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Dear Editor,

There are many Land Park residents and others who are continually, for at least nine months of the year, negatively impacted by the heavy traffic, illegal parking, speeding, trash, noise, etc. that is created by Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD), CK McClatchy HS (CKM) and California Middle School (CalMS).

I believe there are ways and means that SCUSD can alleviate the illegal parking and other issues directly linked to SCUSD, CKM and CalMS.

I have also contacted Lisa Murawski (SCUSD Trustee), Ms. Egan (CKM Principal/previous CalMS Principal) to try to find a resolve... to no avail.

Please note that CKM has the smallest area/acres of the five SCUSD high schools, has the most enrollment (2400 students) of the five SCUSD high schools, and built in 1937 it is the oldest high school of the five SCUSD high schools.

There needs to be some resolve and I have suggested:

1. Contact Henry Li', Sacramento Regional Transit CEO, to utilize buses as what CalMS has, which are two SacRT buses that drop off and pick up students. Why can't CKM have the same, instead of having an empty bus stop that parents use for illegal parking?

2. Utilize the 20-space, fenced parking, adjacent to Cal MS, 17th St. near CKM back gate, for drop off and pick up of CKM students?

3. Utilize the SCC overflow parking at the end of 7th Ave., off Freeport Blvd., going East where there is a large gate and SCC overflow parking?

4. Create a drop off and pick up for students as what Crocker/Riverside has.

5. Utilize the CKM marque in front of CKM to advise parents 'DO NOT PARK ILLEGALLY' and other messages.

6. Utilize Sac Parking Enforcement and Sac PD start issuing parking tickets for illegal parking.

7. Resurvey the north and south sides of CKM student and staff parking lots, and reconfigure for drop off and pick up

8. Suggest that off site drop-off, pick up can also be at William Land Park. Just a short walk from CKM.

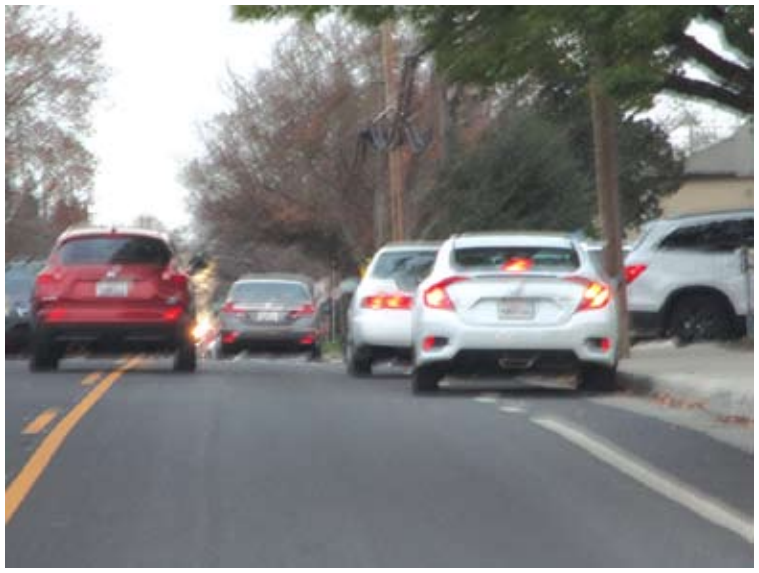
9. Contact the following PD, Parking Enforcement, for assistance. Lt. Brian Kinney (bkinney@pd@cityofsacramento.org) -PD, Ursula Johnson (ujohnson@cityofsacramento.org)-Parking Enforcement

10. Reduce the student population of CKM, to accommodate both the school, but also students, families and the LP community.

11. Construct a multi-story parking facility as what SCC has done to alleviate the lack of expansive parking lots.

SCUSD is responsible for what happens at CKM and the other schools it administers. The SCUSD and School Administrators are not being held accountable.

Sincerely, Art Taylor



Art Taylor is the chair of the safety committee of the Land Park Community Association. Pictures include: Illegal Parking In Front of CKM, Illegal Parking in the Bus Stop-in front of CKM, Illegal Parking on the Adjacent Streets and Freeport Blvd., Vallejo Way, Bidwell Way, 7th Ave., 8th Ave., College Ave., etc.



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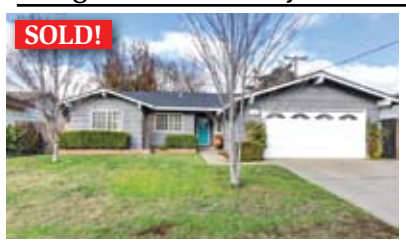
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New Year, New Councilmember and a Fresh Outlook for 2022

By Kristina Rogers

On a chilly January 6th our LPCA board met with our new D7 Councilman Rick Jennings and his staff for a walk around William Land Park. Discussions laid the groundwork for a productive partnership in 2022. We didn't cover all 160 acres, but covered a large portion as we trekked around the WPA Rock Garden, amphitheater, Sutter Stream, Fairytale Town and the Sacramento Zoo. Jennings shared a long-time appreciation for William Land Park. He has fond memories of coaching little league at Doc Oliver Field. He continues to be an avid player among golfers on William Land Golf Course.

During the tour, Jennings said he was introduced to areas of the park he hadn't noticed before. He saw the need for maintenance and attention while noticing the park's potential. We know Land Park has been "well loved" and is a bit worn down in areas. Jennings' team is planning to address this. We discussed possible projects, such as: upgrades to bathrooms, repainting and fixing of porticos and other seating areas, plus simple upgrades to the amphitheater.

The Jennings city council team shared a basic approach to serving their constituents: provide excellent customer service and focus on raising the quality of life for all. Some projects may take more time, but don't give up.

That's the TEAM philosophy: Together Everyone Achieves More. We agree, and our beloved park is a great place to begin!

Although our board is eager to work with our new councilman and his wonderful staff, patience is important. The change in districts was immediate and D7 has several more parks now, including ours. The LPCA is meeting with the Jennings team over the next few months to discuss a "plan of action" for 2022. This includes events, public safety, zoo space discussions and other topics of interest to the Land Park community.

Once a clear strategy is in place, you will be informed.

If you are interested in being a part of positive change for this year, consider joining the LPCA board or leading a committee. If you are not a member, become one!

Here's to a fresh start in the coming year with District 7 councilman Rick Jennings and his wonderful team!

Kristina Rogers is the Vice President and communications coordinator of the Land Park Community Association.



Photo courtesy

Shown from left to right: Craig Rutledge, LPCA President; Kristina Rogers, LPCA Vice President & Communications; Dennis Rogers, Jennings Chief of Staff; Rick Jennings, D7 Councilmember; Rick Stevenson, LPCA Board Member & Land Park Volunteer Corps; Art Taylor, LPCA Board Member; Scott Matrenec, LPCA Park Committee Chair.



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LAND PARK

Charming and quaint Land Park Bungalow on a tree lined street. Formal living room has fireplace and windows overlooking front yard. Formal dining room has newer built-in hutches that match kitchen dcor. Kitchen has Shaker cabinetry, tiled floors, quartz counters, tiled backsplash, stainless steel dishwasher, refrigerator and a free-standing gas stove. Master bedroom has an additional alcove area with storage and access door to backyard. Main bath has tiled floors and tub / shower. Hardwood floors, newer HVAC, roof and attic fan. Inside laundry room, media control closet that is wired to house and garage utilizing a Sure West fiber internet connection plus a Nest control system. Covered patio and pavers in landscaped backyard and single car garage. Walking distance to Taylor's Market, Chocolate Fish Coffee, Marie's Donuts, Freeport Bakery and Dad's Kitchen.
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Since opening day, more than 10 million children and adults have streamed into Fairytale Town, where they have made countless memories, made connections with children's literature, and learned through play.

Once again, Fairytale Town is asking for the support of our community to begin a new chapter: Creating an expanded Fairytale Town with new amenities and features! While Fairytale Town has served four generations well, Fairytale Town needs enhancements to meet the needs of our community.

Key Features of the Expansion:

Story Center – Children will be able to write, act out, and produce their own story in this inspiring, indoor space! The Story Center will include more hands-on interaction and all-weather programming.

New Admissions Building for Faster Entry – We will be adding more ticket windows, including a dedicated entrance just for members. This will improve accessibility and allow guests to get in the park faster.

Outdoor Classroom – An outdoor classroom will provide a more focused venue for Fairytale Town to welcome school field trips and offer workshops.

Improved and increased numbers of visitor and public restrooms – The number of

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Site Plan showing Fairytale Town's Expansion

Tales:

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visitors long ago outgrew the Fairytale Town restroom amenities currently available. The restrooms will be expanded and updated to accommodate the greater numbers of visitors we receive.

Gift Shop and enhanced concessions – The addition of a gift shop and an expanded concession stand offering a wider variety of food and drink will be a revenue generator for Fairytale Town.

New Playsets – New playsets will add stories from different cultures to the park! And the playsets will be designed to serve children between the ages of 8 and 12 as well as our core audience of ages 1 to 7.

For more information, please contact Kevin Smith-Fagan, Executive Director, at 916-808-7060.


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Thiebaud, Didion drew widespread attention to Sacramento

By Lance Armstrong

Editor's note: This is part one of a three-part series about artist Wayne Thiebaud and writer Joan Didion, who died two days apart in late December 2021. This article focuses on the life and art of Thiebaud. Part two and three of the series will highlight the life and literary works of Didion.

It is widely known that many people pass away on or around Christmas Day, and for Sacramento, it lost two of its most famous people – artist Wayne Thiebaud and writer Joan Didion – during this past Christmastime.

They died two days apart, with Didion dying at the age of 87 on Dec. 23 and Thiebaud passing away at the age of 101 on Christmas Day.

Both Didion and Thiebaud had long careers and countless fans, both young and old.

With their worldwide acclaim in the arts, the impact of their deaths also reached far beyond the capital city of California.

As a tribute to their lives and artistic contributions, various locals shared their thoughts on these iconic masters of the arts for this publication.

Thiebaud, who is the focus of this first article, was known for a variety of painting themes, among which were his classic pop art of such images as pies, cakes, ice cream cones, gumballs and paint cans.

Working primarily in oils, Thiebaud was also known for landscapes, streetscapes, cityscapes and figurative paintings, and his dominant use of colors.

He began his collegiate studies at San Jose State College (now San Jose State University) before continuing his education at what is now California State University, Sacramento.

At the latter institution, he earned a bachelor's degree in art in 1951, a master's degree in art in 1953, and an honorary master's degree in fine arts in 1998.

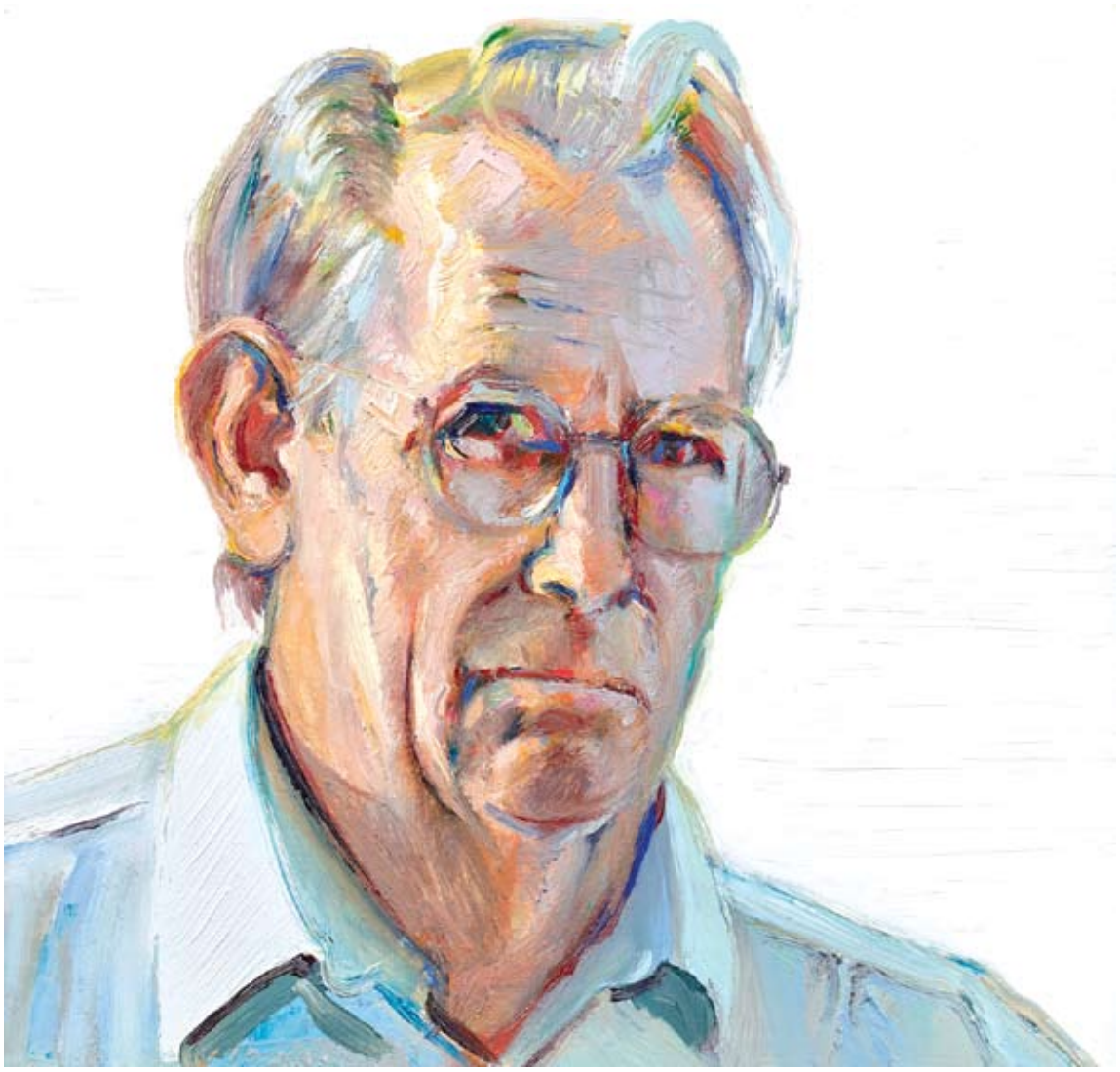


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Photo Caption: Wayne Thiebaud, self portrait, "4 Hour Study," oil on board, 11 ½ inches by 12 inches, 1989.

Thiebaud's career in painting also included his work as an educator. He served as the chairman of the art department at Sacramento Junior College (now Sacramento City College) before spending many years teaching art at the University of California, Davis.

During the 1950s, Thiebaud worked as a guest instructor at the California School of Fine Arts – today's San Francisco Art Institute – and also taught art in New York.

Many notable artists studied under Thiebaud, one of whom was Sacramento artist Mel Ramos (1935-2018), who recognized Thiebaud as one of his mentors.

Thiebaud's long career as an accomplished artist is evident through his many exhibitions and displayed collections. Permanent collections of his works are located at the Crocker Art Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, in New York.

An example of his early notable exhibits is referred to in the July 12, 1950 edition of The Sacramento Bee.

The following words appeared in that edition: "Wayne Thiebaud, who had impressive work in the Kingsley Art Club exhibit, scores again with several pieces, the best of which is a bold print called 'Pied Piper,' creating an effect of violence and even madness by conception, design and color."

While living at 3751 2nd Ave. in August 1950, Thiebaud received honorable mention for his entry in the prints section of the California State Fair art show. He served as an exhibit designer for this fair throughout that decade.

Five months later, Thiebaud's exhibit, "Influences on a Young Painter," featured 60 of his paintings at the E.B. Crocker Art Gallery, as the Crocker Art Museum was then known.

Thiebaud's first solo art show was held at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art in 1960.

His art was additionally featured as an example of pop art in a 1962 exhibit at the Pasadena Art Museum. The exhibit also included works by such artists as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Robert Dowd.

As for his earlier life, Thiebaud was born in Mesa, Arizona on Nov. 15, 1920, and moved to Southern California with his family a year later.

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Thiebaud:

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The 1930 U.S. census lists the then-9-year-old Thiebaud as living in Los Angeles with his parents, Morton and Jean, and his sister, Marjory. He also spent time living in Long Beach.

Thiebaud was raised as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and his father was once a bishop in that church.

As a teenager, Thiebaud apprenticed as a cartoonist for Walt Disney Productions in Burbank.

He later studied at Frank Wiggins Trade School, a community college in Los Angeles.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Thiebaud worked as a cartoonist, illustrator and sign painter in California and New York.

He served his country during World War II, working in the motion picture unit of the U.S. Army Air Forces at Mather Field.

A longtime Land Park resident, Thiebaud was married twice, with his first wife being Patricia Patterson, an East Sacramento resident who he married on Dec. 17, 1944.

Thiebaud, who had four children (one adopted), married his second wife, Betty Jean (Carr) Bult, on Dec. 11, 1959. She died six years ago.

As one who would maintain a home and build a strong legacy in Sacramento, Thiebaud kept active as a member of the Sutter Lawn Tennis Club in East Sacramento, and he famously had former Sacramento Mayor Burnett Miller as his tennis partner.

Scott Shields, associate director and chief curator at the Crocker Art Museum, shared his thoughts on the importance of Thiebaud's Sacramento connection.

"For Sacramento and his importance here is that he really brought national and international attention to our region, both through his talent, but also through his imagery, and through his connection," he said. "People knew that he was from here."

As for his art, Thiebaud highlighted commonplace subject matter – things most people take for granted – such as a piece of pie, noted Shields, who authored the 2020 book, "Wayne Thiebaud 100: Paintings, Prints, and Drawings."

Shields, who knew Thiebaud personally, mentioned that he was "very humble and self-effacing."

Moni Van Camp, who was married to one of Thiebaud's best friends, Sacramento artist Gregory Kondos, until his death last year, spoke about Thiebaud as an artist who had a lot of "ingenuity" in his artwork.

"(Thiebaud) always (painted) with a lot of impasto," she said. "(He used) beautiful strokes. You look at the strokes in any of his still lifes, they didn't necessarily follow a sky pattern. They followed the image that he was painting."

Van Camp referred to Thiebaud as a person who loved Sacramento.

"Even though he had homes down near Newport Beach and an atelier in New York, all I know is that he wanted to be home in Sacramento (in Land Park)," she said.

Land Park resident Gus Moore described himself as a friendly neighbor of Thiebaud for a half-century.

"(Thiebaud was) a gracious, kind gentleman who would always stop and talk," he said. "He always had the nicest things to say about different subjects. Someone said years ago, 'Wayne was so gracious, he didn't know how important he was in the art world. He was a fine gentleman and a humble person.'"

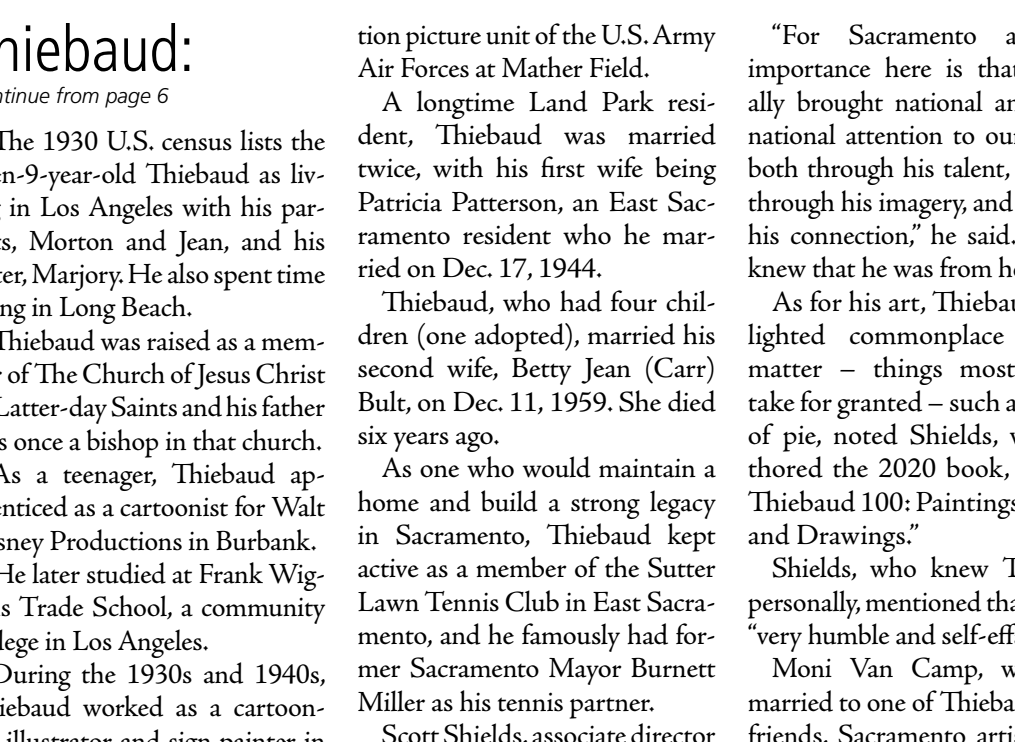
Moore noted that Thiebaud is well remembered in his home through the several framed prints of this artist that hang on its walls.

"They just bring life (to his home) every time we look at them," he said.

Pocket resident Mary Snyder (formerly Carol Monahan), a 1963 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, mentioned that she and her husband, Jeff, have been longtime fans of Thiebaud's artistic works.

"We can only afford his posters," she said. "He autographed them for us. We went to all his art shows and a cocktail party (in 1984). We've been around Thiebaud and we have our pictures with him."

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Land Park Community Association partnered with Blue Star Moms

By Kristina Rogers

For the second year in a row Land Park neighbors showed their heart and donated to the LPCA/Blue Star Moms drive in December. Land Park neighbors donated $4,625 worth of items that were boxed and shipped to our overseas troops. Neighbors also gave $725 in financial donations to Blue Star Moms. Your donation helped lift the spirits of many of our service people who were separated from their families during the 2021 holiday.

Debbie Konvalin, President of Sac Blue Star Moms (CA07) sent LPCA a letter of appreciation to our community, which in part reads: "On behalf of Sacramento Blue Star Moms, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your willingness to partner with the Sacramento Blue Star Moms in a tremendous effort to hold a community collection drive. We know that many hours were spent combing neighborhoods and collecting products from all over the Land Park community. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and commitment to our cause of blessing our deployed service members with a cherished CARE package with products sent from home."



Craig Rutledge (left) and Art Taylor (right) of the Land Park Community Association present President of Sac Blue Star Moms (CA07) Debbie Konvalin (center) with a donation check outside of Vic's Ice Cream.

Konvalin mentions that many of last year's fundraisers were canceled which left their supply shelves a bit bare and our postage budget depleted. Thanks to LPCA's donation, she says, "We are rebounding nicely and will hopefully be shipping out a few more care packages this year. Your donation will help us to do what we do best – support our troops by sending CARE packages, full of love, from home."

The Sacramento Blue Star Moms is a Veteran's Service Organization that has been active since World War II, and was chartered by Congress in 1960 and supports deployed troops and their families, assist organizations who care and rehabilitate those who have been injured in the current conflicts, and they provide moral support for the families that are left behind and those families who have lost a family member while serving in the military.

Debbie partnered with several LPCA board members, including Art Taylor and Craig Rutledge who helped to collect and deliver goods to her team. Students from McClatchy High also volunteered to pass out 2,400 flyers and help spread the word to our community.

We are very proud to say, Land Park has a biiiiig heart! The Land Park Community Association welcomes other groups to partner with us in charitable acts. If you are part of a local (non-political) organization interested in partnering or sharing good works, reach out to us at; communications@landpark.org. Our board is happy to review requests and speak with you about what is possible.

To learn more about the Land Park Community Association, become a member, or how you can get involved, visit our website at: www.landpark.org

The LPCA is as active as those who join us and participate!

Kristina Rogers is the Land Park Community Association Vice President and the communications liaison.

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Saturday, Jan. 29-
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Target, 2505 Riverside Blvd.

Humanitarian Action Network is hosting a coat & blanket drive to help provide some comfort and warmth to our unhoused community members. We are a non profit organization providing direct street-level outreach. Your tax-deductible donation of adult coats and blankets is very much appreciated during these cold winter months. www.dobetterhan.org

Doggy Dash 2022- Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
https://www.sspca.org/doggy-dash

The Sacramento SPCA is excited to announce that this year's Doggy Dash will be BACK IN-PERSON at William Land Park on Saturday, April 23rd.

Registration will go live to the community on Monday, January 10th with early bird rates open the entire month of January. Individual registration ($25) and Team registration ($35). Prices increase by $10 starting February 1st.

This will be in-person for the largest 2k/5k dog walk and pet festival in Northern California!

Library Updates

Virtual Sacramento Superfest- Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

A disability film festival. Celebrate cutting-edge cinema that portrays disability through a diverse, complex and engaging lens. The festival is one of a few worldwide, completely accessible to film-goers of all kinds. Registration via Zoom is required (https://sfsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yOZbGxBjTeWJ9xdejebu5g)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session. Films selected by disability rights advocates and filmographers. Featuring animated shorts, documentaries, mockumentaries, dramatic shorts, etc.

Event Type(s): Entertainment
Age Group(s): Adults

Pocket Library

The Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library is located at 7335 Gloria Drive. The contact information is 916-264-2920.

(No events are currently scheduled in-person at the Pocket Library.)

Belle Cooledge Library

Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Drive. The contact information is 916-264-2920.

(No events are currently scheduled in-person at the Belle Cooledge Library.)

Elks 6 Lodge Updates

The Elks 6 Lodge is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd. Contact information is 916-422-6666 and email is info@elks6.com.

Cancellation of Lunar New Year Dinner & Dance: This event scheduled for February 4th has been canceled. Contact the Lodge at 916-422-6666, extension 2 to receive a refund.

New Yoga Classes Starting this Month

The Lodge will offer yoga classes by a certified instructor two days per week on Mondays at noon and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Each session will be an hour and will be held in the Emblem Room. The classes are free to members whose membership includes the Athletic Club (AC). The cost is $10.00 for non-AC members. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Sue Hill, Elks Member, at (215) 327-7712 or at sue.hill1200@comcast.net.

Pickleball Has Returned!

Pickleball has returned to Sacramento 6! Indoor play times are Sundays, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00 p.m. Pickleball is free to members and there is a $5 charge for guests (up to 3 visits).

Winter Blast - February 18 , 2022

Save the date for the Lodge's Winter Blast dinner and dance on February 18, 2022. Cocktail hour is from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner and dancing is from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Menu includes lasagna (meat or vegetarian), green salad, roasted vegetables, rolls, and dessert for $25 (price includes tax). When purchasing tickets, please indicate if you would like a meat or a vegetarian lasagna plate.

Advanced tickets only. Call the Lodge office at (916) 422-6666 to pay for your tickets by phone or stop in during regular business hours.

Save the Date! Crab Dinner - March 25, 2022

Save the date for the Lodge's Crab Dinner on March 25, 2022. James Nevans, Past Exalted Ruler, will be chairing this event. Early bird tickets will be $70 a person. More information to follow.

Fairytale Town Updates

Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive.

Volunteer Orientation - Saturday, February 12 at 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Do you want to help us make magic?! Become a Fairytale Town Volunteer! Our New Volunteer Orientation sessions provide an in-person showcase of our different Volunteer Programs, how to navigate our Volunteer online database, Better Impact, and a tour of Fairytale Town. To get started, visit the Volunteer page to create a Better Impact account and sign up for a session.

Girl Scout Badge Night- Comic Art Badge - Thursday, February 24th @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Girl Scout Cadettes can earn their Comic Artist badge. This two-and-a-half-hour workshop will fulfill all badge requirements and include a snack break.

Newspaper cartoons, comic books, graphic novels … comic art is a broad, exciting, and growing field. Comics are sometimes described as "sequential art," though some are only one panel. So, what is a comic, exactly? It's a visual story told however you would like to tell it. Go for it!

Girls will receive a certificate and their badge at the conclusion of the event.

Adults must be accompanied by children and children must be accompanied by adults in order to gain admittance to Fairytale Town.

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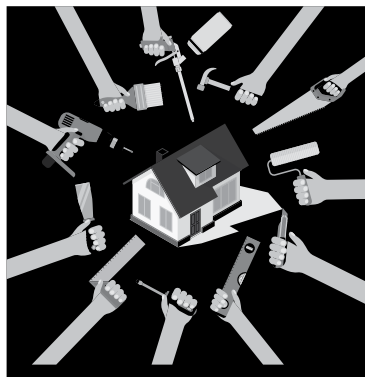
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