

# *The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association*

Fair Oaks, California

August 2009

Our neighborhood was once olive and cherry orchards and a chicken ranch. While much has changed, it still has many unique characteristics worthy of preserving. The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association (Neighborhood Association) seeks to protect our semi-rural residential characteristic and quality of life that makes it so safe and attractive for residents and for recreational users. Please visit your Neighborhood Association web site at [www.fo-gateway.org](http://www.fo-gateway.org) to learn more about it, obtain the latest minutes, quickly find links to community services, and more!

## **Save the Date! Saturday September 26, 2009 and Win an iPod or more!**

On September 26, 2009 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm the Neighborhood Association will be hosting a picnic at the Sacramento Bar (picnic tables are located on the parkway at the end of Pennsylvania Ave.) for residents in the area boundaries which will include a raffle for an iPod plus other goodies! See the flyer included with your newsletter!

## **American River Parkway Assessment**

Last year the County sent a survey to 21,000 residents, including our neighborhood, about a proposed American River Parkway Assessment for area residents. Ted Walters of Supervisor MacGlashen's office stated "the issue has not moved forward." so stay tuned...

## **President's Corner**

As we look back on the last year in our neighborhood, it has been a "No news is good news" kind of a year. We at FOARG have continued to meet

regularly, maintaining contact with each other and those neighbors who have come to our meetings. We are keeping our eyes on the horizon of upcoming projects, both here in the neighborhood and at the American River. We are prepared to act if anything harmful comes our way, and prepared to assist in the development of anything good, and to communicate with all of you, in any event. Probably due to the economy more than anything, none of these backburner projects have come to the forefront in the past year. Our group has developed an e-mail list which we use to keep many of you apprised of developments. If you do not receive e-mail from us and would like to, please contact our Secretary, Wes Trunnell to have your e-mail added to our list.

We are proud that our group has helped to bring us together to form a cohesive community. Take advantage of our upcoming Annual Party on September 26, 2009 to come out and meet your neighbors. Our next Annual meeting will be at Fair Oaks Methodist Church on Wed. September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

Michael L. Faber

## Learn about Fair Oaks' History

The Fair Oaks Historical Society located at 7997 California Ave. in Fair Oaks is open on the second Sunday of each month from 1-4:00 pm. For more information go to <http://www.fairoakshistory.org>.

If you have a story to share with the neighborhood about your time in Fair Oaks, please contact any one of the board members.

## Update on the Pointe

"The Pointe at Fair Oaks" development approved by the Sacramento County Counsel on May 2, 2007, is to 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 located at the intersection of Sunrise/Fair Oaks

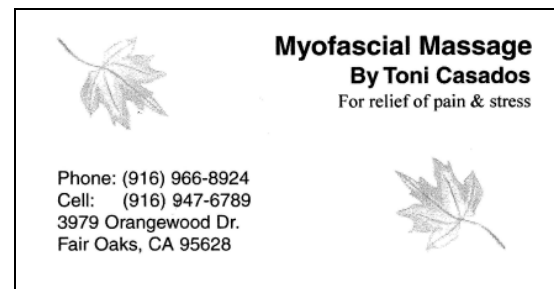
Although the developer, M. P. Allen, had intended to start construction earlier this year, it appears that the current economy has impacted his plans. He has stated, however, that he will notify the neighborhood of his intended start date prior to the commencement of work.

On a side note, the Neighborhood Association is working with Sacramento County to remove the hazards on the yet developed parcel.



## Doing Business With Your Neighbors

Did you know that we have a hair stylist, aquatic pond designer, myofascial therapist, and auto mechanic, among many other professions, living in our midst? If you would like to do more business with your neighbors, please contact any one of the board members. A business card will be published in the newsletter for \$10.



## Neighborhood Watch

Do you have an active Neighborhood Watch in your area? If not, your neighborhood NEEDS you!!

This past year has sadly brought an extraordinary amount of crime to the association boundaries. With the Sacramento County Sherriff's Department reduction in officers, we all need to be increasingly vigilant in watching out for ourselves and our neighbors. Watch members are asked to work together in cooperation with law enforcement and each other to reduce crime in their neighborhood. If you are interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch contact Sherrie Waugh with the Neighborhood Policing at [swaugh@sacsheriff.com](mailto:swaugh@sacsheriff.com) to find out how to start one.

Some Neighborhood Watch tips:

- Be alert and watch for and report suspicious behavior.
- Be aware of unfamiliar people and vehicles on your street and let them know you are watching.
- Keep possessions in your vehicle out of sight
- Lock your doors.
- Call 911 if you see a crime in progress.
- Know and watch out for your neighbors.
- File a crime report if you are a victim of a crime.



## Membership Corner

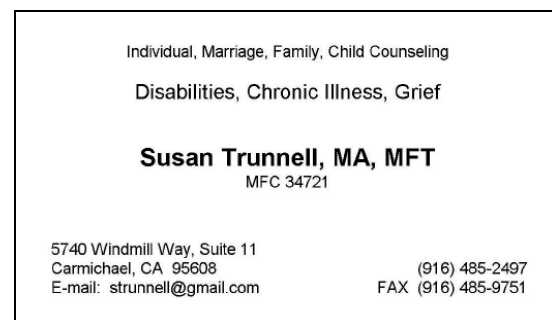
Membership for the Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association is FREE. To qualify for membership you must: 1) live within the boundaries of our Neighborhood Associatio; and 2) you must submit a membership application. If you received a paper copy of the Newsletter you qualify for membership. If you received this Newsletter by email, please verify that you live in Fair Oaks within the boundaries of Fair Oaks Blvd. to the north, Sunrise Blvd. to the East, Southcliff to the West and American

River to the South before applying for membership.

Annual dues are a voluntary donation of (\$20). The primary reason to donate is to build a fund to appeal zoning decision made by Fair Oaks Community Planning Commission to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. When the Pointe at Fair Oaks project was approved in May of 2007 the Neighborhood Association was not yet formed, and no one appealed the decision due to the economic burden. The Neighborhood Association is attempting to save enough money so that if another similar situation should arise we may have the ability to appeal such decisions. Another membership benefit is receiving timely information about neighborhood.

Our membership is about 55 individuals and families. Our email distribution list is about 100.

If you decide to join, please complete the attached membership information form and mail to the address shown. Donation should be made out to FOARG. The simplest way to join is to email your name, address and a statement of your desire to become a member to [F.O.Gateway@gmail.com](mailto:F.O.Gateway@gmail.com), if you need an envelope we'll get one to you upon request.



## Treasurer's Report


The Association has \$870 deposit as of July 2009. Your voluntary membership dues go directly to the Association Fund for protection of neighborhood as stated in the bylaws. Costs to produce this newsletter were donated by the board members. Costs for the picnic will be paid from advertising fees. Raffle prizes were donated and proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Fair Oaks American River Neighborhood Association.

## Clean Out Your Trash for \$25!!!!

Sacramento County Utilities will pick up an 8 foot by 4 foot by 4 foot pile of your household or garden debris for \$25. This is on top of your free pickup every year. Just call 875-5555 to schedule a pickup and learn about restrictions.

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For more information, please visit us at our website [www.fo-gateway.org](http://www.fo-gateway.org) or contact us at [F.O.Gateway@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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Joanola Rose – Director at Large  
Steve Simms – Director at Large  
Bob Boyd – Director at Large  
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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan on attending (and bring a neighbor) to the Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association, Inc Annual membership meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in 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 go to [www.fo-gateway.org](http://www.fo-gateway.org) or e-mail Michael Faber at [mfaber@elkgrove.net](mailto: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 nine (9) members of the Association to the Board of Directors. These nine will then elect officers at a subsequent board meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board next year we need new blood and now is the time! 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:

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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