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February isn't just known as the month of love, but also the month where we emphasize kindness. February 17th is Random Act of Kindness Day!

On this day, individuals are encouraged to perform simple, unexpected acts of kindness to brighten someone's day and create a ripple effect of positivity! It also serves as a reminder of the power of kindness and why we should aim to embody it every day. So, in the spirit of strengthening community ties and becoming a conduit for compassion and positivity, NCG challenges its members to

perform one random act of kindness on the 17th.

We'd love to hear all the ways you randomly brightened someone's day! It could be buying someone's coffee for them, or letting someone go ahead of you in line at Raley's. It could be leaving a thank you note at one of the neighborhood's little libraries, or having your child make a card for a neighbor. The act may seem small to you, but be incredibly powerful for the recipient and result in more acts of kindness spreading throughout our community.

#### **Bancroft Habitat Cleanup Update**



The Bancroft Habitat Garden is a fantastic community space for everyone to enjoy. However, like many other areas, it needs maintenance following the wet fall and winter months. The Bancroft Habitat Garden team is diligently preparing for spring and is seeking volunteers from the Bancroft and College-Glen communities to lend a hand! Stay connected with them on Facebook for the latest news and updates on the official gardening cleanup day! No prior gardening experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to get your hands a little dirty!

#### Girl Scout Cookie Season is back!

Soon you will see Girl Scout stands pop up all around our neighborhood. These young entrepreneurs and learning all kinds of lessons about money management, sales, and creative marketing. Be sure to support them by purchasing your favorite stories and the impact these cookies and maybe even trying a sales have on their troop new flavor! It's a sweet way to contribute to their growth and development while enjoying some delicious

Keep an eye out for their booths at local grocery stores, or perhaps you'll encounter them during your stroll in the neighborhood. Don't forget to ask them about their goals and projects—they love sharing their activities and community service initiatives. Let's rally together to encourage and empower these future leaders!



#### Get Ready for the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale



The annual College-Glen neighborhood yard sale is hosted by Nicole Donlevy, local Realtor and one of our neighbors! This year the event will be held on **Saturday May 3rd**. So mark your calendars and start gathering all those treasures you'd like to sell during this exciting community event.

Whether you're looking to declutter or are on the hunt for unique finds, this is a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and enjoy a day of bargain hunting. Stay tuned for more details on how to add your home to be shared on a map.

As always, this event is open to everyone in the College-Glen community, and we encourage you to spread the word to make it a grand success.

#### FEBRUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS

2/1-2/28

**Black History Month** 

2/22

CG Gators Polar Plunge

2/19

NCG Community Board Meeting

Events may be submitted for inclusion in this newsletter at

board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org.
Please submit your event by the 26th of the
month for the next edition.



# A note from Councilmember Guerra

From the Office of Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a great start! As we begin 2025, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past few months and share some exciting updates from my office.

In December, I was re-sworn in as your City Councilmember, and I'm honored to continue serving you and working towards the betterment of our community. It was also a privilege to attend so many festive holiday events and parties hosted by neighbors. It was a great reminder of the strength and spirit of our community. I'm also excited to share that in January, I was appointed Mayor Pro Tem for

the 2025 City Council year by Mayor Kevin McCarty.

Looking ahead, my office has already started planning for this year's food truck events, which I know have become a favorite among our residents. We're working hard to make this year's events even better, and I can't wait to share more details with you soon!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. I am committed to working with all of you to make our community an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

Sincerely, your neighbor and representative,

Eric Guerra

#### Egg Hunt at Oki Park Preparations Under way

Join NCG's 3rd Annual Egg Hunt at Oki Park and give back to your community! We're excited to prepare for this year's Egg Hunt at Oki Park, and we'd love your support!

This year's event will be held at **Oki Park on Saturday, April 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Last year, we had approximately 700 attendees and we're hoping for a similar turnout this year, rain or shine!

To make this year's Egg Hunt even more special, we're looking for volunteers, sponsors and supporters to participate.

For more details on sponsoring or volunteering at this event, please scan the QR codes:





## **Campus Updates**



Since returning to school in January, we've organized several enjoyable community events! Our 2025 Cultural Fair was a resounding success, featuring family booths and delicious lumpia from the local College-Glen vendor, "Joy of Lumpia."

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the installation of new portable classrooms has commenced! We aim to complete this project within the first few weeks of February, providing enhanced facilities for both students and the CMP community.

If you are interested in applying to the California Montessori Project (CMP), we are still accepting lottery applications for the 2025-26 school year. CMP welcomes new students in grades TK-8 through a public, random lottery draw.

For more information about enrollment, please visit our website at cacmp.org.



#### Miwok Middle School

We've got some exciting events lined up this February, so mark your calendars!

Parent Meeting for Incoming 7th Grade Families (February 13): Families with future 7th graders are invited to learn about advanced course options and math pathways. Join the virtual Teams meeting from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. For more details, visit our website: miwok.scusd.edu.

Valentine's Dance and Spirit Day (February 14): Students, celebrate Valentine's Day by wearing pink or red to school! After school, join us for the Valentine's Dance from 2:35 PM to 4:35 PM. Don't miss this chance to show your school spirit and dance the afternoon away!

Air Rock Show (February 27): One of the most anticipated events of the year! Come watch our talented students perform to their favorite songs in an unforgettable show from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

## CG Gators Swim Team Seeks Coaches



Hey! Its Cash, your Youth Board Rep.

CG Gators are already underway preparing for this year's swim season. They are currently

taking applications for Swimmer Coaches. Swimmer Coaches are on the swim team themselves and also help coach the younger swimmers. I wanted to share the information about how to become a Swimmer Coach in case you or some you know might be interested. To apply, you must be fourteen by April 1st and had to have swam on the team last season.

It is a paid position and they are looking for good role models for all swimmers. Here is a link for the application:



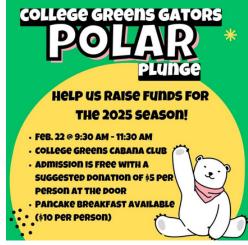
After you submit your application, email your resume to Jami Richmond-Moore at:

vp@cggators.org

Applications and resumes are due by **February 26, 2025.** 

### Inaugural Polar Plunge

Get ready to make a splash with the College Gators Swim Team. This chilly fundraiser will help them raise funds for the 2025 season. Help us spread the word by sharing with your family and friends.





## NCG Annual Sponsors & Partners





































Learn more about opportunities to become a sponsor or partner by emailing us at board@neighborsofcollegelgen.org.

#### **About Neighbors of College-Glen (NCG)**

NCG was formed in March of 2023, with the vision of being instrumental in creating a welcoming and inclusive neighborhood through cultural and multi-generational engagement and outreach.

NCG's mission is to preserve and improve the College-Glen neighborhoods in concrete ways through community engagement. Specifically, NCG aims to build community pride, advocate on behalf of its members for services and needs, hold events that build

community, and ensure we cherish and protect our local parks.

Our Community Board Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 6pm in person and via Zoom.

NCG is a 501(c)3 and is committed to transparency in all of its endeavors. Each article in this newsletter is written and edited through NCG Board Member collaboration, unless otherwise noted. We hope you enjoy it!

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For more information about how to serve on the NCG Board, visit us online or send us an email at board@neighborsofcollegeglen.org.

#### **REMINDER**

The next NCG Community Board Meeting is February 19, 2025 at 6pm, in person and via zoom. Please note the location change on our agenda

Visit us online for our agenda and meeting details.