

# The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association

Fair Oaks, California

September 2013

## ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE PARK!

*Save the Date: Saturday October 5, 2013, 12 P.M.*

**The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association will hold its 6th Annual Picnic at the Sacramento Bar-Sunrise Access Park located at the bottom of Pennsylvania Ave. on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 12:00 P.M. The Annual FOARG Membership Meeting and election of next year's directors will occur at the end of the picnic!**

**Food and drinks are free and we will hold a raffle for fun prizes. Bring your entire family for a nice afternoon in the park!**

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

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As of Sept. 2013, the Association has \$2,646.00 on deposit. Your voluntary membership dues go directly to the Association Fund for protection of the neighborhood as stated in the bylaws. Costs to produce this newsletter were donated by the board members.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*What's happening in the Neighborhood?*

Vikki Walker, President

Hi there. It is that time of year, again, when we hold our annual meeting (& picnic) and give the neighborhood an update on the Board's activities for the year.

It has been a very quiet year. Mainly we have been addressing sidewalks and walk ways, in order for pedestrians to have a safe walking experience around the neighborhood. On Southcliff the attention was primarily on getting mud, leaves and trash off the sidewalk, so walkers don't have to walk in the street, and to keep the neighborhood attractive. I know I love our quiet, narrow and rural streets, so I appreciate our efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

We have a couple of do-gooders (do they want to be named?) on our Board who cut the grass and weeds along lower Pennsylvania (River Road) in the summer, so there is room off the road for people to walk.

I feel the most important service we can provide is being a good neighbor. I ran across a list of neighborly actions from an earlier edition of this newsletter, and I would like to suggest we all take a new look at how we are doing.

### Do you:

Take the time to be acquainted with your neighbors?  
Keep aware of what is going on in the neighborhood to help reduce crime?  
Drive the right speed (slow), considering blind corners, narrow streets and hills?  
Leash your dogs and pick up their poop?  
Keep your dogs from barking unnecessarily?  
Keep your garbage cans out of the road and take them in after weekly pick-up?  
Pick up trash around the neighborhood?  
Keep your noise level reasonable?  
Inform your neighbors if you are having a large party (unusual noise and parking situations)?  
Watch watering so water doesn't flow into the street?

Thank you for your participation in our efforts to preserve and keep beautiful our little corner of Fair Oaks.

## SUPERVISOR SUSAN PETERS

If you would like to get to know our Supervisor, she runs a monthly breakfast meeting at Dianda's Italian Bakery and Cafe in Old Towne Fair Oaks at 10131 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, on the third Wednesday of most months from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. For more info on scheduling, see <http://www.bos.saccounty.net/District3/Documents/FairOaksCommunityCoffeeMeetings.pdf>.

## GET UPTODATE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS!

Don't wait around for the Annual Newsletter! If you would like to be on our mailing list to get the most up to date neighborhood news, please e-mail Michael Faber at [mfaber@elkgrove.net](mailto:mfaber@elkgrove.net) to be placed on our e-mailing list.

## THE FAIR OAKS HISTORY CENTER

Supported by the Fair Oaks Historical Society

Did you know that Fair Oaks has a history center??

The center address is 10340 Fair Oaks Blvd. It is located just beyond the Water District Building and next to the Sunflower Drive-In.

The Center had its grand opening on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and features displays of pictures and history describing the founding and development of Fair Oaks from 1895 to the 1980's. There are also many interesting and varied artifacts displayed.

The Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The price is right. No charge for seniors and everyone else is free. Be sure to check it out.

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CRIME

Neighborhood Watch (NW) programs have been shown to help prevent burglaries and other crimes by encouraging neighbors to be vigilant, know each other, and report suspicious persons and activities to the sheriff. Most of the FOARG area is covered by various NW programs. If you are new to the area or have not found a NW program, please contact Roger Smith at 961-4470.

(1) Remove landscaping - Install security lighting. Point the light from the house onto your yard and toward the street and driveway so that you can see what is going on in your yard. Neighbors should be able to see your property, too. This is different from decorative lighting.

(3) Install a security system and include warning signs to let potential thieves know that they should not try to burglarize your home.

(4) Reinforce all exterior door frames. Replace at least one screw in each hinge with a 3 inch long screw to reach securely into a stud. Use similar long screws for the strike plate. Install and remember to use deadbolt locks.

(5) Always lock your doors even when you are at home, or will be gone for only a few minutes.

(6) Install a peep hole into all exterior doors when there is no visibility from the inside to see who is at the door.

(7) Consider replacing any exterior hollow core doors with solid core doors. Also replace the door frame with solid hard wood.

(8) For a partially glass door, install a metal security grill over the glass portion on the inside of the door. Alternatively, install a security wrought iron door on the front entrance.

(9) For a double door entrance which has two swinging doors, install flush sliding bolts which can extend into the frame at the top and into the floor at the bottom. These should be installed on the normally "fixed" door.

(10) For a sliding door entrance, install pan head screws into the upper track of the movable panel in its closed position with only enough clearance to allow sliding the door. This prevents the door from being lifted off the track and removed. To prevent a door from being slid open, insert a stick or dowel snugly in the bottom track.

The proven best way to protect a neighborhood is by actually knowing each other. Talk to your neighbors, recognize faces and cars, go for walks, and let each other know when you need help or experience problems. Be alert, learn to recognize suspicious activities, and immediately report any crime in progress to the sheriff at 875-5111

## **OUR 2012-2013 OFFICERS**

President: Vikki Walker

Vice President: Biba Maletic

Secretary: Bob Boyd

Treasurer: Clara Jewell

Board Member: Paul Parker

Board Member: Michael Faber

Board Member: Don Yost

Board Member: Roger Smith

Board Member: Wes Trunnell

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC ANNUAL MEETING**

SACRAMENTO BAR AMERICAN RIVER ACCESS PARK

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

Picnic, Elect Board Members for Next Year, Reports to Membership, and New Business from the Membership.

### **FOARG MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

TBA-CALL MICHAEL FABER AT 686-7020 FOR LOCATIONS

6:30-7:30, FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Board meets regularly to discuss events of neighborhood and actions to be taken by organization. Residents

Welcome.

### **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**

[www.fo-gateway.org](http://www.fo-gateway.org)

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To become an Active Member of FOARG Please fill out and return the below.  
\$20.00 annual membership dues optional but highly appreciated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail to  
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