

# The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association

Fair Oaks, California

September 2014

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

*Save the Date: Saturday October 4, 2014, 12 P.M.*

**The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association will hold its 7th Annual Picnic at the Sacramento Bar-Sunrise Access Park located at the bottom of Pennsylvania Ave. on Saturday, October 4, 2014 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 and take advantage of the opportunity to meet your neighbors!**

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

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As of Sept. 2014, the Association has \$2,686.00 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

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*A year in the life of our rural neighborhood.*

*Paul K. Parker, President.*

*Greetings and salutations! It is hard to believe that our annual FOARG neighborhood picnic and open forum meeting is right around the corner. This gives us (FOARG) the opportunity to give the neighborhood an update on the Board's activities for the past year and a chance to meet with our new neighbors and old friends.*

*The FOARG Board has been active in preserving the rural feel of our neighborhood by participating in ground level discussions with community planners and developers, by making sure that routine codes, parking regulations and graffiti abatement are enforced, and by maintaining general communications that keep our neighborhood beautiful and cohesive.*

*Board members have also been active cutting grass and weeds along Pennsylvania Ave to allow more room for walkers and cyclists along this busy thoroughfare to the river. The issue of dumping trash on Southcliff Dr. near Fair Oaks Blvd. has been largely alleviated due to action by the FOARG Board.*

*As a neighborhood resident, you have a voice with the FOARG Board. Please join us and your fellow neighbors for a snack and open forum discussion regarding our neighborhood at our Annual Picnic on October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 P.M.*

## GET UP TO DATE 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.

## POSSIBLE CONDO DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED FOR VACANT LAND TO WEST OF NEW YORK AVE!

A group known as Fair Oaks Eco Housing has purchased 3.68 acres of land to the West of New York Avenue between Magnolia and Fair Oaks Blvd. and hopes to develop a "Family-Friendly Green Neighborhood". The proposed development will consist of 30 condominiums priced from the low \$300,000's to the high \$500,000's, depending on the size of the unit. The development will have a swimming pool, a club house that includes a common kitchen, common gardens and a fruit orchard. The theme of the project is shared housing and community, along with use of "green" building techniques that will have a minimum effect on the environment. Entry into the project will be from New York Avenue, next to Monal Court. The number of proposed condos does not exceed current zoning. The FOARG Board has reviewed the project and written a letter in support after seeking neighborhood input. You may find out more about this proposed development by visiting [www.FairOaksEcoHousing.org](http://www.FairOaksEcoHousing.org). The group must sell a minimum of 25 units before the bank will finance the project. As of mid-August, it has taken deposits for nine units.

## 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 that conceals a view of your doors. 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.

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

(3) 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.

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

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

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

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

## Sac County 311 Connect - Your Link to County Services:

Where do I report an abandoned vehicle? Who fixes broken street lights? Now there is one number to connect with virtually any Sacramento County service: on a landline or cellphone, dial 311; on the internet, go to [www.311.saccounty.net](http://www.311.saccounty.net); on a mobile device, there is an app.

## Did you know?

*Ordinance 12.12.035 Obstructions at Sidewalks, Pedestrian Pathways and Public Road Right of Ways.*

*"It shall be unlawful to set out, install or maintain, or to allow the setting out, installation, or maintenance of any of the following items on or along a sidewalk, pedestrian pathway, or street right of way: basketball hoops; garbage or recycling cans placed on the street for collection for a period greater than seventy-two (72) hours in any one (1) week; signs; hedges; structures; natural growths; fences; or other obstructions on any sidewalk, pedestrian pathway, or within the street right of way. In addition, trees shall be maintained in such a manner that foliage remains trimmed to a minimum height of seven (7) feet above any pedestrian walkway and fourteen and a half (14.5) feet above any paved roadway or shoulder area. Items placed in the street for pickup and removal in connection with Neighborhood Cleanup Days are exempt from this provision."*

**So in keeping with the County Ordinance, please put your garbage cans away after pickup, keep your sidewalks clear, and trim any overhanging trees or shrubs. Your neighbors will thank you.**

## Walking dogs and picking up poop.

We have a great neighborhood for walking dogs, but please respect your neighbors and neighborhood. Pick up after your dog! No one likes to find that kind of present in the yard or on the sidewalk.

## Participate in your Neighborhood

- **Neighborhood Watch every day in every way**
- Sign up on the private online neighborhood network [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, need a sitter, pet walker, help shopping, share a ride, lost/found pet etc.
- **Attend monthly community meetings held by the Sheriff's Department contact [scarhart@sacsherriff.com](mailto:scarhart@sacsherriff.com) for schedule for Fair Oaks.**
- **Participate in A Neighborhood Garage Sale** such as the one in July 14'
- **Attend Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) meetings when prompted**
- **Patronize new business in the area**
  - Several Health Practitioners providing holistic, massage, counseling services
  - Dental and Chiropractic offices
  - Veterinarian office
  - CPA and Attorney offices
  - Learning Center
  - Home HealthCare office
  - Insurance Companies

## **OUR 2013-2014 OFFICERS**

President: Paul Parker

Vice President: Biba Maletic

Secretary: Bob Boyd

Treasurer: Clara Jewell

Board Member: Vikki Walker

Board Member: Michael Faber

Board Member: Mike Bowling

Board Member: Roger Smith

Board Member: Brenda Boston

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC ANNUAL MEETING**

SACRAMENTO BAR AMERICAN RIVER ACCESS PARK

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 at 12:00 noon.

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

Special Presentation, District Attorney's

Crime Lab Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 am

### **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)

## **Be a Community member:**

Know your neighbors. Perhaps assist with mail and newspapers when not at home

Be mindful that a noise ordinance is legally 10 pm but be aware of noise at all times

Inform neighbors when planning events regarding parking concerns

Do not perform auto repairs on county streets and never dump auto fluids or other household waste down or near storm drains. It is not permitted.

Pick up trash you encounter around the neighborhood

Call the store number of an abandoned shopping cart and inform for pick up

Allow 15 ft. clearance from a fire hydrant when parking

Put property lights on timers and motion sensors (cameras have been especially helpful this year) and remember to reset when time changes November 2<sup>nd</sup>

# LATE BREAKING NEWS BULLETIN

## Special Presentation

### District Attorney's Crime Lab

**SUPERVISOR SUSAN PETERS,**

**Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, District 3**

Dear Friends,

If you are a fan of the popular CSI television series, mark your calendar to attend my Community Coffee Meeting in Fair Oaks on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 am for a special presentation about the District Attorney's Crime Lab and how that research is used for prosecutions.

We will meet in the Fair Oaks Water District's conference room, 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd. near Winding Way. The guest speakers will be Supervising Deputy District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert and Crime Lab Director Jill Spriggs.

I'll provide a brief update on County activities before turning the program over to our guest speakers for an inside look at solving forensic mysteries and prosecuting those responsible for the crime.

I look forward to seeing you the morning of October 16th -- and don't forget to wear your Sherlock Holmes hat!

SUSAN PETERS  
Supervisor, Third District

#### 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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