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Rancho Cordova Guest Fellows Enjoyed A Busy Schedule



Celebrating their first Halloween, ever, Wang (left) and Trairekpan (2nd from right) joined City Manager Office employees as holidays, coming as Chinese New Year and Loy Kratong Festival, respectively.

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The two visiting fellows at the City of Rancho Cordova enjoyed a whirlwind schedule of activities during their just-ended visit. One of five U.S. cities that hosted the Department of State sponsored Professional Fellows Program, Rancho Cordova made sure that Aphakorn Trairekpan from Thailand and Wang Jingbo from China got the professional information they came for as well as experiencing the area cuisine and activities.

When asked how Rancho Cordova was different from Beijing, Wang who is an administrative law professor at China University of Political Science and the Law said she was very impressed with the clean environment and beauty of the area. "You have trees - very large trees," she commented. "You have learned to protect the environment and to teach the people who live and govern here, to work together to protect the environment."

Trairekpan said that she, too, was impressed with the trees and

also the number of parks. "There is green everywhere," she said. "In my hometown, houses are next to each other with no space for trees and there are only a few large parks in the city. Here you have many neighborhood parks. I was very surprised how you combine living areas with green areas and big trees."

They attended the Kavala Ranch Fall Festival and commented that they appreciated residents communicating and cooperating for the betterment of their neighborhood. They were given a personal tour of the State Capitol by former Rancho Cordova City Council Member Ken Cooley who is now an Assemblyman and a "tree tour" by the Sacramento Tree Foundation and Rancho Cordova Mayor Linda Budge, a co-founder of the Tree Foundation.

The latter tour was of special interest to Trairekpan who is a city planner of social welfare and community development in Songkhla, Thailand, a city with a population of 60,000. She was encouraged to apply for the



Although she seldom cooks at home, Wang (2nd from left) displays her stir-fried eggs and fresh tomatoes dish to City employees and Trairekpan (left).

ICMA fellowship by her city's former mayor to implement a green city in Thailand.

Trairekpan and Wang attended a city council meeting in Auburn and were impressed by how residents voiced their opinions during the meeting. They've also participated in Rancho Cordova meetings regarding civic engagement with a specialist from Pepperdine University, government 101 with the Mayor and City Manager, waste management and recycling with Atlas Disposal,

and environmental land use projects with the City's attorney.

Even with the busy professional schedule, they found time to shop several times. At the top of their list were jeans and shoes. "I'm returning things back to China," laughed Wang. Sacramento Regional Transit District gave the women passes so they could explore the region on their own during their free time.

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Seniors Can Learn to Simplify Their Lives at Upcoming Presentation

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Local seniors have been invited to hear Certified Relocation and Transition Specialist Lee Mahla discuss "Simplifying Your Life" at a presentation on Friday, November 15th starting at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive.

Mahla is a professional organizer with over 25 years experience helping people use organizing systems to simplify their lives, control clutter and reduce stress by creating workable living or working space. Mahla has also owned a senior move management company for the past ten years, and has helped hundreds of individuals and families save time, money, and frustration by organizing a large move or residential downsizing.

Northstar Rancho Cordova is currently under construction at 2341 Vehicle Drive, off Highway 50 and Sunrise Blvd. The community is slated to open early next year and will be the City's first large-scale senior living community. It will offer independent and assisted living as well as memory care.

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The seminar is free, but those interested in attending are encouraged to reserve a space. To RSVP for Mahla's presentation or for more information about the lifestyles available at Northstar, call (916) 717-2423. ★

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Railroad Museum Honors Vets and Active Military on November 11

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - To honor their service and celebrate the patriotic holiday, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to offer veterans and active military personnel complimentary excursion train rides on the Sacramento Southern Railroad plus complimentary Museum admission on Monday, November 11th.

Special excursion train rides are available at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. this one-day-only on a first-

come, first-served basis. The rides are also open to the public at regular price while immediate family members accompanying veterans and active military personnel can enjoy the train rides at half-price. In addition, the California State Railroad Museum is also offering complimentary admissions to vets this day.

Veterans must show their current military ID or proof of discharge under conditions other than dishonorable or bad conduct.

Trains depart from the Central

Pacific Freight Depot (on Front & K Streets). Tickets available at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office (on Front Street between J and K Streets).

On Veteran's Day weekend, the on-site Museum Store will showcase special merchandise and books to provide more historical background that link the railroad with the war effort. Please visit www.csrnf.org or call 916-445-6645. ★

Source: T-Rock Communications

Rancho Cordova Veterans Day Committee Names Commemorative Partner for 2013 Event

Vietnam Veterans Will Be Honored

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) -The Rancho Cordova Memorial and Veterans Day Committee has been designated an official "Commemorative Partner" by the U.S. Department of Defense.

According to the Committee's award certificate, they were given the honor in recognition of their "willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam War Veterans, their families, and those who served

with, or in support of, the Armed Forces."

The Memorial and Veterans Day Committee consists of the City of Rancho Cordova, the VA Northern California Health Care System, the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge #2484, VFW Post

Rancho Cordova Wins Most Innovative Code Enforcement Award

Code Staff Joins Forces with Probation and Police Officers

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The City of Rancho Cordova is the winner of this year's "Most Innovative Code Enforcement Program" Award. Sponsored by the California Association of Code Enforcement (CACEO), the highly-competitive award honored the City's Code Enforcement Division for having a partnership with the Sacramento County Probation Department in which Probation Officers share offices and work closely with Rancho Cordova's Police Department and the City's Code Enforcement staff.

"We are fortunate that our City Council and City Manager allow us to be creative to deal with everyday issues," said Kerry Simpson, Rancho Cordova's Neighborhood Services Manager.

In 2011, Sacramento County Probation Department approached Rancho Cordova to suggest a pilot program that would place two Probation Officers with Code Enforcement staff and Problem Orientated Police (POP) Officers to work on joint concerns. The



Displaying the prestigious "Most Innovative Code Enforcement Program" award are Rancho Cordova's Neighborhood Services Manager Kerry Simpson (left), City Council Member David Sander, and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Rodriguez.

offer was eagerly accepted and it did not take long to see the benefits of having Probation Officers available to assist code staff in the field. They assist on unsecured vacant building and other calls, they can act as a liaison with police to get a quick response when code staff is dealing with problem individuals, and they provide support and ensure safety

in other cases.

"We are finding that people on probation are either moving out of Rancho Cordova or becoming productive residents while maintaining their properties," said Simpson. "We believe this collaboration could be a model for other cities." ★

Source: The City of Rancho Cordova

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Applebee's Thanks Vets and Active Military with Free Meals

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - This Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, Applebee's, once again, continues the tradition started five years ago by thanking our nation's veterans and active duty military and inviting them to their neighborhood Applebee's for a free "Thank You Meal." Applebee's expects to serve more than 1 million meals.

Applebee's is also encouraging guests to show their gratitude by leaving a message for current and former military members at ThankYouMovement.com. Visitors to this website will be directed to their local Applebee's Facebook page, where personal Thank You messages will be tallied by neighborhood and tracked in real time on the Thank You Movement website.

On Veterans Day, the Applebee's community with the most Thank You messages will be declared the "Most Thankful Neighborhood" and win a free concert in their city for veterans from Gavin DeGraw, platinum singer-songwriter and the face of the 2013 Thank You Movement. Guests can also submit Thank You messages by using the hashtag #ThankYouMovement on www.facebook.com/applebees, @applebees on Twitter or on

Instagram and YouTube.

Since creating the Thank You Movement in 2011 to collect messages of appreciation for each of the 24 million current and former members of our Armed Forces, Applebee's guests have written more than 4.5 million personal Thank Yous communicated through the Thank You Movement website. Veterans and active duty troops can go online anytime to see and hear the heartfelt thanks of the people they serve.

Applebee's will continue to support veterans year-round through a partnership with The Mission Continues, an organization that promotes veteran-led community service projects in neighborhoods throughout the country.

Participating Applebee's restaurants will advocate and honor the work of current and alumni Mission Continues Fellows through "Neighborhood Hero" displays. These displays will raise awareness within the community as well as provide a local call-to-action. Information on the availability of a Fellow in a particular market is available upon request (dan.smith@applebees.com).

Source: Applebee's International Inc.

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evening, both women cooked some native dishes for seven Rancho Cordovans. Wang, who says she rarely cooks at home for her husband and 14-year-old son, quickly stir fried four "delicious" entrees. Trairekpan made coconut soup and green curry soup. She toned down the spices in the soups, but even so, "we had to open the windows and turn on the ceiling fan," said a staff member who had sweat rolling down her face as she ate the soup, "but we ate and savored all of it."

The women were guests at a staff member's home and loved the "warmness and the multi-culture tone of the evening." Although she hadn't eaten them in Thailand, Trairekpan said, "I have started eating hamburgers." She also liked the rice/curry and noodle soups. Wang said that she "tried many different foods and I've liked them all."



Wang (4th from left) and Trairekpan (4th from right) joined City staff and other guests for a barbecued chicken dinner at a staff member's home.

Another new experience for them was City Hall's Halloween party as neither has that holiday in their countries. As part of the City Manager's Office, the two joined in the rest of that department's costume contest entry as "holidays." With Wang dressing up as Chinese New Year and Trairekpan as Loy Kratong

Festival, they added an international flavor to City staff's regular Easter, Independence Day, Christmas, etc. costumes.

After a two-week stay, Wang and Trairekpan left Rancho Cordova and flew to Washington, D.C. where their exchange adventure had begun on October 12th and will end, November 9th. The exchange was arranged by the International City/County Management Association, the organization that develops and advances professional local government management worldwide. As part of the exchange, David Gassaway, Assistant to the Rancho Cordova City Manager, will travel to China in February.

Source: City of Rancho Cordova

Santas Needed to Fill Holiday Stockings



RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Local residents can bring smiles to formerly homeless women and children this holiday season by contributing to Women's Empowerment's annual Holiday Stocking Drive. The group is seeking 250 stockings and specific fillers for local infants and toddlers, children, teens and adult women. For the list of items needed, visit www.womens-empowerment.org.

Those interested also can donate \$30 to have a volunteer elf fill a stocking. Items are needed by Dec. 6 and can be dropped off at 1590 North A Street in Sacramento. For more information, contact Kate Towson at kate@womens-empowerment.org or (916) 669-2307.

"These remarkable women and children have worked tirelessly to break the cycle of homelessness, and these stockings bring immeasurable holiday cheer to their hearts

and their new homes," said Lisa Culp, executive director. Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area for women who are homeless and their children. The 2009 Nonprofit of the Year award winner has graduated 1,086 homeless women and their more than 2,000 children. Last year, 90 percent of graduates found homes and nearly 80 percent found jobs or enrolled in school or training.

The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded solely through private donations from the community. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.womens-empowerment.org

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications

CAL FIRE Urges You to Check Your Smoke Alarms

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - To help reduce the number of home fire fatalities, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is reminding all Californians to make sure they have working smoke alarms in their homes. Nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms. A little attention to these important life saving devices can go a long way in increasing one's chance of surviving a devastating fire.

"Smoke alarms give you and your family an early warning when there is a fire so you can quickly escape to safety," stated California State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover. "Making sure you have a working smoke alarms in your home will help keep you, your family and guests safe."

Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping

areas and on every level of your home.

Inspect, test and clean smoke alarms and change alkaline batteries at least once every year, or when the alarm signals ("chirps") the end of the battery life. You can use a date you already know, like your birthday or when you change your clocks as a reminder.

Follow manufacturer's instructions if you have a 10-year smoke alarm which uses a long-life lithium battery.

Practice exit drills so everyone understands what to do when they hear a smoke alarm.

Keep your smoke alarm working: never remove batteries from your alarm.

For more information on smoke alarms, please visit the CAL FIRE's website at www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_smokealarms.php.



Wang (left) and Trairekpan (2nd from left) participate in the ribbon cutting for the safety and traffic improvements in front of Mills Middle School.



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Councilman Bob McGarvey

Our *Grapevine Independent* was asked and they also asked if I had stopped the column and the answer is no. My wife and I went on vacation for a couple of weeks and we had a wonderful time in Ireland. We hadn't actually been on a vacation for years, and as many of you know, if you don't make the time you

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won't find the time. So we made the time and went to a place we had never been before. Neither of us had been to Europe or England or Ireland, or as they said when I was growing up, "across the pond."

It only rained two days out of the 16 days we were there so we could see many views I am told that can be blocked by the weather. So from when we landed in Shannon Airport to when we left from the airport at Dublin on our way back home, it was a dream vacation. I will have more information in the future about where we went and what we saw but for now we are going through a few hundred pictures that will take a little

time to complete. At least this time on vacation, we had digital pictures instead of having to have film developed to get the pictures. All and all, we must have had the luck of the Irish with us.

Here we are in November already and in a few days we will be celebrating our 8th Annual Veterans Day. Our Veterans Day/Memorial Day committee decided this year's theme will be "Vietnam 50 Years Later" and while honoring all Veterans as we always do, our focus this year will be on Vietnam Veterans. One of our Committee members, Stacy Delaney, became aware of the "Department of Defense

Vietnam War Commemoration" and applied for our Rancho Cordova Committee to become a "Commemorative Partner." We didn't think of it again during the summer, but when I came back from vacation, there was a FedEx Box on my desk. Inside was quite a surprise. One of the items inside states, "Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration Recognizes Rancho Cordova Memorial and Veterans Day Committee as a 'Commemorative Partner.'" "

It also said "Awarded in recognition of your willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam War Veterans, their families, and those who served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. Done this 2nd day of October 2013." It

was signed by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff.

There was also a proclamation from the President of the United States, a proclamation showing the objectives of the commemoration, and a flag which shows the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. On the bottom of the flag, it states, "A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU!"

The proclamations, the letter from the President, and the 50th Anniversary flag will be on display at our Veterans Day celebration at Mather on Monday, November 11. For those who lived through the Vietnam War at home and abroad, the President's proclamation begins to say what should have been said 50 years ago.

"As we observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, we reflect with solemn reverence upon the valor of a generation that served with Honor. We pay tribute to the more than 3 million servicemen and women who left their families to serve bravely, a world away from everything they knew and everyone they loved."

The Commemoration of the 50th anniversary began May 28, 2012 and will continue through November 11, 2025. There isn't room for all the information in this article, but if you bring up the web site www.vietnamwar50th.com, there is much more to see. ★

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Specialty items for Christmas gifts will be available at the Cordova Lutheran Church's Unique Boutique Craft Faire to be held Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th at the church, located at 10400 Coloma Road. Included for sales will be aprons, towels, quilts, and cakes and pies. The public is invited to start their shopping early, enjoy refreshments, and join in the quilt raffle. ★

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Mills Middle School Gets New Traffic Signal

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) -Celebrating the safety and traffic improvements in front of Mills Middle School in Rancho Cordova with a ribbon cutting were Wang Jingbo from Beijing, China; Aphakorn Trairekpan from Songkhla, Thailand; Brit Snipes, the City's Associate Civil Engineer and project manager; Peter Maroon, Mills

Middle School Principal; Cyrus Abhar, the City's Public Works Director; Mayor Linda Budge, and Zak Ford, Vice President of Folsom Cordova Unified School District School Board. Wang and Trairekpan are visiting Rancho Cordova through the U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Program. Mills students, neighborhood residents, elected

officials, foreign guests, and City staff attended. The improvements include a left turn signal light and a dedicated left turn lane in front of the school that make it safer for students to cross the busy street and ease traffic back-ups. ★
Source: City of Rancho Cordova



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ORDINANCE NO. 30-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA ADDING CHAPTER 8.11 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO BE ENTITLED "KEEPING OF BACKYARD HENS," AND AMENDING TITLE 23 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENT CORRESPONDING LAND USE REGULATIONS

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ORDINANCE NO. 31-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AMENDING RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.02, "UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE," WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 1 - DIVISION II OF THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND CHAPTER 1 - DIVISION II 2013 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE

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ORDINANCE NO. 32-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AMENDING RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.04, "BUILDING CODE," WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, AND BY REFERENCE THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

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ORDINANCE NO. 33-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA ADDING CHAPTER 16.06, "RESIDENTIAL CODE" TO THE RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND BY REFERENCE THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

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ORDINANCE NO. 34-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AMENDING RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.24, "PLUMBING CODE," WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, AND BY REFERENCE THE 2012 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE

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ORDINANCE NO. 35-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA ADDING CHAPTER 16.26, "ENERGY CODE" TO THE RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE

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ORDINANCE NO. 36-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AMENDING RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.28, "ELECTRICAL CODE," WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, AND BY REFERENCE THE 2011 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, November 18, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

SUNCREEK SPECIFIC PLAN - PROJECT NO. RC 03-029: LAND USE AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, SPECIFIC PLAN (ZONING), SIX DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, SIX AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANS, A PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCE PLAN AND PHASING PLAN:

REQUEST: Applicants (six owners) are seeking approval of the SunCreek Specific Plan, which is a 1,265 acre mixed-use development that includes the following actions:

1. Adopting a Resolution to Certify the EIR/EIS for the SunCreek Specific Plan and adopting findings, a statement of overriding considerations, and a mitigation monitoring program.
2. Adopting a Resolution amending the City's General Plan Land Use Element for the SunCreek Specific Plan area and the Open Space Element changing the open space requirement from 1.75 acres per 1000 population to 1.0 acres per 1000 population.
3. Approving an Ordinance for the SunCreek Specific Plan, with attached exhibits Public Facilities Finance Plan and Phasing Plan.
4. Approving an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute Development Agreements for each of the six ownerships in the SunCreek Specific Plan.
5. Approving a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Affordable Housing Plans for the six ownerships in the SunCreek Specific Plan.

OWNERS/APPLICANTS:

- 1) Gilmartin/Trevor (067-0100-017, 025 and 026)
- 2) Shalako Investors (067-0090-025)
- 3) Lennar Sunrise LLC (067-0100-015, 020 and 021)
- 4) Callahan/Kamilos (067-0100-023 and 024)
- 5) Vrame (067-0100-018)
- 6) Grantline & Chrysanthy 220 Investors, LLC (067-0040-010)

REPRESENTATIVE:
Robert Shattuck
Lennar Homes

LOCATION/APN: Project is generally bounded by Sunrise Boulevard to the west, Keifer Road to the south, Grantline Road to the east and Sunridge Planning Area to the north.

ZONING: Agriculture 20 (AG-20) and Agriculture 80 (AG-80)

ENVIRONMENTAL: SunCreek Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

PROJECT PLANNER: William Campbell, Principal Planner

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Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department at (916) 851-8750.

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SCOOTER'S COFFEE KIOSK - PROJECT NO. DD8329 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW:

REQUEST: The applicant is requesting to install a 420 square foot Scooter's Coffee Drive-thru kiosk in the existing parking lot of the Rivergate Plaza Shopping Center, removing approximately 30 existing parking spaces. The drive thru requires a Use Permit and the new structure requires Design Review, both to be approved by the City Council.

OWNER/APPLICANT:

Ethan Conrad Properties Mr. Ethan Conrad 1300 National Drive, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95834	Morton & Pitalo, Inc. Mr. Gregory Bardini, P.E. 75 Iron Point Circle, Suite 120 Folsom, CA 95630
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LOCATION/APN: 2352 Sunrise Boulevard; APN: 058-0261-027-0000

ZONING: Commercial Mixed Use (CMU)

ENVIRONMENTAL: Categorically Exempt under Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines

PROJECT PLANNER: William Campbell, Principal Planner

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OPEN SPACE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

REQUEST:

- 1) Amend the City's General Plan Open Space Element changing the open space requirement from 1.75 acres per 1,000 population to 1.0 acre per 1,000 population.
- 2) Adopt Open Spaces Guidelines, which implements Action OSPT.2.1.1 of the Open Space, Parks and Trails Element of the General Plan.

APPLICANT:
City of Rancho Cordova
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
LOCATION/APN: City-wide
ENVIRONMENTAL: Addendum to the General Plan EIR
PROJECT PLANNER: Paul Junker, Planning Director

The proposed General Plan amendment will reduce the total amount of green space within future development in the City. However, in addition to the open space requirement addressed by this action, the City will maintain its requirement for new development to provide 5 acres of traditional parks per 1,000 residents. Additionally, the City requires that new development provide trail corridors and additional open space within new development that is above and beyond the 5 acres of tradition parks and the 1 acre of open space that would be required for every 1,000 residents in new development projects.

The Open Space Guidelines is a companion document that clearly describes how open space should be incorporated in new development projects. By providing a comprehensive and broad framework for future open space amenities, the Open Space Guidelines will ensure the City's vision for a high quality and desirable community will be achieved.

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ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of November 4, 2013.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AMENDING CERTAIN ZONING CODE DESIGNATIONS WITHIN THE SUNRIDGE PLANNING AREA

The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Passed and adopted by the City Council this 4th day of November, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Budge, McGarvey, Sander, Terry
NOES: None
ABSENT: Skoglund
ABSTAIN: None

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TRANSIT NEIGHBORHOOD SHUTTLE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE

Sealed Proposals will be received at City Hall, City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, up to the hour of **4:00 P.M. on Monday, November 25, 2013**. Proposals will not be publically opened.

The work to be performed under this contract consists in managing, operating, and maintaining the City's Transit Neighborhood Shuttle service and conducting transit marketing and outreach programs for the City of Rancho Cordova.

A **mandatory pre-proposal conference** will be held at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, 1st Floor, Community Board Room, at **3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2013**. Following the pre-bid meeting, all questions must be submitted via email to Mark Thomas (mthomas@cityofranhocordova.org) before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Responses to all questions will be released by the City on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

Copies of the Contract Documents, including Request for Proposal forms, are available at the below address. An electronic version of the RFP may be obtained by emailing Mark Thomas as mthomas@cityofranhocordova.org.

City of Rancho Cordova
Public Works Department
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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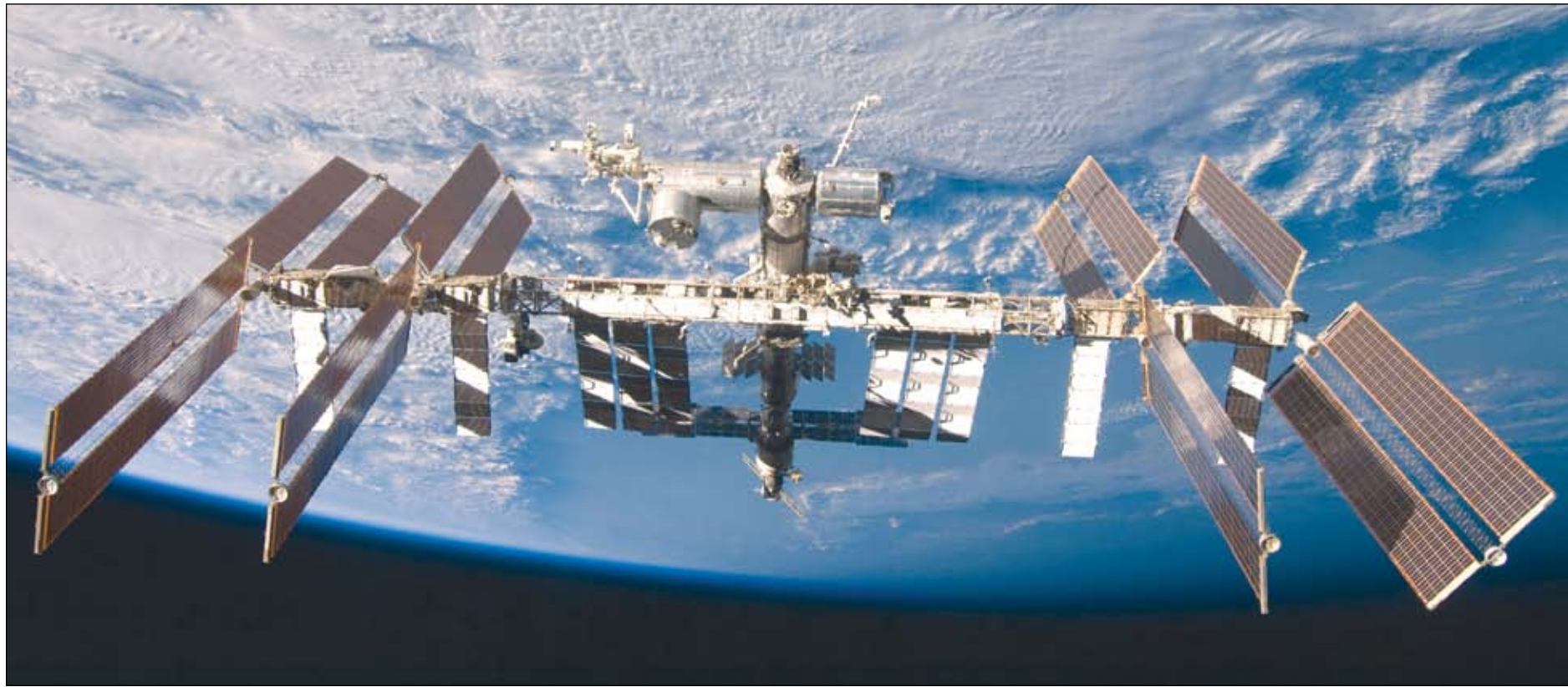
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Space Exploration in One Lifetime

Commentary By
Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

In 1957, several years before I was born, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik – the first man-made object to leave the Earth's atmosphere. That simple little satellite captured people's imagination around the world. We Americans were alarmed that the Soviets had "beat us" to space. Sputnik therefore helped spur both the U.S. space effort and such things as better education for our kids in math and science.

It didn't take long for us to catch up to the accomplishments of the Soviets. When I was a baby in the early 1960s, President John F. Kennedy famously said we should put a man on the moon within the decade. I was in grade school when we met that deadline, landing men on the moon in the summer of 1969. I remember the event, which was televised live.



The International Space Station (now renamed ass Zarya). NASA Photo



The first man-made object to leave Earth's atmosphere was Sputnik. NASA Photo

My family gathered around the TV to listen to Walter Cronkite announce the events of the lunar landing. My father took pictures of the television screen with his 35 mm camera – he deemed the event that important. For the first time in the history of the world, we had put spacecraft and people on the moon, exploring places which had been seen from Earth but never before been visited.

When I was in high school in 1977, a much longer term exploratory effort was launched. Two unmanned space probes,

Voyager 1 and Voyager 2, lifted off from Earth in quick succession. The idea behind the Voyager probes was to fly past planets in the middle and outer solar system and keep going into interstellar space.

In case the Voyager probes were ever intercepted by intelligent life outside our solar system, they carried images and recordings which tried to convey the essence of human civilization – at least as we thought of it in the 1970s. It was our effort to communicate with E.T., potentially even millennia after the probes left us.

When I was in college, Voyager 1 did a fly-by of Jupiter and then Saturn. In addition to images of these large, gaseous planets, the probe sent back pictures of their moons. The transmissions fired people's imagination like Sputnik had done a generation before.

When I was finishing up my doctorate in geology, Voyager 1 responded to orders transmitted

to it by NASA and turned to look back at Earth. The image the probe made was transmitted to us and we saw our planet as a "pale blue dot" hanging in the darkness of space. On that one little speck we all live – a sobering reminder that our Earth may be large compared to the dimensions of familiar objects like streets and houses, but it is tiny compared to the vastness of the solar system.

For quite some time after that image was made in 1990, Voyager 1 continued zooming away from us and from the sun, traveling at about 38,000 miles per hour. Zipping along at that rate it traveled farther and farther toward the edge of our solar system. Eventually it moved beyond the orbit of Uranus, Neptune and finally Pluto. During that time I went from being a woman in her prime to one with arthritis in both

her knees. Now, 36 years after it was launched, Voyager 1 has traveled almost 12 billion miles and reached another milestone of space exploration, leaving behind our solar system and moving into interstellar space.

"Voyager has gone a long way," Michael Allen said to me. Allen is a faculty member in Physics and Astronomy at Washington State University. "Light travels enormously

quickly, but it takes more than 17 hours for light from where we are on Earth to travel out to where Voyager 1 is now."

Using a special telescope, we have recently detected the faint radio signal coming from Voyager 1. That amazes me because Voyager's transmitter is a tiny 22 watts. From what I've read, that's about the strength of a radio transmitter in a cop car.

It's taken most of a lifetime for human space efforts to go from launching a satellite that was the first object to leave Earth's atmosphere to getting a probe into interstellar space. But we've now done what few could imagine before I was born. ★

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters, a native of the rural Northwest, was trained as a geologist at Princeton and Harvard. This column is a service of the College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University.



Voyager 1. NASA Photo

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United Way California Capital Region Announces New President and CEO

SACRAMENTO AND PLACER COUNTIES, CA (MPG) - Stephanie McLemore Bray, executive director of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, has been chosen to lead United Way California Capital Region as the new president and CEO beginning in January.

"Our goal was to recruit the best possible talent for this position, and we are thrilled to have secured Stephanie as our new president and CEO," said Carolyn Mullins, United Way board chair. "With 25 years of experience in fund development and volunteer management for local, regional and national organizations, Stephanie will be an outstanding leader as we find new ways to improve education, income and health in our region."

Prior to her work at San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, Bray served as assistant dean for health sciences advancement at UC Davis Health System, overseeing fundraising for the School of Medicine, The Medical Center, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing and several other centers of medical excellence on the UC Davis Sacramento campus. She has served in fundraising leadership positions with the American Cancer Society, UNCF/The College Fund, Learning Ally, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Bray is a graduate of Douglass College, Rutgers University, in New Jersey and was a participant in Harvard Business School's Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management in July 2012.

"United Way has proven itself to be an innovative and impactful organization in our region," Bray said. "I am looking forward to being part of the change taking place in our community.



Stephanie McLemore Bray, executive director of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, has been chosen to lead United Way California Capital Region as the new president and CEO beginning in January.

My experience both locally and across the nation has given me some ideas for how we can become even more effective at our vision to build stronger, healthier, more compassionate communities."

Bray replaces Steve Heath, who departed as president and CEO at the end of June. Victoria Kosha, senior vice president for finance and administration, will continue to serve as interim president and CEO until January.

For 90 years, United Way California Capital Region has actively worked to address the community's most pressing issues, now focusing on innovative solutions related to high school graduation rates, household financial stability and

obesity. United Way's team of nonprofits, businesses, donors and volunteers are working together to provide positive, measurable results on these issues through United Way projects: STAR Readers, Sen\$e-Ability and Fit Kids. Community members can give, volunteer and advocate in support of the causes they care most about, benefiting United Way and hundreds of nonprofits in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. United Way is an independent, local affiliate of United Way Worldwide. For more information, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org. ★

Source: Kristin Thebaud Communications

SPORTS

Wildcats Too Fast For Lancers

By Mike Bush

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - Playing its final Capital Athletic League road game of the season, the Cordova High School football team lost to Whitney, 48-6, on the Wildcats' field November 1.

"They are trying real hard to compete," said Cordova head coach Vance Mueller of his players.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 21-0 lead after the first quarter, and led 42-0 at halftime. They scored their final touchdown in the third quarter.

The Lancers (0-4 CAL, 1-8) scored their only touchdown in the fourth quarter when quarterback Zach Tapia hit Carlos Cuevas on a 22-yard pass in which Cuevas ran a slant pattern.



In recent weeks, the Lancers have been hampered by injuries. But against the Wildcats, no injuries for Cordova.

Cordova will close out league and the regular season at home against Mira Loma, which is searching for its first win of the season. The game is also Senior Night, as 18 Lancers will be

honored with their families.

"My hope is that the kids will fight hard and end the season on a high note," Mueller said. "I hope the seniors can send the juniors out on a high note. This game should be competitive."

Cordova lost the junior varsity game to Whitney, 42-0. ★



Boys Soccer

Photos by Rae Lynn Flippo

On Oct. 30, the Cordova High School boys soccer team lost its Capital Athletic League finale to Whitney, 1-0, at the Lancers' field.

On Oct. 28, Cordova traveled to Antelope, which the Titans posted a 3-0 win over the Lancers (2-7-1 CAL, 4-10-2).

Cordova seniors who played their last prep soccer game are: Niguel Robinson, Alex Gifford, Austen Luong, Hector Juarez, Jacob Pierini and Staus Kiowa.

Girls Tennis

Photo by Ben Barber

On Oct. 28 and 30, the Cordova High School girls tennis team completed its regular season, as it hosted the Capital Athletic League singles and doubles championships.

Of the 18 players on the Lady Lancers' roster, seven are seniors. Those players were Ahn Bui, Eileen Ly, Genesis Pena, Kerra Chan, Lupita Cervantes, Michelle Hang and Sindia Maya.



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Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova Club Seeks Award Applicants

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova Club is now accepting applications for the Women's Opportunity Award and the Violet Richardson Award.

Rancho Cordova Soroptimists participate in Soroptimist International's major service project - the Women's Opportunity Award. This program provides women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with the financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. The award can be used for tuition, books, childcare, carfare or any other education-related expense. This program, which begins on the

club level, was created in 1972 to help women improve their ability to provide for their families.

The Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award is a recognition program for young women ages 14-17 engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools. Each club gives an award(s) to young women whose activities make the community and world a better place.

Women's Opportunity Award applications must be received no later than December 15, 2013 and Violet Richardson Award applications must be received no later than December 1, 2013. You may email Sheryl Longworth at sheryl6663@yahoo.com or call her at 916-833-1218 to obtain either or both applications and

instructions.

Applicants need not reside within Rancho Cordova city limits; however applicants can only submit an application to one club. Please email Sheryl Longworth at sheryl6663@yahoo.com or call 916-833-1218 for more information.

If you would like more information about Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova or how to become a member, please visit the club's website <http://www.soroptimist-ranchocordova.org/>, contact Julie Schaffer at 916-851-9266, or email siranchocordova@soroptimist.net.

★ Source: Sheryl Longworth, Publicity Committee.

Cordova High School Fall Sports Round-Up

By Mike Bush

Volleyball

On Halloween in Antelope in a Capital Athletic League match, the Cordova High School volleyball team fell to the host Titans in straight sets, 25-15, 25-9, 25-12.

On Oct. 29, Cordova traveled to El Camino, where the Eagles posted a straight set victory, 25-4, 25-14, 25-4.

The Lady Lancers (1-8 CAL, 4-20) closed out their season at home against Whitney on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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