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The Pulse of Greater Boulevard Park

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A Renewed Welcome to *Your* Neighborhood

The members of the 2022 BPNA Board would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone reading this newsletter, whether or not they are members of the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association (although of course we would be happy to have everyone join BPNA!). As we become more involved in group activities, we look forward to seeing our neighbors at BPNA’s public events.



In a typical, pre-pandemic year, these include the **general meeting** (usually in January), an occasional **yard sale** (June: see the item on **page 4** of the newsletter), National Night Out (August), the annual **Spaghetti Dinner** (September), and the annual **Holiday Party** (December). There is a good chance we will be able to hold all these events in 2022. The general meeting, which was held virtually in February, is already behind us. For the in-person activities to happen, we will need to refresh our list of volunteers. Anyone living in the neighborhood can be a volunteer. BPNA members are asked to show their interest in volunteering by checking the box on their membership renewal form. Residents who aren’t members can indicate their interest by sending us an email (BoulevardParkNA@gmail.com), or by contacting any of the Board members (see **page 3** of the newsletter). In addition to being a much-appreciated community service, volunteering at the BPNA events is a great way to meet other neighborhood residents.

Feel free to use email to share your neighborhood concerns and ideas with Board members. Let us know also if there are topics you would like us to consider for articles in future issues of *Park Beat*. We welcome your suggestions! And finally, please take advantages of the online resources supported by BPNA: the website (<https://www.boulevardpark.org>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BPNABoardMember/>).



Replacement for Rite Aid: Our Neighborhood is Still in Suspense

As of mid-March, we do not know what (if any) business will be replacing Rite Aid in the former supermarket building at F and 22nd Streets. Councilmember Katie Valenzuela has told the BPNA Board that she will be discussing the matter soon with staff members from the City’s Economic Development Department. However, because the building is privately owned, they may not be able to guarantee any future occupant.

An email was sent to all BPNA members, asking for their opinions about how the site should be used, and a summary of the replies received was sent to the Councilmember. The great majority of respondents said they would like a grocery store at this location, although they differed in the type of store they preferred (the types listed in the emails included a supermarket, a specialty or high-end food market, a Trader Joe’s, a neighborhood grocery and deli like Compton’s Market, a food co-op, etc.).

Other suggestions included: pharmacy, restaurant, combination of art gallery and artist workspace, or an entirely new building that combines retail and residential (stores below, apartments above). Neighborhood residents who are not BPNA members and who did not have a chance to respond to the March survey may still express their views via email (BoulevardParkNA@gmail.com).

A Brief Report from the BPNA Board

Members of the BPNA Board set Zoom conferencing aside last month and met in person on March 3. There were no guest presentations. Jon Marshack spoke first, offering a summary of the topics addressed at Preservation Sacramento's (PS) Roundtable meeting on February 26. These included a list of local buildings being considered for landmark status, progress on a historic building survey in the Richmond Grove neighborhood, plans for painting murals on the columns below the W/X freeway between 6th Street and Oak Park, the status of the Capitol Annex Building lawsuits, the return of popular historic neighborhood walking tours, and highlights of Sacramento's first "Festival of Trees" parade, a Mardi Gras celebration held on February 26 (for a video recording of the Roundtable, go to the PS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PreservationSac/>). The 2022 calendar of BPNA-sponsored events was the next item on the agenda. Board members discussed the resumption of traditional neighborhood activities, such as the periodic yard sale and annual Spaghetti Dinner—events that can only happen with robust volunteer help from both BPNA members and non-members (see article on **page 1**). The rest of the meeting was about a variety of topics of neighborhood concern, such as the recent closure of the Rite Aid pharmacy on F Street (see article on **page 1**); BPNA representation at the March 9 meeting between City representatives and District 4 stakeholders, hosted by the Midtown Neighborhood Association (also mentioned in the District 4 update distributed by Councilmember Katie Valenzuela's office on March 11); the liquor license application from Palace Hookah Lounge; and recent efforts to improve traffic safety in Midtown, including additional traffic enforcement by police on motorcycles.



Here's Hoping for April Showers

Whether or not Sacramento receives the hoped-for "March miracle" or the traditional April showers, we have entered the Spring-Summer cycle of the City's water usage guidelines. As a reminder: where **automatic sprinklers** are used, residents with even-numbered addresses can water on Wednesdays and Sundays, the watering days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays and Saturdays. In both cases, automatic watering is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. **Hand watering** is allowed any day of the week. Try not to overwater—don't let excess water run off your property and onto sidewalks or into gutters. For more information, go to the City's website (<https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Water/Conservation/Water-Wise-Tools>).

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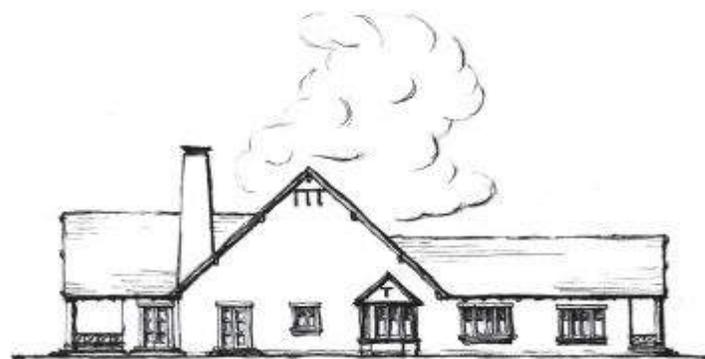
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Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association's purpose: The BPNA was created to support, promote, and improve the quality of life for the residents of the greater Boulevard Park neighborhood. By achieving this goal we strive to improve the quality of life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

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April 2022:

Places to Go, Things to Do (Really & Virtually)

NOTE: For more information about public events being held this month, go to the city's Sac 365 website (<https://www.sacramento365.com/>). Be sure to check individual organization websites for announcements and updates. Below are a few events, programs, and dates to remember.

Every Wednesday: "Music at Noon," free concert series hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street; website: <https://www.westminsac.org/music-noon>. Live-streaming also is available.

Every Wednesday: "Wednesdays at Winn," a certified farmers' market in Winn Park (28th and P Streets, 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.); website: <http://exploremidtown.org/wednesdays-at-winn/>.

Every Saturday: Midtown Farmers' Market (8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 20th Street between J and L; also, K Street between 19th and 20th Street). Website: <http://exploremidtown.org/midtown-farmers-market/>

Most weekend mornings: Join other volunteers in tackling a variety of beautification tasks at Sutter's Landing Park. For more details, go to: <https://www.instagram.com/friendsofsutterslandingpark/>

Sat., Apr. 2: Ramadan begins at sunset (ends on May 1)

Thu., Apr. 7: BPNA Board Meeting, conducted in person (6:30-8 p.m.). Open to BPNA members and other interested residents (completion of COVID vaccinations required). Contact Dave Herbert for information or to suggest agenda items.

Sat. Apr., 9: St. HOPE Public Schools Spring Festival, Sacramento High School, 2315 34th St. (football field; 10-2; free admission). Family-friendly event: a "kids' zone," games, activities, local vendors, and more.

Places to Go, Things to Do (cont.)

Sat., Apr. 9: "Yee Fow: Chinese in Sacramento," tour in the Historic City Cemetery (5-6:30 p.m.; \$5 ticket fee): see article on [page 5](#).

Sat., Apr. 9: Photography Month Sacramento Viewpoint Exhibit and Reception, 2015 J St. (5 p.m.). For a complete event calendar, go to: <https://www.photomonthsacramento.org>

Sat., Apr. 9: Symphonia Phonotone Spring Concert, with 1920s-1930s dance music and traditional jazz performed by the premiere West Coast vintage dance orchestra in the ballroom of the historic Masonic Temple, 1123 J St. (6-9:30 p.m.; fee includes dinner and drinks). Website: <https://www.phonotoneorchestra.com>

Apr. 9 & 10: Spring Bonsai Show and Sale, hosted by the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento at Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. (10-4 each day). Website: <https://www.abashonsai.org>

Sun., Apr. 10: Sacramento Antique Faire, at Sleep Train Arena, 1 Sports Parkway (6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; use east entrance off Truxel Road; park in Lot K; \$3 per person admission, but parking is free). Website: <https://www.sacantiquefaire.com/>

Wed., Apr. 13: Wednesday Open Garden, Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. (9-noon): free advice from UCCE Master Gardeners about all things horticultural. Website: <https://sacmg.ucanr.edu/?calitem=521775>

Apr. 14-16: *Catalyst*, performed by the Sacramento Ballet at The Sofia, 2700 Capitol Ave. (7:30 p.m. on Thu. and Fri.; 2 and 7 p.m. on Sat.). Website: <https://www.sacballet.org/performances/season-performances/>

Fri., Apr. 15: Tax day!

Fri., Apr. 15: Passover begins at sunset (ends on Apr. 22)

Sun., Apr. 17: Easter

Fri., Apr. 22: Earth Day

Sat., Apr. 23: Sacramento SPCA Doggy Dash, fundraiser in William Land Park (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.). For more information, go to: <https://www.classy.org/event/2022-sacramento-sPCA-doggy-dash/e380462>

Sat., Apr. 23: *XVIII Recital of Rondallas*, presented by the Mexican Cultural Center of Northern California at The Sofia, 2700 Capitol Ave. (7 p.m.): <https://bstreettheatre.org/music/xviii-recital-of-rondallas/>

Apr. 23 & 24: Iris Society Sale & Show, Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. (8-5 on Sat.; 9-4 on Sun.; free admission).

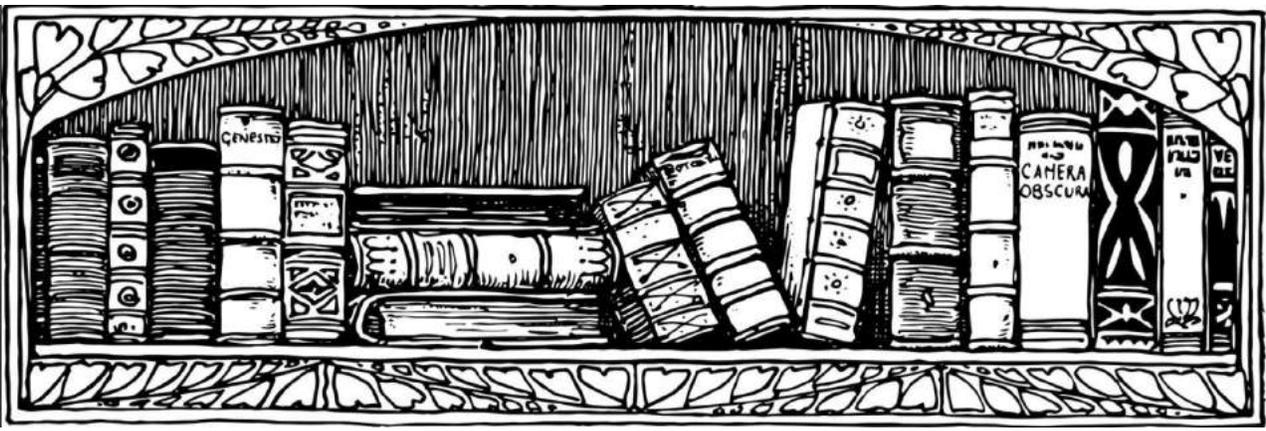
Sun., Apr. 24: "In This Together," Sacramento Earth Day celebration at Southside Park, 8th and T Streets (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.): Free admission. Family-friendly event with a range of fun and educational activities, kids' area, live music, plant-based cuisine, local artists and artisans, etc. Volunteers needed! Website: <https://www.ecosacramento.net>

Fri., Apr. 29: National Arbor Day (150th Anniversary)

Sat., Apr. 30: Sacramento Rose Society Show/Sale, Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. (Noon - 5 p.m.; free admission).

... And looking ahead to early May:

Thu., May 5: BPNA Board Meeting, conducted in person (6:30-8 p.m.). Open to BPNA members and other interested residents (completion of COVID vaccinations required). Contact Dave Herbert for information or to suggest agenda items.



Bookstores at Our Doorsteps

The March/April issue of *Sactown Magazine* was devoted to book lovers and included an enthusiastic article about independent bookstores in and near Sacramento. Boulevard Park residents are fortunate because there are several bookstores within easy cycling distance of our neighborhood. Nearby bookstores (ones 4 miles or less from us) covered in the article include **Beers Books**, the oldest in the city (916 S Street; <https://www.beersbooks.com>); **Amatoria Fine Art Books** (1831 F Street; <https://www.amatoriafineartbooks.com>); **Time Tested Books** (1114 21st Street; <http://www.timetestedbooks.net>), **Avid Reader** (1945 Broadway; <https://www.avidreaderbroadway.com>); **Underground Books**, a nonprofit bookstore (2814 35th Street; <https://www.sthope.org/underground-books-home>), **Capital Books** (1011 K Street; <https://capitalbooksonk.com>); and **East Village Bookshop** (3604 McKinley Boulevard; <https://bookshop.org/shop/eastvillage>). Not to be overlooked is Midtown's new mobile bookstore, **Bookhaus**. They sell new and used children's books, young adult books, classics, fiction, and mystery and graphic novels, with a special interest in dystopian fiction and international mysteries. Follow their instagram account to see where they will be popping up next ([instagram-@sac.book.haus](https://www.instagram.com/sac.book.haus)) or go to the website (<https://bookshop.org/shop/bookhaus>). As stated in the *Sactown* article, April 30 is **Independent Bookstore Day**. Consider celebrating it by patronizing any of the bookstores listed here.



BPNA Neighborhood Yard Sale: Volunteers *Essential!*

We would love to hold a fund-raising yard sale on Saturday, June 11 but cannot do it without volunteers to sort and price items on the day before, and to handle set-up, sales, and clean-up on the day of the sale.

If you are interested in helping either day, please send us an email (BoulevardParkNA@gmail.com).

In the meantime, if you are doing spring-cleaning, consider setting aside some of those new or gently-used unwanted items for the neighborhood sale.



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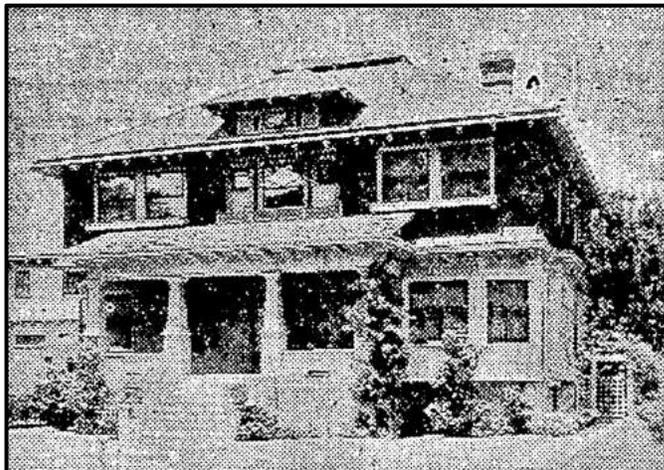
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A House Hustler and His Homes

George William Smith, a prominent Sacramento realtor for over three decades (died in 1939), was associated with four two-story homes in Boulevard Park: 724 21st Street, 727 22nd Street, 2115 H Street, and 2201 H Street. He and his wife Rose lived a year or less in each of the first two homes, both of which were built by contractors working for Wright & Kimbrough on lots owned by the Smiths (Wright & Kimbrough were the developers of Boulevard Park). The eight-room home at 724 21st Street, built early in 1906 and singled out for mention by Wright & Kimbrough in their advertisements that year, was later described as “one of the first big residences” to be erected in Boulevard Park. 727 22nd, a more modest house, dates from 1907. Both houses were built when Smith was still working as a salesman for Wright & Kimbrough; both were occupied by musicians in the first decades of the 1900s—violinist Emily Rulison at 724 21st, and pianist Hazel Pritchard at 727 22nd.



2115 H Street (G. W. Smith house) in 1922



G. W. Smith in 1907



2115 H Street in 2016

In Fall 1908, after leaving Wright & Kimbrough and becoming vice president of the Ben Leonard Co., Smith built an even larger house at 2115 H Street. This property encompasses one and half lots, allowing extra space for a garden. Built with both Craftsman and Colonial Revival features, the third Smith house had a large living room and dining room (both with fireplaces), den, kitchen, breakfast room, four bedrooms and, overlooking the shared “pocket park” at the center of the block, a double sleeping porch. There also was a servant’s room. All of these features were described in an illustrated ad that appeared in the *Sacramento Bee* when the house was put up for sale for the first time in February 1922, shortly before the couple separated. In 1923, George Smith transferred ownership of the property to his ex-wife, and she ran a boarding house here for the next several years. The Smiths may never have intended to live in their fourth house at 2201 H Street. Instead, they sold the new building to Mary Phleger, a widowed schoolteacher, in 1909. Like 2115 H, it is a gracious, Craftsman/Colonial Revival-style residence.

It’s Springtime in Sacramento: Walk, Enjoy, Learn

April, May, and even June (at least the first half) provide great weather for strolling around this very walkable city. While we wait for news about plans for a series of “Jane Jacobs Walks” in May and later (watch Preservation Sacramento’s Facebook site for announcements), we can take advantage of other tours, both organized and independent. Looking ahead to the Fall, plans are underway for the annual P.S. home tour, which may be a combination of virtual and in-person components this year.

- **Saturday, April 9:** “Yee Fow: Chinese in Sacramento History.” This tour at the Historic City Cemetery (1000 Broadway) will introduce participants to the Chinese immigrants and their diverse community, including doctors, merchants, boxers, baseball players, and even gangsters. The tour starts at 5 p.m. and requires a ticket purchase (\$5 plus handling fee). For information and tickets, go to: <https://historicalcitycemetery.org/2022/03/04/yee-fow-tour/>
- **Sacramento Heritage Walking Tours:** If you prefer self-guided tours and have a mobile device, you can get the **free** STQRY App for six different walking tours: City Hall Area Walking Tour, Midtown Streetcar Walking Tour, Capitol Area Walking Tour, J & K Street Corridor Walking Tour, Poverty Ridge Walking Tour, and Oak Park Walking Tour. Website: <https://sacramentoheritage.stqry.app>
- **Virtual “Anytime Tours” of Old Sacramento and the Historic City Cemetery:** use the videos and resources to introduce yourself to these sites before visiting them on your own (<https://anytimetours.ocell.com/en/index.html>)
- **Neighborly:** Cell-phone video tours of Sacramento neighborhoods, sponsored by the Sacramento History Museum. These Youtube videos cover a lot of ground, including Boulevard Park (part of a walking tour also set in the New Era Park and Marshall School Neighborhood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ib7NpKL-AOO>)

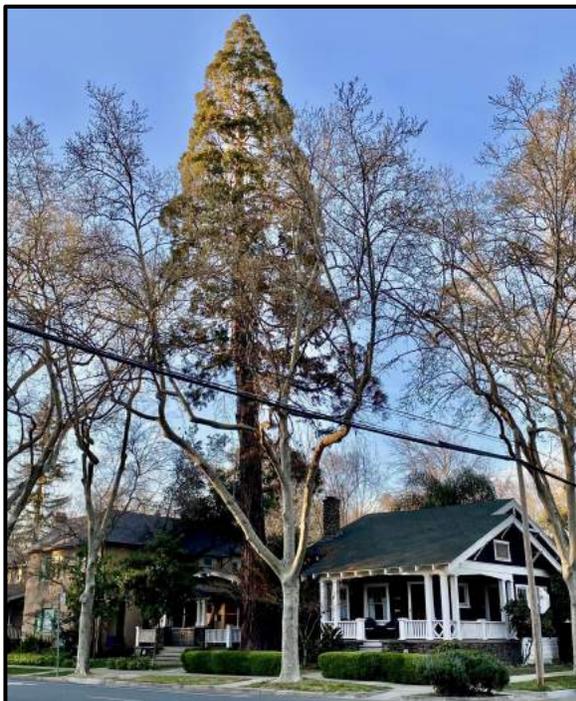
A Venerable Neighborhood Tree(t)

The Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) at the northwest corner of 24th and E Streets turns 85 years old this National Arbor Day (April 29), having been planted by the Lammerding family in April 1937. That month, a neighbor bought several redwood seedlings at the old Woolworth store at 718 K Street and shared them around in honor of Arbor Day. As later recalled by the oldest sibling, the four Lammerding children—then ages four through twelve—were marched out to the front yard and made to stand at attention while their father, Fred W. Lammerding, planted a sequoia sapling in the yard.

The sequoia has flourished ever since, outliving all the Lammerdings who were present at the planting. Despite the loss of its top section in a storm several years ago, this East Boulevard Park octogenarian is now about 100 feet high, and is one of the tallest trees in Midtown.

Thanks to Robert Freitas for bringing this milestone to our attention! Readers, we *always* welcome ideas for stories of neighborhood interest.

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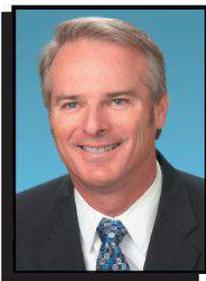
Thanks to Our Block Captains!

Under the careful stewardship of Block Captain Coordinator Joe Cress, twenty-seven volunteers fan out through the greater Boulevard Park neighborhood every month, delivering paper copies of *Park Beat* to the porches and doorsteps of residents (BPNA members and nonmembers alike). Several of these Block Captains are seasoned professionals, having volunteered their time as newsletter carriers for over a decade. Anyone whose name is marked with an asterisk in the list below was delivering *Park Beat* way back in 2008.

Here is a grateful shout-out to Joe Cress and all of the current Block Captains: Jeremy Brehl, Cory Brown, Jim Brown, Margaret Buss (*), Julie Carroll, Pat Cosentino (*), Kathy Downey, Hal Edmonds (*), Seth Goldstein, Dave Herbert (*), Jennifer Hsiao, Sarah Kerber, Deborah King, Terri Kletzman, Max Mack, Jon Marshack (*), Tom Martens, Marsha McCormick, Greg Popejoy (*), Steve Rodgers (*), Bryan Sapp, Robert Sewell (*), Sally Shapiro, Greg Smith (*), Heather Spiegel, Lori Ward, and Patrick Yettner.

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