

# Councilmember Tretheway's District Update

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Dear Friend,

First, I want to thank all of you for your support over the last week after I accidentally injured my leg while up at Tahoe. The Sacramento Bee probably overstated it when they reported that I "nearly cut off my leg," but I am back to work--even though I am getting around on crutches.

This update is a chance to keep you informed on issues and events in your community. In this edition I have included some facts about the Arena proposal, information on an upcoming public safety fair, news on the recent ground breaking of the Saca Downtown Towers, as well as an opportunity for you and your family to take part in the upcoming design day to rebuild Fort Natomas.

In addition, this update has plenty of activities to keep you busy during the recent heat wave. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 808-7001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Tretheway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray Tretheway  
Councilmember, District 1

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## Help Us Design the New Fort Natomas



Calling all Natomas children, teens, and families to participate in a design workshop to create and rebuild Fort Natomas, the community built playground that was destroyed by arsonists on June 26. The first step in the rebuilding will be a community design workshop focused on the ideas and dreams of today's children.

Sponsored by Councilmember Ray Tretheway's office, the workshop will be led by Leathers and Associates, who designed and the original playground in 1991. The workshop will take place tomorrow, Saturday, July 22nd from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Natomas High School Gymnasium. The design workshop will listen and learn to what the kids and community members want to see in their new playground. A firefighter barbecue will follow from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

At 7:00 PM that evening Leathers and Associates will unveil the new playground drawings and plans. On November 7 through 12, hundreds of community members will gather to build the new playground.

For more information, as well as information on where to send donations as well as how to sign up to volunteer, can call 808-FORT (3678) or visit their [website](#).

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## More Than Just an Arena



Deftones front man Chino Moreno takes the stage at a recent Arco Arena concert.

The proposed measure is about more than just an arena. Since 1988 a generation of Sacramentans has enjoyed first class events at Arco Arena. We understand that to be a world class city, we need world class investment in our civic infrastructure. From Nickelback and Mariah Carey concerts, performances by Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's Circus and Disney On Ice, to high school basketball championships, we know that a new arena hosts more than just the Kings and the Monarchs. Its construction would kick-start a \$4.5 billion urban redevelopment of the downtown railyards that will create up to 10,000 urban residences and free considerable space for more restaurants, hotels, museums and public plazas in downtown Sacramento.

The measure proposal will go before the voters in November, and it would adopt a county-wide quarter cent sales tax increase (an additional 25 cents per \$100 spent) that would generate an estimated \$1.2 billion and expire after 15 years. Revenue from the sales tax increase could help fund construction of a new regional sports and entertainment facility, but would also provide funds to the City of Sacramento to build projects that enhance residents' quality of life.

If voters approve the advisory measure, a regional sports and entertainment facility would be located at the former Union Pacific Railyards in downtown Sacramento and replace Arco Arena, among the oldest arenas in the NBA. Building an arena in downtown Sacramento

Unlike Arco Arena, which is owned by Maloof Sports and Entertainment the new facility will be owned by the City and County of Sacramento. Maloof Sports and Entertainment has committed to pay off the City loan of \$72 million, pay \$20 million up front to fund a capital replacement reserve fund and possibly other project costs, pay rent totaling \$122 million over the 30-year period, pay all operating costs associated with the venue (estimated at \$10 to \$12 million per year as well as agree not to relocate the Kings and Monarchs for 30 years.

The Maloof's investment will exceed team owner investments of other projects in Memphis, Tennessee; Indianapolis, Indiana and Charlotte, North Carolina and is comparable to a similar project in San Antonio, Texas. These projects reflect the most recently completed agreements in markets similar in size to Sacramento.

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## Get informed at the Tanzanite Public Safety Fair



Councilmember Ray Tretheway, the Natomas Community Association, and the City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation invite you to the Tanzanite Public Safety Fair. We will have information on neighborhood watch programs, activities for children, and a barbecue.

WHEN: Saturday, July 29, 2006 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

WHERE: Tanzanite Park, located at Tanzanite Drive and Innovator Way.

For more information, contact Jon Stires with the Department of Parks and Recreation at (916) 808-3821.

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## Breaking Ground at the Towers



Councilmember Ray Tretheway joined prospective buyers, investors and other local officials for the groundbreaking of a landmark condominium and hotel project in downtown Sacramento. The 54-story project, known as The Towers on Capitol Mall, will include 804 condos, a hotel and spa.

Workers will begin pile driving for the project within a week. At the peak of construction, more than 1,000 workers a day are expected to be on the site. Officials are aiming to have the first residents move in by late 2008.

The project will take shape on Capitol Mall between Third and Fourth streets on land formerly occupied by the Sacramento Union. More than half of the condos are sold. Prices range from \$300,000 to \$3 million.

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## Check out N Magazine's Free Concert Series



Join Zapata's, Parrot Cellular, Orleans, Councilmember Ray Tretheway, Steve's Pizza, and Mercy Hospital for this free Celebrate Natomas Concert Series. Bring the family, take in the park, and enjoy some great music.

**Saturday, July 22**

Join Sammie Music Award Nominee Nagual Latin jass will perform from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at the Park Place Bandstand.

**Saturday, August 19**

The concert series concludes with **Mumbo Gumbo** performing at the Natomas Oaks Park, located at 2230 River Plaza Drive, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Beer Garden proceeds will benefit the Natomas Community Rose Garden.

For more information, check out the [N Magazine website](#).

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## Get Involved



Would you like to be more involved with the North and South Natomas community?

The Natomas Community Association (NCA) is filling vacancies for at least two Board positions on Wednesday, July 26 at its 6 PM Board meeting at the South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road. If you are interested in being a board member, please contact Barbara Graichen at [bgraichen@natomascommunity.org](mailto:bgraichen@natomascommunity.org) by today, July 21, 2006.

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## Beat the Heat at Bridge to Bridge



With more than \$30 million worth of high-powered boats, the FREE Bridge-to Bridge Waterfront Festival is a two-day event-scheduled for July 22 and 23 on the waterfront in Old Sacramento-that features high-powered speed boats racing head-to-head on the Sacramento River. The event also boasts Coastguard helicopter rescue demonstrations, sky diving stunts from Redbull, and a live music beer garden featuring great local bands.

The highlight of the Festival will be radar runs of offshore style boats on the Sacramento River. These high-powered crafts can reach speeds between 80 and 155 MPH. Three jumps per day from the parachute artists with Redbull energy drink will also be a huge highlight! On the land, a variety of activities, including SCUBA instruction and wakeboarding pool demos, plus static boat displays and strolling entertainment will be featured.

Also featured is the Beer Garden Promenade, located at the end of the Old Sacramento Boardwalk. The Boardwalk will host local bands throughout the weekend with beer, lemonade and water available for purchase.

The Bridge-to-Bridge Waterfront Festival is a joint effort of the Sacramento Convention & Visitors' Bureau and The City of Sacramento.

For more information, log onto [www.discovergold.org](http://www.discovergold.org) or call 916-808-7777.

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## Meet Your Neighbors at National Night Out



On Tuesday, August 1, 2006, neighborhoods throughout Sacramento are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "23rd Annual National Night Out" crime/drug prevention event. From 6 to 10 pm, residents throughout the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on exterior lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Sacramento will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, bike rodeos, parades, visits from the police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

If you and your neighbors would like to get involved please contact your area Crime Prevention Specialist for details. To determine who your CPS is click [here](#).

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## Consider Serving on a Board or Commission



The City of Sacramento is looking for committed individuals to serve on city boards and commissions. The city is now accepting applications for the following commissions: [Animal Care Services Citizens Advisory Committee](#), [Building & Fire Code Advisory & Appeals Board](#), [Electrical Code Advisory & Appeals Board](#), [Ethel MacLeod Hart Advisory Committee](#), [Joint City/County Disabilities Appeals Board](#), [Mechanical & Plumbing Code Advisory & Appeals Board](#), and the [Sacramento Youth Commission](#).

For additional information or questions, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 808-7200.

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