all trees need water. Without regular watering, trees will lose branches, die completely, or be killed by pests.

The City of Sacramento is doing its part to try to water the trees and remove dead or dying trees that are in public areas. In fact, the city's Urban Forestry division has received the "Tree Hero" award from the Sacramento Tree Foundation for its efforts to save the trees in Sacramento.

But the city can only go so far with all the trees in our neighborhood. It's up to us to maintain the trees on our properties. For these reasons, we'd thought we would give you some tips on how to water your trees, both the young saplings and the old-timers.

How to Water Trees During a Drought

Check the tree for signs

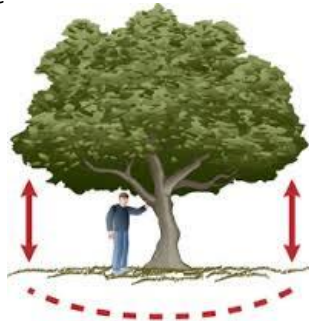
- Look for dead or drooping needles and/or leaves, and dead branches high up in the tree.
- Or check the soil: Use a small shovel or screw driver to check the soil 6-8 inches below the surface. If the soil feels dry and crumbly, it's time to water your tree with a slow soak. If the soil feels sticky or wet, let it dry for a couple days before checking it again.

Add mulch

- A thick layer of mulch will help the soil retain moisture, protect the roots, and provide nutrients to the tree.
- Make a fluffy "mulch doughnut" by placing mulch in a 4-foot diameter around your tree, 4 inches away from the trunk, and 6 inches thick.
- Mix wood chips with leaves and twigs to make mulch. SMUD offers free wood chips at 6100 Folsom Blvd. The SMUD yard is open M-F, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Water the drip line

- The drip line is the ground below the outer edge of the leaves.



Water Responsibly With a Slow Soak

- You want water to reach the roots of your tree, so water needs to slowly soak into the soil to reach the roots 12-18 inches below the surface.
- Remember that lawn sprinklers leave water on the surface and do not provide adequate water to tree roots.
- Because roots extend as a tree grows, young trees and mature trees need different watering techniques.

Mature trees: Use a soaker hose spiraled under the drip line or an oscillating sprinkler on a low setting to slowly soak as much of the root zone as possible. Allow the water to slowly drip into the soil for several hours.

Young trees: The best way to focus water on the tree's root ball is to form a small temporary earthen berm/watering well around the tree, about 3-4 feet in diameter and about 4-6 inches high. Fill it slowly by placing a garden hose near the base of the trunk and set it at a slow flow.

Please also note that trees need to dry out between waterings; they do not grow or fare well in soil that is constantly wet.

More information can be found at the Sacramento Tree Foundation: www.sactree.org.

The 2015 ENA Summer Safety Summit

*Join us on Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.
at the Coloma Community Center*

By Amreet Sandhu, ENA Secretary

As temperatures climb this summer and residents enjoy the outdoors and keep cool indoors, it is important to remain mindful of safety tips that may help keep residents, guests, and our belongings safe.

While neighborhood crime is neither unusually high nor more frequent than other parts of Sacramento, there are particular types of crimes to be aware of this time of year. On Nextdoor.com, a social media resource that links neighbors to one another, bicycle theft, robbery, and even some uncomfortable window gazing by trespassers has been reported in our area. Luckily, in some of these situations police arrived quickly to make arrests, or residents deterred crime on their own.

However, more must be done to prevent the next crime. For that reason, the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association Board of Directors will host a 2015 ENA Summer Safety Summit on July 22 in response to crime incidents reported online. In attendance will be representatives from:

- The neighborhood, discussing their experiences in successfully responding to recent crime incidents;
- The Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates, discussing bike theft reduction;
- The Sacramento Police Department, discussing both summer crime trends and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) practices that can be used to abate property crime; and
- The City of Sacramento and City Councilmen Eric Guerra, listening to neighborhood safety concerns and sharing ideas for crime reduction.

Please check our neighborhood association's Facebook page ([facebook.com/elmhurstsacto](https://www.facebook.com/elmhurstsacto)) and [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) account for details on the Summit. Until then, consider keeping front and back porch lights on, bicycles stored and properly locked, detached garages secured, and windows safely wedged or stopped when keeping rooms cool at night.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to keep our neighborhood welcoming for guests, and comfortable for residents.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

The Evergreen Development

The Evergreen Company, which has been planning to develop the lot at Stockton Boulevard and T Street, has been moving forward with their plans to tear down the existing AT&T building and put a new apartment building with commercial space in its place.

However, a resident of Elmhurst has filed an appeal challenging the project. What this means is that the development will be up for review by the Sacramento City Council. If you would like to see a response letter drafted by the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association Board about this project, please email elmhurstnews@gmail.com and we can forward it to you.

The Greenfair Development

As we mentioned in the Spring newsletter, the City of Sacramento has received an application to develop a 6.9-acre parcel on Fairgrounds Drive, which backs up to homes in the Elmhurst neighborhood. The developer is proposing to build 44 single-family home lots on four cul-de-sac streets off Fairgrounds Drive.

A group of citizens who are working to protect trees at the Capitol Towers/Villas area downtown are also planning to advocate for mature trees that currently exist in the Greenfair area. Their goal is to help neighborhood associations when developments threaten to remove healthy canopy trees. According to organizer Judith Lamare, 104 trees at Greenfair will not be protected from removal by the city of Sacramento.

For more information, please contact Judith Lamare at (916) 769- 2857.

ELMHURST ADDS TWO MORE LITTLE LIBRARIES ON T STREET!

Next time you drive down T Street, take a look at Elmhurst's newest little libraries! The one on the left is at 44th and T, right across the street from the first one, and the one on the right is near 39th and T. Happy reading, everyone!



Dance Lessons Now Offered at Cottage Mart

Want to learn how to swing, cha-cha, waltz or foxtrot? Well, now you can—right in your own neighborhood.



Monty Solorio, a local dance instructor, is holding ballroom dance lessons at Cottage Mart.

Every Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m., Monty can book a lesson for singles or couples to learn ballroom dance. And he's giving a special price for Elmhurst residents: \$10/person, or \$18/couple for an hour-long lesson.

Please contact Monty to make an appointment. Space is limited, so make sure you call or email him to book your spot:

Monty Solorio
(916) 955-9471
digitalmontra@hotmail.com



Reminder: Please don't leave dogs or kids in hot cars—it can be deadly.

With the hot weather this summer, it can be easy to forget how hot it can get in a car or truck. Even if the weather is only 80 degrees, the inside of a car can become extreme in just a few minutes.

If you see an animal or a child in a hot car, please CALL 911

UC Davis Medical Center to Hold Meeting on Facility Updates

Upcoming construction projects at the UC Davis Medical Center will be the topic of a public meeting to be held Wednesday, July 15, on the UCDCM campus.

UC Davis proposes to complete a series of construction projects for improved seismic safety and replacement office space at the UC Davis Medical Center. A combination of three projects—constructing the North Additional Office Building, demolishing the North/South Wing of the hospital, and demolishing the Housestaff building—will provide modern replacement space for seismically deficient and outdated facilities. This project must be completed by 2020 to address seismic safety mandates by the State of California.

The University would like your views as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the project.

On **Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm**, in the Comprehensive Cancer Center auditorium at 2279 45th Street, the University will host a scoping meeting as an opportunity for the public to learn more about the projects and to provide information about environmental issues or concerns that may be relevant to the preparation of the upcoming Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Light beverages will be served, and free parking is available in Lot 4.

For more information:
Office of Government and Community Relations
UC Davis Health System
Phone: 916.734.5441
E-mail: community.relations@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

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- **For a quarter-page ad** (3.25 in. x 4.25 in.): \$40/issue or \$150/year
- **For a half-page ad** (7 x 4.25 in.): \$80/issue or \$300/year
- **For a full-page ad** (7 x 9 in.): \$150/issue or \$600/year
- **Eighth-page ads** (1.5 by 4.25 in.) may be included at the discretion of the newsletter editor: \$25/issue
- Free 1/8th page ads may be provided, space-permitting, to Elmhurst's entrepreneurial youth, seniors, or disabled who seek to provide services specifically to other Elmhurst residents (babysitting, yard work, etc).