



Dear District 6 Residents,

In a continuing effort to keep you informed of activities in your neighborhood and in the city, below is another issue of our District 6 E-News. I hope you find the following informative and that you take advantage of some of the opportunities mentioned. I look forward to seeing you at some of these upcoming community meetings and events.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to opt out of receiving this newsletter, you can contact me via email at [kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org) or by phone at (916) 808-7006.

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**Public Safety Community Forums**

The Sacramento Police and Fire Departments will be conducting community forums throughout the City of Sacramento in the coming months to provide residents with an opportunity to voice ideas on improving our city's emergency services. The following forums have been scheduled:

**March 19th - Tahoe Park**

Location: Police Communications Center  
7397 San Joaquin Street  
Sacramento, CA 95820

Time: 6-8pm

**April 30th - Midtown Business Association**

Location: To be determined

Time: 6-8pm

Further forums will be scheduled in the near future. Please contact my office for additional information.

### **Granite Park Opening**

On May 5, 2007, from noon to 5 pm, we will be celebrating the Grand Opening of three new incredible park amenities at Granite Regional Park. This project has been a long time in the making and I am pleased that dog, skateboarding, and soccer enthusiasts have new, world-class facilities to utilize. The Dog and Skate Park, as well as the 24-hour soccer field were successfully opened to the public in the last few months, but have not been officially celebrated! There will be many festivities, please join us and help us celebrate!

#### **Skate Park**

Granite Skate Park is a new state-of-the-art skating facility. The overall size of the skate park makes it the largest in Northern California and one of the biggest in the United States. The park includes both street elements and bowl areas that are challenging to experienced riders and allow for novice skaters to hone their skills.

#### **Dog Park**

The new and improved Granite Dog Park has been met with enthusiasm by dog owners. It is an exceptional new recreational area for dogs that covers two and a half acres and includes a variety of rich landscaping, trees and shrubs, a dog drinking fountain, and access to a tranquil pond. These features are located within a gated, off-leash area.

#### **24-Hour Soccer Field**

The City of Sacramento's first 24-hour, artificial soccer field was opened to the resounding applause of soccer fans. The field is 360 feet by 240 feet, and lighted for evening play. The project's use of approximately 20,000 recycled tires is consistent with the City's commitment to sustainable practice.

### **Max Baer Rebuild**

Early in July of 2006, an arsonist set the children's play structure at Max Baer Park aflame. The fire destroyed the playground and left the children in the neighborhood with no place to play.

On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the community gathered to rebuild a play structure and make additional improvements to Max Baer Park. With help from KaBoom!, a non-profit organization specializing in building children's playgrounds, we gathered over 250 volunteers from the community, local businesses, and the City of Sacramento to participate in the rebuild. In one day, hard working volunteers accomplished rebuilding a play structure, painting a world map, a United States map, and hopscotch on the blacktop, repainting the picnic tables and benches, repainting the park signage, creating a tile mural, and planting 10 trees. In the future, further improvements and amenities will be added to the park.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for your participation in this rebuild. This effort transcended neighborhood boundaries and truly demonstrated community commitment and service at its finest hour.

### **311 System**

The City Council has recently voted to approve the first phase of a plan to implement a 311 system in the City of Sacramento. This plan is intended to improve the communication between residents and City staff, and streamline the process of providing non-emergency assistance. Residents will be able to reach 311 operators 24 hours a day, and callers will be provided with confirmation numbers in order for the City to track how quickly services are delivered. In addition, the 311 system is designed to reduce the burden placed on the 911 system which many people use in non-emergency situations.

The new 311 system is set to begin in the spring or summer of 2008. The City will conduct wide scale outreach in an effort to ensure that all residents are aware of the new service.

### **2007 Fight the Bite Campaign**

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is kicking off the Fight the Bite Campaign for 2007. The primary objective of this campaign is to educate and encourage residents to take the appropriate steps to reduce the numbers of mosquitoes and vector borne diseases. These steps are known as the District's 7 D's of Prevention: **DRAIN** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes; **DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors, these are times when mosquitoes are most active; **DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside; **DEFEND** yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as **DEET**, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus; **DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home; **DISTRICT** personnel are available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022 or visiting their website at [FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://FIGHTtheBITE.net).

In addition, the District is seeking volunteers to help with outreach efforts during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Volunteer Day on April 25, 2007. For more information, please contact (916) 685-1022 or email [iblack@fightthebite.net](mailto:iblack@fightthebite.net).

### **District Attorney's Citizens Academy**

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Citizens Academy is now accepting applications for a crash course on the area's criminal justice system. This is a 10-week class that includes prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, police officers and leaders of community groups. Classes will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday's from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Police Department, 5770 Freeport Boulevard.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2007. For more information, please contact Deputy District Attorney Karen Maxwell at (916) 874-4575 or visit [www.da.saccounty.net/citizensacademy](http://www.da.saccounty.net/citizensacademy).