



## PARK BEAT

*The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park*

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association ☐☐☐ Box 160811, Sacramento, CA 95816-0811 ☐☐☐ November 2023

### A New Date, a New Venue, *and* the Same Success: 2023 Spaghetti Dinner



For the first time since 1998, BPNA’s annual spaghetti dinner, its most popular event of the year, was held at a different location and on a different date. The crowd spilled over from the yard behind 617 21<sup>st</sup> Street (where the spaghetti was served, as shown in Sher Singh’s photograph on the left) onto the spacious grassy lawn of the shared park in the center of the block bounded by 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, G, and F Streets.

Arranged in rows in the alley park, the dinner tables were beautifully decorated with vases of flowers. There was a canopy of lights twinkling overhead—all the more welcome this year because the later date (September 30, rather than September 9) meant that darkness came earlier than usual. Participants who stayed on into the evening hours also enjoyed the fire-pit, a first for this year’s event.

Our thanks go to the many folks (a village-size group!) who made the event possible: Lisa Folberg, for hosting the dinner on her property; Rebecca McDaniels, for overseeing the event and coordinating the

volunteers; Eva Harriman and Emily Herbert, for making the spaghetti sauces; Miche Petite and Harry Dhesi, for providing the bread; the BPNA Board, for contacting volunteers and taking on other tasks; the 45-plus volunteers who set up and (and later cleaned up) the dining area, handled the cash box, toiled in the kitchen, poured beverages, and served up pasta, salad, bread, and desserts; Councilmember Katie Valenzuela and her staff for providing the furnishings and helping at the event; and the over 150 residents (including children) who attended. The dessert table overflowed with the tasty treats brought by the participants (it is the only “potluck” part of the meal). We also were glad to welcome back last year’s popular entertainer, Caroline Geiger of Balloon Twisters. Finally, the evening included a moment of remembrance for three beloved Boulevard Park residents who died this year: Travis Silcox, Pete Bramson, and Sean Dolan.

We look forward to next year’s Spaghetti Dinner. If all goes as we now anticipate, it will be on **Saturday, September 14**, and will be at the same location as this year. But don’t mark your calendars quite yet. Plans for the event will be finalized in 2024, after January’s General Membership Meeting and the formation of the new BPNA Board of Directors.



### *Save the Date!* The Annual Holiday Party Will Be on Saturday, December 16

Boulevard Park residents and BPNA members, please take note of the date and place of the annual Holiday Party, to be held in the evening on **Saturday, December 16**. Like the 2023 spaghetti dinner, it will be at a location that has not been used for this event before, or at least not in recent memory: **2115 G Street**, the historic home built for Egbert A. and Pearl J. Brown in 1909. More information about this potluck event will be published in the December issue of *Park Beat*.

## Third Call, BPNA's 2024 Board of Directors

Every Fall the BPNA solicits members in good standing (**annual membership dues paid up**) to serve on the following year's Board of Directors. The names of all declared candidates (a minimum of seven) will be announced in the **January** (not December) issue of *Park Beat*. Voting for the 2024 Board will take place at the General Membership Meeting in January 2024.

Being an officer on the BPNA board is a great way to serve our community while also learning more about its history and about the current issues that affect the quality of life of everyone in this neighborhood. BPNA Board meetings are held monthly, with each session lasting about 90 minutes, and are open to all neighborhood residents (see the regular entry in the events calendar on page 3 of *Park Beat*). In collaboration with other BPNA members, the seven officers coordinate the four public events sponsored by the association each year—the General Membership Meeting in January, the progressive dinner for National Night Out in August, the Spaghetti Dinner in September, and the Holiday Party in December. The neighborhood yard sale, held periodically, also is coordinated by the officers.

If you are interested in serving on the BPNA Board next year and/or have questions about it, please contact any current Board officer (their names are listed on **page 3** of the newsletter). Let us know by **Wednesday, Dec. 6**, if you would like to be a candidate. All declared candidates will be asked to prepare short written statements for publication in the January issue of *Park Beat*.

### A Brief Report from the BPNA Board

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 5, the BPNA board members welcomed three neighborhood guests: Rebecca McDaniel, who was a lead organizer of the annual Spaghetti Dinner; and new residents Colleen Schwartz and Noah Mebane, who were responding to the open invitation to attend the Board meeting. Much of the meeting was dedicated to a recap of September's Spaghetti Dinner (see the article on **page 1**). Other items on the agenda included a discussion of collaboration with other neighborhood associations in the Central City; the potential availability of another location for BPNA and community meetings (the Society Church building at 2711 B Street); the status of development plans for the former Rite Aid Pharmacy property at F and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets (Sutter Cap has not been successful in securing a grocer tenant for the empty building); the ongoing quest for candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors (see the article above); and advance planning for BPNA's annual Holiday Party next month (see the article on **page 1**).

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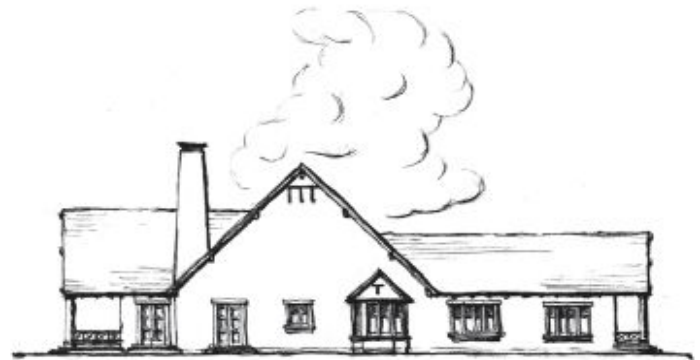
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## November 2023: Places to Go, Things to Do

**TIP:** For more information about public events this month, go to: <https://www.sacramento365.com>. Be sure to check individual organization websites for announcements and updates.

**Every Saturday:** Midtown Farmers' Market (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 20<sup>th</sup> St. between J and L Sts.; K St. between 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Sts.). Website: <https://exploremidtown.org/midtownfarmersmarket/>

**Most weekend mornings:** Join other volunteers in tackling a variety of beautification tasks at Sutter's Landing Park. For more details, contact FOSL's volunteer coordinator, Betsy Weiland, by email ([fweiland@yahoo.com](mailto:fweiland@yahoo.com)) or phone (279-202-4677).

**Nov. 1-3:** Festival of New American Music, Sacramento State. Last days of this annual event, offering free concerts on campus. Info.: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/music/spotlight/fenam-festival.html>

**Wed., Nov. 1:** "I Must Be Dreaming," an evening with *New Yorker* cartoonist Roz Chast (Central Library, Galleria Main Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.). Website: <https://www.saclibrary.org/IMustBeDreaming>

**Thu., Nov. 2:** BPNA Board Meeting, conducted in person (6:30-8 p.m.). Open to BPNA members and other interested residents. Contact Board member Dave Herbert (email above) for information.

**Sat., Nov. 4:** "Evolution of Style: A Journey Through Haydn's Quartets," concert by Sacramento Baroque Soloists at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1430 J St. (4-5:30; admission charged). Website: <https://sacramento-baroque-soloists.ticketleap.com/evolution-of-style2/>

## Places to Go, Things to Do (continued)

**Sat., Nov. 4:** Veterans' Day tour of Old City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway (4 p.m.; tickets \$10, purchased in advance). Website: <https://historicalcitycemetery.org/tours-events/>

**Sun., Nov. 5:** *Turn your clocks back one hour!*

**Nov. 7-12:** Broadway Sacramento presents *Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of The Temptations*, at SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center, 1301 L St. (admission charged). Info.: <https://www.broadwaysacramento.com/production/aint-too-proud-2023/>

**Sat., Nov. 11:** "Colour of Music Festival Masterworks," Black Classical Musicians' Festival Finale, Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street (7:30-9 p.m.; admission charged). Website: <https://www.colourofmusic.org/event/smf-11-11-23>

**Nov. 11 & 12:** Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts hosts an "Art to Wear & More" show and sale, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard (9-4 each day)

**Sun., Nov. 12:** Preservation Roundtable, membership meeting and public forum hosted by Preservation Sacramento at Nisei VFW Post 8985, 1515 4<sup>th</sup> Street (10-Noon).

**Sun., Nov. 12:** World premiere of Carlos McMillan Fuentes's *Concerto da Requiem*, by the Camerata California, at First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St. (3-5:15 p.m.; admission charged). Website: <https://camealchoir.org/carlos/>

**Nov. 18 & 19:** Chrysanthemum Show, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. (1-4 on Sat.; 10-2 on Sun.)

**Thu., Nov. 23:** Thanksgiving Day, and also the day of Sacramento's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run to Feed the Hungry." Website: <https://www.runtofeedthehungry.com/>

**Nov. 24-26:** 2023 Crocker Holiday Artisan Market, Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H St. (Fri., Noon-5; Sat., 10-5; Sun., 10-4; admission charged). For more information, go to the website: <https://crockerholidayartisanmarket.com/>

### ... And looking ahead to early December:

**Sat., Dec. 2:** Ben Ali Shriners' 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H St. (8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; free admission): <https://www.facebook.com/benaliholidaycraftfair/>

**Sat., Dec. 2:** Films with Friends presents *Elf* in a free outdoor screening at Sutter's Fort (film will start at about 6:30 p.m.). Website: <https://suttersfort.org/event/films-with-friends-2/>

**Wed., Dec. 6:** Deadline for announcing candidacy for the 2024 BPNA Board (see article on **page 2**).

**Thu., Dec. 7:** BPNA Board Meeting, conducted in person (6:30-8 p.m.). Open to BPNA members and other interested residents. Contact Dave Herbert for information.

## How Marshall School Celebrated the Tercentenary of the Pilgrims' Arrival

On October 26, 1920, one of the largest pageants ever presented by a grammar school was staged in McKinley Park by students from Marshall School (28<sup>th</sup> and G Streets). Over 600 children performed for about two thousand people. The "Landing of the Pilgrims" included speeches, pantomime, dances, and songs, and was presented in five acts, each with a specific theme: England, Holland, America, Governor Bradford's Proclamation, and the Thanksgiving Feast.

As reported in *The Sacramento Union*, which devoted several articles to coverage of the pageant, there were "moving picture cameras" at the park to record the program "so that children in other schools could see what Marshall School had accomplished." One of these film recordings was screened at the old Sequoia Theatre at 909 K Street in November 1920. Who knows if any of those old reels still exist today?

### 625 Marshall Pupils Give Pilgrim Pageant



A GROUP OF "PILGRIM MOTHERS" SINGING IN THE MARSHALL SCHOOL PAGEANT, "THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS," AT MCKINLEY PARK LAST FRIDAY.

Photo from *The Sacramento Union* (November 2, 1920)

No movies showing the 1920 pageant have turned up in the local archives. The only vintage film featuring Marshall School that this writer is aware of is in the collection of the Center for Sacramento History. It is said to date from the 1930s and offers a compilation of typical activities and experiences at Marshall School in that era, including lessons, recitations, gym exercises, drills, and even a few staged visits to the school nurse ([https://archive.org/details/casacsh\\_000012](https://archive.org/details/casacsh_000012)). There are glimpses as well of the neighborhood immediately adjacent to the old school, such as the north side of G Street in that block.



### Leaf Season is Claw Season in Sacramento

As regular as clockwork and as reported on the City website, Leaf Season arrives on **November 1** and will end on **January 29, 2024**. The sporty yellow Leaf Loader known as "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 streets. Piles should be of a limited size and a short distance from the curb, so that water can flow 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: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/public-works/rsw/collection-services/yard-waste/leaf-season>

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## Attending to Nature at Sutter's Landing Park

Volunteers from Friends of Sutter's Landing (FOSL) gathered at the north end of 28<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, October 14. They were equipped with gloves, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and other gear. Their task was to spread and then water the 30 yards of mulch that had been delivered to the area below the skateboard building's parking lot the day before (see the photograph above, taken by FOSL member Chris Smith). The area already had been mown and cleared of some invasive weeds, notably star thistle. At midday the hungry team members feasted on pizza, well content with all that they had accomplished that morning. Two weekends later, the volunteers returned to move the rest of the mulch and to install native plants. With luck Nature and the winter rains will do the rest of the work!

Almost every weekend morning, volunteers assemble at Sutter's Landing Regional Park to perform a variety of tasks (see the entry in the events calendar on page 3 of any issue of *Park Beat*). They tend the native plants garden (*aka* Gateway Garden), now thriving after a complete replanting early this year; clean up the parking lot; seek out and remove invasive weeds; and last, but not least, clean up the trash that almost always is littering the groves and beach areas along the south side of the river. Because no hired work crews from the County or City are assigned to trash duty in the park (apart from emptying the metal trash barrels on a regular basis), it has been up to volunteers to handle the clean-up. In this essential task, the FOSL volunteers, who are there every week, are helped periodically by other clean-up groups, such as the one coordinated by Fleet Feet. Fortunately, many other park visitors also lend a hand, picking up and discarding trash that they happen to notice when walking through the area.

In addition to picking up trash, FOSL volunteers also keep an eye open for live coals and embers in illegal campfires from the night before and for evidence of foliage vandalism--the uprooting, slashing, and breaking of the native plants. The willows, cottonwood trees, elderberry trees, mugwort, and wild roses all have suffered from these assaults. The uncontrolled multiplication of paths through the underbrush also has contributed to the soil erosion along the banks.

Officially designated as a "Protected Area" in the American River Parkway Plan, the riparian part of Sutter's Landing Park has naturally occurring vegetation that can survive light to moderate use, but is very vulnerable to the increasingly heavy use (and occasional abuse) that the Park has had in recent years. Any Boulevard Park resident who has walked along Sutter Landing Park's beaches, banks, and habitat trails over the past twenty years will have noticed the gradual degradation resulting from the increased human usage of the area. It is still a lovely place that provides a much-valued natural setting in the midst of our urban area, but it is fragile and requires careful, consistent attention.

Because the Master Plan for Sutter's Landing Regional Park is now under review for a much-needed updating (a preliminary version was adopted in 1995, then revised and re-adopted in 2003), this is a good time to consider what the City and County must do in order to restore, preserve, and maintain the riparian parts of the Park.

- To learn more about FOSL and its nature-centric vision for Sutter's Landing Park, go to: <http://www.sutterslandingpark.org>  
[http://www.sutterslandingpark.org/uploads/6/4/1/2/6412949/sutters\\_landing\\_vision-032212.pdf](http://www.sutterslandingpark.org/uploads/6/4/1/2/6412949/sutters_landing_vision-032212.pdf)
- This 2018 video provides more information about Sutter's Landing Regional Park and includes comments from several Boulevard Park residents: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im1aDFIsLMw>

# Wildflowers of Our Area: The California Sunflower



One of the more common wild plants seen in Sacramento's vacant lots, the American River Parkway, or along our local roadsides, is the California sunflower (*helianthus californicus*), native to California and to Baja California. The California sunflower is a perennial herb with tough woody roots, a sprawling gangly plant growing from 3 to 10 feet tall. There are about 70 species of what are commonly called sunflowers. The best known is the "common sunflower," cultivated as a food crop for humans, cattle, and poultry, and as an ornamental plant. Over 50,000 acres of sunflowers are grown for hybrid seed in our region, mainly in Yolo and Colusa Counties (<https://sacramentovalley.org/stories/sunflowers-in-our-valley/>).

Before blooming and soon after blooming each day, sunflower heads tilt to face the sun. At night the flower heads reorient their position to face east, in anticipation of sunrise. Sunflower plants are an excellent attractor of beneficial and pollinator insects. Farmers often encourage them to grow in the fields adjacent to their principal crop, to bring greater harvests. It seems almost everyone loves sunflowers, one of the more common flower varieties brought home from a flower shop. The sunflower is also the national flower of Ukraine, where it has been cultivated for centuries.

Here are three Yolo County farms that are known for their sunflower crops: Cloverleaf and Collins Farm, Davis; M3 Ranches, Woodland; and Pedrick Produce, Dixon (the peak season for sunflower blooms typically falls in June and/or July). For more information, go to: <https://visityolo.com/a-guide-to-yolo-county-sunflowers/>.

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