



## PARK BEAT

*The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park*

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



### Come Celebrate the Season at BPNA's Annual Holiday Party (Dec. 16)

All BPNA members and their families are invited to come together for some holiday cheer at the historic Brown house on **Saturday, December 16 (6:00-9:00 p.m.)**. Please bring a beverage of your choice and a favorite dish to share (BPNA will provide the plates, cups, cutlery, and other dining essentials). This may be the first time the holiday party has been held at **2115 G Street**, one of the older homes of Boulevard Park (see the article on **page 5**). We are very grateful to our hosts, Roy and Angela Harada, for opening their doors to us.

### Holiday Music with BPNA's Own Capital Brass Quartet (Dec. 20 and 22)

The Capital Brass Quartet will present a free, short concert of holiday music on **Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.** from the front porch of **614 22nd Street** (to the right of Fog Alley). Dress warmly, bring a lawn chair, and share some Christmas cheer with your neighbors on the 22nd Street median while you listen to the music. As an added bonus, the members of the Quartet also are participating in the Holiday Music Program at the State Capitol. The Capitol's Rotunda offers a perfect setting for concerts, with gorgeous acoustics and beautiful vintage decorations. The Capital Brass Quartet will be performing at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22nd** (for the full concert schedule, go to: <https://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/about/capitol-holiday-music-program/>).

### Old Sacramento's Theatre of Lights (Dec. 1-24)

Launched on November 22, after the 60-foot fir tree at the west end of K Street was decorated and illuminated for the holidays, the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Theatre of Lights** will be held in Old Sacramento until Christmas Eve. There will be two shows on four nights each week (Thursday through Sunday, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) from **December 1st through 23rd**. On Sunday, **December 24**, there will be one performance only, at 6:00 p.m. As reported on the Old Sacramento Waterfront website, each evening show features an immersive, live-action retelling of the famous poem by Clement Moore, "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (better known today as "Twas the Night Before Christmas"). Also woven into the production are episodes from the daily lives of Sacramento's residents during the 1800's, Moore's century. There will be special appearances by Jack Frost and Santa Claus, too. Each performance is held on K Street, lasts about 20 minutes, and is open to all (free admission!). For more information about this popular event, go to: <https://www.oldsacramento.com/event/theatre-lights>



## LAST Call, 2024 Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 6, is the deadline for BPNA members to announce their interest in serving on the 2024 Board of Directors. If you would like to be a candidate, please send an email to any of the current Board members (their addresses are on page 3 of *Park Beat*), or to the BPNA address: [BoulevardParkNA@gmail.com](mailto:BoulevardParkNA@gmail.com).

All eligible candidates will be asked to write short personal statements for publication in the January issue of *Park Beat*. Voting for the 2024 Board will take place during the General Membership meeting on **Tues., Jan. 9**.

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. Board meetings are held monthly, with each session lasting about 90 minutes. In collaboration with other BPNA members, the seven officers also 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 also is coordinated by the officers.

## A Brief Report from the BPNA Board

The monthly BPNA Board meeting on Thurs., Nov. 2, began with a conversation with guest Tyler Whitmire, a new Boulevard Park resident. Because she loves the neighborhood and would like to help make it even better, Tyler wanted to discuss ways to reduce speeding and stop-sign running, and to address other traffic problems. Some action already has been taken. Sacramento Police Lieutenant Jennifer Ligon has promised to increase motorcycle cop enforcement for our area. Back in May, at neighborhood request and with the help of the District 4 office, 2 new stop-signs were installed at the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> and E Streets.

Other neighborhood topics addressed at the meeting included the implementation and effectiveness of protected bicycle lanes in the Central City (not everyone is convinced that this design is a safer option for bikes, cars, and pedestrians) and the apparent increase in the number of homeless encampments in Midtown. The board members of the Central City neighborhood associations may want to resume discussions of strategies to address this issue. Finally, additional candidates are needed for the 2024 BPNA Board. Current Board members were encouraged to invite other BPNA members to run for office. As stated in the article above, the deadline for announcing candidacy is December 6.

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*Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association's purpose: The BPNA was created to support, promote, and improve the quality of life for the residents of the greater Boulevard Park neighborhood. By achieving this goal we strive to improve the quality of life for others who work and live in and around Boulevard Park, and therefore in Sacramento as a whole.*

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## December 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 ([fweliland@yahoo.com](mailto:fweliland@yahoo.com)) or phone (279-202-4677).

**Fri., Dec. 1:** 35th Annual World AIDS Day: Observances ending with vigil at Uptown Studios, 2415 23rd St. (10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.).

**Dec. 1-24:** Celebration Arts presents Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*, 2727 B St. (evening and matinee performances; admission charged). Website: <https://www.celebrationarts.net>

**Dec. 1-24:** Theatre of Lights, Old Sacramento Waterfront: Thurs. through Sun. each week, shows at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (except Dec. 24: one show only, 6:00 p.m.). See article on **page 1**.

**Dec. 1-22:** Capitol Holiday Music Program, with free concerts in the Rotunda by local artists and music students. Website: <https://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/about/capitol-holiday-music-program/>

**Dec. 1-3:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sacred Heart Holiday Home Tour, with 5 Fab Forties homes. For information and advance ticket purchase (may sell out!), go to: <https://sacredheartthometour.com/>

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

**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.): <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.

**Fri., Dec. 8:** River District Community Extravaganza, at Mirasol Village Park, 400 Pipevine St. (5-7 p.m.): Free event with seasonal music, entertainment, activities, and food.

**Dec. 8-10:** Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus presents "Holiday Hits with a Splash of Sass" at the Crest Theatre, 1015 K St. (7-9 p.m. on Fri. and Sat., 3-5 p.m. on Sun.; admission charged). <https://www.sacgaymenchorus.com/events/holiday-show>

**Dec. 9-23:** Sacramento Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* with a live orchestra at SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center, 1301 L St. (evening and matinee performances; admission charged). Website: <https://www.sacballet.org/events/>

**Sat., Dec. 9:** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jingle Pup Crawl, a fundraiser for the Sacramento SPCA, starting at the Truitt Bark Park, 1818 Q St. (Noon-4:00). Fee includes t-shirts for humans, jingle bells for dogs, photo-op with "Santa Paws," etc. For more information: <https://www.classy.org/event/6th-annual-jingle-bell-pup-crawl/e513785>

**Sat., Dec. 9:** Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra present "Home for the Holidays" at Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J St. (3 p.m.; admission charged). Santa plans to be there also. Website: <https://sacramentochoral.org/>

**Sat., Dec. 16:** BPNA Holiday Party. See article on **page 1**.

**Wed., Dec. 20:** Free concert of holiday music by Capital Brass Quartet, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street median (7 p.m.): See article on **page 1**.

**Tue., Dec. 26:** Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra present "Messiah Sing-Along 2023," conducted by Donald Kendrick, at First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St. (2 p.m.; admission charged). Website: <https://sacramentochoral.org/messiah/>

**Dec. 27-31:** Broadway Sacramento presents *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* at SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center, 1301 L St. (admission charged). Website: <https://www.broadwaysacramento.com/>

... *And looking ahead to early January:*

**Tue., Jan. 9:** BPNA's Annual General Membership Meeting with election of Board officers (6:30-8:30 p.m.; agenda TBA).

## Our Neighborhood Bat Nurturer

In October, a Boulevard Park resident was profiled in a nature blog called “Growing Wild.” The article, titled “**Guardian of the Bats: Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation with JoEllen Arnold,**” is a great story about someone who has shared her first-hand knowledge about bats at presentations hosted by Friends of the River Banks, and who has continued to look after bats in her home. Readers may have seen her launching rehabilitated bats in Grant Park at dusk (as shown in the photograph to the right, used to illustrate the “Growing Wild” blog entry). For “Guardian of the Bats,” author Stephanie Penn interviewed JoEllen about her experiences as a volunteer with NorCal Bats, working long but rewarding hours as a bat rescuer and “rehabber.”



*JoEllen Arnold releases (and films) a bat in Grant Park*

JoEllen has nurtured newborn bats, lost bats, sick bats, and wounded bats. She bathes and grooms them if they are unable to care for themselves, feeds them, checks their weight, and supervises their flying ability (she has a special tent where recovering bats can do short trial flights before they are ready to be released). She has even assisted with a breech birth, an experience which led to her being called a “bat midwife.” She also is a staunch advocate for the protection of bats, recognizing the very important role they play in the health of our ecosystem. At her interview, she said she was thrilled that Governor Newsom had just signed the legislation to adopt the Pallid Bat (*antrozous pallidus*) as the state bat of California (Senate Bill 732). She hopes that this official recognition will encourage people to be more considerate of bats.

For Stephanie Penn’s October 24 article about JoEllen Arnold’s work with bats, go to: <https://www.growingwild.co>

### To learn more about the subject:

- Read the “Growing Wild” blog entry from October 30, 2023 (*same website as above*). It is based on an interview with Corky Quirk, founder of NorCal Bats and program coordinator for the Yolo Basin Foundation (*see below*).
- Go to the very useful website of Northern California Bats (NorCal Bats), dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of bats throughout Northern California: <https://norcalbats.org>
- Attend the “Bat Talks and Walks” hosted by the Yolo Basin Foundation from late June through September (<https://www.yolobasin.org/battalkandwalks/>)



*The Pallid Bat has golden fur—just the hue for the Golden State!*

### California International Marathon (Dec. 3)

On Sunday, December 3, ten days after the dust has settled from the 30,000 pairs of shoes expected to traverse East Sacramento in the Annual Run to Feed the Hungry (Nov. 23), the 40<sup>th</sup> California International Marathon will be held. Runners will be starting near Folsom Dam and then taking the usual 26-mile route along Oak Avenue, Fair Oaks Boulevard, and J Street before finishing at the State Capitol. During the race, a few street intersections will be closed near our neighborhood, notably J Street and Alhambra, L and 29<sup>th</sup> Streets (both between 8:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.), and 22<sup>nd</sup> and L Streets (between 8:00 a.m. and 2:05 p.m.). Website: <https://runsra.org/california-international-marathon/>

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*21st and G Streets in about 1910: The Brown house is on the right, next to the corner house, 2101 G Street.*

### The 2023 Holiday Party House: 2115 G Street



*The Brown House in 2022, with its iron hitching post.*

Egbert and Pearl Brown secured the building permit for this large two-story house on July 31, 1909, about two weeks after buying the lot. When they moved into their new home in January 1910, he was the Assistant Cashier of the California National Bank and they had three young children (Eleanor, Phoebe, and Oliver). Pearl Brown’s elderly aunt, Adelia Quigley, also lived with them, and they had a live-in servant, Meda McIntosh, as well. The Browns participated actively in Sacramento’s cultural life. A talented vocalist and amateur actor, Egbert directed the choir of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and was one of the founders of a local theatrical group, The Camellians, that put on plays and musical entertainments. His wife Pearl was a fine soprano who often performed as a soloist. According to the local papers, the Browns were considered to be among the best singers in Sacramento in their day.

The link between the Brown home and music was renewed by Robert D. Proul, Sacramento’s “Piano Man,” in the 1970s, fifty years after the Browns’ departure. He also was responsible for returning the house to its original single-family status. Like many if not most of the larger homes in Boulevard Park, it had been used as a boarding house for many years, in addition to serving as a men’s private club, The Hermitage (1928-1947). Proul restored the old building and filled it with pianos, the objects of his passion and the recipients of his attention as a restorer, repairer, and tuner of pianos. A *Sacramento Bee* journalist who visited Proul’s home in 1974 counted eleven pianos in the basement, four pianos in the living room, and a theater organ in the front hall. According to the journalist, when Proul played that instrument (which was wired to several speakers upstairs and downstairs), the “entire multi-level home vibrated and seemed to sway.”

Eleven years later, Proul’s home was among nine restored city residences selected for the tour of historic homes hosted by the Sacramento Old City Association (now called Preservation Sacramento). In 1988, after being purchased by Donavin and Marilyn Dressler, the house was featured in the SOCA tour of Boulevard Park. Then as now, visitors admired the proportions and detail of this Foursquare structure with its hipped roof, deep eaves, spacious front porch, and well-preserved interior woodwork. A cast-iron hitching post, one of the few remaining in Boulevard Park, stands beside the curb in front.

### **EXTRA! EXTRA! BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED**

A new Block Captain is needed to deliver copies of *Park Beat* in the 20<sup>th</sup> and F Street area of Boulevard Park. If you can spare 15 minutes of your time each month and would enjoy a stroll in the neighborhood, please contact our Block Captain Coordinator, Joe Cress (916-698-7938; [josephmress@yahoo.com](mailto:josephmress@yahoo.com)).

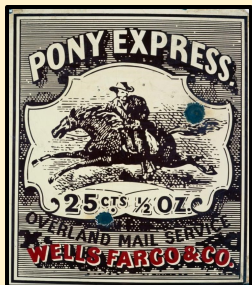


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## Send Your Holiday Cards Partly by Pony Express (Dec. 2)

Bring your USPS stamped cards to the Sacramento History Museum by **Monday, Dec. 2nd** and drop them into the Museum's collection box so that their envelopes can get an official Pony Express stamp before being taken to Folsom, placed in the riders' *mochilas*, and brought from Folsom to Old Sacramento by horseback on **Saturday, Dec. 9th**.



For the full experience, be at the History Museum that Saturday to welcome the riders when they arrive around 3:30 p.m. (101 I Street). The cards will make the rest of their journey courtesy of the regular postal service.

## Help Spread Holiday Cheer with the District Four Toy Drive

Councilmember Katie Valenzuela and her staff in the District 4 office are pleased to invite residents to participate in their annual toy drive. This year they are soliciting new, unwrapped gifts for the 800 plus kids living in the Marina Vista/Alder Grove Affordable Housing Complex. Gifts will be gratefully accepted for kids ranging in age from 0-18 years.

A gift bin will be installed in the first-floor lobby of Sacramento City Hall (915 I St.) on **Dec. 1** and will be there just over two weeks. The last day to drop off gifts will be **Friday, Dec. 15**. The kids and their families will be picking up their gifts at Leataata Floyd Elementary School (401 McClatchy Way) on **Saturday, Dec. 16**.

## Diaper Donations for the Children at Tubman House

Rebecca McDaniel will be collecting packs of diapers at BPNA's Holiday party (**Dec. 16**) to benefit The Tubman House. Founded in 2003, the Tubman House is a local transitional community for parenting and pregnant homeless youth and their children. As explained on its website, Tubman spans across three shared housing sites, each providing home and support for five to eight families. Tubman's holistic program unifies housing, childcare, education, and career support. The children in the program use over 1,000 diapers a month. Any contribution would be much appreciated!

To learn more about Tubman House, go to: <http://www.wakingthevillage.org/tubman-house>



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