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Unsafe crosswalks, inconsistent bike lanes, among observations made by Freeport transportation committee

By Sally King

On Saturday, May 11, members of the Freeport Boulevard Transportation Committee met with WALKSacramento representatives, Kirin Kumar, Molly Wagner and Alicia Brown at the Centennial United Methodist Church on Freeport Boulevard at 10 a.m. for a walk audit of Freeport Boulevard. The walk started at the 5400 block of Freeport Boulevard and ended at Meer Way.

The purpose of the walk was to identify the safety of walking and biking on Freeport Boulevard. After the walk there was a discussion of what issue folks noticed while walking and ideas on how to make Freeport Boulevard safer for walkers, bikers and cars.

Some of the observations made were: unsafe crosswalks (no visibility), bike lane is not consistent, very narrow in some areas and not safe, curb ramps vary, sidewalks are not ADA compliant, in some areas no sidewalks, bus stops are invisible, poor lighting at crosswalks and where there are no trees, the traffic tends to drive faster.

It was determined better lighting is needed and some of the parking is too close to bus stops. The committee believes that adding more trees in the meridian, providing a three second head start at intersections when pedestrians use crosswalks at lights and repairing the sidewalks would help in making a good walking/cycling environment.

The committee realizes that funding is limited from the City of Sacramento, but some of the ideas such as setting traffic lights to allow more time for walkers are a simple fix. The committee hopes to include local businesses in fixing the landscape along Freeport Boulevard to make walking and biking safer and more enjoyable.

For those who would like to add their input or attend the next safety meeting, the next meeting is being held June 20th, 6:30 p.m., at St. Robert's School in Hollywood Park.

Folks can also contact Kirin Kumar of WALKSacramento at kkumar@walksacramento.org. WALKSacramento has a website under walksacramento.org if wanting to know more about the organization and their mission statement and goals.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the recent feature of the Sacramento Australian Football Club.

I am reaching out to answer questions regarding why our group has not hosted any events at Reichmuth Park.

We have been unable to use the fields due to the wet/poor field conditions. I have made our concerns known to the City of Sacramento and to the Reichmuth Park maintenance person, however it appears to be a larger issue.

Every spring the soccer and baseball fields flood due to improper drainage. The drainage issues are so extensive, that the fields are currently still too wet for the city maintenance person to complete the necessary field maintenance and mowing!

Unfortunately it is unsafe for any sporting groups to rent and use the fields throughout the entire spring season. I think this is a disgrace to the South Land Park Community. We are losing a big opportunity for community involvement whether it's sporting clubs or personal use (family birthdays, reunions, bbq's, etc). The lack of use is also allowing an unsavory crowd to hang out near the bathrooms, which can create an unsafe environment for families who'd like to use the playground.

I think the City of Sacramento should perform necessary repairs and update the fields drainage systems so that these public spaces can be better utilized in the future.

Sincerely,
Makenzie Seckora
Sacramento Australian Football Club President



New Tech students win California Forestry Challenge Championship



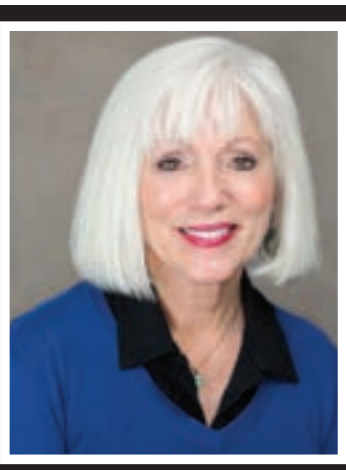


Congratulations to David Candia, Michael Rafanan, and Joshua Williams of Sacramento New Technology High School for taking first place at the California Forestry Challenge Championship. This is the second year in a row that the New Tech team has won the championship.

The students wrote a silvicultural prescription for the Kinland Forest, a privately owned tract of land. The proposal aims to help control growth, composition, health and quality of the forest. Their recommendations were practical, economically sound, and in compliance with the California Forest Practice Rules.

The Forestry Challenge is an academic event for high school students in technical forestry and current forestry topics. Since its inception in 2003, the program has grown from one event to five, a complete buildout of the program in California.

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Raley's breaks ground on new Freeport Boulevard supermarket

Future store to open in early 2020



Photo courtesy of Raley's

Raley's Freeport Boulevard store is pictured in 1958.



Photos by Stephen Crowley

The groundbreaking ceremony for Raley's new Freeport Boulevard store was held on May 9.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Raley's on May 9 broke ground for the construction of their new supermarket at 4690 Freeport Blvd.

The new store will replace Raley's "flagship store" at 4850 Freeport Blvd. in the Hollywood Plaza Shopping Center, where the company has sold groceries since December 1958. It is scheduled to open in early 2020.

About 125 attendees at the groundbreaking event listened to speakers and were given opportunities to learn details about the new store, which is located one block from the current Freeport Boulevard Raley's supermarket.

The future, 9.9-acre Raley's site is the former location of Capital Nursery, which closed its doors to the public at that location in September 2012.

During its meeting on Nov. 22, 2016, the Sacramento City Council approved plans for the demolition of the old nursery, which began operating at this site in the 1930s. It was one of the earlier established locations of the business, which eventually grew to include stores in Citrus Heights and Elk Grove.

Because of its desire to relocate to a larger site than its current, 5-acre site, Raley's was drawn to the Capital Nursery property following the closure of that business.

Like the current Raley's Freeport Boulevard store, the new Freeport Boulevard store will operate in a 55,000-square-foot structure at the former nursery site. A portion of the new building will be two stories tall.

The overall development, which will be known as the Land Park Commercial Center, is a 108,000-square-foot, multi-tenant retail project, anchored by the Raley's store.

Plans for the site include six, small commercial pad buildings, ranging from 6,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet. The property will also include 457 automobile parking spaces and 68 bicycle parking spaces.

Raley's spokesperson Chelsea Minor said that in addition to Raley's, the center will include a Chase Bank, a fitness gym, a restaurant and a coffeehouse.

The property's developer, Preserve West Capital, projects that some of the center's businesses could begin their operations this December.

Designed as a contemporary-style, neighborhood shopping center, the development is intended to serve as a primary gathering center for the people of the Land Park, South Land Park and Hollywood Park communities.

Minor explained the reason Raley's desires to relocate its Freeport Boulevard store at another site.

"The challenges with that current store are we are limited in space," she said. "We took over additional square footage as the store needs grew. So, the roofs are not exactly level. Where the pharmacy is, it's a shorter roof than where produce is, and that's because we kind of worked through

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(constructing) on the current property and made it work."

Minor referred to the current store as "much like a jigsaw puzzle."

"(The new store) will be a lot more efficient," she said.

The architectural design of the project includes flat roof forms; clean, geometric lines; and a mix of traditional and modern materials such as plaster, wood/wood composite, brick/stone veneer and metal composites.

There will also be a greater focus on natural lighting inside the store.

Although Raley's currently owns the former nursery property, Preserve West Capital will eventually become the land's new owner.

A statement from Preserve West Capital reads: "This was a highly competitive opportunity and we are excited to be part of the process and to own this asset long term."

Minor noted that the Raley's supermarket chain has 129 stores, but does not own the majority of the properties where those stores are located. The chain's stores are Raley's, Bel Air, Nob Hill Foods, Food Source and Mark 5-ONE-5.

Minor added that Raley's future Freeport Boulevard store will present a "modern shopping experience," with expanded food offerings and an inviting atmosphere for gathering.

The future Raley's store will sit at the back portion of the property, away from Freeport Boulevard, and two pad buildings will be located alongside the supermarket. Raley's loading area will be constructed behind those structures.

Two other pad buildings will serve as the gateway to the center.

To create diversity in the project, each building will be built with its own color scheme and materials.



As for the site's remaining two pad buildings, one will be built behind the existing Bank of America building and the other will front Westworth Avenue at the secondary vehicle entrance.

Minor mentioned that the new Raley's site will be a "modern, walkable center."

"The new landscaping plans are really incredible," she said. "The ability to walk or bike into the property is very accessible."

These pedestrian and cycling amenities include paths through the parking area.

Leading to the new shopping center along the main entrance will be wide sidewalks with areas for outdoor seating.

Also included in the plans for the site are six plazas.

Adding to the attractions of the future center will be the preservation of two local business signs, including Raley's large, iconic advertising sign.

Working with the local, nonprofit preservation organization, SacMod, Raley's will retain that sign, which has been located near Freeport Boulevard since 1958. The sign will be moved in its current form, with no modifications, to the store's new site.

The preservation of that sign is reflective of Raley's commitment to the community and its appreciation for local history, Minor noted.

"As a family-owned business, history and community connection are number one priorities," she said. "We know how much this sign means to our community and to our customers, and it's extremely special to think that it can transfer (after six) decades to our new site and be a fixture as we kind of blend people with the new."

Also planned for the project is the installation of the green "Capital Nursery Co." sign on the back wall of the new Raley's store.

In discussing the overall project, Minor described the future center as an exciting place that will "reactivate Freeport Boulevard."

Minor also said that the upcoming opening of Raley's new Freeport Boulevard store will be an exciting event that Raley's will celebrate with the community.

"I will say this: Raley's likes to throw a good party," she said. "I'm excited to think about the customer response on that special day."

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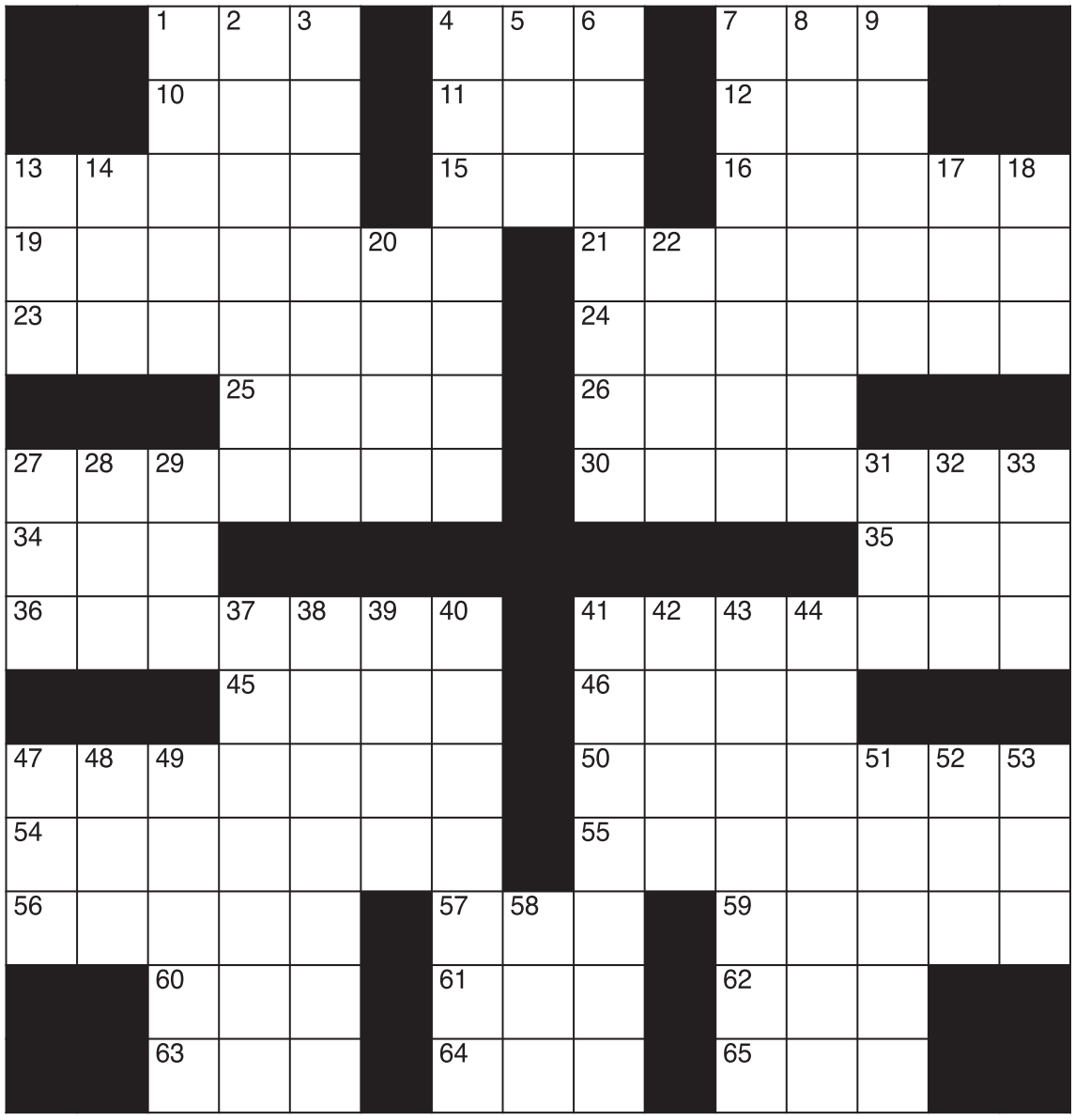
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7. "Unforgettable" singer
10. The GOAT
11. Used to harvest agave cactus
12. Luke's mentor __-Wan
13. Muses
15. IBM operating system
16. Hungarian village
19. Popular conversation topic
21. N. Atlantic island
23. Fail to discern correctly
24. The President has one
25. Irish Gaelic language
26. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
27. Garnished
30. National capital
34. Basics
35. Initial public offering
36. Winged horse
41. English synthpop duo
45. Mars crater
46. A lot
47. Small organelles
50. By reason of
54. "Growing Pains" actor Kirk
55. Free from contamination
56. Genus in the mahogany family
57. Body part
59. A belief in a supreme being
60. Talk a lot
61. Actors' group
62. Unit of measurement
63. Slick
64. No seats available
65. A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

1. Belongs to the daughter of Chaos
2. Wardrobe
3. Derek and Jeff are two
4. Disfigured
5. Hawaiian dish
6. What a hack drives
7. Horse gear
8. Do away with
9. Narrow straits between Sinai and Arabian peninsulas
13. Corrie
14. Hawaiian flower necklace
17. Midway between northeast and east
18. Insecticide
20. Comfort
22. Town in Galilee
27. Informal greeting
28. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
29. Used to check the heart
31. Western India island
32. Credit card term
33. Female deer
37. British football team
38. Persian jurisdiction
39. Freshwater mussel genus
40. Opposite of happiness
41. Ban on trade
42. Bitterly regrets
43. Assented
44. Well-proportioned
47. Part of (abbr.)
48. Indigenous people of Thailand
49. A man of your stature (abbr.)
51. Advantageous
52. Female sibling
53. Electronic countermeasures
58. Swiss river

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• "It is far better to grasp the Universe as it really is than to persist in delusion, however satisfying and reassuring." — *Carl Sagan*

• You might be surprised to learn that some fish can hibernate. During the long, dark winters, the Antarctic cod will burrow under the seabed and stay there for days at a time, cutting its metabolism by two-thirds.

• Despite the fact that famed magician Harry Houdini exposed a number of mediums and psychics as frauds, Sherlock Holmes novelist Sir Arthur Conan Doyle persisted in believing that Houdini himself was a medium.

• Wearing skinny jeans can cause varicose veins.

• In Germany, Rice Krispies don't say "Snap, Crackle, Pop"; they say "Knisper, Knasper, Knusper."

• Squid are well known for their uncanny ability to camouflage themselves by changing their color to match their background. What's really odd, though, is the fact that the creatures are color-blind.

• The word "conspire" means, literally, "to breathe together," meaning to be in harmony.

• Even though he was arrested and put on trial numerous times, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.

• Those who study such things say that not all your fingernails grow at the same rate. It seems the nail on your middle finger is a bit of an overachiever — it grows faster than the nails on your other fingers.

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Thought for the Day: "Give all power to the many, and they will oppress the few. Give all power to the few, and they will oppress the many. Both therefore ought to have power, that each may defend itself against the other." — *Alexander Hamilton*

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LIFE IN THE VILLAGE

By JAN DALSKE
Land Park News

A Drive in Theater Comes to Colonial Village

By Jan Dalske

June 16, 1950 was the date that the newest neighborhood drive-in theater opened in Sacramento, CA. But drive-ins had actually been invented by Richard Hollingshead, on June 6, 1933 in New Jersey. Mr. Hollingshead was a car enthusiast and owned an auto parts business. He came up with a solution for people who were unable to comfortably fit into the smaller movie seats.

Mr. Hollingshead's mother could not go to the existing indoor theaters to watch movies as the seats in the theaters were too uncomfortable for her. He thought about the fact that their car seats were very comfortable for her, and he came up with the idea to use their car to watch movies outdoors.

The idea of an outdoor theater, where, as he described it, was a place that "the whole family is welcome, regardless of how noisy the children are," stated Mr. Hollingshead. His new drive-ins began to spring up in every state in the country and soon spread internationally as well.

Within twenty years, during the Baby Boomers generation, in the 1950's and 1960's, the number of drive-ins throughout the United States had increased to over 4,000 locations, with most of them opening in rural areas. The drive-ins were a popular option for families with young children as well as an affordable option for dating teenagers.

The newest drive-in theater in our part of Sacramento was located just a few miles from our neighborhood. It was named the Fruitridge Drive-in for its location on the corner of Fruitridge Rd and Stockton Blvd. The new theater was owned and operated by the Blumenfield Company chain. It was managed by Mr. Paul David.

Drive-in theaters were popular in California because of the mild year-round weather. Most families could all fit into their station wagons, and drive a short distance to enjoy an evening of inexpensive entertainment right in their own neighborhood. The only drawback was the cooler and sometimes wet weather in the fall and winter months.

Families, like ours, could bring their own beverages and snacks with them or buy them at the drive-in snack bar. It was an inexpensive way to have a family night out. They could select a family friendly film that would be suitable for all ages to view. And, if any one fell asleep, they would be warm and cozy in the family station wagon. When they returned home, the sleeping children would be awakened and let to their beds and tucked in for the night.

The first movie that our family saw at the drive-in was about a boy and his dog. It was called Old Yeller. My brothers really liked the movie because they loved our dog. The girls in the family wanted to see something different. But, we always checked the movies that were showing and voted on which ones to see so that we could take turns watching something we would all enjoy.

In 1965, when I turned sixteen and started dating, I was allowed to go on dates. I spent many weekend nights at the local drive-in theaters. But, that is another story. The drive-in theater was often where the "first kiss" happened for most of my classmates in high school. The opportunity to be alone with the person you were dating provided the private time that some couples took advantage of most weekends.

There are still hundreds of drive-ins in business throughout the country. And, unfortunately, our drive-in is not one of them. The current indoor theaters have better sound and picture quality and are more popular that the drive-ins, where a little speaker hung on your car window provided the sound and you had to watch the big screen from your front car window. But, those memories are priceless.

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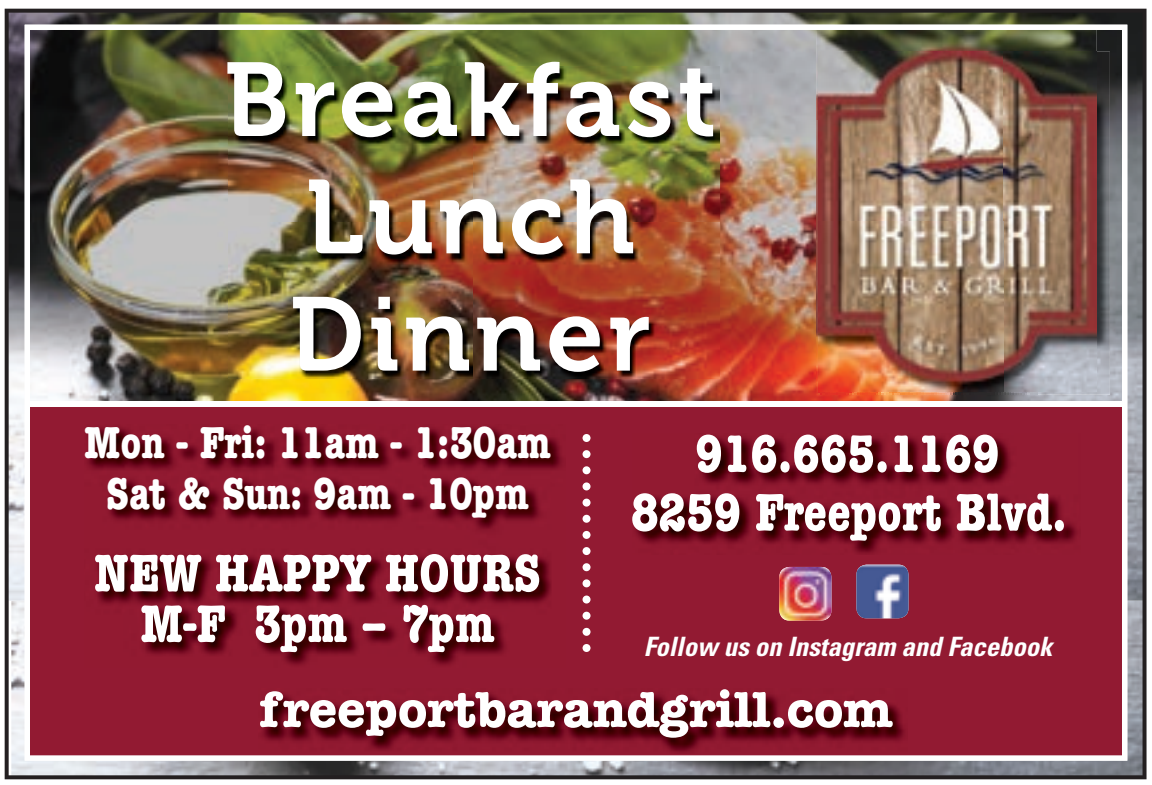
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Home tour to feature mid-20th century contemporary homes



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This Park Green home will be featured in this year's Sacramento Mid-Century Modern home tour on June 1.



By LANCE ARMSTRONG

The Sacramento-based building firm, Streng Bros. Homes, developed, constructed and sold more than 3,500 homes during a three-decade period. About five of those homes will be featured in a special tour on June 1.

This all-new, self-guided driving tour will be presented by Sacramento Mid-Century Modern (SacMod), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the region's modern art, architecture and design through tours, film screenings, writing publications, preservation campaigns and educating the public on modernism.

As a celebratory event, this "north of the river" tour recognizes six decades since Jim and Bill Streng founded Streng Bros.

Born in Scranton, Pa., these brothers came to Sacramento in 1957 to establish their home building company after attending Dartmouth College and serving in the Army.

This business's first home building project, which began during that year, was Evergreen Estates at Auburn Boulevard and Winding Way.

By March 1958, Streng Bros. was advertising for opportunities for people to view completed model homes in "one of California's most beautiful subdivisions – on exclusive Winding Way."

The original price of homes in that subdivision began at $18,950. The homes, which were built on wooded lots, were constructed with two to four bedrooms, a family room and built-in appliances.

Streng Bros. built homes in Sacramento, Yolo and Placer counties.

The homes featured in the upcoming tour are located along an 18-mile route in the Homewood neighborhood in Carmichael, the Evergreen Commons and Overbrook neighborhoods of Sacramento and the Eastridge neighborhood of Citrus Heights, as well as a home in Fair Oaks.

The Fair Oaks home is a rare, 1959, custom-built structure designed by architect Carter Sparks, but not built by Streng Bros. Homes. Sparks was the architect who was primarily used by this company.

Sacramento homes on the tour are located in the area of American River College.

All of the homes on the tour represent the mid-20th century aesthetics and lifestyle.

SacMod board member Justin Wood, a local artist, said that he is quite familiar with Streng Bros. houses, considering that he and his wife, Laura, have owned two of them.

Justin, who currently lives in Carmichael, said that he and Laura moved from the Bay Area to Sacramento after purchasing their first Streng Bros. home in 2007.

Both Justin and his wife quickly gained an interest in Streng Bros. homes, he recalled.

"We found out about these wonderful Streng Bros. homes," he said. "These are contemporary-designed homes. They've got lots of glass. Instead of a wall to the outside, you would have a wall of glass, or open beam ceilings, so you can see the structural component of how the house is assembled.

"(The homes) are designed to be oriented to the sunlight in that the overhangs of the house protect the house from getting beat down by heat."

Justin described Streng Bros. houses as homes that were both contemporary and affordable.

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"They were marketed toward young professionals, teachers, architects, artists, school administrators, general business people," he said. "(The Strengs) really insisted on trying to make affordable product for normal families. So, they would always be cutting corners, having small arguments with Carter Sparks."

Because Justin and Laura's first Streng Bros. home was in need of a lot of care when they purchased it, Justin began to learn a lot about his house through researching it and asking neighbors questions.

"I kind of gained and gathered reference about what the old kitchens used to look like, what the old bathrooms used to look like or what the woodwork (looked like)," he said. "Pretty soon I started a repository of all that was online (about Streng Bros. houses)."

Justin recalled learning that the Streng Bros. came to Sacramento to take over the business of their uncle, who was a home builder.

Although the earliest Streng Bros. houses were ranch-style structures, the tour focuses on the business's contemporary homes that were built from about 1960 to about 1985.

Wood noted that SacMod is excited to have the opportunity to present a tour featuring Streng Bros.-built, contemporary homes.

"We're thrilled to (present these homes)," he said. "Typically in the home tour, we are highlighting exceptional homes, usually by architects who built custom houses for more wealthy clients, and bigger lots. We're really excited to highlight contemporary houses for the common people.

"These are affordable houses. Middle class, working people can still afford these homes for the most part, and they offer a lot in terms of enriching (the) diverse living experience. We're really proud to be sharing (these homes)."

Wood said that in addition to having opportunities to view various Streng Bros. houses up-close, guests of the tour can also meet the homeowners.

"The homeowners will be in their homes to take questions and take compliments," he said.

Wood added that these homes' current owners are not the original owners, but are people who appreciate and love these classic residential structures.

"I think (these are) people that have probably owned them less than five years," he said. "So, people have gotten on the bandwagon relatively recently and done great work for restoring their houses, bringing out the (mid-)century modern charm to them."

The upcoming June 1 home tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A preview map showing the Streng Bros. neighborhoods where the tour will take place, and other Streng Bros. neighborhoods, can be viewed on the website, SacMod.org. The precise location of where the tour will begin will be sent via email to the people who purchase tickets for this event.

Those interested in participating in this fundraising tour can purchase tickets through that website.

Tickets are $25/members and $40/nonmembers. The cost for a one-year (calendar year) membership is $25 per household and includes a discount to this and other SacMod events.

The deadline to purchase tickets is May 31. However, space is limited and the event can sell out at any time.



Photo by Justin Wood

This home, located at 5045 Overbrook Way, will be featured in this year's Sacramento Mid-Century Modern home tour on June 1.



Photo by Justin Wood

Shown here is the interior of 5045 Overbrook Way, a home which will be featured in this year's Sacramento Mid-Century Modern home tour on June 1.



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Food closet celebrates 50 years

By Elizabeth Griswold

Did you know there is an amazing food pantry right here in our own backyard that for 50 years has been serving those in need in this community? If you have been looking for a quality place to volunteer, donate, or find food when supplies are low, then look no further than the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet! This is the place for you—whether you want to make a difference, make new friends, or make ends meet.

SSIP was founded in 1969 when seven local congregations decided they wanted to team up to see what they could do to serve their neighbors. They came together on the campus of Bethany Presbyterian Church, and for the past 50 years, have provided nutritious, emergency food to those in need in South Sacramento. That's right—it's been 50 years! The organization has grown over the years, and moved to its own building on Bethany's grounds in 2011. From the original founders, to the many folks who have served in leadership roles, to every individual who has volunteered time or donated food or money, over these many years every step of the way has truly been a community-wide effort!

From the beginning, the primary mission of the SSIP Food Closet has been to maintain and operate an emergency food distribution program to help alleviate food insecurity for South Sacramento area residents. Partner faith-based organizations, with assistance from local businesses and other community members, provide the support and resources necessary for this vital endeavor. Here's a snapshot of some of the organization's basic stats:

Each year, SSIP helps to feed over 50,000 individuals.

A team of 150 volunteers provide over 11,000 hours of service a year.

SSIP employs four part-time staff.

The Food Closet is open five days a week (except major holidays).

The hours of SSIP Food Distribution are 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

The Service Area includes the following South Sacramento zip codes: 95817,95818, 95820, 95822, 95823, 95824, 95826, 95828, 95831, 95832.

No one in need will be turned away.

Donations can be mailed or made on-line at www.ssip-foodcloset.org.

SSIP Food Closet is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

SSIP Food Closet Location/Contact Information: 5625 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 (near the Fruitridge light rail), 916-428-5290, ssipfoodcloset.org.

If the need persists, let's make sure the SSIP Food Closet is here to assist people however they can for the next 50 years.

Elizabeth Griswold is the pastor at Parkside Community Church. She is the pastor-at-large on the SSIP board.

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"The Crane Event": Welcome a new pair to the zoo





Photos by Mike Owyang and Laurel Vincent

A brand-new species now reside at the Sacramento Zoo – black crowned cranes! Guests can enjoy an uninterrupted view of the crane pair from the observation deck of the okapi habitat. This species, native to West and Central African wetlands and grasslands, are living among the okapi in their newly-opened habitat. The male/female pair, fondly referred to as Kiwi and Siouxsie, were introduced to the exhibit earlier last month.

Born on April 22, 2018, Siouxsie hails from the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. Kiwi, born on June 6, 2017, came from Disney's Animal Kingdom before making Sacramento home.

Mixed-species exhibits occur when two or more unrelated species share a common habitat. These exhibits are carefully planned, and species are introduced with a cautious respect. The okapi and crane exhibit-mates are getting along well according to Senior Animal Care Manager, Melissa McCartney. Forest, the young okapi, has seen but not lived with birds before their recent introduction and each species continues to keep a respectful distance from one another. Melissa continued, "However, Forest the okapi, and Siouxsie the black crowned crane, have even been observed showing their curiosity by "booping noses."

Black crowned cranes generally form pairs and mate for life. Bonds are strengthened and reinforced in cranes of all ages by performing ritualistic dances that may consist of bobbing, running, wing flapping and stick tossing. These ritualistic dances can be performed alone or as a pair. Keep an eye out for this behavior between Kiwi and Siouxsie. The young pair is a potential match for breeding in the future when they reach sexual maturity in the next few years.

Black crowned cranes are listed as Vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and their numbers are declining in the wild. The species is under pressure in their native Africa because of habitat loss and destruction as well as illegal over-trading.

It is estimated that fewer than 70,000 black crowned cranes still exist in the wild. In appearance, black crowned cranes stand out due to their black bodies, white wing tips, red and white cheek patches and a crown of stiff golden feathers. These magnificent birds weigh up to eight pounds, can reach over 3 feet tall, have a wingspan of over six feet and can live approximately 30 years in human care.

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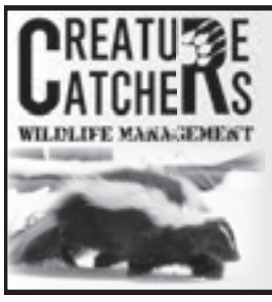


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SATURDAY, JUNE 1

CALIFORNIA POPPIES WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP, Hosted by Sierra 2 Center and Tonja Wilcox Art & Design, Learn watercolors skills through leaves, petals, and stems from 3:00 -5:30 p.m. in Room 11 at the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St. To enroll, call during business hours at (916) 452-3005 x 208, or sign up in person at the Sierra 2 Center office. This class will focus on the beloved California Poppy. There are several different ways to create the delicate petals and help you complete a composed piece with complimentary greenery and flowers. No drawing skills needed. Good for beginners and intermediate level painters. Watercolor paint generally has a translucent quality, which is great for ethereal or emotive effects. Blending colors is fun, and you can also layer imagery so that what is underneath shows through. Watercolors are generally more affordable than some other paint mediums and are lightweight for easy transporting. This workshop will arm you with the tips & tricks to maximize your watercolor experience. Tonja Wilcox has been a dedicated artist since 2010, although she's been creating her whole life. She uses a variety of mediums including, graphite pencils, colored pencil, ink pens, markers, and acrylic paint but it is watercolor that speaks the loudest to her. It's soothing and it suits her style. Advanced registration required; attendance is limited. Fees are $40. Tickets are events.r20.constantcontact.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 and SUNDAY, JUNE 2

PUPPET SHOW: CINDERELLA AT FAIRYTALE TOWN: Puppet Art Theater Company presents the tale of "Cinderella" at Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive. The 20-minute shows start at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. each day. In this classic tale, Cinderella wants to attend the ball and dance the night away. Unfortunately her step mother and awful step sisters conspire against Cinderella and it is up to her Fairy Godmother to get her to the Ball. Will Cinderella get to dance the night away? Will the Prince find the foot that fits the glass slipper? Find out in Cinderella! Tickets are a $1 for members and $2 for nonmembers, in addition to paid park admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town Box Office or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. All performances take place in Fairytale Town's indoor Children's Theater. More info: https://www.fairytaletown.org/calendar/puppet-show-cinderella/2019-06-01/

FRIDAY, JUNE 7-SATURDAY, JUNE 8

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PLAN JUNE CLEARANCE WAREHOUSE SALE: The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are sponsoring a Warehouse Clearance Sale on Saturday, June 8th. Public sale hours will be 9 am to 4 pm. Friends' members only can shop from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, June 7th; prospective members may join at the door for $20. The sale will be held in the Friends' Book Den warehouse, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road, just south of 14th Avenue. Books, games and AV materials will be sold at $6 a grocery bagful. The usual discounts do not apply at bag sales. The Book Den store will be open during the Warehouse Sale selling materials at regular prices. At the Book Den shoppers select from individually priced better books, including collectibles, and other materials, with most books priced at $3 and up. The Book Den is regularly open every Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm. Book donations are welcome. For more information call 916-731-8493 or email bookden@saclibfriends.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

HOW TO PLAN THE PERFECT TEA PARTY: Come spend the afternoon learning how to hold your own high tea! The Novel tea is offering a workshop of tea party basics and essentials from 1 to 3 p.m. The class will be held at Room 12 in the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St.
Each attendee will:
learn how to fold cloth napkins 3 ways
receive tips on setting the table for tea
craft 10 menu cards and matching place cards to use at their future party
enjoy a traditional 3-tiered afternoon tea (lots of food & drink!)
hear the history of tea and tea etiquette
get tips on how to steep tea for a large group, including a demonstration, and
learn how to make the perfect scone and get Novel Tea's favorite scone recipe.
With so much information packed in this workshop, you'll have everything you need to host your own party with confidence!
About the Instructor & The Novel Tea: Ellen, Cid, and Emmy, owners of The Novel Tea, have been friends, family and professional colleagues for many years. Long ago best friend's Ellen and Cid discovered that they both loved tea—both the drink in its infinite variations and the experience of connecting with others while having good conversations over a cup of tea. This is a passion Ellen and Cid passed on to their daughters, including Ellen's daughter Emily who joined them when they opened The Novel Tea. Ellen and Cid have over sixty years of teaching experience, and now instead of teaching communications or educational theory to college students, they plan to teach everyone in Sacramento how much better life can be with a book in one hand, a cup of tea in the other, and a friend by your side. Ellen is the resident tea expert, and one of only a handful of certified tea sommeliers in California. Ellen is passionate and knowledgeable about everything related to the Camellia sinensis plant (from which all tea comes), has picked tea in China, and taken tea on almost every continent. As soon as Antarctica opens a tea shop, she'll be one of the first customers.
For more information, (916) 452-3005 x 208 or email katie@sierra2.org, visit sierra2.org/thelearnery; fee: $45.

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Please note: This is a special ticketed event; no outside food or drink allowed, Fairytale Town will be closing at 2 p.m. the day of the event in order to prepare for the evening's festivities. Advance tickets (May 1 - June 21):
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AUTO MUSEUM DEBUTS ALL-NEW EXHIBIT: HITTING THE ROAD: ROAD TRIPPIN' THROUGH THE YEARS: The California Automobile Museum is proud to present a new exhibit titled Hitting the Road: Road Trippin' Through the Years" that is on display until Feb. 25, 2019. The exhibit allows guests an opportunity to explore the historic American pastime of traveling with family and friends. Depending on age, race, and financial status, experiences and memories of road trips differ dramatically. The goal of this exhibit is to explore these differences along with how the automobile and road trips changed American culture, and also helped to shape entire industries. The exhibit will showcase the heyday of road trips in the '50s, '60s and '70s as well as take a look at how the experience has changed over time. Museum guests will learn how different Americans experienced life on the road. For instance, the exhibit demonstrates how some families were squished into a station wagon on the way to the lake while others traveled in a cozy camper bound for Yosemite.
As part of this nostalgic exhibit, a number of iconic cars will be on special display, including: a 1952 Dodge 2-door Sedan, 1964 Ford Falcon Deluxe Wagon, 1953 Kaiser Traveler, 1956 Chevy Bel Air Wagon, 1959 Shasta Airflyte trailer, Custom 1972 Toronado RV, 1972 Olds-



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mobile Vista Cruiser Wagon, 1966 VW EZ Camper with tent canopy, 1955 Harley-Davidson Panhead, 1976 BMW R100/7, 1930s home-built tear-drop trailer and 1962 Ford Falcon Squire Wagon.
The Hitting the Road exhibit is free with Museum admission: $10 for adults; $5 for youth ages 5 to 17) and free for children ages 4 and under. For more information about the special exhibit or the California Automobile Museum in general, please call 916-442-6802 or visit www.calautomusem.org.

YOGA MOVES US CLASSES – Free indoor community yoga classes on Thursday evenings. Classes are 60 minute vinyasa style all-level yoga classes taught by local registered yoga teachers. Bring a mat, a water bottle, and a friend! Every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Ella K. McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St., Sacramento.

KLASSY TALKERS TOASTMASTERS provides a supportive, positive and fun learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. The club welcomes the public to check out the club on Mondays (except holidays) from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. at Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd.

SOL KIDS DAY! EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: From 2 to 4 p.m., families are welcome to enjoy a day of cultural arts, crafts, and music., Sol Kids Day provides different hands-on arts and health activities every Second Sunday like nature creation labs, healthy snack assembly stations, yoga for kids and everyone's favorite, slime-making. Engaging performances for kids include hip hop theatre production, beat-making workshops, and guest appearances from some local unicorns and magicians. Sol Kids Day also hosts a gently used toy/clothing exchange every month as well! Sliding scale donations. No one ever turned away for lack of funds. Funded in part by the Cultural Arts Award Program of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission with support from the City and County of Sacramento. Sol Collective is located at 2574 21st St, Sacramento, California 95818.

LADIES GOLF CLUB IN LAND PARK: Did you know there is a women's golf club that regularly plays at William Land Park? Women can discover the joys of golf, build new social relationships and get fit the fun way by joining the William Land Women's Golf Club. This 9-hole group meets Thursday mornings. It's open to women of all ages and golf abilities. Questions....or want more information.... please call 916-422-0831 or email gretjen@comcast.net

MUSIC AND MOTION AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY: Rowena Alverto brings exercise classes for seniors with a combination of yoga, tai chi, zumba, for seniors on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. $5. 5600 South Land Park Drive.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: Is your friend or family member in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking situation? This free, drop-in group is for you. Learn how to support your loved one, and receive some support yourself among people who are in the same situation. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

#METOO SUPPORT GROUP: Every third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: This drop-in support group is free, confidential, open to all genders, and available to sexual assault survivors at any point in their healing. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

JANE AUSTEN READING GROUP AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY LIBRARY: This monthly group reads the works of Jane Austen and meets the third Saturday of each month in the Ella K. McClatchy library from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Austen fans are welcome. 2112 22nd St.

FAMILY FRIDAYS AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY: Spend some family time together this summer at the library with Family Fridays! Each Friday, in the Community Room there will be board games, cards, Wii gaming, arts and crafts, toddler toys, and a reading nook! This is a Summer Reading Challenge: Read by Design event each Friday from 3 to 5 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO: The friendliest club in Sacramento, the Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Casa Garden, 2760 Sutterville Road.

SAC TRANSIT RIDERS UNION WEEKLY MEETING: Interested in democratizing transit and putting the "public" back into "public transit"? Sac TRU's weekly meetings, held every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. addresses these issues. Organize Sacramento, 1714 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

POP-UP BOOK SALE AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY: Every first Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the book sale features books for all ages. Support your local library and pick up some great reads! All proceeds from the sale benefit library programs. The Friends Bookstore will be open regular hours. The sale is held at the entrance to the library. 5600 South Land Park Drive

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET AT THE ELKS LODGE, NO. 6: From 8:30 to 11 a.m., enjoy eggs, omelets, corn beef hash, bacon or sausage. 6446 Riverside Blvd.

BABY STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY –Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. For children up to about 18 months old. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

TODDLER STORYTIME BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Toddlers ages one to three and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories, and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY – Preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a play activity. Thursdays at 11 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

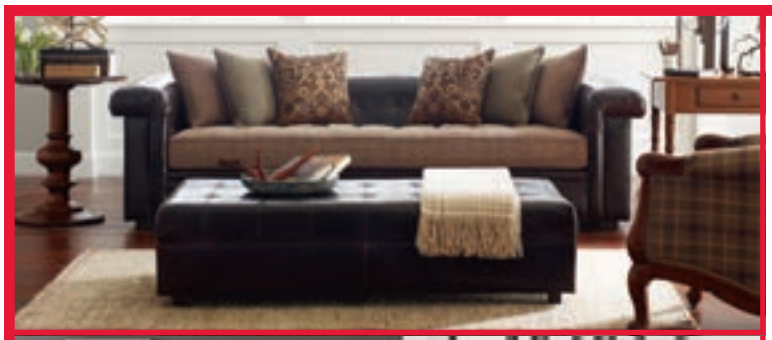
BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY PRESENTS SING ALONG WITH MISTER COOPER – Join neighborhood favorite Mister Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for families. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY LIBRARY – Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for books, songs, stories and fun. Miss Lindsey and her guitar always make this storytime a fun event. Everyone is welcome to stay for our STEAM stay and play activity of the day. Recommended for ages 0-5. Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ella K. McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St., Sacramento.
THE FORUM: HEALING PATHWAYS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES: Every Thursday from 5:45 to 7 p.m., the community is welcome to the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., to participate "CONVERSATIONS ON THE EDGE!" The forum provides a framework for investigating human nature. FORUM IS NOT THERAPY, it is a ritualized form of communication designed to enhance transparency, growth, and community. A Way of Group Communication and Being in Community through a Culture of Non-Violence. Tamara Intentional Community and Forum Founders Sabine Lichtenfels and Dr. Dieter Duhm define one aspect of community as living truthfully with each other and this is the cornerstone of our peace work. Another aspect of having a culture of non-violence is ending the war between genders, by letting go of fear in the humanistic love we share with and for one another, despite our gender differences and the complexities brought to our gender identity. These definitions embody what it means to be in Forum, including transparency with our felt experience and what is alive in us, psychologically and emotionally. Participants connect through their own self awareness and through a willingness to share it with the group. They may wish to do this non-verbally, with active or passive facilitation, through a poem, dance, or whatever moves you! The Forum will be held in the Garden Room. Donations are encouraged to cover the cost of room rental.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SACRAMENTO SOUTH MEETING: The club welcomes women and girls to the club's lunch meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Aviators Restaurant, at Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION GATHERING: Every Wednesday morning from 7 to 10 am., join neighbors at Cafe Latte, 7600 Greenhaven Drive, for conversation and fun. Find the group back near the piano.













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