



Dear District 6 Residents,

Two years have passed since I was elected to the Sacramento City Council and it has been my pleasure representing you and your interests. In my continuing effort to keep you informed of my activities and City events, here is another issue of E-News. I hope that you will find the following informative and that you will take advantage of some of the opportunities mentioned below. I look forward to seeing you at community meetings and holiday events coming up. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns you would like to share with me, please contact me at (916) 808-7006 or [kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org)

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**Granite Regional Park Update**

After much anticipation, I would like to invite you to the opening of the Granite Regional Dog Park and Skate Park on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Please join us and enjoy the new state-of-the-art facilities offered at this remarkable park in District 6. For further information on park amenities and rules, please visit my website at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/council/> .

**Incentive Program: Changing “Dirty” Fireplaces and Wood Stoves**

As a member of the Sacramento Air Quality Management District (AQMD), I have been working to ensure that during the fall and winter months, wood burning does not decline Sacramento’s air quality. As an incentive for Sacramento County homeowners to contribute to keeping our air safe, the AQMD has recently announced an incentive program for homeowners who are willing to replace their existing wood stove or open hearth fireplace

with a cleaner burning, EPA certified appliance. The participants will receive up to \$350 from AQMD, depending on the product, in addition to other discounts offered by retailers and manufacturers.

With winter approaching, I'm strongly encouraging residents to join this program. Wood smoke from residential wood burning can harm your health and your neighbor's health. These health effects include: acute and chronic bronchitis, asthma attacks, upper respiratory illnesses, coughing or difficulty breathing, aggravated heart disease, irregular heartbeat, and even premature death. For more information, please call (916) 440-WOOD (9663), or visit [www.AirQuality.org](http://www.AirQuality.org).

In an event that you do decide to continue using wood fireplaces and stoves, please follow these tips:

- Purchase a cleaner burning, low-emission hearth product.
- Burn only dry, seasoned hardwood – it is easier to light and it burns more efficiently.
- Never burn garbage, glossy paper, painted or chemically treated wood – these products create toxic smoke and fumes.
- Build small hot fires rather than large smoldering ones.

In addition, we have taken steps to prevent future developments from installing dirty and unhealthy fireplaces and woodstoves. Last month, AQMD adopted a rule to mandate new home construction to only install clean-burning, EPA certified devices.

### **Curbing Gun Violence**

In an attempt to curb gun violence and prevent children from obtaining guns, I have introduced two firearms and ammunition related ordinances that are currently moving through the process:

#### **Mandatory Reporting of Theft or Loss of Firearms Ordinance**

This ordinance would require gun owners to report any loss or theft of a personal firearm to the Sacramento Police Department within 48 hours of the known loss or theft. Failure to report the loss or theft of firearms will result in a misdemeanor penalty. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase accountability for gun owners, discourage illegal sales of guns to criminals, and provide law enforcement with greater information on gun ownership.

#### **Mandatory Maintenance of an Ammunition Sales Log by Firearms Dealers Ordinance**

This ordinance is aimed at preventing illegal ammunition purchases within the City of Sacramento and increasing the detection and apprehension of persons committing firearm related crimes. If adopted, this ordinance will require ammunition dealers to record the identity of the purchaser and details of the transaction, and forward the information to the Police Department. It is important to know that this ordinance will not prevent or delay a sale of ammunition at the point of sale.

### **City Boards and Commissions**

Currently, there are various openings on the City's Boards and Commissions ranging in topics from disabilities, the environment, the City's General Plan, bicycling and racial profiling. As one of my integral duties as a City Councilmember, I serve on eight Boards and Commissions such as the Sacramento Air Quality Management District, Sacramento Metro Cable Commission, and Sacramento Mutual Housing Board. I am also responsible for appointing candidates to City boards and commissions as a member of the Personnel and Public Employees Committee. Such service, however, is not exclusive to City officials and I strongly encourage Council District 6 residents to consider becoming a City Board Member or Commissioner. This is an excellent way to stay current on important issues, gain new insight, and ultimately, serve your community. To check for current openings and other information, please visit the City Boards and Commissions website at [http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/boards\\_and\\_commissions/](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/boards_and_commissions/). If you have any further questions, please contact the Boards and Commissions Coordinator at (916) 808-7200.

### **Sacramento Tree Foundation**

The Sacramento Shade Tree program offers more than 25 trees of varying sizes through our partnership with Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). All of the available trees are deciduous, meaning they shed their leaves in the fall to allow the warm winter sun into your homes. Trees have numerous benefits including:

- \* Improving our Air Quality
- \* Improving our Water Quality
- \* Providing Energy Savings
- \* Increasing Property Values
- \* Providing Social & Psychological Benefits
- \* Providing Community Benefits

Tree Plantings are held nearly every weekend during the planting season (October to May) and I strongly encourage your participation in community tree planting events. Volunteers help plant trees in neighborhoods, parks, schools and nature sites, and may eventually assist staff in leading crews at these plantings. We are also looking for volunteers to help Sacramento Shade clients who are physically unable to plant trees themselves. If you are interested in volunteering for the Sacramento Tree Foundation, would like new trees in your yard, or your neighborhood, you may contact my office or the Sacramento Tree Foundation at (916) 924-8733 or visit [www.Sactree.com](http://www.Sactree.com).

### **Sacramento Police Department Christmas Experience**

The Sacramento Police Department is seeking nominations for the Annual Holiday Experience intended to provide families in need with a true Christmas experience. The selected families will receive the following items: Christmas tree, Christmas tree stand, ornaments, lights, decorations, stockings, Christmas cards, postage stamps, Christmas dinner, clothing, toys, household items and individual family needs. If you would like to nominate a deserving family, please contact Alana Henley at [AHenley@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:AHenley@pd.cityofsacramento.org). In your nomination, please provide detailed information as to why do you think this family could use

the Police Department's assistance. Include information such as address (the family must reside within city limits), phone number, name of parents, grandparents or guardian the children are living with, number of children, approximate ages of the children and any additional information of the family's background. In addition, the Police Department is asking you to withhold this information from the nominated families due to their inability to select all of the families for the Annual Holiday Experience, and they do not wish to disappoint anyone. The Sacramento Police Department will only contact those families that have been selected. If you are interested in donating to the Annual Holiday Experience, please contact Alana Henley. A non-profit tax ID number will be provided for all donations.

### **911 Communications Center Open House and Dedication**

Along with Mayor Heather Fargo and Chief of Police Albert Najera, I would like to invite you to the Sacramento Police Department's 911 Communications Center Open House and Dedication. This event will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 12pm to 3pm. The afternoon will feature activities such as children's fingerprinting and a bounce house. In addition, the following groups will be on hand - the canine unit, the SWAT team, Red E. Fox, the Mobile Incident Command Vehicle, etc. The 911 Communications Center is located at 7397 San Joaquin Street, Sacramento, CA 95820.

### **Calendar of City Events**

Here is a listing of several cultural and entertainment events happening in the City in the next several months:

Sacramento Opera Presents  
November 17, 19, 21: *Aida*  
Community Center Theater  
1301 L Street/916.737.1000  
[www.sacopera.org](http://www.sacopera.org)

Sacramento Theatre Company presents  
Opens November 8: *The Peculiar & Sudden Nearness of the Moon*  
1419 H Street/916.443.6722  
[www.sactheatre.org](http://www.sactheatre.org)

Westfield Downtown Plaza Ice Rink  
Open November 3, 2006-January 15, 2007  
7<sup>th</sup> and K streets/916.442.4000  
[www.westfield.com/downtownplaza](http://www.westfield.com/downtownplaza)

Old Sacramento Tree Lighting  
Wednesday, November 22 at 6pm  
1000 Front Street, Old Sacramento  
916.442.7644  
[www.oldsacramento.com](http://www.oldsacramento.com)

Crocker Art Museum presents  
*Allen Ginsberg: Beat Generation*  
*Photographer*  
216 O Street/916.264.5423  
[www.crockerartmuseum.org](http://www.crockerartmuseum.org)