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## Holiday Lights Contest Returns



**2023 Winner – Claflin Family off Merribrook**

## Holidays in College-Glen is here



The holiday season is here, and NCG invites you to attend our second annual Holidays in College-Glen craft fair!

The fair will be held—rain or shine — on Sunday, December 8th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at CMP Capitol Campus.

This year's event has something for everyone! Explore a variety of local craft vendors offering unique gifts and holiday treasures—perfect for your seasonal shopping.

Families will love the kid-friendly activities, designed to keep the little ones entertained and full of holiday cheer. And don't miss your chance to meet Santa Claus! Free pictures with Santa hosted by Ms. Paula will ensure you leave with a keepsake to cherish.

Plus, stop by the CMP scholastic book fair to discover great reads for any young reader. Whether you're picking up a story to cozy up with during the holidays or finding the perfect literary gift, it's a can't-miss addition to the event! Come enjoy the season with your community.

Get ready to brighten up our neighborhood with NCG's annual College-Glen Holiday Lights Contest. We invite residents to showcase their creativity and holiday spirit by decorating their homes with dazzling lights and cheerful displays. Whether you opt for a classic twinkling look or an imaginative themed decoration, your efforts will surely bring joy to the community.

26 on our Facebook page, with the top three houses winning bragging rights, a custom trophy, and gift cards from local business.

So grab your lights, gather your family, and turn your home into a winter wonderland for all to admire! Enter to win at:

**[tinyurl.com/CGHolidayDecorContest](https://tinyurl.com/CGHolidayDecorContest)**

The last day to register your house is **December 21**.

## New businesses in College-Glen



Open Monday through Saturday!

As one act of community, they are offering a place to donate coats this holiday season!

Judging will take place on December 23 through December

Let's extend a warm welcome to Sac Pack & Ship and Autozone as they join the College-Glen community!

While the opening date for Autozone is still undetermined, Sac Pack & Ship is already open for business. You can find them in the Raley's parking lot, conveniently located near Pizza Guys and Carl's Jr. This store covers all your shipping needs, as they are an authorized shipper for both USPS and FedEx. In addition, they provide printing services, passport photos, mailbox rentals, and much more.





## Safe Driving During Wet Season

As winter weather arrives, the Sacramento Police Department urges drivers to exercise caution on slippery roads. Key tips include:

- Slowing down
- Increasing following distance
- Avoiding flooded areas, as just 12 inches of water can sweep away cars
- Be vigilant for pedestrians and cyclists in low visibility conditions
- Prepare your vehicle - check headlights, brake lights, wipers, and coolant levels.
- Keep an emergency kit with essentials like water and a charged phone

Sgt. Dan Wiseman reminds drivers that preparation and attention can save lives. For more tips and updates, visit the Sacramento Police Department’s website.

## Support Small Businesses and Shop Local This Holiday Season

Local vendors and small businesses are the backbone of a vibrant community, providing unique products and services that reflect the character and charm of the area. By supporting these entrepreneurs, we not only boost the local economy but also preserve the distinct personality of our neighborhoods.

When we shop at local vendors and small businesses, our money stays within the community, creating a ripple effect of economic benefits. These businesses often source their materials and supplies from other local companies, further stimulating the local economy. Additionally, local vendors and small businesses are more likely to invest in their community, creating jobs and opportunities for residents.

Local vendors and small businesses offer a personalized shopping experience not replicated by large chain stores. Monica Rogers (WinterGreyHarlow\_444) is one of those local vendors. Outside of creating jewelry pieces like the one pictured here, she curates vintage and unique items from estate sales and other local small businesses and breathes new life into them. She and 100 other like-minded small business owners operate out of Bliss Market Place in Midtown. There you can find unique treasures and thoughtful gifts that you will not find at your big box stores.

So, next time you need to make a purchase, consider visiting a local vendor or small business. Your support can make a big difference in the life of a small business owner.

## DECEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

12/8	NCG Holidays in College-Glen Book & Craft Fair
<del>12/18</del>	NCG Community Board Meeting
12/26	Holiday Lights contest voting ends

Events may be submitted for inclusion in this newsletter at [board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org](mailto:board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org). Please submit your event by the 28th of the month for the next edition.

## Sacramento City Council Approves Pilot Program for Social Cannabis Use

The Sacramento City Council has approved a pilot program allowing social cannabis consumption at designated locations in the city. This initiative aims to assess how such consumption can operate while balancing public health and safety with business growth.

Permitted dispensaries can apply for two types of permits:

1. for consuming cannabis-infused food and beverages
2. for smoking cannabis products under specific ventilation requirements.

The program will require dispensaries to submit plans for operations and impaired driving prevention. Only those 21 and older will be allowed entry. This pilot follows broader trends in California, where cities like San Francisco and Oakland have implemented similar programs. Additional permits for consumption lounges are expected to become available by mid-2025, following a review of local zoning and land-use policies. For more details, visit the City’s cannabis webpage or the Office of Cannabis Management.

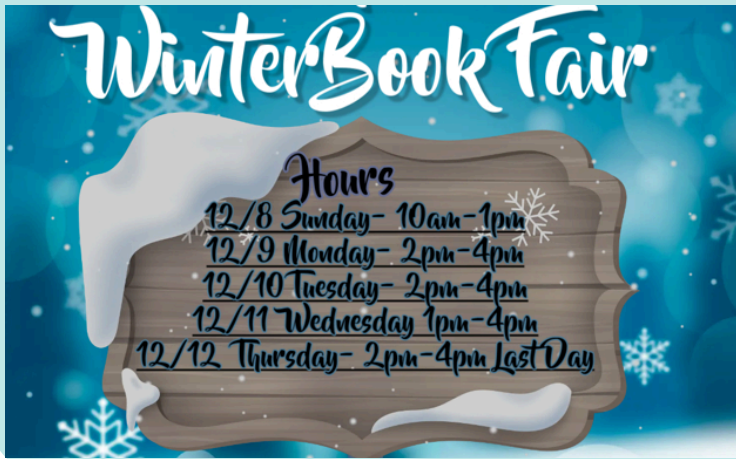
# Campus Updates



## California Montessori Project

As CMP prepares for the winter break, they would like to invite the College-Glen community to support the school by shopping at their book fair this month. The book fair will be open to the community during the Holidays in College-Glen Craft Fair from **10am to 1pm on December 8!**

The campus is also hosting a virtual meeting to discuss much needed improvements to the school on **December 5 at 5pm**. If you are a parent or prospective parent, email the principal Shannon Schmidt for details on how to participate in this virtual discussion at [sschmidt@cacmp.org](mailto:sschmidt@cacmp.org).



## Miwok Middle School

### Sip, Celebrate, and Support Miwok Middle School This December!

This holiday season, Miwok Middle School has partnered with Acheson Wine for a festive and flavorful fundraiser! Throughout the month of December, Acheson Wine will generously donate a portion of sales every time you mention "Miwok Middle School."

Wine makes a thoughtful gift for the holidays, so why not treat your friends, family, and even yourself to some delicious bottles while giving back to our school? Whether you're purchasing wine to enjoy in-house, to-go, or online, every sip counts toward supporting Miwok Middle School's programs and students.

Plus, Acheson Wine makes it easy to spread the cheer with free local delivery! Your holiday shopping just got a whole lot simpler and more impactful.

Don't miss this opportunity to pair your holiday celebrations with a great cause. Mention "Miwok Middle School" when you purchase and raise a glass to helping our school thrive! Cheers to a season of giving!

## Minors Fall Ball Team Shines in Championship Game; Softball Skills Clinic a Hit at College Glen!

Congratulations to the Minors Fall Ball team for their impressive performance in the tournament, concluding their fall season. They advanced all the way to the Championship Game after securing two wins earlier in the day, including a thrilling walk-off victory in the Semi-finals. Although they didn't claim the title, they represented CG admirably and gained valuable experience!

This past October, softball took center stage at College Glen with an amazing turnout for our inaugural Softball Skills Clinic.

A heartfelt thank you to the coaches and players from the back-to-back State champion Destiny Christian Academy softball team, who shared a wealth of softball skills with the girls!

Registration for baseball and softball for 2025 is now open. Sign up by December 31st to enjoy the lowest registration price of the season!

[www.collegeglenlittleleague.com](http://www.collegeglenlittleleague.com)







# Board Member Spotlight Cash Stroder



Cash serves as our youth representative on the board, marking her second year in this role. In addition to providing insightful updates during our board meetings, she has also taken on writing monthly articles on topics relevant to our community.

A long-time resident of College Glen, Cash is an enthusiastic soccer player with the local club BAC and a dedicated swimmer with the CG Gators. Despite her busy schedule as a first year high schooler, she consistently finds time to volunteer at nearly every NCG event!

Her passion for community service and her drive to make a difference are truly inspiring. Cash's ability to balance academics, sports, and her responsibilities on the board is a testament to her exceptional time management skills and commitment.

She brings a fresh perspective and energy to our initiatives, often suggesting innovative ways to engage with the youth in our neighborhood. Her leadership and dedication not only benefit NCG but also serve as a beacon of encouragement for her peers to get involved in community activities. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful contributions Cash will continue to make in the coming years.

We are incredibly proud to have Cash as our Youth Board Representative!

## 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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## REMINDER

**The next NCG Community Board Meeting is January 15, 2024 at 6pm, in person and via zoom. Visit us online for our agenda and meeting details.**

