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## NCG Annual Meeting: Celebrating Second Anniversary

As we near our second anniversary as an official nonprofit, the significant milestone prompts us to reflect on the extraordinary journey of growth and achievement that NCG has undergone. In the last two years, we've welcomed an impressive 268 new members into our community, each adding their distinct talents and viewpoints to our shared mission.

Our events have witnessed remarkable participation, with around 700 attendees enjoying our Oki Park Egg Hunt last year, alongside equally impressive turnouts for our Bark in the Park, 4th of July celebration, Halloween festivities, and Holiday Book and Craft Fair.

As we look back on our accomplishments, we are thrilled to announce our Annual Meeting, scheduled for **March 19th at 6 pm** at Peet's Coffee inside Raley's. This event will serve as a chance for our community to unite, celebrate our achievements, and outline our vision for the future.

In the coming year, let's continue to harness this momentum by strengthening our relationships and aiming for even greater success. Our journey is just beginning and together we can achieve new milestones and create a lasting impact in our community. Here's to many more years of growth, prosperity, and unity at NCG!

## Mayor McCarty's Learning Tour hits College-Glen

Our community thrives when we understand and prioritize the needs of its residents. The Mayor wants to hear from us about our community's strengths, key issues, and opportunities for growth and improvement. Join us on **March 13 at 6 pm** at 3150 Wissemann Drive.

To Help Mayor McCarty understand our community better, we

are also conducting a survey. Whether your focus is improving public safety, enhancing green spaces, boosting local businesses, or fostering community events, your feedback is invaluable. We invite every resident to participate and voice their opinions, helping us build a neighborhood that everyone is proud to call home.

Visit [tinyurl.com/2025CGSurvey](https://tinyurl.com/2025CGSurvey) to share your input!



## Volunteers needed for the 2025 NCG Egg Hunt

Our planning for the 2025 Oki Park Egg Hunt is in full swing! The event will take place on **Saturday, April 19, from 3 pm to 5 pm**, and it requires plenty of assistance. We need your support to ensure this event is a success! Tasks range from setting out eggs to helping with the cleanup at the end.

This is an excellent opportunity for scouts, high school students, or any community member—whether participating in the event or not—to connect with others in our community. Explore the various volunteer opportunities and sign up using this QR today to help us make this event unforgettable!

We look forward to seeing you there and making this year's Egg Hunt the best one yet!

Volunteer







## Spring into a Less Cluttered Home

The annual College-Glen neighborhood yard sale, hosted by local realtor and proud NCG sponsor Nicole Donlevy, will take place on **Saturday, May 3 from 7 am to 1 pm**. Mark your calendars and gather items to sell at this community event.

Whether you're decluttering or looking for unique finds, it's a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and enjoy bargain hunting. If you're new to the neighborhood, this is a great way to get out and meet your neighbors and perhaps find that missing piece of home decor you've been looking for.

Details are being finalized, and a website will soon be available to add your home to a shared map. So, keep an eye on our social media pages and as always, this event is open to everyone in the College-Glen community. If you have any questions, reach out to any of your NCG board members.



## The 'Lock-In Effect': Why Homeowners Are Reluctant to Sell

By Doug Reynolds, Local Realtor & Proud NCG Sponsor

Where are all the houses for sale?? That has been the question for nearly 2 years now. The short answer is "the lock-in effect." In 2022 interest rates shot up and by the start of 2023 very few homes have come on the market in comparison to "normal" years like 2016-2019. Homeowners with 3% mortgages who normally would want to be moving due to various life circumstances (marriage, divorce, kids, job, etc.) are staying put because they don't want to give up that 3% mortgage and go to 7% on a house that would be better suited for their current lifestyle. For example, in 2018 we had 116 homes sell in College-

Glen and last year only 60 sold. Until interest rates come down a bit, we will continue to see fewer homes for sale as owners cling to their incredibly low mortgage rate, despite wanting or needing to move. However, fewer available homes provides great opportunity for sellers today. The buyers that are looking in College-Glen don't have much inventory to choose from, and this results in more competitive offers on the available, appealing houses that are priced right. I'm excited to see how the real estate year unfolds, including what happens with interest rates and the number of homes for sale in College-Glen.

## Sacramento Libraries Host Prom Drive & Giveaway

Is your old prom attire collecting dust in your closet? Donate your formal attire to the Sacramento Library's annual Prom Drive.

Sacramento teens will be able to select and take home formalwear to keep during giveaway events in the spring.

Prom can be pricey so let's make sure everyone has a chance to shine on the dance floor.

### How to donate:

Drop off your gently used dresses, suits, shoes, accessories, and other formalwear at any library location during the library hours of operation through March.

### What to donate:

- Gently used formal dresses, suits, shoes, accessories (i.e. bags, purses, jewelry, bowties, ties, etc.) and other attire.
- Various, extended, and plus sizes needed.
- Clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories should be free of holes, stains, rips, and tears.

### How to shop:

Teens ages 13 - 19 are invited to find the perfect outfit for prom through April 5.

Check out the programs website [www.saclibrary.org/prom](http://www.saclibrary.org/prom) for dates and library locations to shop!







In 2021, College Greens residents formed the Folsom Blvd Coalition (FBC) to improve the aesthetics and safety of the corridor between Howe and Watt Avenues. NCG is an active partner in the coalition, along with our local representatives from the city council, the state assembly and police department. Additional partners include the Power Inn Alliance and California State University Sacramento.

The FBC worked with city staff to put up the mural at Brothers Plumbing and install art wraps on several utility boxes along Folsom Blvd. A new website is in process with the help of Professor Carlino and his students from CSUS. They are also involved in a mural design for new fencing around the PG&E substation at Howe Ave and Power Inn Rd.

FBC meets the second Wednesday at 4 pm each month via Zoom. Find out more at their website: [sacramentoofbc.com](http://sacramentoofbc.com).



## Starbucks applies for renovation permits. Public comment sought.

The City of Sacramento Planning Division has received a new development application to renovate the Starbucks located at Folsom and Juilliard.

The exterior renovation includes expanding the drive thru lane and adding new curbs and landscape, as well as replacing the existing fence behind the building with a new one that extends to cover the utilities.

Interior changes include removing two restrooms and straightening out the engine to provide a larger back of the house and designated manager's desk area. There will be one customer facing restroom and all new seating, finishes and fixtures.

Please use the QR for additional details about this project and view plans.

The city seeks written comments by **March 28, 2025**. Comments should be directed via email or letter to:

Sierra Peterson  
Associate Planner  
City of Sacramento  
300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd  
Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811-0218  
Email:  
[speterson@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:speterson@cityofsacramento.org)  
Project file number: Z25-021.

Click on Attachments under "Record Info" tab to access attachments.



## Spotlight on NCG Business Sponsors



Sac Pack & Ship officially opened their doors on November 13th, and they're excited to be part of the Sacramento community! As locals, John and Jhemee started Sac Pack & Ship to meet the growing demand for reliable, convenient shipping and packaging services. They wanted to create a place where both residents and businesses could rely on personalized service and a one-stop shop for all their mailing and shipping needs.

Their goal is to make shipping as open, easy and stress-free as

possible while also contributing to the local economy and providing job opportunities. In addition to shipping, they offer a range of services like notary, mailbox rentals, printing, storage, passport photos, fingerprinting, and more. They take pride in being a trusted resource for the community and helping both individuals and businesses stay connected and run smoothly.

Check them out at 8399 Folsom Blvd Ste 1 in the Raley's Shopping Center!





## Bancroft Community Garden

By The Bancroft Community Garden Team: Mackenzie & Kristina

Hello, Bancroft Habitat Garden Friends! We have some exciting updates to share!

- We have applied for a \$300 plant scholarship and it is under review.
- The irrigation system has been identified and we are working with custodial staff to get a regular watering routine set. There are a few areas of hosing that are broken and in need of repair. If this is something you can volunteer to do, please reach out to us through Facebook!

- We are working on replacing the garden signage. The existing wooden sign had fallen apart and was (sadly) not able to be fixed. If you have any ideas on a replacement, we want to hear from you!
- We have secured a new garbage can just outside the gate.
- Volunteer cleanup day and details coming soon!

Follow us or send us a message on Facebook:  
[tinyurl.com/BancroftGarden](https://tinyurl.com/BancroftGarden)



## Smud asks the community not to put signs on poles.

Adapted from Smud Newsletter

Utility poles covered with signs for lost animals, yard sales and events create serious safety hazards for our utility workers. Nails, staples, tacks and screws used to post signs can cause serious injury to lineworkers who climb the utility poles every day. These items are especially hazardous when the poles are climbed at night or during bad weather to restore power. When the signs fall off or are removed, the fasteners that stay on the pole can cut or hurt lineworkers. Nails and staples can get in the way of climbing gear and can cause workers to slip or fall. Even the tiniest puncture in lineworkers' rubber gloves can expose them to severe shock from power lines.

Learn more about this and more at [smud.org/Safety](https://smud.org/Safety).

## Gators Swim Registration now open!

Get ready to make a splash! CG Gators are excited to announce that registration for the College Greens Swim Team is now open!

The College Greens Gators have existed for more than 50 years as an integral part of the College Greens Swim and Racquetball

Club. When you join or swim team you become part of the Gator family. Swimmers create friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Here's what you need to know about registration this year:

- Registration Opened: February 15th, 2025
- How to Register: Visit [CGGators.org](https://CGGators.org) to complete the online registration form. Early registration is encouraged to help plan for events and staffing.
- Registration Fee: \$225 per swimmer.
- Additional swimmers have a \$10 discount on registration.
- Non CGSRC Members have an additional \$150 per family facilities fee.

## MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

3/1-3/31	Sac Libraries Prom Dress Giveaway
3/13	Mayor Learning Tour in CG
3/19	NCG Community Board Meeting

Events may be submitted by the 26th of every month for inclusion at [board@neighborsofcollegegreen.org](mailto:board@neighborsofcollegegreen.org).



# Campus Updates



## California Montessori Project

Submitted by CMP Parent Volunteer Coordinator

CMP is preparing for an array of thrilling end-of-year events, including a children's musical for children aged 6-9, titled *The Claw*, produced by Beat by Beat Press. This enchanting story follows a group of toys residing in a claw machine at a pizza restaurant. They help a little cow plushie face her fears about the future and learn to navigate the world with confidence!

In addition, the school's annual jogathon is in the works. Are you a local business owner interested in supporting our school by becoming a sponsor? If so, please get in touch with us via email at [andiedoria@gmail.com](mailto:andiedoria@gmail.com)!

As we get ready to transition our after-school program into our new portable—freeing up our versatile multipurpose room—planning continues for ongoing school improvements. Our school has successfully secured a grant for building renovations and is collaborating with SCUSD to identify necessary upgrades for our aging campus. Renovation work is expected to commence next summer!



## Phoebe Hearst Elementary

Submitted by Phoebe PTO Reps

Phoebe has had a very successful start to the year. Together with David Lubin, and Miwok, we raised \$2,947.82 to send to SoCal for the recent wild fires recovery efforts.

Upcoming Events to note:

- Threadeco Boutique PTO Fundraiser March 20
- Science night is March 21
- Home Run Reader River Cats game, Saturday May 31 (historically Friday in previous years)

Girls on the Run is coming back to Phoebe for a Spring Season! We will have a team with practices on Mondays and Wednesdays after school, on campus, from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. Registration is open; spots are limited to 20 girls. Season starts March 3. Scholarships are available!

Any questions? Contact Paige at [paige.brokaw@gmail.com](mailto:paige.brokaw@gmail.com)



## Hubert Bancroft Elementary

Submitted by Bancroft PTO Reps

On Monday, March 10 the Bancroft PTO will once again be launching our biggest fundraiser of the year...The Beaverdash! Students will lace up on Friday, April 11 for this school-wide fun run that challenges students to complete as many laps in 30 minutes (20 for TK and Kinder) as their legs will allow. Be on the lookout for your favorite Bancroft Beaver's social media posts, emails and text messages requesting pledge donations toward their fundraising efforts!

Returning this year will also be the opportunity for the community to support our school by sponsoring this event! We have various sponsorship levels for individuals or businesses, please reach out for more info at [hubertbancroftpto@gmail.com](mailto:hubertbancroftpto@gmail.com).

Fundraisers such as the Beaverdash allow the PTO to help fund Field Trips, assemblies, PE and recess equipment as well as site improvements and more. We are looking forward to another successful Beaverdash with the help of our amazing community parents and sponsorship partners!



## District News & Updates

Adapted from SCUSD News

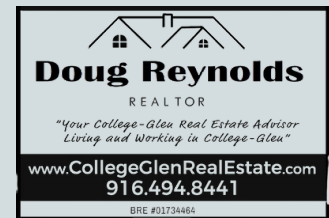
### Know Your Rights Informational Event Series

Our Board of Education has partnered with the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento to bring you a series of informational events intended to provide information about rights and responsibilities during an encounter with ICE, and how to be an ally. Learn about SCUSD's policies related to ICE response protocol, and state and federal laws, and have an opportunity to ask attorneys your questions.

- March 4 from 5:30-7pm at the Rosemont High gym
- March 11 from 5:30-7pm at the Elder Creek Elementary cafeteria
- March 18 from 5:30-7pm at the Luther Burbank High auditorium
- March 25 from 5:30-7pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. K-8 cafeteria
- April 1 from 5:30-7pm at the Ethel Phillips Elementary multipurpose room
- April 8 from 5:30-7pm at the CK McClatchy High auditorium



# NCG Annual Sponsors & Partners



**Learn more about opportunities to become a sponsor or partner by emailing us at [board@neighborsofcollegelgen.org](mailto:board@neighborsofcollegelgen.org).**

## About Neighbors of College-Glen

Neighbors of College-Glen (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 virtually by request.

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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### REMINDER

**The next NCG Community Board Meeting is March 19, 2025 at 6pm, in person and virtually by request. Visit us online for our agenda and meeting details.**

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