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President's Corner

By Amreet Sandhu, J.D.

Neighbors,

What an exciting year it has been for Elmhurst! As we wrap it up, I'd like to thank the ENA Board of Directors and Vice President Bonnie Hansen for putting together a marvelous Preservation Sacramento Historic Home Tour & Street Fair!

Our heartfelt thanks to all Elmhurst residents who opened their exquisite homes, gardens, and art studios to guests; Elmhurst resident & California Automobile Museum Director Delta Pick Mello; volunteer docents; and Assemblymember Kevin McCarty & Councilmember Eric Guerra for their very generous support. What a smashing time it was!

I'd like to also extend my gratitude to ENA Treasure Gordon Olson for filling in as Interim President over the summer. Under his leadership, we built our Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch--resulting in arrests while crimes were in commission. With the goal of getting ahead of any potential holiday crime, ENA is currently seeking Block Captains throughout Elmhurst. Please email us if you are interested in serving as a Captain for your block. ENA Block Captains will meet on December 1st.

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Kids---and Costumes---Welcome at the ENA Pancake Breakfast on October 29

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, October 29** at the Coloma Center on T St. The event will celebrate the season with a scrumptious pancake breakfast served from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event will also feature:

- A costume contest with prizes for scariest, silliest, etc.
- Free readings by fortune-teller the Mystical Erika K.
- Live music by The South Sac Jooks



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Saturday, October 29

Pancake Breakfast

See article below for details.

Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3

ENA Board Meetings

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

Information: President@ElmhurstNA.com

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day: Don't forget to vote!

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

All December Long

Holiday lights on Candy Cane Lane

S Street from 53rd to 55th streets

Thursday, December 1

Meeting for Elmhurst Block Captains

Information: ElmhurstWatch@gmail.com

Saturday, December 3

Annual Elmhurst Tree Lighting

Coloma Community Center

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 25

ENA General Meeting

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

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UPDATES FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



By Assemblymember
Kevin McCarty

Hello neighbors!

With the end of the legislative session, I am proud to announce that my priority bill for this session—AB 1716 to create a Lower American River Conservancy (LARC)—has been signed by the Governor!

State conservancies provide a framework for allocating state funds to enhance and protect natural lands and waterways. Of the \$740 million in state bond and general funds allocated to rivers since 1996, \$660 million has gone to rivers with state conservancies. The remaining \$80 million has been divided across the state, with the American River only receiving \$3 million. By establishing the LARC, our one-of-a-kind 5,000 acre urban river parkway—the “Jewel of Sacramento”—will finally be eligible for additional state resources.

The LARC will hold funds it receives until the county, city, or non-profit organizations request funding for specific projects. The Parkway Manager (Sacramento County) will continue to determine whether projects are allowed under the Parkway Plan, and the LARC will decide which projects to fund and by how much. The LARC can also help leverage those funds by identifying state and federal matching grants which may be applicable to a project.

I hope that the LARC will make a profound impact for this underutilized treasure. For too long, our Parkway has been dulled by a lack of funding beyond basic maintenance. I encourage you to write to my office, to your Supervisor, and to your Councilmember with ideas for projects the LARC can fund!

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarty
Assemblymember, 7th District



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

By City Councilmember
Eric Guerra

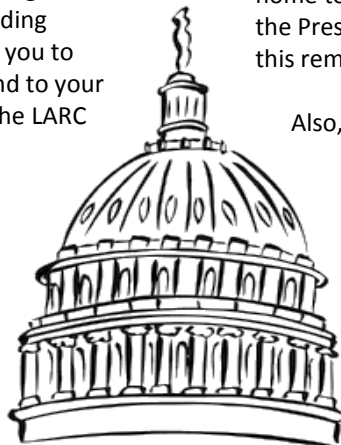
As we dive into Fall and witness the astonishing scenery our shedding elm trees will bring to the Elmhurst community, I would like to share with you some of the work we are doing to protect our tree canopy, and update you on projects our office has been working in your neighborhood.

First, I am pleased to share with you our partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and their Save The Elms Program (STEP). The City of Sacramento is working on developing a corps of volunteer citizen scientists to monitor the remaining public elm trees in order to slow the spread of Dutch Elm Disease (DED). Maintaining the elm canopy and the rich and varied benefits provided to our community is a must. Therefore, we are taking every possible action to protect the elm population and their well-being. As part of these efforts, in July, Sacramento Urban Forestry delivered 25 yards of mulch to protect elm’s roots from heat, cold, and drought.

For questions or concerns regarding the elms and the protection of our tree canopy please contact our City Arborist Kevin Hocker at (916) 808-4996.

Additionally, working in partnership with Preservation Sacramento, our office sponsored the 41st Annual Historic Home Tour showcasing the Elmhurst neighborhood with its architectural gems, such as the Julia Morgan House Event and Conference Center. The Elmhurst neighborhood has never before been the site of a Sacramento home tour and we were able to coordinate with the Preservation Sacramento and City staff to make this remarkable facility available to be a tour stop.

Also, the City of Sacramento begun one of its most significant Capital Improvement Projects in its history by installing water meters to more than 80% of



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Lots of Information Provided at the ENA General Meeting in September

The General Meeting of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association took place on Wednesday, September 21. Although held at the historic Julia Morgan House, the meeting was held in a modern conference room with comfortable chairs for those who attended.

The first to speak was **Al Eno**, who is a member of the ENA Board and its webmaster. Al explained that the ENA now has gifts for people who make a donation to the association and displayed some samples of t-shirts, bags, and tea towels. (For more information about the offerings, please see the back page.)

The next speaker was Sacramento City Councilman **Eric Guerra**, who discussed the development at the corner of Stockton Blvd. and T Street (see page 4 for an update). Councilman Guerra also spoke about the city's water main replacement project, the possibility of putting more street lights in Elmhurst, and his hope to have a future "State of the Trees" address in the T Street parkway. Guerra also thanked ENA President **Amreet Sandhu** for her work in requiring an annual reporting requirement on tree removal based on Portland, Oregon's model.

Captain **Don Davis** of the Sacramento Police Department was the next speaker at the meeting. Captain Davis discussed the crime in his district and explained that, compared with other neighborhoods, Elmhurst is a safe area. He went over the crime statistics for the neighborhood, gave an update on the status of the criminals who were involved in home burglaries last spring, and spoke of some of the issues he is currently dealing with, such as an increase in robberies of Asian residents in the southwestern part of the city.

ENA Vice President **Bonnie Hansen** then spoke about the new Sacramento tree ordinance and the ENA's efforts to block it from being adopted. She encouraged everyone to read some of the articles recently published in local newspapers, such as the *East Sacramento News*, that describe the issues surrounding the ordinance. She mentioned how many people feel that the city disrespected the wishes of many residents by adopting it, and how

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ENA Board of Directors Changes

Big changes are happening with the Board of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association.

Two members of the Board have left. **Diana LaMotta**, a longtime resident and Board member, moved a few months ago to an area near Yuba City to be closer to family.

Bonnie Hansen, our Vice President, has moved and is now a Florida resident. Bonnie has been a great asset to the Elmhurst community; she will be greatly missed!

We are pleased to announce that the Board has three new members:

Kristin Brady, Board Secretary: Kristin, a registered nurse, has lived in Elmhurst for 11 years. She is currently pursuing her MSN as a geriatric nurse practitioner. Kristin and her husband enjoy the charm and character of Elmhurst, and they love trying all the new local breweries and culinary establishments.

Vicky Blocker, Board Member: Vicky, who works in technology, is a California Naturalist who has lived in Elmhurst for 8 years. She is working with the Sacramento Tree Foundation on their STEM project, and hopes to have an active role in saving the Elmhurst tree canopy. If you would like more info on the program or would like to help out, please feel free to email Vicky at **ElmhurstTrees@gmail.com**.

Kenneth Kazarian, Board Member: Ken, a retired finance manager, just moved to our neighborhood this year. But his grandmother was a longtime resident of Elmhurst, and Ken also has other family in the area.

Welcome, Kristin, Vicky, and Ken!

MEET THE ENA BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

President:

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www.ElmhurstNA.com

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www.facebook.com/ElmhurstSacto



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The New Project Has a Name: The Finley!

As reported in previous newsletters, the former AT&T building located at Stockton Blvd. and T Street is expected to be torn down and replaced with a building by The Evergreen Company. A revised plan for single-family houses in the empty lot along S Street at 39th is also in the works.

Dan Petrocci of Evergreen has given us more information about the new mixed-use project. Evergreen is currently in the process of getting a building permit for the mixed-use residential project. Then, construction is slated to start next spring. In addition, the intersection at Stockton and T will get a facelift, including a bike lane.

The name "The Finley" has been chosen, Dan said, because that name resonated the best with potential

renters from the Generation X and Millennial groups.

One thing that could possibly hold up the project is the construction of a wall along the freeway, which is required for the single-family home project along S Street. Even with Assemblymember Kevin McCarty closely following the single-family project, Dan reports that CalTrans is giving only vague estimates as to when the wall will be constructed.

Although there are transportation measures on the ballot for the November 8 General Election, neither measure allocates funds to this specific project. As a result, The Evergreen Company is currently exploring its options to create its own barrier along the freeway, in order to keep the project moving forward.

Dan says that Evergreen is currently looking at different plans, and hopes to present alternatives to the Elmhurst Board and residents for feedback.

UCDMC UPDATE

Bicycling at UC Davis Health System

Last year, UC Davis Health System successfully installed four brand-new bicycle repair stands and air pumps around the Sacramento campus. While there has been some vandalism to the repair stands, with stolen tools, the program has been a success. The repair stands offer a QR code link for assistance in making basic repairs on site, plus, they come equipped with a set of Allen wrenches, screwdrivers, tire levers as well as an air pump with a tire gauge.

The health system's cycling program continues to grow, with more cyclists registering each month to be a part of the Green Commuter program for people who use

alternative transportation to get to work. Newly received funding will put in place a 30-capacity bike cage near the Emergency Department and an additional bike cage will be located near the new nursing building currently under construction.



To keep the nice weather momentum going, the health system will be hosting two rainy weather riding clinics this fall. Generally there is a drop off of active cyclists commuting in the inclement weather. The hope is to keep those cycling commuter on their bikes year round.

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some arborists have left their jobs with the city because of it. Bonnie also discussed the danger that Elmhurst trees are currently facing. She said that because the city will not treat Dutch elm disease, residents may need to step up to save trees by inoculating those that are on their private property.

Assemblymember **Kevin McCarty** and a member of his staff, **Andrew Becker**, spoke last. They talked about the tree ordinance, as well as legislation had been approved to create the Lower American River Conservancy. For more information, please see page 2.

Don't miss the next ENA General Meeting!

When: 6:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, January 25

Where: Julia Morgan House

Why: You'll hear the latest news for our neighborhood. Plus, you can meet the ENA Board members who work so hard to make our neighborhood great.

City Services Updates

The “Claw” Is Coming!

With so many large, mature trees in the neighborhood, leaves are a big deal every fall. The City of Sacramento will begin its leaf collection service on October 31, and it will continue until January 29, 2017.

Leaf-pile pickup will occur around every two weeks. If you’d like to see an estimate of the next collection date, visit the Sacrecycle Collection Calendar at www.sacrecycle.org. Check the calendar frequently since collection dates change often.



Leaf pile guidelines:

- The City asks that residents fill their yard waste containers first, before leaving leaves out on the street.
- Piles should be no more than five cubic yards in size (4'X4'X9' pile).
- Place the pile six feet from any obstruction (cars, boats, basketball hoops etc.).
- Make sure there is space between the curb and pile to allow water to flow to storm drains.
- When possible, avoid placing piles in bike lanes.
- Do not put pet waste in any yard waste pile or container. Pet waste goes into the garbage container.
- Piles should not be in plastic bags.
- Christmas Trees will be accepted in piles.

For more information, including materials that are NOT allowed in the leaf piles, go to www.cityofsacramento.org and type “leaf season” in the search box.

One-Day-a-Week Watering Returns November 1

Starting on November 1, Sacramento residents are to water their landscapes only one day a week, either Saturday or Sunday. The City asks that you NOT water if it is raining, or if rain is forecast around the weekend.

And please do NOT forget to water your trees! For more information about watering trees, visit the Sacramento Tree Foundation’s website, www.sactree.com. Or, you can read an article in the Summer 2015 edition of the *Elmhurst News*, available at www.ElmhurstNA.com.

Tips to save water:

- If you choose to wash your car at home, please use a hose nozzle and make sure it’s your designated watering day.
- Consider turning off your irrigation system for at least a week or two, after it rains.
- Overwatering, or allowing water to run off the sidewalk and into the gutter, is prohibited at all times.
- Water early or late in the day to save 50 gallons of water every time you water.
- Consider replacing plants with native or drought-tolerant plants, upgrading your irrigation system with drip or high-efficiency sprinklers, or installing rain barrels and a gray water system. Rebates are available!
- To report water misuse, call 311 or download and use the free 311 app for android or iPhone.



For more information, go to www.cityofsacramento.org and type “watering” in the search box.

Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch: Block Captains Wanted!

Attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting on December 1 to get involved

With home, bicycle, and porch burglaries continuing, and some scary events occurring near our neighborhood, safety is still a concern for many Elmhurst residents. If you would like to help by having an active role in keeping our area safe, please consider getting involved.



As mentioned at the last ENA General Meeting, the ENA is trying to organize a Neighborhood Watch system that involves residents of each block of the neighborhood. We are asking for interested parties to volunteer as Block Captains.

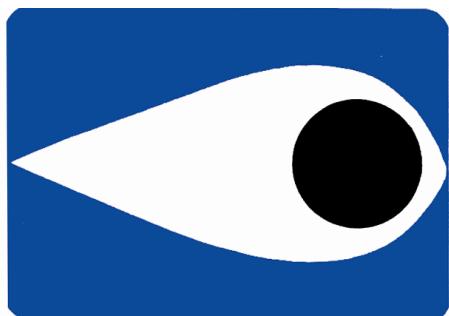
Block Captains will be very important to the Elmhurst Neighborhood Watch program. Although it does not involve a lot of work, it is a vital part of our safety.

Block Captains will:

- host the first block meeting for the designated block, either at their home or at a nearby location;
- decide how often residents will walk around the block;
- recruit neighbors;
- distribute ENA Neighborhood Watch materials; and
- serve as a liaison with the ENA Board for issues that impact the block.

Block Captains will not be asked to create any materials—the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association and the Sacramento Police Department will handle that. Also, Block Captains will *not be asked to be the police* for your block—rather, you and your neighbors will be the *eyes and ears* of the Police Department.

If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain for your block, please send an email to elmhurstwatch@gmail.com. We will send you a neighborhood map so that you can identify your block. We have broken up the neighborhood into 29 Neighborhood Watch blocks. In addition, we will send you more details about the Neighborhood Watch program.



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A meeting for neighborhood Block Captains will be held on December 1. If you're interested, please be sure to email us at elmhurstwatch@gmail.com, and we will let you know the details about the meeting, such as its time and location.

If you're concerned about keeping Elmhurst safe, please consider getting involved! Only by working together can we be a force against crime and criminals who dare target Elmhurst residents.

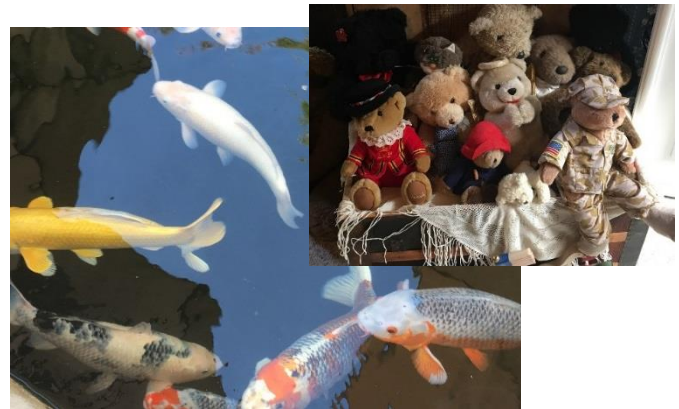
The Elmhurst Historic Home Tour Put the Neighborhood on Display

On Sunday, September 11, the entire neighborhood of Elmhurst was featured during a special Historic Home Tour. Held by Preservation Sacramento, the tour allowed participants to walk through and view numerous historic homes in the neighborhood, as well as enjoy a street fair held in the T Street parkway.

Here are some images from that special day. (If you're viewing the printed newsletter, color photos are available at www.ElmhurstNA.com.)



Welcome to Elmhurst! From left; ENA Board member George Godfrey, ENA Secretary Kristin Brady, ENA President Amreet Sandhu and ENA Treasurer Gordy Olson.



Donate to the ENA and get great stuff!

Attention Elmhurst residents! Now you can show your pride in your neighborhood with T-shirts, tote bags and tea towels that feature our name and a bicycle image. For a donation to the ENA, you will receive a complimentary “Thank you” gift. See samples here:



\$5 Donation
Tea towel, available
in various
styles/colors



\$15 Donation
Tote bag

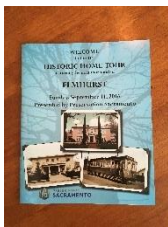


\$20 Donation
Short-sleeve T-shirt
Available in various
sizes and colors



\$25 Donation
Long-sleeve T-shirt
Available in various
sizes and colors

To order, or see more samples, go to <http://www.elmhurstna.com/gifts.html>. You can pay via PayPal, by check, or by cash at the next ENA event. Plus, if you live in Elmhurst, your goods will be hand-delivered.



Also available for a limited time: If you missed the Elmhurst Historic Home tour, consider buying a program. This full-color 16-page booklet has a huge amount of information about the history of our neighborhood, a neighborhood map of the tour, details about homes on the tour, and advertisements from local businesses. It's a keepsake that many of us will cherish for years to come. If you'd like to get a booklet for a \$5 donation to the ENA, please visit our website, www.ElmhurstNA.com, or email info@ElmhurstNA.com.

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Our Annual Pancake Breakfast & Children's Costume Contest will take place on October 29th, from 9 – 11. a.m. at the Coloma Community Center. The South Sac Jooks will performing live music for our event. Singing sweet, old-timey tunes, and playing mainly washboard, harmonica, and guitars—this is a band is not to be missed! Please joins us for our final ENA event of the year.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome our new ENA board members, Kristin Brady, Kenneth Kazarian, & Vicky Blocker to the team! ENA looks forward to working more closely with them in 2017. Until the new year—happy holidays, Elmhurst! Keep up the great work of making Elmhurst a fantastic place to live.

Amreet Sandhu, J.D.
President

Councilman Eric Guerra, cont'd. from page 2

the City's water service connections. To date, 95,000 meters have been installed throughout our community. In July, our office held a community meeting at the Coloma Community Center to answer questions regarding the Water Meter Retrofit Project and to advise residents of what to expect with the construction and installation of these water meters.

For information as to how these new implementations will affect you, please contact the Department of Utilities at (916) 808-5454.

Lastly, be sure to mark your calendar and save the date for our Annual Elmhurst Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 3rd at the Coloma Community Center. We will have a full evening of arts and crafts, hot beverages, and a special appearance by Santa Claus himself! I look forward to continuing to work with the Elmhurst neighbors to protect our tree canopy, and bring more projects into the District.