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ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

January is "Membership Drive" month, inviting all neighborhoods in the South Pocket area to join our association, the South Pocket Homeowner's Association (SPHA). SPHA and the SPHA Board play a vital and active role in preserving and improving the quality of our neighborhood. The SPHA needs your participation and support to continue this effort. You can easily renew your membership or become a new member of our neighborhood association by completing the enclosed form and sending in your check today or applying ONLINE on our website: www.southpockethomeowners.org. The enclosed membership drive letter provides information on the benefits of belonging to the SPHA.

—The SPHA Board of Directors: Don Bryant, Greg Hatfield, Sabra Sanchez, Sandra Peck, Ken Giese, Ted Woodward, and Sue Ruiz.

NEW DOGGIE BAG DISPENSERS



As promised from our last issue, Marriott Park now has plastic bag dispensers for those unforeseen times when you might need one for your four-legged friend. The City stopped providing bags for the original dispensers more than a year ago, so your Board took matters into its own hands

and placed the new dispensers in the park where anyone can contribute their Raleys/Nugget/other plastic bags and dog owners/walkers can take advantage of the supplies. Here's to a cleaner park!!

GET FIT WHILE HELPING OUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

After the new year, many of us vow to get fit or are looking for new and different ways to exercise. Every three months or so, we deliver this very newsletter to the neighborhood's 385 homes and we are always looking for more delivery crew members! Still not sure? Well, the 56 homes on River Ranch Way will yield you about a mile, 2000 steps, burn about 225 calories AND you will have helped us out. Check the box on your membership invoice or contact Jo Ellen Volf at timvolfpainting@yahoo.com or any Board member.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

Want to tell your story to the neighborhood? Do you have a special talent or an interest in a topic you would like to share? We would like to welcome you to provide an article for consideration in an upcoming newsletter. If you are interested in contributing an article, contact Sue Ruiz (916) 429-0727 or ruizsue@pacbell.net.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FROM COUNCILMAN DARRELL FONG



Happy New Year to everyone. We are currently working on putting together our special events calendar for the coming year and will send it out in the coming weeks. Recently, the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities

started hosting Utility Rate Workshops in communities around Sacramento. On January 12, 2012, at the School of Engineering and Sciences, a rate workshop providing an overview of the proposal to increase water and wastewater rates was held. The primary reason for the proposed increase is start a pipe replacement program. Currently, our City's Utilities Department is scheduled to replace our wastewater pipes once every six hundred years. For more information about the Utilities Department's proposal please visit: www.yourutilitiesyourvoice.com

Our office met with the Parks Department late last year and discussed the frustration that we all felt with park maintenance last summer. After several discussions, we developed a plan that we think provides the best "bang for the buck." Starting this month, we will have a part-time detail crew focused on weed abatement, leaves, edging, and other items that are not related to mowing and trash removal. We hope this addition will prove to be helpful for our parks. The detail crew is hired to focus District 7 park issues. We were able to leverage discretionary funds to hire the crew and we hope to continue this practice until we have a reasonably staffed Parks Department again. If there are items, like the large wood chip pile at Marriott Park, please contact our office and we will pass these items to the detail crew. We are currently scheduled to meet with the Parks Department to discuss the return of the Summer Oasis Camp at Marriott Park. With

over 160 kids participating last year, we are hopeful we can fund the camp this year. The camp was funded last year from several sources including our discretionary account and the City Parks Department.

Thank you,
Darrell

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WHAT DOES THE SPHA HAVE TO DO WITH THE "LAVA PUPS"?



About seven years ago the SPHA was having the annual homeowners' garage sale. My husband - Bill Torngren - and I decided to drive around and see what people were doing. I jumped into the driver's seat, and we were off to a whirlwind tour of the garage sale. I think we were at the corner of Grand River Drive and South Oak Way when Bill yelled, "Stop! Stop! Stop!" I looked to the curb, and someone had put a guitar and amp out with a sign that said \$100. I thought, "Oh my, no way! He doesn't play any instrument, and I don't want to listen to an amplified guitar beginner. "

For the next two years, he told anyone who would listen how I would not let him have that guitar and amp. One day, I was in Costco, which had its version of a Fender guitar and amp. I bought them for him and signed him up for lessons. It was his 19th Wedding Anniversary gift from me. He started lessons 2 days later.

A year later, I was diagnosed with cancer. Bill took care of me while I recuperated from the surgeries and treatment for several months. What I did not know was while I was sleeping he was writing instrumental surf songs. He had bought this thing that you could

record into. He could lay tracks on top of each other. So he would record the lead guitar, then the rhythm guitar and bass, and layer it. He then added a drum track from a drum machine recording. He had 8 completed instrumental songs.

He really wanted to record the songs on a CD but he needed real people to play with him. On Saturday mornings, he is part of a foursome of guys that run together in Land Park. Carlos Sanchez is part of the foursome and also one of your SPHA neighbors. He encouraged Bill to talk to one of the other foursome who plays drums. His name is Glenn Kohlmeister, and he also lives in a nearby Pocket neighborhood. He agreed to be the drummer. They found a bass player from the town of Cool, Don Bazinet. Bill's guitar teacher Paul Beatie from Auburn agreed to be the rhythm guitarist. They now had a band that they named the "Lava Pups."

They recorded their first CD in January 2011. The CD was released in March. Their next gig is on Sunday, February 26, at 2 pm, at the "Capitol Bowl," which is located in West Sacramento at 900 West Capitol Ave-

nue. You are all invited to come listen to instrumental surf music have great food and bowl if you would like.

Follow the band at:
Lava Pups website: www.lavapups.com
Facebook: look up "The Lava Pups"

West Capitol Bowl
www.Capbowl.com
- Becky Buckman, River Ranch Way Neighbor

LOOSE-IN-THE-STREET PICK UP SCHEDULE

There are eight loose-in-the-street collections during the year.

January – collection second week

February - collection last week

May - collection last week

October - collection last week

November and December – collection a minimum of every other week.

THANK YOU

for helping make 2011 such a successful year
and the prospects for 2012 so bright!

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All The Best for 2012!



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



As a Board member of the South Pocket Homeowners Association, I can say without any hesitation that the most enjoyable jobs I have is to meet and welcome new neighbors. This month is no

exception. Since our last newsletter, two families have closed escrow and moved into our community. Please join me in welcoming...

Veronica & Steven Cruz, who, along with Steven Jr., live at 7718 Los Rancho Way. Veronica is the executive director of State government relations, i.e., lobbyist, for the University of Southern California. Steven, Sr. is with Political Solutions which is a lobbying firm specializing in consulting services for clients in California and Washington. Veronica and Steven moved from Hollywood Park to the South Pocket in late October and will be welcoming a new baby in early March.

Thresa & Will Davis purchased and just moved into their new home at 1265 Grand River Dr. While they are new homeowners, they are not new to the commu-

nity. Previously they rented a home on River Ranch Way while looking for a house to buy in the neighborhood. With their children in college, they are downsizing to a cozier 2,344 sq. ft. home. Thresa works full time as a manager for UPS and Will is a nurse. Thresa grew up in a military family who settled in Sacramento; Will is from Southern California and they met at UC Davis.

-Sabra Sanchez, SPHA Secretary

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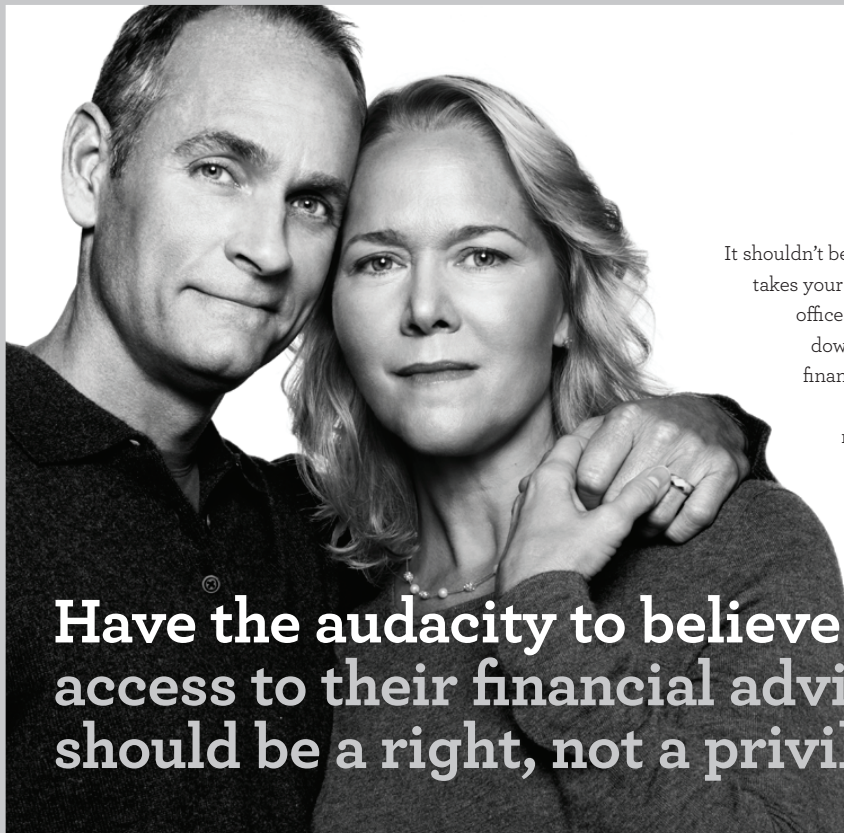
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