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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION'S INTERACTIVE NEWSLETTER



*Happy
Father's
Day* ♥

*Happy
Mother's
Day* ♥



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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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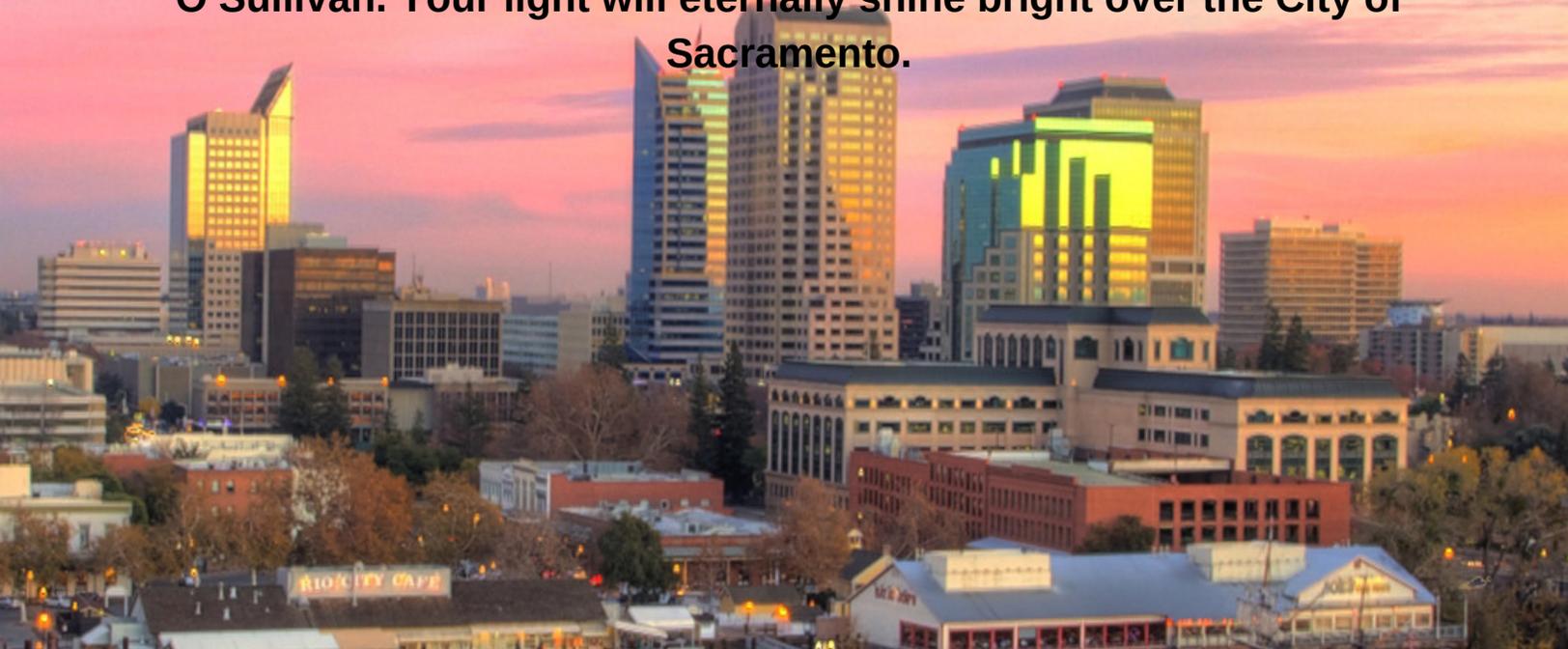
KRISTINA PALONE

Please enjoy the May/June edition of Community Connection where we introduce our revised distribution of Community Connection to every other month. Each edition will continue to be dedicated to the wonderful editorials, programs and services provided by the City of Sacramento and our community partners.

As the summer approaches, we are highlighting a couple of amazing collaborations. The River Cats Independence Field and the Youth Pop-Ups are both shining examples of what can be accomplished when the city and the community work collaboratively.

The months of May and June celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day, respectively. In honor of these special holidays, we want to give a big "Thank You" and recognition to all the incredible Mothers, Fathers and Guardians (and Guardians acting as Parents) out there that work tirelessly for their families, friends, and communities.

This edition also gives a special appreciation to Officer Tara O'Sullivan, a remarkable example of our dedicated public safety servants that all too often give their lives in ensuring the communities in which they live and serve are safe for everyone. A very special salute to you, Officer O'Sullivan. Your light will eternally shine bright over the City of Sacramento.



Summer Programs Kick-Off

River Cats Independence Field: A Gleaming Community Asset

Thirteen years ago the City of Sacramento was one of the first communities in the country to build a fully accessible ball field for use by people with disabilities. River Cats Independence Field, as it's known, has been a wonderful community asset, but was showing wear and tear. Through a major collaborative effort involving private funders, the department's Access Leisure and Parks, Planning and Development sections, and support from Councilmember Larry Carr, an exciting renovation was completed this spring. The new rubberized surface makes playing barrier free for those who use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches, or no assistive device at all, a breeze. A brand-new electronic scoreboard, new signage and the addition of permanent shade structures over the dug outs make the renewed facility even more beautiful, as well as functional. A community celebration to rededicate the facility was held in late April, and fun was had by all. Following the field updates, Access Leisure held it's annual "Thank You For Your Service" adaptive sports day event on April 25, 2019, for over 65 injured, ill and wounded Veterans that included wheelchair softball on the updated field, and swimming, scuba diving, rock climbing, cycling, powerlifting, and archery, at the Bonnie and Sam Pannell Community Center. The now gleaming River Cats Independence Field is a testament to what a community can do when it comes together for a great cause!



Summer Programs Kick-Off

Sacramento Youth Pop Ups

Featuring Self Awareness and Recovery

On weekends and during school holidays, many Sacramento teens cannot find safe, affordable places that offer positive activities and involve supportive adults in their own neighborhoods. They resort to hanging out at friends' houses playing video games all day or at the mall, where over the recent holiday season, there were reports of hundreds of teens engaging in unsafe behaviors.

In response, the Sierra Health Foundation contributed \$30,000 to non-profit groups to offer "Youth Pop Ups" around the city throughout the weekend of January 4-6. Activities offered included roller skating, basketball, a mobile barber shop/beautician, silent dance parties, family game rooms, art, movies, ping pong, and a talent show. Over 1,000 youth participated in the activities.

Using this momentum and building on the rich history of social supports such as urban "midnight basketball" and the City's current neighborhood-based "Hot Spots," the City of Sacramento stepped in to continue the free weekend community-based Pop Ups in neighborhoods across the city. The sites are distributed geographically and, to the extent possible, close to public transit to ensure that as many youth as possible, especially those in the most underserved communities, have access to positive activities. At least 10 events occur across the city every weekend.

The Youth and Community Pop Ups are managed by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation and hosted by community-based non-profit organizations with trusted community relationships, focused on high-quality standards around youth development principles. Although the primary focus is on fun and community-building, participants are also helping to create future programming, engaging in soft skills training, and, in some locations, have the opportunity to gain volunteer or internship experience. With the inclusion of funding for Pop Ups in the 2019 city budget, expansion of youth workforce training and development is in process. Since the launch of the initiative in February, 136 events were offered through the end of May. Between February and March, 5,733 individuals participated in Pop Up events.



Self Awareness and Recovery (SAR) is one of the 21 community-based organizations that operates the weekend Youth and Community Pop Up events. SAR aims to reduce recidivism rates and incarceration in the Sacramento region by creating space for youth and adults impacted by trauma and people re-entering society from incarceration to begin to heal and find transformation in their lives.

On May 31, SAR hosted a Pop Up event at Burbank High School, one of the sites where they offer services. About 80 youth showed up and enjoyed an evening full of fun. Sixty percent (60%) of the participants are part of a core group of youth who have consistently attended SAR's Pop Up events.

The evening started with a short presentation explaining what Pop Ups are all about and encouraging participants to have a safe summer. Throughout the event, youth participated in a karaoke contest, enjoyed a professional DJ's music, and won various gift certificates through a raffle. Participants wrapped up the event with pizza.

Isaiah G., who recently graduated from high school, has attended several of SAR's Pop Up events. He thinks the events have been "fun and pretty cool." He has especially appreciated the DJs because he wants to be a DJ himself eventually. Isaiah knows that "there's plenty of nonsense on the streets" so he appreciates the opportunities provided through the Pop Ups which keep him engaged and prevent him from having to stay home.

Daniel Silva, SAR's director, shares that young people call him constantly asking when the next Pop Up event will be or reminding him to call them with an invitation to the next event. Silva believes that these events build a strong sense of community through the simple acts of eating, dancing, and enjoying the night's activities together. He brings in older youth who grew up in the same neighborhoods or environments as Pop Up participants and who have graduated from college to share their own stories providing inspiration and hope to the youth. Finally, Silva believes that the Pop Ups have contributed to a reduction in violence in the community. "Showing kids that we love them and care about them through these Pop Up events will help lead them on a path towards peace," he said. Silva wants to see the Pop Up initiative continue long into the future. "Pop Ups are a place where youth can learn to be better humans. Love and hope are powerful things."

City Resources for the Community

Hot Spot

Youth Advisory Council

2019 Summer Program



Friday Nights
7:00pm to 11:00pm

For Teens 13 to 19

- BE PREPARED TO SHOW VALID SCHOOL ID OR COL.
- BACKPACK CHECK-IN REQUIRED
- REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.
- FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT PROGRAM SITES

Free!

City of SACRAMENTO
Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment

Rio Tierra Jr. High
D1 Councilmember Angélique Ashby
& D3 Councilmember Jeff Harris
3201 Northstead Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95813
Basketball, Snacks, and More!

- June 7, 28
- July 12, 26

For more information call:
916-584-4301 or 916-591-6917

Joe Mills Jr. Hagginwood Community Center
D2 Councilmember Allen Warren
3273 Maryville Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
Fun Activities, Games, Snacks and More!

- July 19
- August 16

For more information call:
916-584-4301 or 916-591-6917

Oak Park Community Center
D5 Councilmember Jay Schenstatter
3425 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95817
Basketball, Billiards, Dodgeball, Hip Hop, Air Hockey, PS4, Snacks, and More!

- June 7, 14, 21
- July 12, 19, 26
- August 5, 9, 28

For more information call:
916-808-6151

George Sim Community Center
D6 Councilmember Eric Guerra
6207 Logan Street,
Sacramento, CA 95824
Basketball, Billiards, Hip Hop, Volleyball, Snacks, and More!

- June 7, 14

For more information call:
916-808-3761

School of Engineering and Sciences
D7 Councilmember Rick Jennings, II
7945 Gloria Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95831
Basketball, Snacks, and More!

- June 28
- July 12, 19, 26
- August 5, 23

For more information call:
916-584-4301 or 916-591-6917

Sam & Bonnie Pannell Community Center
D8 Councilmember Larry Carr
2625 Meadowlark Road,
Sacramento, CA 95812
Basketball, Teen Room, Snacks, and More!

- June 7
- August 2

For more information call:
916-808-6680

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Youth Employment Opportunities



City of Sacramento – Teen Services
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Sacramento's youth-vocational training and employment programs provide young people with experiences and supports that foster their development as healthy, productive adults. Early adult outcomes include education, economic self-sufficiency, healthy family and social relationships, and positive contributions to the community. Youth are supported in this development through five fundamental pathways: safety, healthy relationships, engagement, connecting to community, and relevant skill building.

Through these programs, youth practice newly acquired skills in safe, supportive environments. Adults provide mentoring as youth learn to successfully navigate school, work, community, and life's day-to-day challenges and choices.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) – A strengths-based, paid work experience program, for high school seniors. WIOA partners with local government, private business and the retail industry. Participants with specific barriers (ex: pregnant and/or parenting, foster youth, homeless) receive training in pre-employment skills such as resume writing, employer expectations, service learning, and navigating college campuses. The WIOA program works closely with schools and provides supportive services to students in need. Supportive services may include transportation assistance, tutoring, and counseling center referrals. Applications available at the Belle Coolidge Community Center – 5699 S. Land Park Drive.

LANDSCAPE & LEARNING (L&L) – Youth ages 14-17 years who reside within the city limits of Sacramento receive paid work experience providing landscape maintenance and general clean-up in our city parks. All youth participating in this program receive specialized training in landscaping, employer expectations, teamwork, safety, customer service, and time management. This is a highly competitive youth employment program. Call for recruitment information. During recruitment times, applications are available at the Belle Coolidge Community Center – 5699 S. Land Park Drive.

PRIME TIME TEEN – A fun, interactive work readiness training program for young people between the ages of 13-17. Participants gain skills in job searching, resume development, completing job applications, interviewing, financial literacy, communication, leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and community service. All participants who meet attendance goals and participate in a youth-led community service project will receive a \$200 stipend. (Participants must have a signed copy of their social security card on file to receive stipend). Program is free. Spaces are limited. Registration opens one month prior to the program start date.

To register online, visit us at: www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrec

For more information on youth employment opportunities, or to have an application emailed to you, please call (916) 808-6023.

City of SACRAMENTO
Parks and Recreation



DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

JOIN A DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Put your ideas into action with a team of like-minded youth, your Councilmember and the City of Sacramento. Joining is free and easy but the impact you will make is priceless.

<p>D5: JAY GUERRA American Legion High School 1st Wednesdays @ 3:30p-5:30p</p>	<p>D6: GUERRA Hiram Johnson High School 2nd Mondays @ 3:30p-5:30p</p>	<p>D7: RICK JENNINGS Kennedy High School 1st Thursdays @ 3:30p-5:30p</p>
	<p>George Sim Center 2nd Wednesdays @ 3:30p-5:30p</p>	<p>Valley High School 2nd Thursdays @ 3:30p-5:30p</p>

www.CityOfSacYAC.org

Youth Volunteer Directory

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
Volunteer Program

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DIRECTORS OF VOLUNTEERS IN AGENCIES





YOUTH VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY



Calling All Youth!!

"Nothing about us without us"

The Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC) comprised of appointed youth community members was established June 15, 1993 as an advisory body to the City of Sacramento City Council. The mission of the SYC is to protect, preserve, enhance & advance the quality of life for Sacramento youth by advising the City Council and the public on issues relating to youth policies, programs, & opportunities.

Sacramento Youth Commission meetings are an opportunity to have your voice heard on youth matters & issues affecting young people throughout our Sacramento communities.

Be part of the movement to bring the youth voice to the forefront by participating in the monthly SYC meetings. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

@SacYouthCom #SacYouthVoice

City of SACRAMENTO
Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

2019 Meetings
1st Monday of the Month
6:00 – 8:00pm

- Jan 7, 2019
- Feb 4, 2019
- Mar 4, 2019
- Apr 8, 2019
- May 6, 2019
- Jun 3, 2019
- Jul 1, 2019
- Aug 5, 2019
- Sep 9, 2019
- Oct 7, 2019
- Nov 4, 2019
- Dec 2, 2019

All meetings subject to quorum.

MEETING LOCATION:
Holtz, City Hall
915 I St., Sacramento, 95814
2nd Floor Hearing Chamber
Contact: Margarita White
mwhite@cityofsacramento.org
916-808-8525

Homework HelpNow!
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SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY
<http://www.saclibrary.org/Services/Homework-Coaches>

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NEED IN-PERSON HOMEWORK HELP?

Trained volunteers serve as Homework Coaches to students in grades 1-8, offering homework assistance in all subject areas. HOMEWORK ZONE LOCATIONS are available throughout Sacramento.

ONLINE TUTORS

Connect with online tutors via Homework Help Now.

See our Research section for more online tools to help with your homework. Please contact or check with your local branch to verify the times and dates. [Click here for more information](#)

City Resources for the Community



Boards and Commissions



Interested in participating in local government?
APPLY for a City of Sacramento advisory board and Commission today!



TO APPLY for current vacancies please visit:
<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Clerk/Legislative-Bodies/Boards-and-Commissions>

For more information, contact the Sacramento City Clerk at:
clerk@cityofsacramento.org
 (916) 808-7200

SacRT Citizens Transit Academy

Sacramento

 Regional Transit

Participate in SacRT's First Citizens Transit Academy

Accepting applications through Friday, June 21, 2019

SacRT's Citizens Transit Academy is a four-class course designed to educate and engage residents, business and community leaders about SacRT's planning process and how transit shapes our communities. Classes will be held once a week over a four-week period and are designed to include discussion, presentations, interactive group exercises and field trips.

The first Academy will be held this summer, July 18 - August 6. Applications will be accepted starting Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 21. SacRT will be looking for participants that live and work in communities throughout our service area. Academy participants will represent Sacramento's diverse population, which may include a mix of students, business professionals, seniors, individuals with disabilities, appointed and elected officials, key stakeholders and community-minded individuals.

Graduates will be recognized as knowledgeable representatives for public transit and be encouraged to engage the community in conversations about the regions mobility needs. Look for more information, dates and guidelines at sacrt.com/transitacademy.

McKinley Water Vault Project

McKinley Water Vault

Construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Truck route
- - - Alternate truck route
- Closed to through traffic
- Bike detour to access midtown/downtown
- Sutter Middle School detour
- Sutter Middle School wayfinding signage
- Walkers and joggers wayfinding signage

Vacant Lot Program

Vacant Lot Program
 Keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe

PROGRAM FEES:

- ◆ Annual program fee: \$65.00 per parcel
- ◆ Program fees are due with registration submission.
- ◆ Registration submitted without fees will not be accepted or processed.

REGISTRATION:

- ◆ Vacant lot owners will receive a registration notice in the mail.
- ◆ Registration can be done online with up to 9 parcels.
- ◆ Owners with 10 or more parcels should contact the Vacant Lot Program office for registration assistance.

CONTACT US:

- ◆ Main Phone: 916-808-8038
- ◆ E-Mail: vacantlot@cityofsacramento.org

For additional information about the program please visit: www.cityofsacramento.org/vacantlot

The Sacramento City Council adopted Sacramento City Code (SCC) 8.136 requiring the registration of all vacant lots. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish and maintain current record of all vacant undeveloped lots, ownership and local contact information.

The Vacant Lot Program ensures city-wide compliance of vacant lots with public health and safety standards. This will help prevent blight and encourage all vacant lots to be properly maintained.

Program Requirements

- Owners of vacant lots in the City of Sacramento shall register their parcels and pay the annual per parcel program fee with the city pursuant to Chapter 8.136
- Vacant lot owners must designate a local contact representative (LCR) with full authority to act on behalf of the owner for all purposes under this chapter, including the acceptance of service of all notices from the city. The owner may act as the LCR.
- LCR must establish and maintain a local telephone number and residence of business address within 35 miles of Sacramento City Hall.

BEFORE:

AFTER:

City of Sacramento Community Development

City Resources for the Community

Come Out & Play
Photo Contest

Come Out & Play

City of
SACRAMENTO
Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Come Out & Play Sacramento Fall '19/Winter '20 Photo Contest



Do you wish to be featured in our upcoming catalog?

If you have a photo of yourself or loved one participating in a City program, enjoying a City park, pool, or visiting a City-operated community center, it may qualify for publication in our next *Come Out & Play Sacramento* catalog.

Bonus points for photos involving program participation!

Directions:

Email your print quality photo (300 dpi) to karmstrong@cityofsacramento.org. Please identify the person(s) in the photo, yourself or family member. Please confirm you are the parent or guardian of any child appearing in your photo submission.

Deadline: To be considered for the Fall 2019 Catalog, please submit photos by Friday, 7-12-19 at 5:00 pm. However, we will be accepting photos on an ongoing basis for future catalogs.

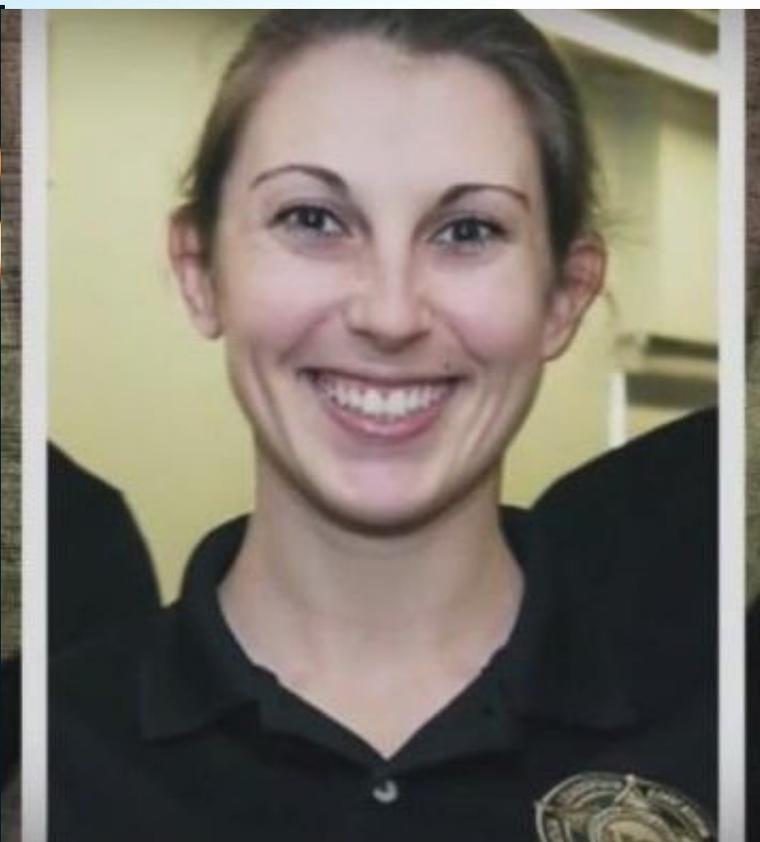
Please note - Skaters & BMX riders:

You must be wearing the appropriate safety gear in your photo for it to qualify. The Sacramento City Code requires helmets, elbow pads, and kneepads at its facilities.

CO **COME OUT**
&P **& PLAY**
CLASSES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS



#TogetherWeHonorTara



Please join the Sacramento Police Officers Association to honor Officer Tara O'Sullivan at a Candlelight Vigil.

Wednesday, June 26th at 8 pm
Sacramento Police Sheriff's Memorial
500 Arden Way, Sacramento
[#TogetherWeHonorTara](#)