



- ELMHURST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS -

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Interim President's Corner

By Gordy Olson

The real ENA President, Amreet Sandhu, is taking some time off this summer to attend to some personal business. She will reassume the ENA reins sometime this fall. In the interim, I have returned to the helm of the ENA as Interim President. In keeping with my interim status, I will make my column suitably brief for this edition of our Newsletter.....

We had a very well-attended community meeting to discuss the recent rash (by normal Elmhurst standards) of home burglaries. The district captain from the Sacramento PD offered very frank and informative remarks and fielded questions from the approximately 50 neighbors in attendance. Since the meeting, there have been some arrests and hopefully the level of this sort of criminal activity will return to its traditionally low historic levels.

A meeting to discuss the current state of our beloved trees will be held on Thursday, July 14, at the Coloma Center.

In September, we are planning our annual General Meeting. This year the event will be at the Julia Morgan House, thanks to the cooperation of Sac State University. Check the ENA website for details as the date nears.

The ENA Board has been doing a lot to increase the flow of information to our neighbors using Facebook and NextDoor. Please use these resources to keep abreast of local developments.

As always, the Board needs volunteers to help with all the issues and projects before it. A very small number of folks do essentially all the work. If you are interested in helping in any fashion, please make your willingness known. There are plenty of things to do but very few resources with which to do them.

Enjoy the summer. Stay cool and be grateful you live in this wonderful neighborhood.



Don't Miss the Next General Meeting of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association

The next ENA General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Julia Morgan House, 3731 T St.

All Elmhurst residents are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Besides enjoying the beautiful and unusual location, attendees will get the latest news for our neighborhood, such as the development planned for the AT&T building at Stockton Blvd. and T Street, the latest on the tree ordinance and the state of Elmhurst trees, news about construction at the UC Davis Medical Center, and much more!

Summer 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Thursday, July 14

Emergency Tree Meeting

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Nevada City Room, Coloma Community Center
See page 4 for details.

Tuesday, July 19

Sacramento City Council Meeting

6 p.m., Sacramento City Hall

This meeting will include a vote on the tree ordinance; see page 4.

Sunday, September 11

Elmhurst Home Tour

See page 3 for details.

Wednesday, September 21

ENA General Meeting

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Julia Morgan House

Tuesday, August 2

National Night Out

See back page for details.

August 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5

ENA Board Meetings

6:30 p.m., locations to be determined

Held the 1st Wednesday of every month

If you'd like to attend or host a meeting, please email President@ElmhurstNA.com.

UPDATES FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



By Assemblymember
Kevin McCarty

In Sacramento, we are fortunate to be surrounded by community champions, local heroes, and outstanding locally owned businesses. So far this year, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize just a few of them.

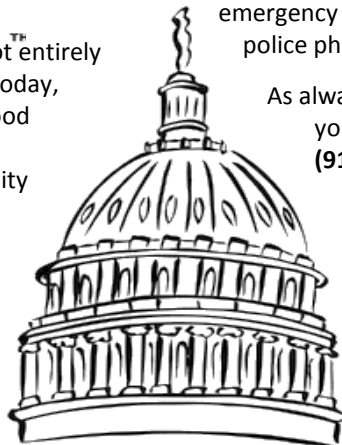
March 2016 – Woman of the Year Award: Stephanie Nguyen, Executive Director, Asian Resources, Inc.
Stephanie has dedicated her career to ensuring underserved and low-income communities have access to resources and adequate support that will get them one step closer to self-sufficiency. Stephanie's passion for the community and social justice includes serving in a leadership capacity for several organizations in Sacramento.

May 2016 – Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony: Diane Weber
Diane is the sole surviving child of two Holocaust survivors. Her grandparents, aunts, and uncles all perished in Hamburg, Germany. Diane now works as a clinical social worker for veterans, and has two children and six grandchildren who live nearby.

May 2016 – Local veteran: Harold Cusick, WWII Vet
When Harold returned from WWII, the wait to get his service medals was long. Instead of waiting, he eagerly jumped a train to get back home to his family. His family worked hard to make sure Harold got the medals he earned serving our country, and recently at his 96th birthday celebration, I was humbled and honored to be able to personally present these medals to him.

May 2016 – Small Business of the Year Award: Chando's Tacos
Chando's has their own take on tacos—not entirely traditional and not Americanized either. Today, Chando's is a magnet for foodies with 3 food trucks and taquerias, and 70 employees. Chando's also gives back to their community and mentors at-risk youth.

Thank you to Stephanie, Diane, Harold, and Chando, for the work you do to help our communities thrive!



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

By City Councilmember
Eric Guerra

Dear Elmhurst Neighbors,

Summer's here and school is out on break. I am proud to have fought hard to ensure funding to provide our youth with cool and safe places to hang out, such as our Coloma Center and the YMCA Tahoe Park pool, only a bike ride away from Elmhurst. In the months to come I will be working with my council colleagues to create a city Department of Youth to provide a more efficient and robust investment in our city's youth programming.

The summer heat is a reminder that we are now in the fifth year of a statewide drought and the snowpack is melting faster than expected. Our city is maintaining a delicate balance between water conservation and the protection of our tree canopy. Our trees are one of our greatest assets and our city arborists and Public Works Department have been working hard to conserve water, and protect our city's trees. To learn more, please join me, ENA, and the City Arborist at the Coloma Center on Thursday, July 14 at 6:00pm. You can also help by maintaining your trees with slow drip and deep watering to help avoid shallow, and unstable, tree roots.

Along with providing funding for our parks and community centers, our recently passed city budget also included additional public safety funding for new technological resources and more police officers. Our police force is still recovering from cuts due to the recession. Good police work and the use of technology have resulted in arrests of recent burglars. My office also participated in an ENA meeting to discuss the increase in break-ins and petty crime. We look forward to assisting you to form street by street neighborhood watch groups. Please remember to report any non-emergency criminal activity to our non-emergency police phone number **(916) 264-5471**.

As always, please don't hesitate to call my office if you have any questions or concerns at **(916) 808-7006**. And don't forget to sign up online for my eNewsletter at **www.cityofsacramento.org/Mayor-Council/Districts/District6/Contact**.

Here's to a safe and fun summer!

Eric Guerra
Councilman, District 6

Preservation Sacramento Home Tour to Visit Elmhurst

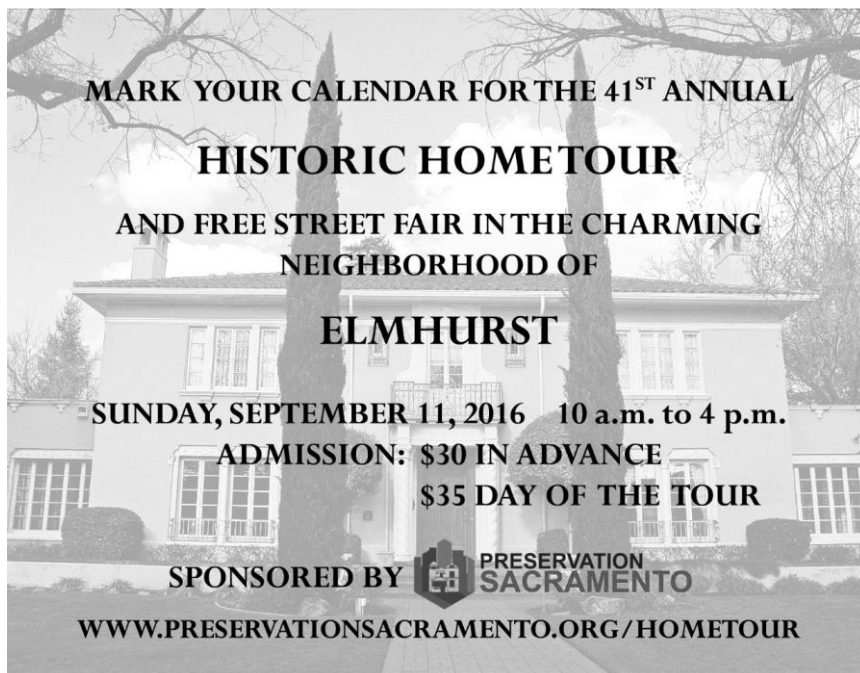
Save the date for Sunday, **September 11**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when our neighborhood will be on display. Preservation Sacramento will be honoring our charming historic residential architecture and outstanding tree canopy. Other possible attractions include Coloma Community Center, UCD Housestaff Building and our own vintage corner grocery, The Cottage Mart. Local Author Liberty Kovacs is offering to sharing her biography with tour goers, there will also be a street fair with vendors related to community and historic preservation.

The Preservation Sacramento Annual Home Tour is the largest and longest running home tour in Sacramento. One day a year, volunteers open their homes and businesses to members and friends of Preservation Sacramento.

With an emphasis on historic buildings, the tour also features quality infill projects that have become important parts of Sacramento's urban fabric. The tour is a self-guided, pedestrian experience. Preservation Sacramento is currently looking for sponsors for the 2016 tour. Please contact them if you are interested in sponsoring the event. Sponsors logos are sent via email on informational material and will appear in the home tour brochure on the day of the tour.

In 2015, the Historic Home Tour focused on the Richmond Grove neighborhood of Sacramento. This year the organization leaves the downtown grid for the very first time to visit our charming community. You may recall their former name was Sacramento Old City Association, but now they are Preservation Sacramento, with an expanded focus.

They are also currently looking for volunteers, docents and show homes. For details, visit www.preservationsacramento.org/hometour.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 41ST ANNUAL HISTORIC HOMETOUR

AND FREE STREET FAIR IN THE CHARMING
NEIGHBORHOOD OF

ELMHURST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADMISSION: \$30 IN ADVANCE
\$35 DAY OF THE TOUR**

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Docents Wanted!

Elmhurst residents are invited to be a docent during the home tour. Docents work a two-hour shift in one of the tour homes and pay only \$10 for a ticket.

Sign up as a docent by contacting volunteer coordinator Vickie Valine at **(916) 442-1160** or vhvaline@cwo.com.

Tickets

You can buy tickets for the Home Tour at **Cottage Mart**, located at 51st and V streets, or through the Preservation Sacramento website.

City Services Updates

Spring/Summer Watering Rules Are STILL in Effect

On June 21, the Sacramento City Council voted to keep the Stage 2 Water Shortage Contingency Plan in effect. What this means is that residents should continue to follow the two-day plan for watering until Nov. 6, 2016. The schedule is based on your house number:

- 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. The City is still handing out warnings and citations for watering at the wrong times. For more information about free water-wise services and rebates, or to report water misuse, please call 311 or use the 311 app.

Sacramento City School Programs Saved for Another Year

Good news for parents of school-aged children: The Sacramento City Council unanimously approved the 2016-17 budget, which included funding for 4th R and START, summertime and after-school programs for children.

New Tree Ordinance Update

By Bonnie Hansen, ENA Vice President

On May 10, the Law and Legislation Committee at City Hall voted on The Urban Forestry section of the Department of Public Works' newly proposed Tree Ordinance for the City of Sacramento. Elmhurst Neighborhood Association (ENA) opposed the new tree ordinance with testimony by Past President Kerry Freeman and current VP Bonnie Hansen. We were joined by several other neighborhood associations, the Sierra Club, wildlife advocacy groups, and other tree advocacy groups. However, the ordinance did pass Law and Legislation in spite of all our testimony.

We owe special thanks to Councilmember Eric Guerra who made great efforts to help foster our key objectives during the process. For instance, Urban Forestry wanted to change the 30-day notice of tree removal to only 10 days. With Guerra's help we got a compromise to 15 days and a directive to notify neighborhood associations and make postings more accessible and detailed.

We wanted language to protect, monitor and treat trees with Dutch elm disease. We got a compromise of sorts. Dutch elm disease is now called a "nuisance" and complaints can be made through code enforcement. This was not our preference, and we were disappointed.

We feel this new tree ordinance will not adequately protect our mature tree canopy and that it should and could have been much better. The new ordinance will be presented to City Council for a final vote on **Tuesday, July 19**. Please check the ENA Facebook page for possible updates and please consider getting involved to help save our beautiful old tree canopy.

Special thanks to Elmhurst's Vicky Howell Blocker who is attending the STEP training with Sac Tree Foundation. STEP stands for Save The Elms Program and uses volunteer citizen-scientists to monitor local elm trees for symptoms of Dutch elm disease. Volunteering as a STEP citizen-scientist is as easy as taking a walk: Simply attend a training session and commit to visually monitoring a group of elms three times between May and September. Contact the Sacramento Tree Foundation to sign up.



Bonnie Hansen, ENA Vice President, spoke at the last meeting of the Law & Legislation Committee on behalf of Elmhurst trees and residents.

Elmhurst Mailman Gets Recognition



Congratulations to our local mail carrier, Joseph Mack, on three decades and ONE MILLION miles of accident-free mail delivery! Thank you, Joseph!

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Evergreen Company, which plans to develop the large lot at Stockton Blvd. and T Street, reports that their project has been delayed due to unexpectedly high bids. Principal Dan Petrocchi says that, assuming the cost issues can be addressed, demolition of the old AT&T building may begin this summer. Evergreen will then move forward with construction of the apartment phase of the project.

The single family housing plans may be also delayed because of the lack of a sound wall along Interstate 50. Evergreen is developing alternatives to the current single family housing plan, to allow for development without waiting for a CalTrans-constructed sound wall.

It is possible that if the apartment phase issues cannot be resolved, that Evergreen will look again at an office building. That is not Evergreen's desired result, and Dan feels strongly that the project will move forward as anticipated, with a combination of the apartments and single-family housing.

Worried about trees? Attend a special meeting on July 14

Councilmember Eric Guerra and the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association invite you to a meeting with the City arborist to discuss the City's proposed tree ordinance. Please help us spread the word!

Thursday, July 14th

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Nevada City Room, Coloma Comm. Center

Elmhurst Residents Attend First Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Around 50 Elmhurst residents attended a meeting on May 25 to establish a Neighborhood Watch group for the neighborhood. Spurred by eight burglaries that hit the area last spring, the meeting featured representatives from the Sacramento Police Department (SPD), who described what a Neighborhood Watch group does, gave tips and suggestions for residents to increase security, and provided information about police procedures. Informative materials were also provided at the meeting, including ways to stay connected with the SPD, trainings provided by the SPD, and tips for Neighborhood Watch groups.

If you SEE something, SAY something

During the meeting, the SPD representatives acknowledged that **Elmhurst is one of the safest neighborhoods in Sacramento**. But because the police can't be everywhere, they rely on residents to let them know what's going on. **Please call them if you see anything or anyone who is suspicious.**

Take steps to protect yourself and your property:

- If you don't want to lose it, either put it in a safe or lock it up (even items inside your garage)
- Set your house alarm and lock your doors and windows
- Don't keep large sums of cash at home or on your person
- Replace the screws in your front door's strike plate with 3-inch-long screws
- Update the lighting at your home
- Let your neighbors know if something happens via NextDoor; but note that posting something on NextDoor does NOT mean the SPD will see your post. You still should call it in.

How to avoid mail/package theft:

- Have mail shipped to your workplace
- Ask a neighbor to receive or watch for your mail
- Have important packages shipped to Cottage Mart. For only \$1 a day, Cottage Mart will receive and hold your packages for you.

For more details of what happened at this meeting, please visit www.ElmhurstNA.com and click on "ENA News."



Join the new Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch

With multiple recent burglaries and car break-ins in the past few months, crime in Elmhurst is becoming a concern. So if you're worried about the security of our 'hood, join Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch.

Send an email to ElmhurstWatch@gmail.com, and you will be put on the list to receive notifications, including when the second meeting will take place.



Sacramento Police Captain Don Davis spoke at the Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch meeting on May 25, 2016.

How to Contact the Sacramento Police Dept.

Non-Emergencies: (916) 264-5471
Emergencies: 911 or (916) 732-0100
from your cell phone

SPD website: www.sacpd.org
Download the SacPD mobile app

To sign up for the Emergency Alert System: www.sacramento-alert.org

Facebook: Sacramento Police Department
Twitter: @SacPolice, @ChiefSamSomers, @SPD_FieldOps, @SacPd_BikeUnit, @SacPolice_Youth

Instagram: [sacramentopolice](https://www.instagram.com/sacramentopolice)

Vine: Sacramento Police Department

Pinterest: Sacramento Police

Note about NextDoor: The SPD is not able to see information posted by users, but you can contact SPD by either replying to a post that any SPD staff member makes or by clicking on an employee's photo/name and sending them a direct message. (Keep in mind you could catch an employee on days off so there may be a delay in response.)

LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATE

- **Elmhurst Picnic Sponsors:** Thank you to **UCD Health System, Rich Cazneaux, Burr's Fountain and Talini's Nursery** for your donations to the Elmhurst Summer Picnic this year.
- **Classic Hippie Tea Company:** Elmhurst has a new tea shop! It's called Classy Hippie Tea Company, and it's located at 3823 V Street. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.
- **Les Baux:** The bakery/café at the corner of 51st and Folsom closed, but it reopened on June 28 at 945 Howe Ave, next to La Bou.

Join Your Neighbors for National Night Out

The 33rd Annual National Night Out (NNO) will take place on **Tuesday, August 2, 2016** in neighborhoods throughout Sacramento and the nation. This event gives neighbors an opportunity to join together in a combined effort to deter crime, get to know each other and local police officers, and learn crime prevention methods.

If you'd like to learn more about NNO or start your own NNO event with neighbors and police officers, please visit <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Police/Events-Notices/National-Night-Out>.

Or, if you want to contact Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch, email ElmhurstWatch@gmail.com.

MEET THE ENA BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

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If you'd like to get involved, we encourage you to do so! We are currently in need of Board members and/or people who would like to fill our open positions, such as Secretary, Event or Volunteer Coordinator, Parents' Group Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, or Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

To contact the Board, please email Board@ElmhurstNA.com.

To submit news or photos for the newsletter, please email NewsletterEditor@ElmhurstNA.com.

Or visit us online: www.ElmhurstNA.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ElmhurstSacto.

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 printing the newsletter, insurance, and supplies for various events.

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

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

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If you have any questions, please contact us at
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