



Join us for our second annual Holiday Book and Craft Fair! This exciting event will take place on **December 8 from 10am to 1pm** at the Capitol California Montessori Project campus (2635 Chestnut Hill Drive), alongside their Scholastic book fair.

Don't miss the chance to pick up last-minute holiday gifts, support local vendors and artisans, and savor some complimentary hot cocoa and treats!

We are excited to share that, similar to last year, we are

inviting “mini-crafters” to participate in this event, with the fair providing a space for young artisans to share their talents and stretch entrepreneurial skills!

As you shop, children can partake in a variety of winter activities, and you'll also have the chance to take a photo with Santa, courtesy of Ms. Paula!

Would you like to be a vendor at this event? There are no booth fees! For further details, please reach out via email at board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org

Don't get caught over-watering this winter

A friendly reminder that winter is almost here! From November 1 to February 28, residents in Sacramento are permitted to use sprinklers only once a week, specifically on Saturdays or Sundays. Additionally, watering is not allowed during rainfall and for 48 hours following it.

William Granger, the city's water conservation coordinator, recommends shutting off automatic sprinklers

since lawns need less water during the cooler months. This winter schedule is different from the spring and summer guidelines, which permit watering twice a week.

For further information, residents are encouraged to check the city's water conservation website. Adjusting your watering practices not only helps conserve water but also supports the health of your landscapes.

Recognizing our College-Glen Veterans

By Steven Rogers,
NCG Community Rep

Veteran's Day is a significant day of observance in the United States, celebrated annually on November 11. The importance of Veteran's Day lies in the recognition and appreciation of the sacrifices and service of our veterans. These individuals have put their lives on the line to protect and defend our country, its values, and its citizens. They have endured hardships and made great personal sacrifices, often spending extended periods of time away from their loved ones.

As a 24-year veteran of the United States Air Force, I can tell you that Veteran's Day holds a great deal of significance to me and my family. My father served in the Marines and I have two siblings who served in the Air Force. We and our families have all sacrificed. There have been many missed birthdays and holidays and months spent apart as I and my fellow veterans have defended freedom on foreign soil.

Many veterans return from service with physical and mental injuries, and struggle to reintegrate into civilian life. By recognizing and honoring their service, we can help ensure that they receive the support and resources they need to rebuild their lives.

If you know a veteran, see one in uniform, or see a proud veteran wearing those hats they love to wear showcasing their prior service—thank them. I can tell you from experience that it will be truly appreciated.





Simple Ways to Give Back This Holiday Season

It's that time of the year! For many people, the holidays represent a season for giving back to their community, be it in the form of money, other physical donation, or time! Volunteering as a family is a wonderful way to encourage volunteerism and philanthropy in your children.

What can you do this holiday season? Here are a few ideas that only require time or very little money:

- Donate unneeded clothes to one of the many clothing closets in Sacramento. Search "Sacramento clothing closets" online.
- Make holiday cards and give them to a homeless shelter to distribute to the residents. Loaves and Fishes, First Steps Communities, 211 Sacramento and Salvation Army's Center of Hope are a few local shelters.
- For one day, volunteer with an organization or at an event as a family.
- Last but not least, volunteer for NCG events!

Alison Court's Haunted Memories

Hi! It's Cash, your Youth Board Rep. I hope everyone had a happy Halloween! While I had a great time, it was a little sad to not have one of our favorite CG sweets and screams stops, Alison Court. Over the years my friends and I have enjoyed being chased and scared throughout the court and in the Haunted Hallway. Chainsaws and clowns on one wheels kept us umping and screaming with delight. This month I chatted with Dylan and Vanessa Van Vleck to bid farewell to this Halloween favorite.



Smart Financial Strategies for Navigating the Holiday Season

By Our Very Own "Matt The Mortgage"

With the holiday season coming, finances for many are a topic of discussion. Some are making plans to travel for Thanksgiving, others are trying to budget to buy Christmas gifts over the next 8 weeks. As a mortgage broker, I am talking to people about personal finance all year round.

Over the past decade I've probably had over 20,000 discussions about personal finance, and structured and closed over 1,600 home loans so I have ample experience to draw on when thinking about best practices for navigating these challenging financial times. Below is a quick list of tips I compiled to keep your finances on track this holiday season:

- Set a budget: Decide how much you can spend on gifts, food, and travel and stick to the budget.

- Make a shopping list: Make a list of everyone you plan to buy gifts for and set a spending limit for each person. This will help you stay on course with your spending.
- Avoid using credit cards for everything: Fit what you can inside your budget and only use your credit card if necessary. Don't start 2025 with a big credit card balance with 26% interest.
- Compare prices: Look for discounts and compare prices online. Avoid last minute shopping where you might encounter higher prices and make impulse purchases.
- Save on entertaining: Make your gathering a potluck instead of trying to assume the cost of everything on your own.

Hope this helps! Enjoy your family, good food, and some fun this holiday season...(on budget).

Dylan and Vanessa started the haunted court in 2020, during Covid, as a way to celebrate halloween without going up to people's doors. Along with their awesome neighbors, this event has grown and become a CG Halloween favorite. They estimated receiving around 400 visitors last Halloween! Now that their son is older, they have decided not to continue the court but instead join the rest of us trick or treating in the neighborhood. They are bummed to let it go but say "we will

cherish the sounds of children and adults alike screaming bloody murder forever."

Thank you to all of the neighbors of Alison Court for the spooky years!



Safe & Sweet Recap

Our Safe and Sweet Trunk or Treat was once again a frightful success. The parking lot was transformed into a vibrant Halloween wonderland, with creatively decorated cars and costumed kids eagerly collecting treats. Parents and volunteers donned spooky and theatrical attire, adding to the festive atmosphere. Laughter and excitement filled the air as children showcased their costumes, ranging from cute to spooky, making it a memorable evening for everyone involved. The community spirit was palpable, reminding us all of the joy and togetherness that these celebrations bring. As the night came to a close, everyone left with bags full of candy and hearts full of joy, already looking forward to next year's event. Thank you to everyone who came out!

Shoutout to our Trunk Hosts & Sponsors

- SMUD
- Tumblebuddies
- DJ Kyle
- Nicole DonLevy, Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty
- Savemart
- Green Acres
- Home Depot
- SCUSD Parent Participation with Ms. Paula
- Capitol Optimist & Friends of the Library
- Leni Lopez Home Loans
- Tyson Redmond Realty
- Girl Scout Troop 400
- Linda Hansen & Linda Schaale
- Julie Heinz
- SSPCA
- World Class Martial Arts
- Church of LDS
- California Montessori Project
- CSUS Design Program
- BAC Soccer
- Miwok Middle School PTSO
- NLPOA
- East Sac Grocery Outlet
- Sac Probation
- Sac City Tattoo
- Sac PD
- Sac Fire Station 60
- Santos Tacos
- Wild Brunch
- Lynda Kelly Jewelry
- Bread By Beth



Safe & Sweet Recap





That is why I support Measure D.

Measure D improves our schools, it improves our neighborhoods, and improves our student outcomes—all without putting any additional burdens on taxpayers and community members.

Notable projects that Measure D would fund include: Rosemont High School campus improvements, a new Miwok Middle School campus (formerly Sutter Middle School,) upgrading performance arts centers, and more.

It is important to note that these funds cannot be reclaimed by the state, and they cannot be used to pay for salaries or administrative costs. Furthermore, a public bond oversight committee will ensure the funds are spent as required.

To learn more about why you should vote Yes on Measure D, visit: www.yesonmeasured.com

To learn more about the district master facilities plan, visit: www.scusdplan.org

Join me. Vote YES on Measure D!

Thank you,
Jasjit Singh

We've all heard the saying, "Strong Schools equals Strong Neighborhoods." In today's world it's truly difficult to find cities like Sacramento, where the nostalgic charm of old established neighborhoods is still alive, and the schools that anchor them are still there.

However, even charming homes require modernization, upkeep, and renovations. For the oldest school district west of the Mississippi river, which is home to nearly 40,000 students, the total need to bring our facilities up to date is in the ballpark of 4.5 billion dollars.

No one is asking that this be done overnight. Instead, the district has been chipping away

at this total by spending down funds approved by previous measures—and those funds have been used wisely, equitably, and fairly to build new schools, facilities, and more.

Every day, working class folks are facing inflation and struggling with rising costs. Children are also attending aging schools, putting at risk their ability to fully achieve their dreams, desires, and aspirations.

Measure D provides a balanced approach. It brings in \$543 million dollars to finance school construction. It chips away at the total need of the district and does so without raising the existing tax rate.

Join Bancroft in Transforming the Bancroft Habitat Garden

As you may have noticed while driving past, the Bancroft Habitat garden is currently a work in progress, and we are committed to transforming it into a beautiful and functional space.

We are reaching out to ask for your help as we enter the brainstorming phase of our project. We welcome your suggestions and creative ideas to enhance the garden's aesthetic and functionality. Our goal is to create a scenic area that serves not only as an educational resource, but also as a tranquil retreat where everyone can connect

with nature. In addition to your ideas, we are also seeking donations in the form of time, resources, or funding. We need assistance with beautification efforts, help in creating a new garden sign, repair and establishing an additional drip irrigation system, and addressing other project needs.

Our aim is to create a beautiful environment for all children in our neighborhood to revel in. To learn more, email us at Kryslin_t@yahoo.com

Kristina Teaff, Garden Co-Chair
Mackenzie Grass, Garden Co-Chair

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

11/5	Election Day
11/13	Final BAC U6 Games at Oki
11/20	NCG Community Board Meeting
11/22	CMP Gratitude Festival

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.



Campus Updates



Miwok Middle School

Miwok Middle School: FALLtastic 2024 Fundraiser

Please consider supporting Miwok Middle School through our [FALLtastic fundraiser](#), running from November 1 - 15! As our biggest fundraiser of the year, your generous donations help ensure the programs that make Miwok so special continue to thrive. Your donations directly support athletics, classroom supplies, enrichment programs, promotion celebrations, and other end-of-year activities.

Student Prizes for Participation (Cumulative):

- \$40 donation: T-shirt and sticker
- \$85 donation: Pencil pouch and socks
- \$150 donation: Dry-fit long sleeve shirt
- \$250 donation: Hoodie
- \$500 donation: PJ pants
- \$1,000 donation: Duffle bag

Business/Organization Donations: Donations of \$350+ will have the opportunity to promote their logos on the event banner and shirt. To be included, logos must be submitted by Wednesday, November 13.

Donation Deadline for Prizes:

To be eligible for prizes, all donations must be submitted by Friday, November 15.

How to Donate: Please complete the [Google Donation form](#) to indicate how your donation will be made. Donations can be made via PayPal or by check/cash delivered to the school office. For questions, please contact us at MiwokPTSO@gmail.com.

Let's DO WORK, Miwok! Thank you for your support!



California Montessori Project

**CMP Capitol's
GRATITUDE FESTIVAL**

Food - Crafts - Games - and Much More!

22
November

Save the date!
3:30pm - 5:30pm

2635 Chestnut Hill Dr Sacramento, CA 95826



Hubert Bancroft Elementary



Bancroft Elementary
Fundraiser

ROUND TABLE
PIZZA ROYALTY

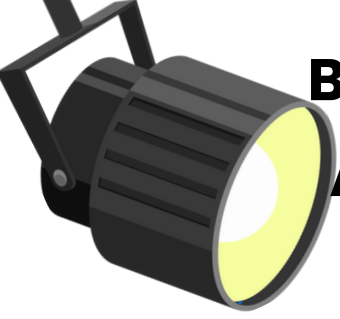
Thurs., Nov. 7th



11:00am - 9:00pm

Round Table Pizza
9138 Kiefer Blvd 916-366-6376





Board Member Spotlight

Ashlee Lopez-Trotter

NCG Secretary

Hi, neighbors! Thank you for allowing me to be your NCG Secretary, and be part of continuing to make this a wonderful community to live in. My husband, two-year old daughter, and I have lived in College-Glen for two and half years and our choice to settle here is reaffirmed daily. I grew up in Roseville and graduated from UC Davis, so before moving to College-Glen, I never knew that this gem of a neighborhood existed! I feel very fortunate to have kind, inviting neighbors that look out for one another, and have met so many people that grew up in College-Glen, only to return as adults. I think this is truly testament to what a great place it is to live, and I hope to be a part of that enduring legacy. If you see me at any of our events or around the neighborhood, please feel free to say hi!



Also, please feel free to provide any feedback on what you think NCG can improve on or help facilitate for the betterment of the neighborhood. We value your opinions and insights. Thank you again for letting me serve as your NCG Secretary and happy holidays!
-Ashlee

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 6pm 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 November 20, 2024 at 6pm, in person and via zoom. Visit us online for our agenda and meeting details.

