

The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association

Fair Oaks, California

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Introducing the...

Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association!

Our neighborhood has many unique characteristics worthy of preserving and protecting. Among them is the semi-rural residential characteristic that makes it so safe and attractive for us and for recreational users including walkers (two and four legged), runners, equestrians, and rafters wishing to reach the bike path and horse trails. The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association seeks to protect that quality of life for all residents living in the area bounded by Fair Oaks Blvd. to the north, the American River to the south, Sunrise Blvd. to the east, and Southcliff Dr. to the west.

The purpose of the Association is to protect the interests of all residents living in the area by establishing and maintaining: (1) a neighborhood communication network to apprise residents of issues affecting us; (2) a liaison between the neighborhood and applicable government agencies; and (3) the strength to respond to issues affecting the interests of the neighborhood.

President's Corner

As you all know, last year our neighborhood was threatened by the negative effects of a development proposed for the corner of Sunrise and Howard, called the Pointe. As a result of our concerted effort we were able to convince the County to require a left turn only for traffic coming out of the Pointe. We will still get more traffic from this development but far less than otherwise would have occurred. Those of us who were involved took an extra step and legally incorporated a non-profit Neighborhood Association called the Fair

Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association. Our purpose is to promote the quality of life in our neighborhood. We will be around if more development projects threaten our area. We are not only going to react however, we will be active in keeping in touch with our County officials and promoting the well being of our neighborhood. This may take the practical form of meetings with our local representatives, or a forum on an issue affecting us, or a block party, lobbying for traffic control devices or even putting out the word about a lost cat. As a result of our activities, we'll get to know our neighbors a little better and promote the quality of life in our little corner of Sacramento County.

So we can keep you informed, please advise us of your name and e-mail address and if you feel led, donate the voluntary \$20.00 per year we are asking from all members of our association so that we'll have a little money to better serve our common interest.

Michael L. Faber

Opportunity for Information and Involvement

Participation of all residents within the Association boundaries is encouraged to help protect the quality of life that brought us all together in this unique neighborhood. Please:

- Complete and return the attached membership information;
- Attend Association meetings;
- Volunteer your time to distribute information, keep apprised of issues facing the neighborhood; and/or
- Make a small contribution towards the Association's operation expenses.

Update on the Pointe

"The Pointe at Fair Oaks" development will consist of approximately 19,361 square feet of integrated, partial below grade structured parking, approximately 15,358 square feet of ground floor retail space, and approximately 15,196 square feet of second floor office space. Access to the property will be by a one way entrance off of Fair Oaks Boulevard just west of the Sunrise/Fair Oaks intersection and by a two way access at Howard Street just west of Sunrise Boulevard.

The Sacramento County Council approved the project by a 4/3 vote on May 2, 2007. Access to Howard St. is a major community concern since it is estimated this development will generate 200 or more additional vehicles per day in the neighborhood. Therefore, it was desirable for the neighborhood to obtain a traffic configuration prohibiting right out turns from the driveway onto Howard St.

Subsequently, a traffic configuration was approved that consists of widening Howard St. from the southwest corner of the development to Sunrise Blvd., incorporating a traffic median and signs for limiting the driveway to left turn exits, and a locked fire gate to allow the Fire Department to exit the property via Pennsylvania Ave. The width of Howard St. between the development and Pennsylvania Ave. is to remain as currently configured.

Grading for the project is expected to start about December 2008, but most likely next year. It will be extensive so anticipate some inconvenience for some time to come. An estimate of the duration of construction hasn't been provided but it will most likely be long considering the magnitude of the project.

Jack Cauzza

Sacramento County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan Meets the Neighborhood

Roberta MacGlashan was gracious enough to join our neighborhood for an informal meeting at Mike & Mai Fabers' home on March 2nd. Approximately 30 neighbors attended the meeting.

A few of the neighbors had concerns about traffic and safety in our neighborhood. She recommended we work with the Neighborhood Traffic Planning people. She kindly offered to help us get started with this process. Anyone in our neighborhood who has any traffic concerns should contact the Association so that we can begin resolving these issues.

At the meeting she also announced the opening of a County Service Center at Madison and Hazel (near Hancock Fabric Store). A wide range of County services will be provided at this location, such as recording County documents. It is now open.

Supervisor MacGlashan also discussed the progress of the proposed American River Parkway Assessment. The County sent a survey to 21,000 residents in the assessment area. She reported that the results of the survey were favorable to establish an assessment district along the river. At this time, however, it doesn't look as if there is enough support from the cities of Sacramento and Rancho Cordova to put the assessment on a ballot. Other options for funding the Parkway were discussed. They included having interns or volunteers man the booths to collect more fees from park users.

Supervisor MacGlashan welcomed people to join her at Dianda's in Old Fair Oaks every 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July, November & December) 7 – 8:30am to meet with her.

Wes Trunnell

Are you part of a Neighborhood Watch?

If you are interested in Neighborhood Watch (NW) contact Sherrie Waugh with the Neighborhood Policing at swaugh@sacsheriff.com to find out if there is an existing Watch in your neighborhood or to get information on how to start one.

Watch members are asked to work together in cooperation with law

enforcement and each other to reduce crime in their neighborhood.

- Learn to recognize suspicious behavior.
- Be alert and a bit more interested in what you see in everyday life.
- If you want help with your NW, ask. The Sheriff's Department is here for the community.
- Immediately report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department.
- Communicate any thing of interest to your NW. Crimes in progress – call 9-1-1.
- Know your neighbors; by face, have their addresses and phone numbers
- Talk to your neighbors. Be social.
- Know the correct emergency telephone numbers to reach the right agency.
- Watch out for each other.
- File a crime report if you are a victim of a crime.

Clara Jewell

Contacts

For more information, please contact us at F.O.Gateway@gmail.com or any member of the volunteer board listed below to learn more about the Association, or to obtain the Association bylaws and meeting minutes.

Michael Faber - President
Nicole Mark – Vice President
Wes Trunnell - Secretary
Clara Jewell - Treasurer
Jack Cauzza - Director at Large
Joanola Rose – Director at Large
Steve Simms – Director at Large

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Please be on notice that the Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association, Inc. will have its Annual membership meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Potter Room of the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church located at 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA. The meeting will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Membership applications will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Members will be asked to approve of the Bylaws drafted by the Board. For copies of the proposed bylaws please e-mail Michael Faber at mfaber@elkgrove.net or call 686-7020 during business hours for a hardcopy if you don't have e-mail access. Members will also be asked to elect seven (7) members of the Association to the Board of Directors. These seven will then elect officers at a subsequent board meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board next year, now is your chance! Board members meet once a month during the year and perform other tasks as assigned.

Membership Information

If you would like to be informed and participate in issues affecting my neighborhood please provide the membership information below and return to:

Wes Trunnell
Secretary Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association
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Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

E-Mail Address (optional): _____

Phone number (optional): _____

Preferred method of contact: _____