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# 2018 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **Brian Ebbert**

South Land Park Neighborhood Association President

## What a Year!

I can almost feel the energy enveloping South Land Park. We are seeing significant commercial investments, an increased sense of community, growing neighborhood pride, families moving in, and the community coming together to support one another, whether it is to support new businesses, or to provide comfort in times of need. Our neighborhood has seen its share of challenges, and even some horrible tragedies. But our volunteers at SLPNA always seem to rise to the occasion, regardless of the circumstances. The past 12 months were likely the busiest in SLPNA history. Thanks to our active and hard-working board of directors and community volunteers, we have been able to address many issues in our neighborhood, and to celebrate many achievements.

## Investment in Neighborhood Businesses and Amenities



**“When it rains, it pours.”** Businesses and government investments are finally flowing toward South Land Park. After years of hard work by many South Land Park residents, the Regional Transit Board voted in February 2018 to transfer the 4.5-mile long rail corridor to the City for a community trail (see article on page 6). This is a MAJOR achievement for South Land Park and the entire City. An engineering firm has already completed initial studies to build the “Del Rio Trail.” The engineering and environmental documents will be released by the City shortly. Our hope is that, within a few years, pedestrians and cyclists will have a safe and direct path to local schools, parks, businesses, and services.

Special thanks to our Trail Committee Chair, Chuck Hughes. (It certainly helps us that Chuck is well-versed in the intricacies of environmental laws and planning!) Councilmember and RT Board Member Jay Schenirer was instrumental in transferring the property to the City.

Other investments in the neighborhood are also underway: many improvements are ongoing at the Florin West Center (see article, page 12); SF Market is slated to open this summer at the vacant Vic’s Market; a local couple opened-up the new “Garden Party Coffee & Tea” in December; and Raley’s will commence construction of their flagship store at the Capital Nursery site later this year. Arco also announced they will construct a fuel station, car wash and market at the vacant and blighted gas station site at the corner of Freeport Blvd. and Blair Avenue. As part of the project, Arco is also paying for a POD (Police Observation Device) for that intersection, much to the satisfaction of Sacramento PD.



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## Community Building

**Our community really came together in 2017 and 2018.** Here's just a sample: Approximately 50 volunteers joined SLPNA, Councilmember Schenirer, and Assembly Member Jim Cooper on the "Del Rio Trail" for a cleanup of the old rail corridor; hundreds of residents flocked to Alice Birney School in



August for our annual National Night Out (which is one of the best attended NNO events in the City); SLPNA marched again in the 4th of July Pocket Parade, and we co-hosted a summer movie night with Councilmember Schenirer at Belle Cooleedge Park. We held a neighborhood mixer at Barrio Café. We also recently partnered with the new Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association to clean up a section of Riverside Blvd near 35th Avenue. We held a Domestic Violence forum in February 2018. And two community vigils were organized by SLPNA to memorialize victims of tragic murders. SLPNA is organizing a Neighborhood Watch meeting in April 2018.

## SLPNA Amplifies Your Voice At City Hall

**We advocate for you.** Representing an area of 14,000 residents is a challenging task for a volunteer board with minimal resources. But we have expertise and we have heart. It helps that our Board consists of a diverse group of talented volunteers, with professional experience in fields such as law, real estate, business, marketing, health care, accounting, transportation, government, and politics. Members of our Board attend stakeholder meetings, volunteer at events, and communicate with City staff, the Police Department, and our Councilmember on a regular basis. We testify at government agency hearings. We respond to emails from residents, business owners, and the press on a regular basis as well. We stay active on social media. It is safe to say that City Hall considers us to be a strong advocate on issues affecting our neighborhood. Whether it is the mailbox replacement at Land Park Station, or increased police presence at Reichmuth Park, SLPNA makes sure our neighborhood concerns are conveyed to appropriate decision makers.



## Cannabis Industry and South Land Park

**Cannabis is a controversial subject.** Over the past year, the City has approved three new cannabis businesses in our neighborhood and more are on the way. Growing, selling, and using cannabis is now legal in California under certain circumstances defined in state law and City codes. The SLPNA Board has maintained an open mind as it relates to the cannabis industry, but we also recognize its potential impacts on the community. The commercial area near Freeport Blvd. and Blair Avenue is attracting cannabis entrepreneurs. Some of the landlords that own commercial buildings in that area also want to cash-in on the high rents they can charge cannabis businesses. Several Conditional Use Permits have been submitted over the past year to convert buildings into marijuana cultivation facilities, a distribution center, and a bakery. As the flurry of cannabis applications flood the City, SLPNA reviewed each application, met with landlords and applicants, and hosted a cannabis forum.



In 2017, we chose to oppose one cannabis grow operation at a former school site, and we recently chose a “neutral” stance on two other cannabis cultivation operations. SLPNA has voiced our growing concerns about the displacement of existing small businesses to make room for high-rent paying cannabis businesses. **We simply do not want to lose the diverse array of services and jobs that currently exist in that area in favor of one new industry.** We are also concerned that this industry may attract armed robberies as well as federal drug enforcement actions, within feet of homes, schools, and businesses. The City Code specifically prohibits

the “undue concentration” of cannabis businesses in a neighborhood, but the City has not defined “undue concentration.” **Over the period of less than a year, we have gone from one dispensary to six proposed or approved cannabis operations in the Blair/Freeport Blvd. area.** In March 2018, the SLPNA Board voted to declare that we have reached the threshold of “undue concentration” of cannabis in our neighborhood. SLPNA has repeatedly asked Councilmember Schenirer and the City to consider capping applications in our neighborhood until the City fully understands the impact on neighboring small businesses. The Board is asking that all cannabis businesses (dispensaries, testing facilities, growers, distributors, manufacturers) should be included in the definition of “undue concentration,” not just cultivators. Stay tuned as this issue continues to unfold in coming months and years.

### Tragedies Rock South Land Park

Last year, a horrific quadruple murder of a family on 35th Avenue shocked our community and the entire city. SLPNA did our best to try and help the community heal, by holding a vigil attended by over 100 people, including Mayor Steinberg. We unfortunately had to hold another vigil just 10 months later, when a local resident was murdered in her home in South Land Park Terrace. This tragedy was followed just days later by a horrendous traffic collision on Freeport Blvd, where the City recently removed a crosswalk. The collision claimed the life of a 71-year old woman, and critically injured a first grader at Sutterville Elementary. They were struck as they were attempting to cross Freeport Blvd. SLPNA is working with the Sutterville PTA, Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association, Land Park Community Association, and the City on addressing pedestrian safety issues on Freeport Blvd. In the near term, Sacramento Police will be focusing on speed limit enforcement during school commute hours.



### Financial Health of SLPNA

SLPNA was fortunate to receive a **\$500 Seed Grant from Councilmember Schenirer’s** office in 2017. Our Treasurer Jeff Brown applied for the grant to cover the costs of creating “Neighborhood Welcome Kits” for new residents as they move into our community. The supplies have been purchased, and we will soon assemble the kits and begin distribution. We also received a generous donation from **Assembly Member Jim Cooper**, enabling us to provide t-shirts to volunteers who participated in the Del Rio Trail Cleanup Day.

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Our association is frugal and **100% volunteer-based**. The association finances are stable, but we do need additional resources to maintain our levels of activity. Typical costs we incur include web hosting and email database fees, printing, and event supplies. The polo shirts our Board members wear were paid for by each Board member. Some Board members also provide occasional financial donations out of the goodness of their hearts. **We humbly ask that you also make a tax-deductible contribution of any amount** to help SLPNA maintain the association. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

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### Thanks to SLPNA Board of Directors

On April 1, 2018 the SLPNA Board of Directors will be at **CAPACITY** at 15 Board Members for the first time since anyone can remember. I want to publicly THANK our hard-working Board Members and volunteers. Our board and committee leadership team: Chip O'Neill, Jeff Brown, Nita Barve, Joe Flores, Chuck Hughes, and Dan Weitzman. Plus our dedicated board members, Brian Backhaus, Scott Burns, Randall Henry, Anthony Jackson, Maggy Krell, Tanya Lammerding, Diane Matthews, Sarah Sciandri & Tommy Stroud and incoming Board Members Phoebe Austin & Sharla Smith. This entire team dedicates many hours of their limited free time to serve the association and all of you. ■



## MORE PROGRESS ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL

By **Chuck Hughes**

Del Rio Trail Committee Chair



Progress continued on the Del Rio Trail Project throughout 2017. In January, the City hired Dokken Engineering to prepare technical engineering and environmental studies, preliminary engineering, and the environmental document for the Project. The process started with a public meeting in March. City and Dokken staff highlighted the opportunities for the Project and the design challenges that would need to be overcome to make it a reality. Also early in the year, survey work was conducted to locate all of the physical features in the corridor (utilities, poles, trees, etc.) in order to accommodate as many as possible in design. Technical studies began for preliminary engineering work and environmental review. In March the Del Rio Trail Committee met at Barrio Café, which graciously provided space, snacks, and drinks. Since then, members of the committee have pitched in over the course of the year whenever the Project needs a helping hand and SLPNA is grateful for the help.

The City held two Trail Advisory Group (TAG) meetings in March and May with representatives from multiple city agencies (including police) with expertise in bike/pedestrian projects, and two neighborhood representatives. I was the representative from SLPNA. Much of the discussion at the TAG meetings focused on technical details of the Trail design and layout. The City is very interested in successful “activation” of the Trail, meaning they want to encourage its frequent use by residents by maximizing accessibility. One TAG discussion resulted in SLPNA polling the residents along the Park Village Street corridor about their thoughts on installing gates into the metal Trail fence at the cul-de-sacs in that neighborhood. Those residents were not in favor of the gates (72% opposed), and the gates were dropped from the design. During the same poll SLPNA asked those residents if they supported the Del Rio Trail Project in general and 76% did.

By the time of the second public meeting in June, the engineering team had developed a preliminary design for all of the road crossings along the Trail corridor. The design includes new stoplights at Sutterville and Fruitridge Roads. By this point design had progressed enough to include separated walking and biking paths. The Del Rio Road crossing of the Trail corridor presented a special challenge due to the existing awkward intersection alignment. The design team held a focused public meeting about that specific intersection with the surrounding neighborhood. The nearby residents who participated overwhelmingly preferred the option that extended Normandy Lane so that it intersects Del Rio Road/27th Avenue at a right angle.

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SLPNA organized a clean-up day on the Del Rio Trail on June 3rd. Over two dozen people, including Councilmember Jay Schenirer, came and cleaned up a half-mile long section of the Trail. Schenirer's office provided snacks and drinks. Assemblymember Jim Cooper sponsored T-shirts and Kombat Ink supplied the Del Rio Trail T-shirts, at a discounted rate, to SLPNA that were then given to volunteers.

In August, the Project engineer and I attended National Night Out at Alice Birney school with a poster board of the Del Rio Trail corridor and design. It was great to talk to lots of people from the neighborhood and hear that the level of support for the Project is high. In mid-August, the Project team held the third public outreach meeting, an informal question-and-answer discussion with the attending public one-on-one.

#### Other Notable Items in 2017:

- Letters supporting the Del Rio Trail and opposing trains south of Sutterville Road from State Senator Dr. Richard Pan and Assemblymember Jim Cooper.
- A walk-through of the Del Rio Trail by the Sacramento PD in order to incorporate "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) into the design.
- The Valley Vision report on "Regional Attitudes about Civic Amenities" found that when asked to rank the single most important civic amenity to their quality of life, 54% of respondents said parks and trails. The next highest response, at 9%, was science and history museums.
- In December, the City of Sacramento sent a letter to Regional Transit expressing interest in acquiring the property. Regional Transit owns most of the Trail corridor.

**In February 2018, the Regional Transit Board voted unanimously to transfer ownership of the rail corridor to the City of Sacramento for the purpose of constructing the Del Rio Trail.**

#### Upcoming items for 2018:

- The environmental document for the Del Rio Trail is due to be released for public circulation around April or May 2018.
- For the second year, a landscape architecture class at UC Davis is using the Del Rio Trail corridor as an example for class projects. The class visited several locations along the Trail in January 2018.
- The Sacramento Tree Foundation is planning to plant native trees in the southern area of the Trail corridor in autumn 2018. SLPNA intends to turn this into a volunteer opportunity.

You can also visit SLPNA's website [www.SLPNA.org](http://www.SLPNA.org) and click on "Del Rio Trail". ■

# GARDEN PARTY COFFEE AND TEA - OUR STORY

By **Elizabeth Moseby**  
Owner



After many turns in the roads of life, my husband, Anthony, and I moved back to Sacramento in 2012. We first landed in a cute little “for lease” house in Land Park. Because we both had fond and idealistic memories of South Land Park, we looked for, and found, a sweet little home that we bought and settled into a welcoming neighborhood filled with kind people.

I had already transferred to teach at Pony Express Elementary which was closer to home and a place where I could work with a group of families and their children who were very near and dear to my heart. Somehow I knew that when this group of children promoted out of Pony, it would be time for me to leave as well. It was with the inner knowledge that soon I would no longer be a teacher, that I started looking into opening some type of business in our South Hills Shopping Center.

South Hills Shopping Center was a place I remembered from my childhood as being very fashionable and filled with some of the finer stores in Sacramento. I wanted to be a part of this legacy. In April of 2015 I sent a letter of intent to the property owners of the former Neptune’s Table hoping to open a tea room that specialized in formal teas and dining. That was a grand dream because in our conversations I learned it would take \$1 million to renovate and it just wasn’t possible. So I pursued a site in the center of the shopping complex next to Brownie’s with a different one of the three property owners. I negotiated for that while securing financing from an SBA lender. In the end, the trustees for the Mezzanine portion of South Hills Shopping Center extended the lease for that storefront to a chiropractor friend.

Over the next year and a half, I looked at storefronts at Florin West, Rush River, and a few others. But none of them were quite right or the timing was wrong.

On March 3, 2017 Anthony came home to tell me the corner shop at South Hills Shopping Center had a for lease sign up in the window. This shop belonged to the same owners of the Neptune’s Table that I originally contacted. As soon as possible, Anthony and I went up to the store site. I called the listed phone number right away and when I got home I followed up with an email. And the property managers got back to me the next day.

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Because of our disappointment with losing the store in the Mezzanine, my husband and I did a lot of soul searching and decided we did not want outside financing, so we agreed that if we didn't have to take out any loans, we would try to get this current storefront for a tea place.

Long story short, others also put in bids to open businesses so my idea needed to be something that peeked the owners' interest as well as enhanced the community.

### **The Final Twist**

The property owner did not want too many modifications like would be required for a restaurant. Because I love this neighborhood and have a vision for South Hills to be the fashionable commercial center it was created to be, I said if I could not open a tea café, I could at least operate a store with high quality tea leaves and specialty coffee beans-and a small space that little children felt welcome-so people could put on their own tea and coffee parties. The important goal was just to get into the store.

In August, my final proposal and business model for a retail shop specializing in teas, coffee beans, tea-ware and children's items was accepted. I signed the lease.

Using my savings from my teaching career from which I retired in June of 2017, I purchased necessary materials. My family and I did the design and put in the cosmetic upgrades ourselves. We opened our family-owned Garden Party Coffee and Tea. We have received a congenial and warm welcome and patronage from friends and strangers who are becoming friends.

Plus, I never knew how much there was to learn about the tea plant!

As the words in the song Garden Party state, "It's all right now". I learned many lessons and I am continuing to learn to find pleasure in what I do. I am hoping my patrons are finding pleasure with us being here as well. We are grateful to be in our store and hope to have a long, joyful, and prosperous relationship with the South Hills Shopping Center family, friends, and South Land Park community. ■



# A FAMILY FRIENDLY SOUTH LAND PARK - TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

By Sarah Sciandri  
SLPNA Board Member

South Land Park is becoming increasingly popular among young families with little ones who like to keep busy. The great thing about living here is there's a lot to do in the area to have fun together and keep those little ones active and creative. Here's a top 10 list of fun things to do in South Land Park for residents of all ages.

**1) Sing along with Mister Cooper at the Belle Coolidge Library.** Every Saturday from 11 to 11:30 a.m., our local library hosts neighborhood friends for music and singing, all for free. Plus Belle Coolidge Library offers a lot more free classes and activities for neighbors of all ages. Learn more at [www.saclibrary.org/locations/belle-coolidge](http://www.saclibrary.org/locations/belle-coolidge).



**2) Bowl a strike at AMF Land Park Lanes.** AMF Land Park Lanes offers best-in-class bowling and awesome anytime fun—featuring 32 all-star lanes, billiards, and interactive arcade games. You can even close out the weekend with a “Sunday Funday” where games and shoe rentals are just \$3 after 6 p.m. Learn more at [www.amf.com/location/amf-land-park-lanes](http://www.amf.com/location/amf-land-park-lanes).

**3) Delight in a delicious breakfast at Aviator's at the Sacramento Executive Airport.** Overlooking the airfield, you can enjoy a good old American-style breakfast or lunch, seven days a week or dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings. You'll find it at 6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822. Please call (916) 424-1728 for more information.



**4) Get creative at Beverly's Unique Scrapbooking.** Conveniently tucked into the South Land Park Hills Shopping Center, Beverly's is here to help you preserve your family memories in unique ways. Or, join them for a specialty class made for creatives of all ages and skill levels. They offer classes from acrylic painting, paint by numbers, scrapbooking and more. See more offerings at [www.beverlysuniquescrapbooking.com](http://www.beverlysuniquescrapbooking.com).

**5) Play on our playgrounds.** South Land Park's got a number of great neighborhood parks, including a recently remodeled “fire station” themed playground at Reichmuth Park behind Sacramento Fire Department Station 13. Or, head on over to Belle Coolidge, Argonaut, or Seymour park to fit a play break into your day.



**6) Throw your dog a bone, or a ball at Partner Dog Park.** Located behind the Belle Coledge Community Center, this 2.5-acre off-leash dog park is one of the best in the city due to its abundance of shade and hilly terrain.

**7) Do the hula at Ohana Dance Studio.** The Ohana Dance Group celebrates Hawaiian culture and offers a place for everyone to share the stories and spirituality of the islands and its people through hula traditions and dances. They offer new beginner Hula classes for teens and adults and 'Ukulele practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Learn more at [www.ohanadancegroup.com](http://www.ohanadancegroup.com).

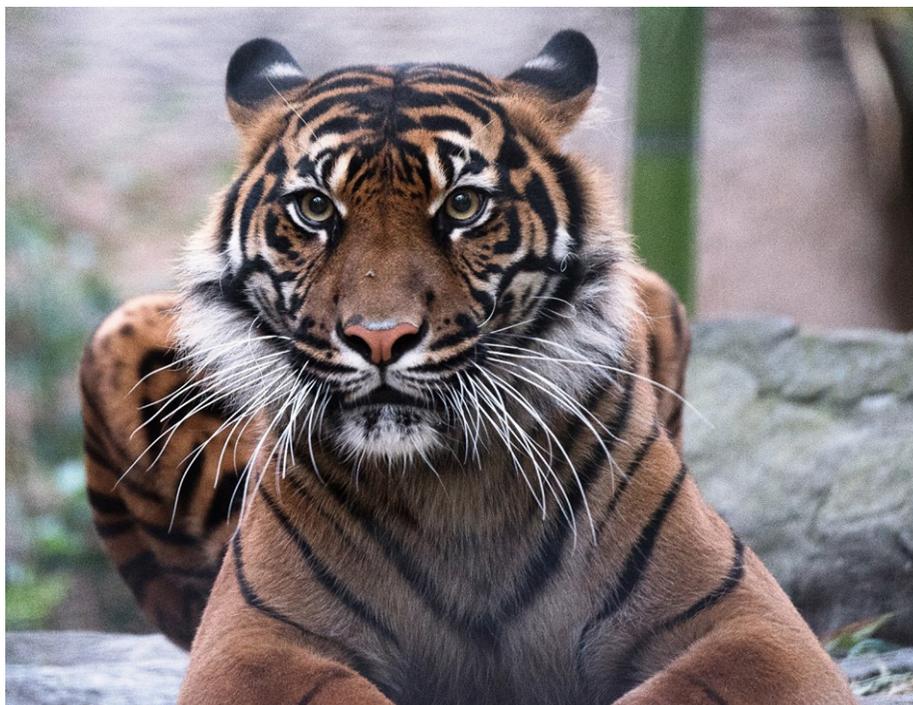


**8) Take a ride on RT.** What kid doesn't love getting "all aboard" a train!? You can hop on RT and conveniently get to Downtown, Midtown or Old Sac via Sacramento Regional Transit from the two stations closest to South Land Park - City College Station, a side platformed Sacramento RT light rail station on the Sacramento City College campus and Fruitridge Station near Fruitridge Road and 24th Street. Get RT schedules at [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com).

**9) Go golfing at Bing Maloney.** Kids under 18 can play the 9-hole Express 9 Golf Course FREE all day, every day. This course also offers The Northern California Institute of Golf Junior Programs for kids of all ages. Learn more at [www.bingmaloney.com](http://www.bingmaloney.com).



**10) Say hello to our neighbors to the north.** Last but certainly not least, are favorites among families all around Sacramento - William Land Park, the Sacramento Zoo, Funderland Park and Fairytale Town, where you can hit up all the attractions in one visit if you're feeling adventurous! Learn more [www.saczoo.org](http://www.saczoo.org), [www.funderlandpark.com](http://www.funderlandpark.com) and [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org). ■



# EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO FLORIN WEST

By **Brian Ebbert**  
SLPNA President

## An updated Florin West Center to be re-named the “South Land Park Shopping Center”

You’ve certainly noticed the construction underway at the Bel Air shopping center at Florin Road and South Land Park Drive, long known as the Florin West Center. The project will improve the facades of existing buildings, and construct new retail and restaurant space within the large parcel. When the project is complete, the entire center will be re-branded as the South Land Park Shopping Center.



Here is an update from the developer, Preserve West Capital:

- The parking lot in front of Bel Air will be replaced in phases over the next three months with new lighting and trees in the parking lot.
- Landscaping will be installed along Florin Road as work in center is completed.
- Landscaping between the old Hollywood building will be replaced and updated.
- Round Table will be doing a total remodel of their store to their new Clubhouse concept.
- ABC Bakery will be expanding.
- Bel Air should start their interior remodel this summer and the exterior will be enhanced as well.
- New pylon and monument signs will be installed and the center will be re-branded as the South Land Park Shopping Center.
- You will be hearing about more exciting tenants soon as well. You can see from the flyer what we have now.



# SF MARKET OPENING IN SOUTH HILLS SHOPPING CENTER THIS SUMMER

By **Brian Ebbert**  
SLPNA President

## Asian supermarket chain working around the clock to meet target date

June is the ambitious target date for a grand opening celebration for SF Market, the highly successful Asian supermarket chain that is expanding its Sacramento presence. Workers have been hard at work on the roof, inside, and in the parking lot making improvements and getting the aging facility up to modern codes.



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# SOUTH LAND PARK

By **Jay Schenirer**

Councilmember, District 5



Spring is just around the corner – I have spent a good deal of my time over the past couple of months talking to South Land Park residents and wanted to provide updates about the issues you are talking about most – and how we can work on addressing these problems together.

1. **Neighborhood Crime & Safety.** South Land Park has had a number of car, package, and bicycle thefts in the last few months. On April 18, SLPNA will be hosting a meeting to discuss public safety issues – including information on starting neighborhood watch groups. So much of keeping our neighborhoods safe depends on eyes on the street and reporting suspicious activities. Sac Police has increased patrols in the area, and conducting ‘bait package’ and ‘bait bike/car’ operations in the next few months.

2. **Supporting our Local Businesses.** A lot of resident comments have been about the aging businesses in South Land Park and Freeport Boulevard. We are excited to see the renovated Florin Center West project this summer, and the Shun Fat (SF) Supermarket come to the South Hills Shopping Center – both efforts will bring new life into South Land Park.

My office has worked over the past years to develop plans to activate Broadway, Stockton Blvd., and Franklin Blvd. corridors, and we would like to re-initiate a business association or district to encourage reinvestment on Freeport. Stay tuned for a Spring Business Walk where I hope to meet many interested in coming together to improve the Freeport corridor.

3. **Traffic and Bike/Pedestrian Safety.** The collision in late January between two pedestrians and a car on Freeport and Oregon is still engrained in everyone’s minds to say the least. As part of the City’s Vision Zero policy and action plan, more will be done more quickly to not just put a ‘band-aid’ on an intersection, but to look at a combination of meaningful infrastructure, enforcement, and education affecting pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

4. **Homelessness.** This is still the most important Citywide issue. It impacts everyone – residents, businesses, and visitors - and affects our overall economy, transportation systems, public safety, and services. We are beginning to address issues experienced by those affected by homelessness: temporary and longer-term housing options, mental health and health services, and coordination with public, private, and nonprofit partners. We are still a long way from solving this, but we are developing the programs to get us there.

Some of these issues are big – covering the entire City, and others are as close as your front porch or street corner. I am glad to support and help resolve them as your City Councilmember. I look forward to continuing to work together to create a better Sacramento! Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at [jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org) or 916-808-7005.

# YARD OF THE MONTH

By **Joe Flores**  
SLPNA Board Member



During the holiday months of 2017, South Land Park neighbors submitted pictures of their decorated homes and three became the South Land Park Neighborhood Association's Yard of the Month winners.

The winning family received a huge Yard of the Month lawn sign and gift certificate to Garden Party, the first runner up received a gift certificate to Florez Café, and the second runner up received a gift certificate to Giovanni's Pizza.

The McEvelly Family on Holstein was the Yard of the Month Winner for their Halloween themed Lawn decorations and received a gift card to Barrio Café.

Dennis and Steve on Wymore Way were the Yard of the Month Winners for their Spring landscape and received a gift card to South Land Park Dry Cleaners.

There will be future contests in 2018 for your house to be spotlighted as South Land Park's Yard of the Month, including Best Roses and Drought Efficient Landscapes. Submit pictures of your lawn to [SLPNA@SLPNA.org](mailto:SLPNA@SLPNA.org).



# ACCELERATED WATER METER PROGRAM

By City of Sacramento Department of Utilities

The accelerated water meter program will begin construction in several neighborhoods near South Land Park in the next month. The Tradewinds neighborhood, off of Fruitridge Road and Freeport Blvd. and Golf Course Terrace Estates, off of Florin Road and Freeport Blvd., will begin construction. Most of the remaining areas in South Land Park, which are currently unmetered, are scheduled to begin water meter construction in the Fall of 2018.

For more information, and to find out when you will have your water meter installed, visit the Department of Utilities Meters Matter online map at [www.metersmatter.org](http://www.metersmatter.org).

The default location for meter installations is in a rectangular meter box within the Public Utility Easement behind the sidewalk. However, some properties will be eligible to have the meter installed in the sidewalk, should they choose to pay the sidewalk installation fee.

## What to Expect During Construction

During construction, you could experience:

- Water shutdown for up to 4 hours
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## 43RD AVENUE NEEDS SPEED LUMPS

By **Sharla Smith**  
SLPNA Board Member

43rd Avenue is unsafe. Simply put, due to the excessive speeding on 43rd Avenue, the vehicles that pass other vehicles in the bicycle lane, as well as the number of vehicles that ignore the stop sign on 43rd Avenue and 13th Street, makes this street unsafe.

The posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour, but vehicles exceed this speed limit every day. According to the City of Sacramento Traffic Investigation, vehicles speed on average nine miles over the speed limit between 14th Street and 13th Street approaching a stop sign. However, vehicles speed an average of thirty-six miles over the speed limit between 13th Street and South Land Park Drive approaching a stop light. In fact, one vehicle was clocked at over seventy miles an hour on this stretch of residential road!

Further, with the curvature of 43rd Avenue, vehicles traveling eastbound are especially prone to completely miss the stop sign at the intersection of 43rd Avenue and 13th Street. This is especially disconcerting because many elementary students use the crosswalk at this intersection to get to Alice Birney Elementary School. The students and families who attend Alice Birney Elementary School deserve to be safe.

Another safety issue on 43rd Avenue is the commercial trucks that exceed the five-ton limit for this street. Posted signs clearly state those vehicles weighing over five tones are prohibited from traveling on 43rd Avenue from Freeport to South Land Park Drive. And yet, these commercial trucks travel illegally on 43rd Avenue daily. Unfortunately, many of these commercial truck drivers also exceed the posted speed limit, making it more difficult to stop on time, which contributes to the unsafe environment on 43rd Avenue.

Accidents occur multiple times a month at the intersection of 43rd Avenue and South Land Park Drive. There have already been two in this month.

It's time for speed lumps to be installed on 43rd Avenue to address these safety issues. Speed lumps have been shown to reduce the number of cars traveling on a street and to limit speeding. Speed lumps will also discourage commercial truck passage.

Signatures from the households on 43rd Avenue have been collected as well as 30 residents from the South Land Park neighborhood in support of the speed lumps. All that remains is for the Fire Department to sign off on the speed lumps.

Let's not wait for a fatality to occur. We need to make 43rd Avenue safe for all residents of South Land Park and the greater Sacramento area.



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# TACKLING HOMELESSNESS

By **Patrick Kennedy**

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, District 2



I decided this year that rather than attempt to touch on all the various issues the county has dealt with in the past year, I would use this article to go deeper into an issue that I get asked about the most in South Land Park and all of our neighborhoods: homelessness.

Two years ago, the Board of Supervisors embarked upon a plan to deal with an issue that was rapidly becoming one that affected every neighborhood of the county. We significantly increased the time, energy and resources devoted to homelessness. We were seeing the same things as our constituents; tents popping up on vacant properties, increasing signs of individuals on the streets with mental illness or substance issues, sleeping bags and shopping carts tucked under store fronts and in public spaces.

These efforts led to the development of a plan to ameliorate homelessness that is unparalleled in the county's history. The following is a list of the basic components that make up the county's homeless reduction initiatives:

**Family Crisis Response and Shelters:** This will shelter more families using a simplified registration system by accommodating families that may have obstacles to traditional shelters such as multi-gendered groups, individuals with complex health or behavioral issues, or other issues. This is expected to shelter approximately 268 families a year.

**Preserve the Mather Community Campus:** Volunteers of America programs faced the loss of federal funding, so the Board replaced it with new county support to continue operations at Mather Community Campus where residents will transition to stable employment and community housing.

**Full Service Rehousing Shelter Program:** The County recently entered into an agreement with Sacramento Self Help Housing to operate a Full Service Rehousing Shelter Program, which will, as a scattered-site shelter model, house 250 to 300 homeless persons annually. They will receive housing location services, limited financial assistance, and housing stabilization case management.

**Flexible Programs:** This program will provide adaptive rehousing and stabilization services to people experiencing long term homelessness who frequently utilize county and public services such as emergency rooms or jail. This program will rehouse up to 250 individuals in the first year of implementation.

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**Public Housing Authority Resources:** This past spring the Board of Supervisors directed the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to increase public housing resources by expanding the applicability of a voucher system for people suffering homelessness. Altogether the reprioritized voucher system under the discretionary control of the Board of Supervisors aims to permanently house 1,050 formerly homeless individuals and families over the next three years.

**Whole Person Care:** I worked closely with Mayor Steinberg to coordinate assistance to implement the City's federal Whole Person Care program, which offers significant funding for navigation, case management, and outreach to homeless individuals. The goal is to connect homeless individuals to mental health and housing resources. The County Board of Supervisors voted to realign \$44 million in Mental Health Services Act funds to provide the vital services necessary to Whole Person Care. The board also identified millions in funds to continue assisting individuals after the the Whole Person Care grant ends.

I am frequently asked, "what is the answer to homelessness?" The truth is, there is no one answer. It will take a myriad of solutions to solve this complex issue. I am committed to continuing the effort, working with all of the cities in the County, to create new and innovative approaches to do just that.

If you have any questions about this or any other issue you can contact my office by calling 916-874-5481 or reach my by email at [SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.net](mailto:SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.net). ■

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM

By **Sara Dudley**  
South Land Park Neighbor



On February 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belle Cooledege Library, SLPNA co-hosted a forum on detecting and preventing domestic violence in our community. This moderated panel included speakers from My Sister's House and Women Escaping A Violent Environment (WEAVE) who discussed resources available to survivors and victims of domestic violence, as well as information on how a family member can determine if they are being abused and when to seek help.

The Sacramento Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and Sacramento Prosecutor's office discussed how neighbors can detect domestic violence, and when neighbors should contact the police. Additionally, Jace Huggins from Animal Control discussed the link between animal abuse and domestic violence. Panelists answered questions from the community.

The goal of the forum was to empower the community to detect and report domestic violence, connect victims and survivors resources to assist them, empower the community to eradicate domestic violence in all of its forms, and stand in solidarity with survivors of domestic abuse.



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## BULLYING

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"Hello everyone, my name isn't important, what is important is my story and how I think it could help you. Look, you might wonder why I would come and talk to you about anti bullying, what could I have to tell you? In all actuality, I have a lot. In 7th grade I was bullied.

I was accused of things I had never done and it hurt my reputation and my confidence immensely. People who I thought were my friends turned their backs on me right when I needed them most. I lost so many friendships that year. I had no idea what to do. I was struggling to go to school. I didn't even know how to act. That's the thing I've realized, when you're bullied and you lose friends, you start to think the only way you'll get them back is to act like the people who bully you. You think maybe you even need to try to be "popular". I tried that and it didn't work. It just made me feel like I was being someone who I wasn't. It was true, I was pretending to be a person I would never truly want to be. So I decided to try another approach.

I became 100% me. It's sounds a little confusing, so let me break it down for you. It wasn't one of those 1 day break throughs! It was a long time coming and it was an intense mental battle, I determined that to be happy with who I was and to be positive, I needed to show everyone who I was, and that's what I did. I stopped trying to be someone else and focused on being myself.

That's what I want you to learn because unfortunately, in this life, there is an abundance of bullying, but don't allow that to stop you, power on. There is always something greater on the other side. Being yourself is key. It shows everyone that you are not afraid of being confident and sticking up for yourself. It shows your determination, passion, and your will to be happy. There are times when you think it won't be okay, when you wonder if everything will work out, but trust me, it will. And trust that you are amazing."

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# SPRING 2018 AT BELLE COOLEIDGE LIBRARY

By **Christy Aguirre**

Belle Cooleidge Library, Branch Supervisor

Here are some fun and exciting activities awaiting you and your family this Spring and Summer at Belle Cooleidge Library. Stop on by and enjoy the fun.

## For Families

**Baby Storytime** - For children up to about 18 months old; each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Join us for nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

**Toddler Storytime** - Toddlers ages one to three and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories, and fingerplays. After the storytime, we will have a stay and play group. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.



**Preschool Storytime** - Preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited to join us for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a play activity. Thursdays at 11 a.m.

**Sing Along with Mister Cooper** - Join neighborhood favorite Mister Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for families. Saturdays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons** - Start exploring distant lands, find new treasures, defeat monsters and solve riddles in the Belle Cooleidge Community Room on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in 2018. D&D has been around since the 1970's and remains popular (it's what they play in the hit TV show Stranger Things). Launch of new campaigns is encouraged, to continue the fun throughout the year! Experienced Dungeon Masters will be here to answer your questions on March 3 at 5:00 p.m.

**Pop-up Book Sale** — Featuring books for all ages. Support your local library and pick up some great reads! The sale is held at the entrance to the library and the Friends Bookstore will be open during regular hours. First Tuesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## For Teens

Prom Giveaway: Calling all teens! Community donations of dresses, suits, accessories, and other formal wear will be given away FREE to youth ages 13 – 19 (please bring your school ID).

Check [www.saclibrary.org/events](http://www.saclibrary.org/events) for other giveaway dates and locations! April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

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## For Adults

**Knitting Club** – Enjoy a relaxing morning of knitting with fellow yarn enthusiasts. This is not an instructional class, but assistance is available. Bring your own supplies and a project to work on. Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Grown-Up Coloring Club** - Join us for an hour of relaxation and meditative coloring activities. Materials provided, but please feel free to bring your own. March 3 at 3:30 p.m.

**Genealogical Research** - The Genealogical Association of Sacramento (GAS) works to encourage the research, publication, and preservation of genealogical and historical material; to instruct and lend assistance to the public in modern methods of research. March 21 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday Sleuths Book Club** - Join us on the second Saturday of each month as we discuss popular and classic mysteries. March 10 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**Friends Board Meeting** - The Friends of the Belle Coolegge Library welcome the public to their bi-monthly board meetings. Join this active group of local neighbors in Land Park who support the programs and work of the library. March 15 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**From Fact to Fiction: Creating Story from Real Events** - Have you ever read a gripping news story or had a special experience and thought, “This would make a great novel”? Anne Da Vigo, author of the new thriller *Thread of Gold*, will show you how to use actual people, events, and settings and craft them into a fictional work. Bring paper and pens for a writing exercise that will launch you on a journey. April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

**Living and Dying Well Workshop Series: Estate Planning** - The Living and Dying Well Workshop Series is intended to give information needed to plan for a happy ending of life. This workshop will cover End of Life Specialist on April 21 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

### SUMMER READING 2018 @ Belle Coolegge Library

With summer approaching we are thrilled to talk about summer reading! Why are we so excited? Because reading matters! And library summer reading programs have a major impact on student reading levels, ability and enjoyment! The theme for this year’s summer reading program is “Reading Takes You Everywhere,” and it will run from June 1 – August 15, 2018.

Summer reading is for all ages and it’s easy to participate! Simply sign up online, read five books, and come back to the library. Just for reading those five books, kids and teens will earn a free prize book, adults will receive a free book bag, and everyone will be entered in our grand prize drawing.



### 2018 Ice Cream Social

At Belle Coolegge library, the fun starts in the park with the annual Ice Cream Social on **Friday, May 18th from 6 – 8 p.m.** Sponsored by the Belle Coolegge Friends of the Library, this is a fun community event. This year’s concert features the College Street Fund Band in the park and the Templetons Jazz Ensemble in the library community room. Everyone will be able to sign up early for Summer Reading, and there will be free Vic’s Ice Cream! This year we are proud to partner with the Office of Councilmember Jay Schenirer, District 5, to an outdoor movie the night of our Ice Cream Social, and Belle Coolegge Park Food Truck Mania for the first Fridays April – July.



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