



BOULEVARD PARK'S *PARK BEAT*

The Time to Vote is Right Now!

If you are reading this issue of *Park Beat* before **8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5**, then there is **still** time to vote in the Presidential General Election—not by USPS mail, but by hand-delivering your sealed and signed pink “Vote By Mail” envelope to any one of several **official** Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Boxes.

The locations listed below are all within 1.20 miles of Boulevard Park.

All the County’s Vote Centers will be open from Nov. 2-5. Their hours *before* Nov. 5 vary, but on Election Day *all* Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **CLARA Auditorium**, 1425 24th St. (enter parking from O St.): open daily 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- **Mirasol Village**, 1200 Richards Blvd.: open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Central Library**, 828 I Street: open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Most of the County’s Ballot Drop Boxes will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day (City Hall is an exception).

- **McKinley Library**, 601 Alhambra Blvd.: open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. (7 a.m.-8 p.m. on Election Day)
- **Sacramento City Hall**, 915 I Street: open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (also on Election Day)
- **Central Library**, 828 I Street: open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (7 a.m.-8 p.m. on Election Day)

If the hours listed above are not convenient for you, there is a Ballot Drop Box outside the main **Voter Registration and Elections office**, 7000 65th Street (Suite A), that is open 24 hours a day until Nov. 5, when it will close at 8 p.m. For other voting locations, refer to the County website listed below.

Residents concerned about possible physical challenges to on-site voting should know that all Vote Centers “will have an accessible voting booth for a chair or wheelchair, magnifying glasses, pen grips, and signature guides.” Furthermore, for residents who cannot enter a Vote Center physically and who arrive there by car, curbside voting also will be available (see page 43 of the *Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot*).

Final reminder: If you are using a VBM envelope to deliver your completed ballot to a drop box or voting center, be sure to **seal, date, and sign** the pink envelope. Your signature should match the one on your driver’s license or state ID card, because it will be checked by the county elections office (see page 13 of the *Official Voter Information Guide*).

For more information and an updated list of the locations of vote centers and ballot drop boxes, go to:

www.elections.saccounty.gov/Pages/default.aspx



Last Call: Candidates for BPNA’s 2025 Board of Directors (deadline: Dec. 2)

The BPNA is still seeking members in good standing (annual dues paid!) to serve on next year’s Board of Directors. Being an officer on the neighborhood board is a great way to serve the community while also learning more about the issues that affect the quality of life of everyone in the Boulevard Park neighborhood. Board meetings are held once a month, with each session lasting about 90 minutes. As stated in *Park Beat*’s events calendar (**page 3**), these meetings are open to BPNA members and other interested residents. In addition to hosting monthly meetings, the seven officers also coordinate the four public events sponsored by BPNA—the general membership meeting in January, the progressive potluck dinner for National Night Out in August, the Spaghetti Dinner in September, and the Holiday Party in December. If you are interested in serving on the BPNA Board and have questions about it, please contact any current Board officer (their names and email addresses are listed on **page 4** of the newsletter).

Because the Board election will take place at the general membership meeting in January, the deadline for submitting a letter of interest to the BPNA is **Monday, Dec. 2**. Short statements by the candidates will be printed in the January 2025 newsletter.



The BPNA would like to congratulate the residents of Lavender Courtyard (opened in 2022) on their two-year anniversary. We invited the staff at Mutual Housing to share a bit more about the new community:

Celebrating Two Years at Lavender Courtyard!

By Fizza Khan, Mutual Housing California

Over the course of nearly eight years, Mutual Housing California, a non-profit based in Sacramento, worked with the City of Sacramento, SHRA, and housing advocates in the LGBTQIA+ community to develop an affordable housing rental community in Midtown's Lavender District. Their goal was to create an inclusive community where Sacramento seniors could thrive. The result was Lavender Courtyard at 1616 F Street. In addition to providing housing for people over 62 years of age who have extremely low incomes, this new apartment complex offers vibrant communal spaces and engaging programs designed to help residents succeed.

Lavender Courtyard mirrors Mutual Housing's commitment to diversity and inclusivity by creating a safe space for individuals from all areas, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community. We have a great team of Resident Services staff, Community Organizers, and Program Coordinators who help residents of all backgrounds shape their new home at Lavender Courtyard. Residents enjoy a variety of programming including:

- Community Events: Regular potlucks, game nights, and cultural celebrations that foster connections and create lasting memories.
- Skill-Sharing Workshops: Residents can teach and learn from each other, whether it's cooking, gardening, or financial literacy.
- Supportive Networks: Resources for mental health, career development, and personal growth, ensuring that everyone feels supported in their journey.

For more information about Lavender Courtyard and Mutual Housing California, go to: www.mutualhousing.com/.

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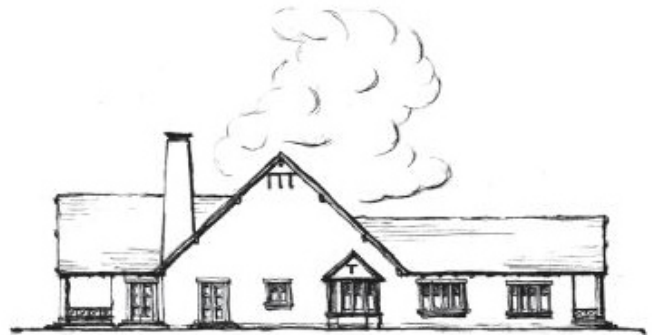
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November 2024: Places to Go, Things to Do

TIP: For more information about public events this month, go to: www.sacramento365.com.

Most weekend mornings, 9 to Noon: Join volunteers in beautification tasks at Sutter's Landing Park. Contact FOSL's volunteer coordinator, Betsy Weiland (flweiland@yahoo.com; or 279-202-4677).

Every Saturday: Midtown Farmers' Market (8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 20th St. between J and L Sts.; K St. between 19th and 21st Sts.). Website: www.exploremidtown.org/midtown-markets/

Every Sunday: Downtown Sacramento Farmers' Market: under the freeway at 8th and W Streets (8 a.m. to noon; free parking).

Sat., Nov. 2: "Veterans' Day," themed tour at the historic Old City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway (4–5 p.m.; advance ticket purchase required). Website: www.historicoldcitycemetery.org/tours-events/

Nov. 2-3: International Railfair Model Train Show, 28,000 square feet of model railroads at Cal Expo (10-5 on Sat., 10–4 on Sun.; admission charged; children aged 12 and younger get in for free). Website: www.calexpostatefair.com/event/international-railfair-model-train-show/

Sun., Nov. 3: Daylight saving time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour!

Mon., Nov. 4: Start of Leaf Season, with curbside pick-up of yard waste. See article below.

Tue., Nov. 5: Election Day. Most Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. See article on [page 1](#).

Nov. 6-9: Colour of Music Festival, Memorial Auditorium: the only Black Classical Musicians Festival on the West Coast, featuring musicians from all over the world (matinee and evening performances; admission charged). Website: www.colourofmusic.org/events-sacramento

Thu., Nov. 7: BPNA Board Meeting, Washington Elementary School, 520 18th St. (6:30-8 p.m.). Open to BPNA members and other interested residents. Contact Dave Herbert for information.

Nov. 9-10: Art to Wear & More Show and Sale, hosted by Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts at the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. (10-5 both days).

Mon., Nov. 11: Veterans' Day Parade, State Capitol, starting at 11:11 (participants will be lining up at 1315 10th Street starting at 8 a.m.). Website: www.facebook.com/VeteransAffiliatedCouncil

Thu., Nov. 14: District 4 All Meeting, Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. (Time TBA). Join the District 4 team, city representatives, neighborhood association members, and others for this community mixer.

Nov. 16-17: Chrysanthemum Society Show & Sale, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center (1-4 on Sat.; 10-2 on Sun.).

Thu., Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day, with the Run to Feed the Hungry. For more information about the race (including the virtual participation option), go to: www.runtofeedthehungry.com/

And looking ahead to early December ...

Mon., Dec. 2: Submission deadline for emails about serving on the 2025 Board of Directors. See article on [page 1](#).

Thu., Dec. 5: BPNA Board Meeting, Washington Elementary School, 520 18th St. (6:30-8 p.m.). Contact Dave Herbert for information.

Sat., Dec. 14: BPNA's holiday party, at the historic Cranston-Geary house (Save the date! Full details will be provided in the December issue.)



The Claw Returns!

Sacramento's "Leaf Season" arrives on November 4 and ends in late January 2025. The Leaf Loader (AKA "The Claw") will be making at least seven collections on each street over the course of the next three months. With the increase in the amount of fallen leaves as Fall progresses into Winter, it may take City crews longer to rotate through the city. Regardless, residents should fill their green waste bins first before piling leaves and other tree debris in the street. Leaf piles should be of a limited size and placed a short distance from the curb, so that water can flow freely to the storm drains. Piles also should be at least six feet away from any obstruction in the street, such as a basketball hoop. Do not put food waste in the leaf pile (it belongs in the green waste bin), and place all animal waste in the garbage bin, never in a leaf pile or green waste bin. For more information, go to the City of Sacramento website: www.cityofsacramento.gov/public-works/recycling-solid-waste/Collectionservices/Leaf_Season

A Brief Report from the BPNA Board

At the monthly meeting on October 3, BPNA Board members hosted three visitors from SMUD. The first speaker, David Roland, told the audience about SMUD's 2030 Clean Energy Vision. This initiative provided background for the discussion of the underground cable installation project that has disrupted daily life in the Boulevard Park neighborhood since early Spring.

In order to secure safer and more reliable electrical service in the City, SMUD has replaced the old underground cable under 21st Street with 8,500 linear feet of 21 kilovolt underground cable inside a new concrete-encased conduit along 22nd Street. This new conduit extends all the way from the Station E Substation (just north of the Union Pacific railroad tracks) to SMUD's vault on 21st Street between Q and R Streets. The project will extend into the first quarter of 2025. The second phase will involve the installation of new overhead wires.

Unfortunately, the project manager, Jeremy Lavagnino, was unable to attend the BPNA meeting. Instead, his colleagues Patrick Guild and Karla Gonzalez, who are involved with community engagement, offered to report back to him about what was discussed. Meeting attendees expressed deep concern about SMUD's failure to inform neighborhood residents about the full extent of the project, or even to seek community input prior to the start of work. They also asked about the damage done to sections of the grassy central median in each block of 22nd Street between C and H Streets. According to the "Notice of [CEQA] Exemption" filed by SMUD in March (see website below), the new "manholes and pull boxes" were supposed to be put in the street or sidewalk. The "Notice" did not mention the relocation of these units from the street to the central median. That tree-lined park is one of the original defining features of our historic neighborhood and should be preserved. For information about the SMUD project, go to: <https://www.smud.org/Corporate/About-us/Reliability/22nd-Street-Underground-Cable-Replacement-Project>. Emails also can be sent to Patrick.Guild@smud.org or Karla.Gonzalez@smud.org.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of recent and upcoming public events in Boulevard Park. Preservation Sacramento's historic home tour (September 22) was a great success. BPNA members are now looking forward to our annual holiday party, to be held at the historic Cranston-Geary house on Saturday evening, December 14. Full details about this event, which includes potluck refreshments, will be offered in the December issue of *Park Beat*.

BPNA members and other interested residents are encouraged to attend the November meeting, held at Washington Elementary School on Thursday the 7th (see the calendar entry on p. 3).

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Join the Boulevard Park Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/blvdparksac/ (or scan this QR code) to connect with your neighbors and get the latest updates from the BPNA.

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

To become a BPNA member, send this completed form with a \$5 check (per member) to P.O. Box 160811, Sacramento, CA 95816-0811. Memberships will be valid from the receipt of payment through the remainder of the calendar year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dues paid are for calendar year: _____

- I'm a new member. I'm a renewing member.
- Yes! I want to become a BPNA volunteer. Contact me.
- I would like to receive this newsletter by email, as well as home delivery.



To access the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association membership form online, scan this QR code with your smart phone camera.



At left: Postal clerk William Taylor is shown at work shortly before his retirement (*Sacramento Bee*, December 20, 1950).



At right: Upper part of a Wright & Kimbrough ad for 2106 E Street (*Sacramento Union*, Sept. 24, 1911).

The Craftsman-style Bungalow of Sacramento's Dean of Postal Workers, William Taylor

113 years ago this month, a young postal clerk named William Pennington Taylor purchased the house at 2106 E Street for \$4200. Although he already owned an empty lot in the 2200 block of D Street, he decided to buy this new five-room bungalow that had been built by real estate investor William H. Stafford in summer 1911. It may have been because Taylor was about to be married to Hilda Dunlap, and the young couple wanted to have a home immediately. They were the first owner-occupants of 2106 E Street, living there for about seven years (1913-1919). Their only son, William P. Taylor Jr., was born here in 1916.

The Taylors were prominent members of Sacramento's Black community. William Taylor was one of a group of citizens who actively protested the screening of D. W. Griffith's controversial film, *The Clansman* (later known as *The Birth of a Nation*), in 1915. He was hailed as the "Dean of Postal Workers" in Sacramento when he finally retired in 1950, after forty-four years of service (photo above). His wife Hilda was the younger sister of George Dunlap, who founded the famous Oak Park restaurant, Dunlap's Dining Room, in 1930. She also was one of the first Black women to be hired as a salesclerk at the Weinstein & Lubin department store. She, her mother Lutitia, and her younger sister Adele all were employed

there as clerks in the early 1900s, before her marriage to William Taylor in 1913.

2106 E was featured in illustrated newspaper ads prior to its sale to Taylor in November 1911, including one in the *Sacramento Union* (photo above).

This Craftsman-style bungalow has a hipped roof, shingled exterior walls, diamond-paned windows, and a full front porch with rectangular pillars. Similar features are found in other Craftsman bungalows that William Stafford built at 415 21st Street (1908), 1615 25th Street (1909), and 2607 P Street (1910). All four houses would have been described as "artistic" in their era.

News From the Production Team

We are delighted to announce that Tim Gruneisen has taken on the assignment of Newsletter Designer. His skills give us the opportunity to make a few updates to the newsletter, freshening its appearance and making it easier to read. A few of our regular newsletter features have been rearranged. For example, page 4 of this issue is dedicated to BPNA-related business and information, including the Board report, the names and email addresses of the Directors, and the membership application form.

All Hail the King! Chinook Salmon Are Passing Through Our Neighborhood

The Chinook (or King) Salmon is the largest and most valuable species of Pacific salmon. It lives in both fresh and salt water. Every Fall, adult Chinook salmon leave the ocean and swim inland to their home river to spawn. After laying eggs, the female guards the nest area for up to 25 days before she dies. Eggs hatch 90 to 150 days later and the young stay in fresh water for a year or more, before traveling downstream to the estuaries, and eventually back into the ocean, where they spend the next one to eight years. The adult salmon then return to their home river system to mate, and the cycle is complete.

Because clean, cool, oxygenated, sediment-free water is essential for salmon egg development, conditions on California rivers have been less than ideal during the recent drought. In an effort to revive the Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout populations in the northern part of the state, several outdated coffer dams were removed along the Klamath River in Siskiyou County in 2023-24. The river now flows freely from Klamath Falls to the Pacific Ocean for the first time since those dams were built.

Boulevard Park residents saw sea lions pursuing and catching Chinook salmon in the American River at Sutter's Landing Regional Park in October (tip: watch for seagulls hovering above the spot where the sea lions are fishing). The California Department of Fish and Wildlife usually opens the ladder to the American River Hatchery in early November. This year, due to water quality concerns, the Nimbus Fish Hatchery raceways were closed to the public in October. The Visitor Center has remained open, however.

To learn more:

Visitor Center, Nimbus Fish Hatchery: wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Hatcheries/Nimbus

Video about the Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout runs on the American River in 2020: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymf5XZQCBDg



Chinook Salmon Jump, by Jay Mather Photography.

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