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College-Glen's 4th of July

Annual Yard Flags Return

Our annual Fourth of July Parade is fast approaching! Celebrate with us again on **July 4 from 11am to 1pm** as we parade from the Cabana Club to Oki Park. This year, we are joined again by the Sacramento Sirens Cheer Team, Firestation 60, Councilmember Guerra's Office, and more! At Oki Park, we will have face painting, a selection of vendors, live music, and kid-friendly crafts!

backdrop for an afternoon of community fun and celebration.

We encourage everyone to wear your most patriotic attire, and deck out your bikes, trikes and wagons!

College-Glen neighbors, it's that time of year again! For the 15th year in a row local Realtor Doug Reynolds, and local mortgage broker Matt Gougé, will be hosting a community event to place an American Flag on every yard in the College-Glen neighborhood leading up to the 4th of July.

While there, be sure to cool down with some Kona Ice! Live music will fill the air, setting the perfect

Not walking the parade this year? Come early to grab a good spot along the parade route down Lake Forest! Let's make this Fourth of July a memorable day filled with joy, laughter, and a strong sense of community spirit. We hope to see you there!

Doug started this tradition in College-Glen back in 2010 and over the years it has grown from a few hundred houses to encompassing the entire neighborhood.

Check out this article about the event's origin and growth: [Tinyurl.com/CGYardFlags](https://tinyurl.com/CGYardFlags)

Free Bike Repair at June's Oki Park Food Trucks

Not only do the flags look great when driving through the neighborhood, but getting out and placing the flags has become a great community gathering event.

This is where you come in! On Saturday, June 29 at 9am, we will gather at Glenbrook Park to pick up flags, grab maps of your designated area, and chat with neighbors.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in joining, simply call/text Matt or Doug:

Doug Reynolds 916.494.8441
Matt Gougé 916.529.7600

-Submitted by Doug Reynolds and Matt Gougé

From now through August, gear up for an amazing time at Oki Park every 2nd Friday! Hosted by Councilmember Guerra's Office, Neighbors of College-Glen and SactoMofa the next event will be on **June 14 from 5pm to 8pm**.

through biking, light rail, and carpooling.

We are also excited to have 50 Corridor offering free bike repairs. Don't forget to reserve your spot now!

Register for bike repair using the QR below!



Addressing Homeless Communities and Concerns in College-Glen



Although homelessness is experienced all throughout the United States and indeed, the world, California is unique in that the majority of the country's unhoused population resides here. Discourse about the homelessness crisis is frequently front and center in political rhetoric and public discourse, including discussion amongst our very own College-Glen residents.

NCG recognizes that the unhoused epidemic is a divisive issue, with many College-Glen residents' opinions falling on opposite ends of the spectrum regarding how to best address this intractable, enduring, and ubiquitous crisis. Despite these varying opinions, the one thing many can agree on is this—it's an issue with no singular solution, whose root causes are numerous and complex, and requires a dynamic, multi-faceted, and holistic approach.

Recently, several homeless encampments were addressed in the immediate vicinity surrounding the College-Glen neighborhoods. The City of Sacramento Incident Management Team, Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT), private property owners, and others partnered together to address the encampments outside of Brothers Plumbing, next to the 99Cent Store, and on Folsom Blvd. along the SacRT tracks, and offered services to those individuals.

NCG acknowledges that these encampments are comprised of people who have

their own stories, often involving a history of economic hardship, mental health challenges, substance use disorders, or any combination of other factors. There is no exhaustive list of causes for homelessness and, similarly, there is no comprehensive list of sure-fire solutions either.

Addressing homeless encampments using the current process is, admittedly, a short-term solution while government officials and policymakers endeavor to identify a more sustainable and effective solution. Despite the shortcomings of the current approach, this approach does ameliorate the very real and immediate safety concerns many College-Glen residents have when homeless encampments encroach into or near our neighborhoods, schools and businesses. We implore all neighbors to respect and recognize that while we all are entitled to our opinions on the issue of homelessness, we are also all united in wanting to live in and experience our neighborhoods without fear of being accosted, endangered, or being exposed to the open use of illicit substances.

NCG does not celebrate the displacement of individuals when an encampment is moved. However, NCG recognizes that every time an encampment is cleaned up, an opportunity is created for Sacramento city officials to offer individuals housing services, mental health and substance abuse services,

and many other resources.

In December 2022, the Coordinated Access System (CAS) was launched as a collaborative effort between Sacramento Steps Forward, 2-1-1, the City of Sacramento, and Sacramento County to provide a centralized access point to shelter, housing, and other assistance. In its first year of operation, CAS connected 37,310 individuals to potential housing and services, and more than 2,100 households transitioned from crisis resources to housing.

Even with the great strides made by CAS, many of us may still wonder what more is being done to address this crisis—especially when confronted with it in our day-to-day activities.

It's easy to become demoralized, cynical, or even desensitized when facing a challenge of its scale. Still, NCG calls on you to find ways to stay engaged in finding a solution. Solving this crisis will not be a one-size-fits-all approach, and will require collaboration between government agencies, businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations to pool resources, expertise, and perspectives to develop and shape effective policies.

For more ways to get involved, check out:

sacramentostepsforward.org

River Water Safety



As summer beckons, the American River becomes a popular spot for fun in the sun. But amidst the outdoor recreation, it's crucial to prioritize safety—especially around water. Life vests are a must for any water activity, and if you don't have one, worry not! **Borrow a vest at Howe River Access and Watt River Access.**

Remember these key tips for a safe river experience:

- **Know Your Limits:** Stick to areas that align with your swimming abilities.
- **Buddy Up:** Always have a companion when swimming or kayaking.
- **Stay Alert:** Keep an eye on changing conditions and heed posted warnings.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink water regularly to prevent dehydration.
- **Respect Nature:** Leave no trace and respect the environment.

Slow Down Sacramento

Have you seen the “Slow Down Sacramento” signs in the College-Glen neighborhood? Many have recently acquired one for their yards after Isaac Gonzalez, President of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association and Active Transportation Commissioner for the City of Sacramento, presented at a recent NCG Community Board meeting.

The vision of Slow Down Sacramento is for every street in Sacramento to be safe for all those using them, including all pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. You can find their Charter at: slowdownsacramento.org.



We hope that the signs in yards serve as a reminder to be aware of all those using the streets and a prompt to watch your speed. And maybe we will see some more signs popping up in our neighborhood!

A Year as the NCG Youth Board Representative



Hey it's Cash, your Youth Board Representative!

It is almost the end of my term on the NCG board and it has been such a great experience.

I have gotten to know so many more neighbors that have been so fun to work with. I've met with many partners in our community who work hard to look out for College Glen. My favorite part

has been volunteering at all of the events and seeing all of the kids having a great time. Especially the little kids!

I really didn't know what to expect when I applied for the role but it has been a great experience and I've learned a lot! I hope to continue to work with NCG and all of you neighbors!

NCG is excited to announce that Cash has been invited to return in the Fall as the 24/25 Youth Board Representative.

Oki Park Pool set to open on June 15



The Oki Park pool is opens for another season June 15 through August 18!

Pool Hours:
 Monday (3:00pm – 7:00pm)
 Tuesday (Closed)
 Wednesday (1:00pm – 5:00pm)
 Thursday (Closed)
 Friday (1:00pm – 5:00pm)
 Saturday (1:00pm – 6:00pm)
 Sunday (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

JUNE COMMUNITY EVENTS

6/14	SactoMoFo Food Trucks at Oki Park
6/15	Oki Park Pool opens
6/19	NCG Board Meeting
6/28	CGNA Night Out
6/29	Fourth of July Flag distribution

Events may be submitted for inclusion in this newsletter at board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org.

Please submit your event by the 28th of the month for the next edition.

NCG Hosts Inaugural Bark in the Park Event

Last Saturday, May 25th, Neighbors of College-Glen welcomed approximately 150 people and their furry companions to the community's inaugural Bark in the Park event. The sunny day was filled with wagging tails and smiling faces as neighbors gathered to celebrate their love for dogs and community spirit.

The event featured 12 vibrant vendor booths, each bringing unique contributions to the festivities. Home Loans with Leni Lopez-Nguyen stole the show with an engaging photo booth, allowing attendees to capture cherished memories with their pets.

The following vendors also played key roles in the day's success:

- Tyson Redmond Realty: Providing real estate insights and giveaways.
- Sacramento SPCA (SSPCA): Sharing information on animal welfare and adoption.
- Incredible Pets: Offering pet supplies and expert advice.
- Hearts for Paws: Advocating for pet rescue and fostering.
- Front Street Animal Shelter: Promoting adoption and volunteering opportunities.
- The Local Bark: Highlighting pet boarding and training services.
- Insight Veterinary Wellness Center: Providing health tips and wellness checks for pets.
- SMUD: Educating on energy efficiency with fun activities for attendees.
- Assemblymember Kevin McCarty: Engaging with the community and supporting local initiatives.
- Two booths with homemade dog supplies: Showcasing handcrafted treats, toys, and accessories.

The success of Bark in the Park is a testament to the strong community bonds and the dedication of our sponsors and vendors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and participated. Your support made this event memorable and enjoyable for all.

We are excited about the positive feedback and the enthusiasm shown by the community. Plans are already underway to make next year's Bark in the Park even bigger and better. Stay tuned for more details, and we look forward to seeing you and your four-legged friends again next year!

Thank you for making Bark in the Park a howling success!



Campus Updates



California Montessori Project

As CMP transitions into the summer season, we want to express our appreciation to our parent and caregiver community for their volunteerism, assistance, and engagement throughout the academic year. Your contributions have truly enhanced the student experience this year!

CMP Summer Club M welcomes all students, both current and incoming. Please contact the office for enrollment information.

Classes will resume on August 12, 2024. Enjoy a fantastic summer ahead!

-Submitted by CMP Volunteer Coordinator



Miwok Middle School

Calling All Volunteers! Are you passionate about making a difference in our school community? The Miwok Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) is gearing up for an exciting year ahead, and **we need YOU** to join our team!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Event Planning:** Help organize fun and engaging events for students, parents, and staff.
- **Advocacy:** Be a voice for our students by participating in advocacy efforts related to education and school policies.
- **Fundraising:** Assist with fundraising initiatives to support educational programs and resources.
- **Community Outreach:** Connect with local businesses and community members to strengthen our school ties.

Interested? Email us miwokptso@gmail.com. Let's work together to create an amazing experience for our students!

-Submitted by Miwok PTO



Rosemont High School

2024 NCME Fame Video Contest

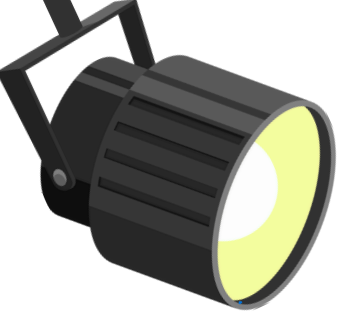
Congratulations to Myles Newton for winning 2nd place in the Documentary category for the 2024 NCME Fame video contest. You can watch Myles' documentary video "Open Letter From a Trans Guy" [here](#).

Rosemont PTSA Needs YOU! Do you want to get more involved in our school? The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Board is looking for people to help in the following areas for the 2024-2025 school year: President, Treasurer, Fundraising, Web site/Communications, and Membership. Join our talented team of parent volunteers! Please contact Sheri Chow, PTSA President, at sheri_chow@hotmail.com for more information.

Senior Sunset Rosemont High School is excited to announce that the Class of 2024 will celebrate their achievements at Senior Sunset on June 6th from 5pm to 10pm. To make this event as special as possible, we would like to do our third annual Senior Gift Away. Any senior who attends Senior Sunset will have an opportunity to win senior gifts throughout the night. Let's make this night special for the class that has missed out on their first year of high school. We are asking all Wolverine supporters for donations for the event. The items we are looking for include but are not limited to: New items worth \$5 to \$40, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets, and Food & Drinks. For your contribution, proof of nonprofit status is available upon request. Please contact Ms. Rodriguez at jennifer-rodriguez@scusd.edu Gift Dropoff (Donations Due Tuesday June 4th). Drop off your items in the front office from 8AM to 3PM Monday through Friday.

-Adapted from The Wolverine





Board Member Spotlight

Linda Schaale

Community-at-Large Board Representative

Linda Schaale serves as one NCG's Community-at-Large Board Representatives. Linda has been a resident of College Glen since October 2012.

Linda joined the Board following a year of volunteering for NCG events and attending monthly meetings. With a deep love for the neighborhood she proudly choose to elevate her role with NCG and become a Community-at-Large Representative.

Linda retired in June 2022 after 36 years with Kaiser Permanente. She has always been an active volunteer and retirement has allowed her to be a more active for a few non-profits.

If you live in the Wissemann Dr./Merribrook Dr. area you may have seen her walking her small black terriers (or terrors as she



(Linda pictured second to the left during her recent trip to Europe.)

affectionately calls them), Otis and Rufus.

Her goal as a board member is to spread the word about our wonderful neighborhood association and get more folks involved with all the fun activities to attend and to volunteer for within NCG.

About Neighbors of College-Glen (NCG)

NCG was formed in March of 2023, with the vision of being instrumental in creating a welcoming and inclusive neighborhood through cultural and multi-generational engagement and outreach.

NCG's mission is to preserve and improve the College-Glen neighborhoods in concrete ways through community engagement. Specifically, NCG aims to build community pride, advocate on behalf of its members for services and needs, hold events that build community, and ensure we cherish and protect our local parks.

Our Community Board Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at Bancroft Elementary and via Zoom.

NCG is a 501(c)3 and is committed to transparency in all of its endeavors. Each article in this newsletter is written and edited through NCG Board Member collaboration, unless otherwise noted. We hope you enjoy it!

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For more information about how to serve on the NCG Board, visit us online or send us an email at board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org.

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REMINDER

The next NCG Community Board Meeting is June 19, 2024, via Zoom. Zoom info is located in the meeting Agenda, posted the Friday before the meeting.

