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East Sacramento moms start progressive parenting and activist group

By Monica Stark



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East Sac Moms: Resist & Persist co-founder Donna Hoffman Cullinan with her family.

Parents today face a daunting challenge: Raising inclusive, aware, and engaged children in a toxic world. Like that sign says "We Believe Black Lives Matter, Women's Rights are Human Rights, No Human is Illegal, Science is Real, Love is love, and Kindness is Everything," nearly 600 local parents have joined East Sac Moms: Resist and Persist, a Facebook group based on those humanitarian values.

According to the group's description, the group is centered around the voices of women, including queer, trans, non-binary, non gender conforming folks. That said, men in the group are asked to respectful (no "mansplaining"), and consider themselves feminists who are willing to learn, listen, and be part of the solution.

Started by local moms Donna Hoffman Cullinan and Nancy Coleman Chavez, the group uses a collective of voices to, as Nancy explains, "shed some light on issues that affect our community, to bring attention to events where we need the presence of not only women of color but each and everyone of our allies."

What follows is a question and answer with Donna and Nancy.

Tell me how East Sac Moms: Resist and Persist got started.

Donna: There were various instances that occurred recently in another large local mom's page that really reiterated the interest and need for a group geared towards progressive parents in the area. After a particular conversation was deleted on this page without a great explanation from the group, I offered to start a new page with the goal of providing a space for progressive parents to raise up the issues impacting our country, community, and families in a supportive space that doesn't tone police, delete, or silence dissenting voices.

Nancy: It started when a group of women used their privilege and position in the most amazing way and created a space for women like me to have a voice. I was very impressed with their resistance and the way they pushed back when a racist comment was made at another mother's group. I was invited by a colleague to join the new group as a member and immediately offer my service as the diverse voice in the admins group, it was very reassuring to get accepted (as I have experienced before in my life some rejection from groups like this as I might make people feel uncomfortable) and welcomed as an administrator. Surrounding yourself by strong women is so powerful and reassuring.

What do you hope to get out of this group?

Donna: First and foremost this page was created to be a space for progressive parents to connect, share concerns, resources, events, and ideas on how to raise inclusive, engaged, and aware kids in a world that truly needs them to be our future. We hope to build a community that stands up against humanitarian crises, stands for ALL of our families, and raises a generation that lifts one another up rather than keeping silent and shutting differences down.

Nancy: To use our voice to shed some light on issues that affect our community, to bring attention to events where we need the presence of not only women of color but each and everyone of our allies. Educate, empower and engage the women in the group to create a better community in Sacramento County for the future of our kids and perhaps even create a space to elevate women into elected official positions, so they can take the knowledge they get from the amazing conversations shared in the group and use it in their position of power to elevate the communities that need a voice that sometimes is drowned and not heard loud and clear as they should. We want to make sure people don't just talk the talk but walk the walk.

Why is a group like this needed in Sacramento?

Donna: The Sacramento region is a diverse, unique and thriving community that truly has every population represented -- but often more progressive voices are silenced in favor of conservative ideals that have a long history in our region. This presidency and administration has created such a divisive and combative space within communities, and even within political parties themselves. I want this group to be a space for parents who want to be a force for change in our world, building a community that thrives on inclusivity and understanding, rather than fear and differences. We need a space where folks with privilege can speak up against injustices that occur for our black, brown, LGBTQIA neighbors, and additionally a space where historically marginalized communities can feel heard, centered and supported. There is no easy fix to this -- but I hope that creating a space like this takes steps in the right direction.

Tell us about any actions/activities/events the group or its members are encouraging members of this group to participate in.

Donna: A driving topic of conversation in our first week has been how we can act out against the horrific human rights violations that are occurring in family detention centers, and what actions can truly make a difference in ending and bringing awareness to these inhumane practices. Members have shared both local and national actions that folks can connect with. Additionally, there has been expressed interest in bringing in trainings and meet ups to our area to educate the community on various topics, as well as creating opportunities for like minded families to get their kids together.

Tell us about some of the conversations thus far on the group's threads.

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1308 38th St.



Photo courtesy of Alice McAuliffe

Oscar and Lillie Miller and their son, Walter (not pictured), were the earliest residents of 1308 38th St.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Four homes along 38th Street in East Sacramento were recently designated as landmarks on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

The Sacramento City Council voted, 9-0, to approve this designation during their May 28 meeting.

These homes are located at 1081, 1109, 1308 and 1315 38th St., north of Folsom Boulevard and south of J Street.

The ordinance recognizing these homes as historic Sacramento landmarks was adopted through the Council's collective statement that "significant aspects of the city's rich and diverse historic resources deserve recognition and preservation to foster an understanding of our heritage, and to promote the public health and safety, and the economic and general welfare of the people of the city."

In 2015, the four featured 38th Street homes were evaluated by historic environment consultants, who recommended that these structures be eligible for their designation as city historic landmarks.

Carson Anderson, the city's preservation director supported that viewpoint last April.

During the May 28 meeting, City Council Member Jeff Harris, who represents East Sacramento and other areas of District 3, spoke favorably about the proposal to have the four 38th Street homes designated as city historic landmarks.

"Thirty-Eighth Street has some of the most beautiful houses in the city, and is really, I think, deserving of recognition," he said. "These (four) houses that are listed here are examples of the type of architecture. It's very diverse on that street, but it's all of the same era and all of these houses are very substantial. So, I'm happy to open and close the public hearing and move this staff recommendation."

Efforts to recognize these historic houses as city landmarks began with various East Sacramento homeowners, led by Alice McAuliffe, who lives in a separate 38th Street home than the ones featured in this article.

"It was an effort on my part to recognize the incredible historic homes that we have in our neighborhood," she said. "These homes were selected because they are significant, because of their distinctive architecture and the (notable) people who lived there."

To highlight that significance, McAuliffe conducted research on each of the four homes.

Details from that research, a city report and additional research for this article are presented as follows:

1081 38th St.

Regarding the home at 1081 38th St., McAuliffe said that it was built with Prairie School-style architecture in 1912.

The city report recognizes that this residence and neighborhood is connected with the Better Homes in America campaign, which was chaired by then-Secretary of State and then-future U.S. President Herbert Hoover, in the 1920s. The program promoted home ownership, modernization and beautification during the post-World War I era.

McAuliffe noted that through her research, she found that the first owner of the 1081 38th St. home was Thomas Longton Jr.,

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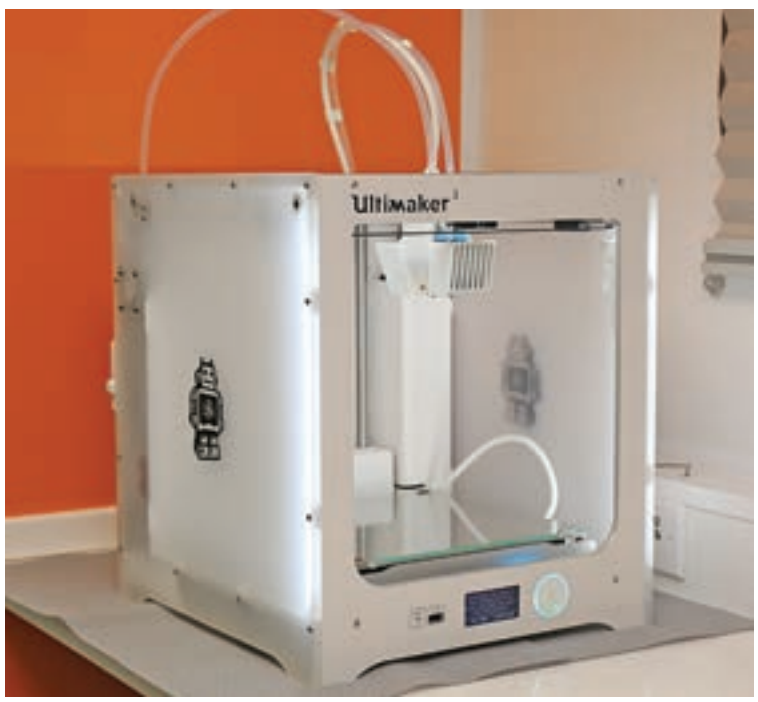
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Girl Scouts Unveil Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace in Central California





Photos by Stephen Crowley

On Tuesday, June 18, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California unveiled a Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace, the newest high-tech example of its commitment to providing hands-on and inspiring instruction for girls in science, technology, engineering and math. There are only a handful of such mobile centers nationally.

The Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace is housed in a customized 30-foot RV and features equipment allowing girls to work in areas such as engineering, robotics, astronomy and computer programming projects. It also includes virtual reality as well as solar panels on the roof to power most of the equipment. It is wheelchair accessible.

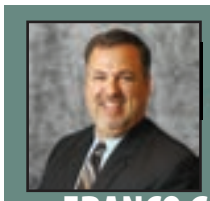
The mobile center enables the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California to reach even more Girl Scouts in its 18-county territory, which stretches from Yuba to Merced counties, including the Sierra foothills and major cities such as Sacramento, Stockton and Modesto.

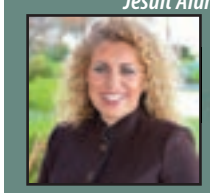
The mobile center will augment STEM-related programming already available at the permanent STEM centers in Sacramento and Modesto that have opened in the past two years.

"The Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace is an investment in the next generation of Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers and Leaders (G.I.R.L.s.), and will allow us to serve as a hub for girl innovation, exploration and discovery for Girl Scouts," said Dr. Linda E. Farley, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California. "We are proud and excited to make this amazing and important STEM experience available to girls in our region."

The Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace will be on the road starting at the end of June, serving Girl Scout troops in all areas of its council, with a focus on serving the underserved populations and rural/remote locations. Closing the STEM gender gap—especially the low-income gender gap—requires innovative solutions and community collaboration. Through partnerships with after-school providers and support from funders, the Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace will bring STEM curriculum to girls most at risk for failing in school as identified by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The mobile center will serve more than 2,100 girls in its first year.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is grateful to SMUD (GSHCC is one of the 2018 recipients of SMUD's Shine Award), the County of Sacramento, and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, who were the largest contributors to the Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace. GSHCC also extends our gratitude to the many local community and individual donors who made this project possible.


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Neighborhood group awards scholarships to local students

By Pat Lynch

When neighborhood group East Sacramento Preservation (ESP) reviewed its commitment to the community they knew they could do more. So, in 2016 their student board member, Emiliano Gomez, created a scholarship that provides an award for a graduating senior from East Sacramento's high school, Kit Carson International Academy (KCIA).

For years the group has supported the neighborhood with analyzing building developments, an informative website, speaking before city council, McKinley Park's Anti-Litter Campaign and McKinley Pond Maintenance support (spearheaded by Judy McClaver).

Three years ago, the group awarded $300 to a graduating senior and since then ESP has awarded more than $6000. "East Sacramento Preservation is dedicated to community service," said Will Green, ESP board member and president emeritus. "We hold garage sales, sell items on Nextdoor and have received many wonderful donations from community members. It is some of the best work we've done. We're proud to help the neighborhood."

In May 2019 ESP awarded $2,750 to KCIA Graduates. "We are proud to award scholarships to student who demonstrated great empathy, an understanding of the power of performing arts, academics and the community," Green said.

Fundraising doesn't stop for the neighborhood group. "Next year we'll award even larger amounts," said Ellen Cochrane, Former Sacramento Unified School District Trustee. "We are already in the midst of 2020 fundraising.

If you go:

What: ESP garage sale to benefit scholarship fund

When: Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: 901 El Dorado Way

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All proceeds to go directly to the students.

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Judy Coyle, going to UC Berkeley $1,500

Claudia De La Cruz UC Merced $750

Matina Talaga UC Merced $500

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Donna: All of the conversations on the page so far have started from the unifying belief that hate has no place in our community. From discussions on how to respond when we see symbols of hate, bigotry, and racism in our neighborhood, to how we can engage and connect with the atrocities occurring to families at the border, our members all came together because they are exhausted by the inaction that is occurring, and fired up to make change.

Nancy: If you see something DO SOMETHING. For example: If you see ICE raiding your neighborhood help the people being detained.

What are some of the biggest issues hurting our society and our local communities that you hope this group can support?

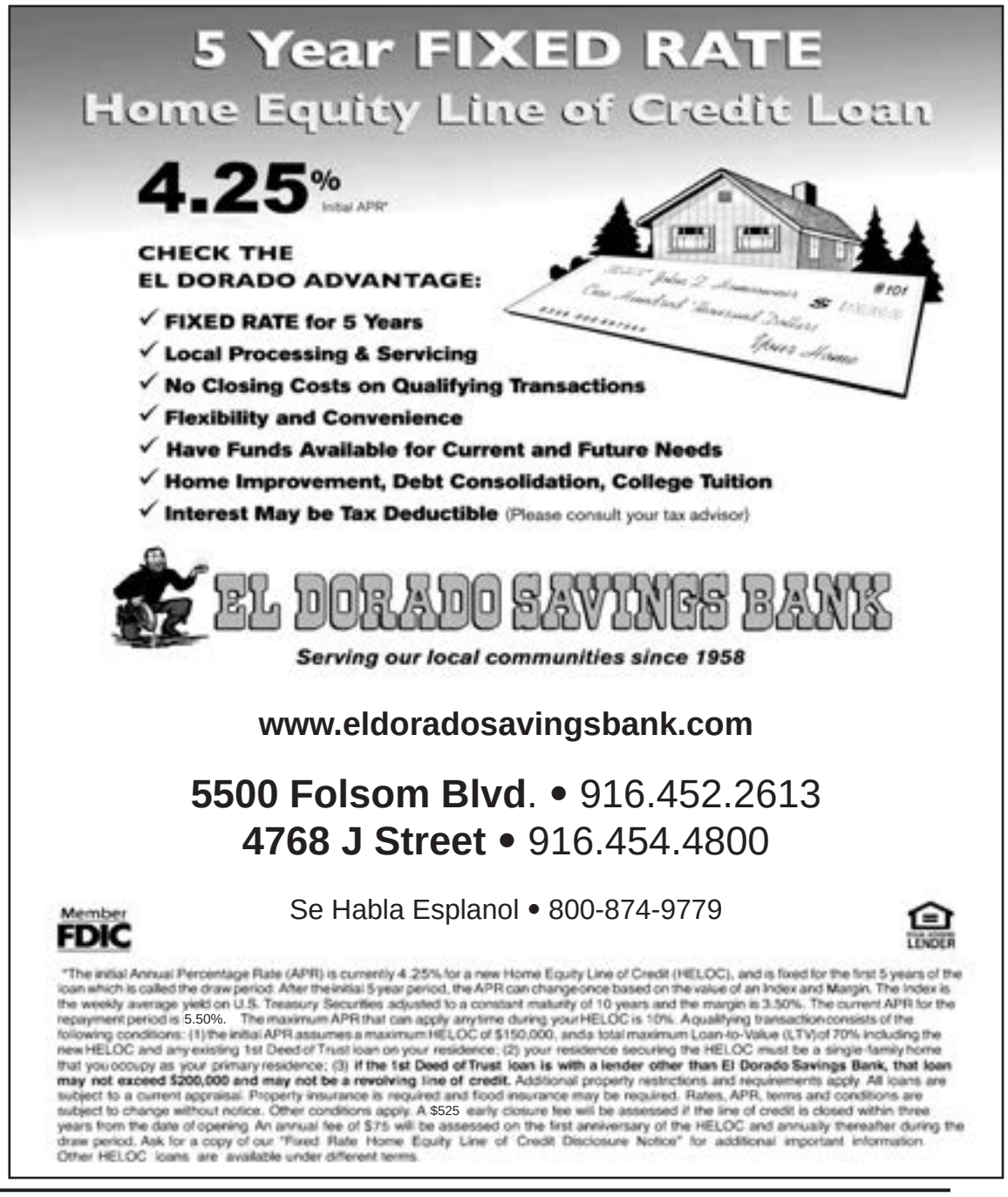
Nancy: Some of the biggest issues hurting our community is the horrific systemic racism in which our nation is built now add to that a Commander in Chief that is willing to create an even bigger gap in our country by ensuring his racist agenda is pushed daily, . We need to bring attention as a community to the killing of black men and women in the hands of untrained Police officers. We need to bring attention to the humanitarian crisis occurring in our border, inhumane treatment of people trying to flee their unstable countries because of our doing. We need to focus on climate change, one of the biggest crises of our time and educate our community into ways of helping save the planet. We want a system that works for everyone and not just a few, the understanding of white privilege and how to use it in a transformative way that can help support and raise the voices of marginalized communities.

Donna: Additionally, we know that our public school districts are hurting, and that our families are feeling the impact. We want to support families and teachers alike in building an education system that supports the diverse needs of our families -- including better support to families raising queer, trans, and gender non-conforming kids, and strengthening the education system for all kids- particularly those furthest from opportunity.

How do you feel about the instant increase of members to this group?

Donna: To be honest, I was blown away by the immediate interest and surge of members to our group. In the first 24 hours, we were up to 300, and less than one week in, we are just shy of 600. First and foremost- this is amazing. It shows the dire need and interest to provide this space

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who served as president of the Longton Produce Co. at 109 K St., in the area known today as Old Sacramento.

He was previously associated with other wholesale produce firms, including Wood, Curtis & Co., at 117-212 J St.

McAuliffe mentioned that Longton was a produce dealer in Sacramento as far back as 1873, long before the city was branded as "America's farm-to-fork capital."

During research for this article, the earliest discovered reference to Longton's association with East Sacramento property ownership was found in the Feb. 29, 1912 edition of The Sacramento Bee.

That reference notes: "Thomas Longton Jr. has bought the lot facing Maple Avenue (as this portion of 38th Street was then known), backing to the LaRue residence, and says that he intends to erect a home in keeping with those in the neighborhood."

City directories of this era recognize the Longton residence as having the address of 1031 Maple Ave. and later 1031 38th St. Maple Avenue – a street name that was changed to 38th Street in about 1917.

A real estate advertisement in the March 13, 1919 edition of The Bee recognized the availability of a vacant lot "just across the avenue from C.A. Root's and T.H. Longton's beautiful homes on Maple Avenue – now 38th (Street), between J and M (Folsom Boulevard) streets.

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The lot was advertised for $1,175.

Longton died on Jan. 27, 1918, but his wife, Minnie, remained a resident of this property until 1921. The couple had three sons: Albert, Clarence and Lester.

The house's next owner was Charles P. Nathan, co-owner of the Charles P. & Sons department store at 800 L St. and the Bon Marche ladies furnishings store at 631 K St.

McAuliffe said that in a historic biography of Nathan, his home is referred to as "one of the showplaces of Sacramento."

1109 38th St.

Built in 1923, the English Tudor Revival house at 1109 38th St. is among the historic duplexes along this street, between J Street and Folsom Boulevard.

McAuliffe noted that 14 duplexes were built on this section of the street, which is west of the Fabulous Forties neighborhood.

"The reason that (people) don't know (about these duplexes) is when you look at them from the street, you see one front door," she said. "We never figured that out (why the duplexes were built)."

McAuliffe added that the same portion of the street includes three fourplexes.

The home at 1109 38th St. is described in the city report as having been the work of builder Edloe Book, and "an important representation of the eclectic architectural movement in Sacramento."

It was originally owned by Fred Boitano, who was a longtime restaurant/bar operator in Sacramento.

At the time that he acquired this East Sacramento home, Boitano owned a Prohibition era soft drinks bar at 710 J St.

According to an article in the July 18, 1979 edition of The Bee, Boitano obtained the first post-Prohibition liquor license – No. 4700001 – issued in California.

After deciding to retire in 1940, Boitano sold his bar/restaurant to Ray Macchiavelli, who eventually called it Macchiavelli's Boitano's Restaurant & Bar.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Gordon

1315 38th St.

Boitano, who was also a director of the California National Bank and the Capital Building and Loan Association, remained a resident of 1109 38th St. until about 1929, at which time he moved to 1217 38th St. He lived at the latter address until his death at the age of 76 on July 8, 1947.

1308 38th St.

Regarding the home at 1308 38th St., the city report notes that it was built in the Colonial Revival style of architecture, with Prairie-style influences, in 1922.

Referred to as the "Miller House" in that document, this home was originally owned by Oscar Henry Miller, a Sacramento native whose father, Peter, settled in Sacramento in the early 1860s.

For five decades, Oscar was associated with the Knox Lumber Co., which had its yard at Front and W streets, and its office at 1228 2nd St. He began working for the company as a bookkeeper and eventually became this business's president.

One of Miller's proudest moments occurred in 1941, when he became a 50-year member of the Native Sons of the Golden West's Sacramento Parlor, which was founded in 1878.

Miller, who had a wife named Lillie, and a son named Walter, was also a longtime Odd Fellows and Elks lodge member.

Oscar and Lillie resided at 1308 38th St. until at least 1940, and Oscar died at the age of 82 on Dec. 1, 1950.

1315 38th St.

McAuliffe referred to the 1315 38th Street home as a Colonial Revival-style structure, with Dutch influence.

Jesse Ira "Jess" Lubin (1884-1957), who for many years served as vice president of Weinstock, Lubin & Co., obtained a permit for the construction of his East Sacramento home on Oct. 29, 1919, and moved into the place in about 1921. Edward C. Hemmings was the architect of this home, which includes a 1950s addition.

Jess, whose father, David, co-founded Weinstock, Lubin & Co., with Harris Weinstock, resided in his 38th Street home until about 1926.

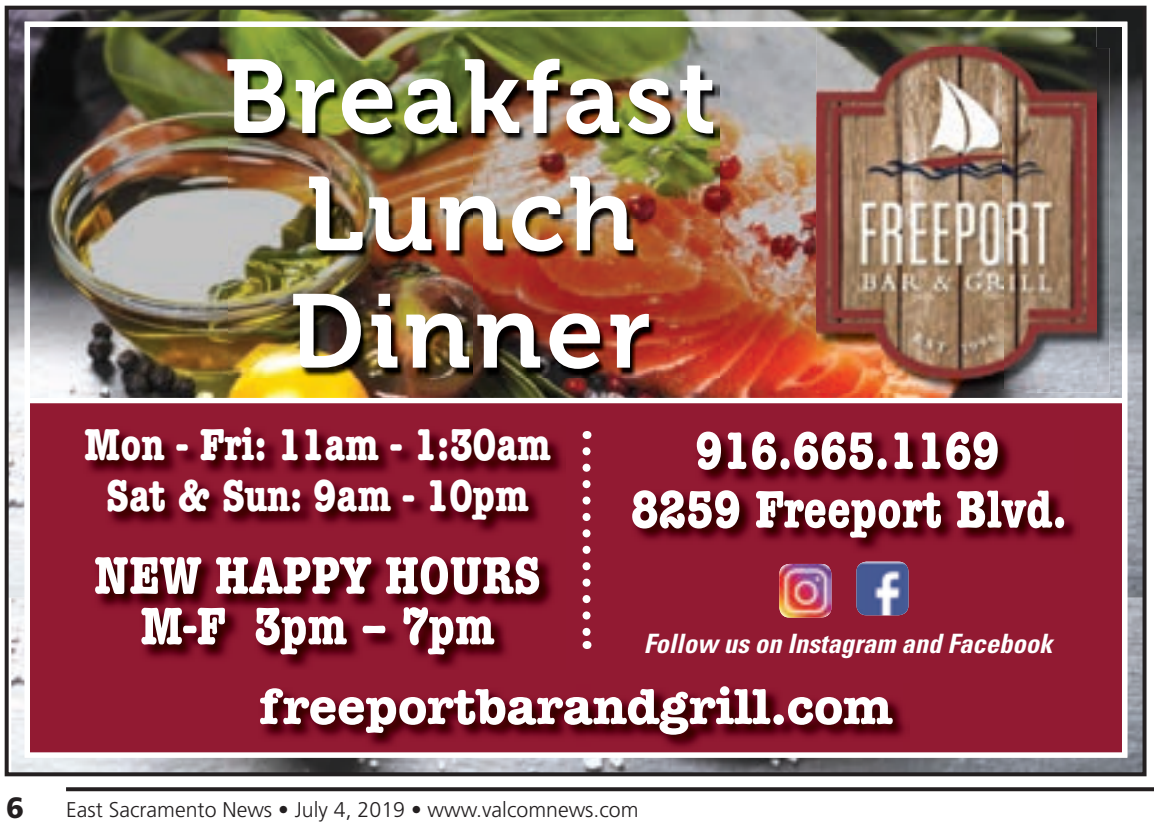
The home's next owner, Ray L. Riley (1874-1953), moved into this residence in about 1927.

Ray, who had a wife named Winifred, held various prominent positions, include state water commissioner, state real estate commissioner and state controller.

He also ran an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate and co-authored the Riley-Stewart Constitutional tax amendment of 1933.

Michelle Gordon, who moved into the 1315 38th St. home with her husband, Bruce, in 1986, described what it means to her to have her house recognized as a city historical landmark.

"I think it just makes it more a part of Sacramento's history," she said. "I think of Sacramento as dynamic and growing, and it's a very exciting place to be right now," she said.



A Tour of a Growing Brewhouse: Tower Brewing expands, offers more on tap



Photos courtesy

Brewer Mike Ungerbuhler kegs off of the new 30-barrel brite tank for territory managers.



Brewers Mike Ungerbuhler and Evan Rosatelli stand in front of their new 30-barrel brite tank.



Tower Brewing offers up to 16 rotating taps.

Tower Brewing has announced an expansion of its East Sacramento production facility and tasting bar to meet the needs of its many new devotees.

The success and popularity of the company's new offerings, led by Monkey Knife Fight Pale Ale, necessitates new equipment as well as additions to the Tower Brewing team.

Tower Brewing is a 15-barrel brewhouse hosting seven fermenters and four brite tanks, including beautiful new 30-barrel fermentation and brite tanks. Added to this is what the brew team considers the most essential piece of new equipment, a fork-lift truck to open up storage and aid in the day to day storage and kegging processes. Plus, as they'd be quick to tell you – it's FUN. The taproom hosts 16 taps.

The brewhouse schedule is a balancing act between keeping up with production and creating new, exciting beers.

Brewer Mike Ungerbuhler notes that "the addition of a third 30-barrel fermentation tank and a second 30-barrel brite tank allows us to get caught up with production of Monkey Knife Fight. This gives us the opportunity to be more creative and brew more styles, keeping our menu as diverse as we can."

Something Else That's New

There's a sign in the brewhouse that reads Brewing: It's what you do when you're not cleaning. To help with responsibilities, brewer Ungerbuhler has joined brewer Evan Rosatelli in the brewhouse full time. Mike is sorely missed behind the bar by regulars, but between cleaning and brewing, he'll be happy to chat about his love for the beer-making process and Tower's diverse tap list.

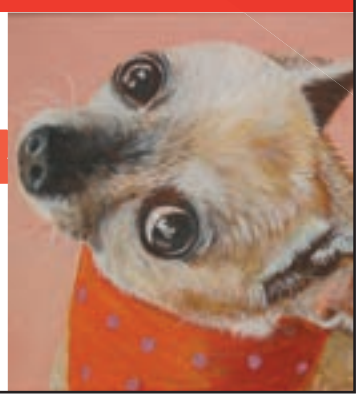
To help sell the new offerings, Tower Brewing has added two Territory Managers, Colby Pettinger and Stephen Delgado, and transitioned Calvin Crawford from his previous duties (half taproom, half territory) to a full-time taproom position to manage the growing front-of-house team.

So, what's next?

Tower Brewing will expand its canned offerings beyond the currently available Monkey Knife Fight. Operations Manager Justin Bylicki believes that as brewers find their "battle rhythm" in the expanding brewhouse, canning is the logical next step. "Not only has the number of beers brewed increased, but so has the variety," Bylicki points out. "A can line will allow us to can smaller runs and provide a wider variety."

Tower Brewing, located in East Sacramento, produces an array of beers to impress all palates. Since the best beer comes from the finest, freshest ingredients, the brewery's quality begins there, coupled with skill and dedication to produce a diverse, delicious selection that appeals to varying tastes and preferences. There is always a balance of classic and innovation on tap at its welcoming tap room.

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for parents to connect in meaningful ways that allow them to feel heard. We, the admins, understand that with quick growth can come challenges, and we are working together to narrow down the scope of the group, and figure out the best way to include our community, be intentional with our goals, and support the wishes of our members.

What advice to you have for mothers/parents for raising kind children in a toxic world?

Nancy: Don't give up! This world makes you tired and sometimes want to quit. I suffer anxiety and sometimes I just want to hide my kids away from these horrors, but we need to show them you care by doing THE work. Keep them informed, talk to them, guide them, make sure they are not living in a bubble. Take them to different communities and events that will expand their horizons and understand the beautiful diversity there is in this world. My daughter is 6, she is half Mexican-half Black, she came asking why our President hates people that look like us. My response wasn't to hide it, my response was, yes, there are people out there that don't like people that look like us, but for every person that doesn't like us, there are 10 that do and will fight for us, so we need to fight with them.

Another way is BOOKS! Kids love to read, there is plenty of good material out there, currently we are reading Make America Grape a kids book that addresses the inequities happening today in our Nation.

Donna: It can feel suffocating to navigate the world we're in. I'm raising two boys- 2 and 5- and my goal is raise them to be strong, vocal, engaged feminist boys who understand their privilege and speak out against injustices around them. For us, they can relate well to books - whether they address family dynamics, gender roles, race, or marriage equality (my son LOVES A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo). I find that reading can be a great way to initially connect our youngest kids to bigger issues, and my hope is that this is for them, this plants the seed to continue to have these conversations and do the work as they get older.

To other parents: don't shy away. The age of "someone else is handling it" is over, as we've seen from all of the horrendous injustices happening across our country. Sit with your discomfort, and join the resistance to create a better future for our kids. To fellow white women: accept and sit with your privilege, and learn from what is happening around you. Strive towards allyship with marginalized communities, and don't shy away from difficult conversations. It can be hard to talk about race, sexuality, and other differences with our own kids- but our kids need to know that Black Lives Matter, that love is love, and you can start these conversations from the time they are born. Bring your kids to events, rallies, and marches- talk to them about why we march, why we protest, and what our signs mean - and let them be a part of the process.

Tell me a little bit about yourself, professionally and about yourself as a mother

Donna: Professionally, I am the statewide campaign director for MomsRising, a grassroots parent advocacy group dedicated to ending discrimination against moms and women, and building a nation where all families can thrive. We work to pass policies that strengthen economic security for all families, including pay equity, paid family leave, access to healthy foods and healthcare, common sense gun safety reform, ending police brutality, supporting immigrant families, and maternal and birth justice. My own work is centered around increasing access to high-quality, affordable early learning opportunities, like childcare and preschool, for all families in California, and building a childcare system that meets the diverse needs of our families.

As a parent, I am raising two strong boys (2 and 5) in East Sacramento along with my (introverted) husband who supports my endless activism, and encourages my habit of never shutting up ;) I'm passionate about building community, and strengthening our neighborhood and region to support families and fight injustices. I've lived in Sacramento for over a decade now (I'm originally from the Bay Area), and really love the changes that I've seen, but there is so much work to be done. I believe in lifting each other up as parents, and not giving in to the endless judgemental parenting niches that exist. Parenting is HARD WORK- and there is no right or wrong way to succeed. It can be draining, exhausting, and often asking for help doesn't feel like an options- but my hope is that by creating a stronger community, our parenting "village" will expand and we can support one another the best we can.

Nancy: I am a mother of a 6 year old girl and a 3 year old boy. I have been happily married to an activist himself for 9 years. He is an Air Force Veteran who currently is a Reservist. We used to live in midtown, but we bought a house and are currently living in Northgate. Being a mom is one of the funnest- hardest things a woman does. Trying to raise them as kind and compassionate as possible, while the world is showing them there isn't kindness or compassion for people that look like them is hard work, but we find beauty on allies that show nothing but kindness to us. I work full time and I also crossfit 5 times a week, so it is hard to find balance. I am lucky to have an amazing tribe that gives me the support I need so I can thrive as a mom, as an "athlete" and as a full time working mom. I am lucky to have two great kids that understand the sacrifices one makes.

I have been involved in politics since I was in my Mother's womb, I have been a progressive since I can remember, always trying to fight for justice, equity, equality for all. I am a Mexican immigrant (now a US Citizen) who was lucky to be born into a privileged family in Mexico and had access to traveling and a VISA. Not everyone was born into a family like mine and that created a sense of even deeper respect for those people that leave everything behind to start a new and better life for them and their families escaping the horrors back in their countries.

I was lucky enough to live in two different countries (USA and France) before I was 21. This time away from Mexico expanded my horizons and the way I saw life as a young adult. I speak 4 languages which has been an added bonus and has made me even more compelled to be more in sync with other races and ethnicities.

When I came to the U.S. my first job was a nonprofit and I was lucky enough to work for the Border Legislative Conference as the Coordinator, I was able to mix my passions which was international policy and Border issues in one. Now, I work for the State Assembly and although I am not using all my skills as I would like, I find groups like this to share what I know and to provoke a community to become closer and stronger and ready to stand up for marginalized communities.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Donna: Thank you for highlighting the work that is being done! I'm inspired by the powerful women in this group, and can't wait to see how it grows.

Nancy: I hope that more and more women join, that are willing to speak up. We have difficult times ahead and we need to be prepared for any outcome in 2021, but whatever outcome that is if you have a supportive community that will not tolerate hate, racism, homophobia, ignorance and it is more informed and more willing to stand up and fight for what is right, then the group has done what is growing to be, a space for people to come together and stand together.

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