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Neighborhood News

Last Call for Membership

The overall membership drive (only \$40) per year, with a host of benefits to the community is concluding. Membership stands at 120 members and we are missing 28 members from last year that have not yet renewed.

It is never too late to become a member. With rising costs, it is critical that we increase our membership to retain the current services to our neighborhood. Please contact me to become a member. - *Greg Hatfield, co-President 391-1955*

Neighborhood Watch Program – Stay, Share, Be Aware

One way to maintain the momentum of the South Pocket Homeowners Association Neighborhood Watch is to stay informed, share information and be aware.

Stay Informed

To get information on crime trends and recent crimes, check out the Sacramento Police Department Online Crime Mapping - <http://www.sacpd.org/crime/mapping>. This mapping allows you to view selected crimes for our South Pocket neighborhood or for any Sacramento neighborhood within the City of Sacramento. The map can show

you the types crimes occurring in a chosen time period – which can tell you what to be on the lookout for.

Share Information

The Police Department also has a way to file a crime report online - <http://www.sacpd.org/reports/fileonline/filenow/>. You are strongly encouraged to report any and all crimes, from vandalism, to car theft, to suspected drug sales, and burglaries. According to Captain Dan Schiele, who is responsible for the Pocket/Greenhaven area, these reports help the police identify potential problem areas and crime trends. Heightened awareness could affect the calls the police respond to, where the police patrol, and overall effectiveness of law enforcement efforts.

Be Aware

The South Sacramento area is currently being hit with a wave of home burglaries. In many of the cases, the homes were entered through a back door or back window – which was either unlocked or broken into. Make sure you lock all your doors and windows. Even if you are just running a short errand or quick run to the grocery store, lock up and arm your alarm, if you have one. A home burglary can occur as quickly as five minutes. If you

are going on vacation, tell your neighbors – so they will be aware of any suspicious activity at your home during your absence.

Lastly, the strength of the Neighborhood Watch program is connecting with our neighbors and being vigilant about who is in our neighborhood. Take the initiative to contact your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, if you have not already done so. Please contact Ryan Chin, ryan.s.chin@gmail.com, to find out who your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain is and how to contact him or her.- *Ryan Chin, Neighborhood Watch Captain*

Thanks to the Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

A big thank you to the Easter Egg Hunt committee of: Sandra Peck (chair), Dove and Don Fowler, Anne Uyeda and family, and the Kauss family (they provided the Bunny!) Approximately 95 children attended the event!!

To view photos of the event, visit our website: <http://www.southpockethomeowners.org>



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Dates to keep in mind!

May 30th
Neighborhood Yard Sale 8am-1pm

June 1
SPHA Board Meeting

June 16
General Membership Meeting
Agenda: Neighborhood Watch, Water
Projects, impacts of city budget

August 4
National Night Out (details later!)

Yard Sale

The neighborhood yard sale is scheduled for May 30th from 8am to 1pm. Just as common sense would dictate, if you are participating this year, be sure to take sensible precautions (locking back doors, etc.) to keep this a positive event.

News, News, and More News!

FRWA: Freeport Regional Water Authority

At a Sacramento City Council meeting, the SPHA represented the neighborhood along with neighbors directly affected by the daily construction of the FRWA project.

FRWA was 46 days behind in construction and wanted to work daily from 7am to 12 midnight to make up the time. (The contractor has a \$15,000 per day penalty if the project is not delivered on time.) Because of the presentation made to the City Council by the concerned neighbors and the Association, the City Council voted to modify the proposed time to 10pm. Reports from insiders at City Hall stated that the presentation was the best they had ever seen from a neighborhood. Well done everyone!

-Greg Hatfield

Delta Shores

The SPHA Board was active in the EIR review of the proposed Delta Shores Development, contributing on traffic impacts to the I-5 Freeway, Pocket/Meadowview road, and Freeport Blvd. Density of housing on the west side of I-5 and east of

Freeport Blvd. was addressed as concerns from SPHA.

The City Council adopted the overall Delta Shores plan, with an agreement to start the developer-financed freeway interchange before building permits would be granted for commercial and housing construction.

Lawsuit: a lawsuit has been filed against the City of Sacramento and the developer over the EIR and related issues.

Based on the overall economic climate and the pending lawsuit, development may be many years away. The SPHA Board will continue to monitor the situation.

-Greg Hatfield

More Water Pumping Plants?!!

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is proposing to build 5 new water intake plants on the Sacramento River. These pumping plants would be within a twelve mile stretch from near Garcia Bend Park down to Hood. The pumping capacity of each plant would be 10 times the capacity of the new FRWA plant in our neighborhood or the city plant on Jiboom

St., just upstream from Old Sacramento.

Two of the proposed sites are right across the river from us. One would be approximately one mile upstream from the FRWA plant and the other two miles north of that.

These plants are part of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), chartered with improving the conveyance of water from the Delta to the Central Valley and Southern California in addition to improving the habitat restoration in the Delta.

Councilman Waters sponsored a meeting April 27th at Lisbon School for the whole Pocket that had speakers from DWR explain where they were in the planning process. Unfortunately, a lot of the data is vague at this stage, i.e. the exact location of the plants, the size of the plants, the noise they would generate, etc.

If you are interested in following the progress of this project, you can access: <http://www.water.ca.gov/deltainit/bdcp.cfm>

-Don Bryant