
McKINLEY EASTSAC

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Newsletter Winter 2008

President's message



Rian Troth

Happy New Years to all and a toast to 2008. First I would like to give a huge thanks to the MENA board, membership and countless volunteers who donated several hours of their time to make several of our recent events and ongoing activities a huge success. Like last year MENA was proud to be a sponsor of the American River Clean-up, to help preserve and protect the American River, where more than 4,800 bags of debris were removed this year collected by countless neighborhood volunteers. Also the MENA Home Tour was another huge success. Over 75 volunteers helped out in this annual event, from being ticket sellers, docents, writers, house captains, making deliveries and countless other roles.

It is really MENA's wonderful members that allows MENA to be an active and integral part of East Sacramento though it's contribution to diverse events and activities. In addition to the Clean-Up and Home Tour MENA participated and sponsored several events. MENA was involved in the Arts in River Park Festival, Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, Stop And Smell the Roses Day for seniors at McKinley Park, Playground Improvements, McKinley Library Book Fund, Theodore Judah sponsorship and the ongoing maintenance of the East Sacramento Welcome sign and much more.

It is my fervent hope that in 2008 MENA members will continue to take an active interest in our East Sacramento community by stepping forward to volunteer or go to the next level and serve on the MENA Board of Directors and Committees. As a Board Member each individual takes responsibility for an area of importance to our community. Committees currently active are the Parks and Playground, Neighborhood Safety and Impacts, Newsletter, Land-Use, and our newest committee, Schools.

I am greatly thankful for all the members who have volunteered their time and skills to make East Sacramento one of the best places to live and to really enjoy life.

As always, please send us your feedback, ideas, comments and concerns. We'd love to hear from you and here's looking forward to another great year.

MENA Board Nominations Due

The nominating period to serve on the 11-person board of directors for the McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association is now open and will close on February 14. Any member in good standing may make a nomination of another MENA member or themselves. To qualify, your 2008 membership dues must be paid by Valentine's Day, February 14.

All nominations must be received by the deadline at:: MENA, P.O. Box 160222, Sacramento, CA 95816; or email address: www.eastsac.org.

Nominees will be listed on the ballot scheduled for distribution in March to all members in good standing. The election will be by mail. All voted ballots must be received at the MENA P.O. Box and post-marked no later than Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, or the MENA's email to be counted.

MENA membership is available to any person who resides, is employed within or owns property or a business in the McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood bordered by Business 80 on the west, the Southern Pacific railroad embankment on the north and Highway 50 on the south. Membership costs \$15 for homeowners with seniors and renters at only \$10.

TIMELINE FOR 2008-2010 BOARD ELECTIONS:

- *Nomination Period open for Paid Members - February 1-25*
- *Ballots distributed and returned - March 1-15*
- *Ballots tabulated March 17 (Judah)*
- *Swearing in of New Board at MENA Board Meeting on April 2*

Donation to Theodore Judah Elementary School



The McKinley East Sac Neighborhood Association was delighted to be able to donate \$5,000 to the Theodore Judah Mobil Computer Lab.

This donation was the result of our annual Remodeled Home Tour which was held last fall. Theodore Judah School was the special beneficiary of the 2007 tour. MENA was especially pleased to meet the parents and teachers who served as docents at the tour.

In a ceremony held in December at the school, the donation check was presented to Robin Riley, principal and Louis Yanez, by Polly Sanders and Sabra Sanchez, Home Tour Chair and Steve Swindel, MENA Schools Committee Chair.

For updated neighborhood information visit the MENA website at: <http://www.eastsac.org/>

City to Begin Water Meter Retrofit in East Sacramento

Portions of East Sacramento will soon be humming with the sound of work crews. The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities is preparing to retrofit nearly 900 water services and attach a water meter to the service.

The City charter has historically exempted Sacramento from metering, but state law, A.B. 2572, now requires that all residential customers have water meters and be charged on a metered rate by 2025.

Residents between 49th and 60th Streets, H Street to Folsom Boulevard will have a water meter installed in the sidewalk in front of each home. If there is no sidewalk, meters will be located in the front yard, behind the curb at the point of service. Having water meters located in uniform positions allows City crews to efficiently read meters, while minimizing disruptions to residents.

The East Sacramento Water Meter Retrofit Project is just one part of the City's \$350 million water meter implementation program, which involves installation of over 110,000 water meters throughout the City. The East Sacramento Water Meter Retrofit Project will cost approximately \$1.9 million dollars and will begin in January.

This work will require temporary water service shut off and access to some resident's yards for a brief period. Residents will be notified one week and again 24 hours in advance of any work in their yard or water service shut off.

Residents who receive their meter as part of this project will continue to be billed on a flat rate until 2010 when state law requires that they be billed on a metered rate. Until 2010, customers with meters will be billed on a flat rate and provided a comparison bill.

Residents with questions regarding the East Sacramento Water Meter Retrofit Project can contact Chris Powell, Project Manager at 808-5454. For more information about the City's water meter implementation program, please log onto www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities.

Donors - Second Half 2007

A very special thank you to the following for their donations to MENA.

Claudia Bordin and Kurt Campbell
Gannon Construction
Cecily and Jim Hastings, Inside East
Sacramento
Kelly and Maurice Herbelin-Farrar
Lindsey Holloway
Penny and Terry Kastanis
Christine Lally
Kirsten and Matthew Okamoto
Linda and Charles Purcell
Judy Reichle and Louis Carro
Jeannie Sayre
Ted Smith Designs
SMUD
Blanche Wilson-Ross and Bill Ross
Dona and Denis Zilaff

The Cannery Project at C Street Business Park

The owners (AKT Development Corp.,) of the Cannery Business Park have applied to the City for a modification of the use permit to allow office use in an existing 86,280 square foot warehouse that is zoned M-1 (industrial). One of the current tenants, The State Controller's office, wants approximately 54,000 square feet of the new office space.

Due to the proposed change of use, the applicant has begun to conduct a traffic study in the area. The City indicated they would be conducting a traffic study the week after Thanksgiving. The study is to be completed by the week of Christmas and to be ready for public review the 2nd week in January.

The City's Department of Public Works typical traffic guidelines considers 2,000 - 4,000 vehicles a day an allowable and reasonable amount of road traffic for residential. The guidelines do not take into account the livability of the neighbors in regards to this kind of use.

Paying Your Utility Bill is as Easy as 1-2-Click

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities has launched its new online bill payment option, ExpressPay. The ExpressPay system can be accessed from the Department's webpage and allows customers to make a one-time payment with their Visa, Mastercard, debit card or bank account number.

ExpressPay is the first online bill payment service offered by the City of Sacramento. The Department of Utilities also accepts payments over the phone, in person at 1395 35th Avenue and via AutoPay which automatically deducts money from a checking or savings account to pay monthly utility bills. More information about options for paying a City of Sacramento utility bill can be found at www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities or by calling 808-5454.

The neighborhood associations (MENA, McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association, ESPTF, East Sacramento Preservation Task Force) are asking the city or the applicant to mitigate the traffic for the sections of East Sacramento that are already overburdened and will be impacted by this modification.

The applicant indicates there are approximately 800 people on site now and they expect with the new modification there will be approximately 250 more people. Additionally, the State Controller's office receives approximately 200 courier pick-ups and deliveries a day.

MENA hosted a meeting with City staff, AKT Development representatives and neighbors on January 16, 2008 at Theodore Judah Elementary School Auditorium. If you are concerned about this project, please contact MENA at (916) 452-4592 or e-mail: mena@eastsac.org

This project is currently going before the Planning Commission in the next few weeks.

Why should you renew your MENA membership?

What does MENA do?

We work on a wide variety of neighborhood issues, including traffic safety, crime prevention, parking, code enforcement and neighborhood beautification and upgrade projects, such as park work days and monthly reports to the city's Neighborhood Response Team.

Who are we?

We are your neighbors – homeowners and renters, young families, seniors, churches, and businesses. We are united by our love for the community and desire to protect and preserve the features that make East Sacramento such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Great Reasons to join MENA:

- To learn what's going on in your East Sacramento neighborhood
- To protect your investment
- To have a voice on issues that affect you and your family
- To make friends and meet your neighbors
 - To make a difference
 - To be part of a team
- Because it's a good deal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Fax number _____

Email address _____

Member Status - New Renewing

Membership Categories and Annual Dues:

Homeowner - \$15 Business - \$15 Senior - \$10 Renter - \$10 Student - \$10 Addl Donation _____

If you would like to take your membership a step further, please make a donation and send it to the address above. Your donation will purchase more books at the McKinley Library, help tend public gardens and parks and help promote a safer and more beautiful neighborhood for all of us in East Sacramento. Please indicate on your check that the funds are a donation.



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If you are interested in volunteering with MENA (park clean up, remodeled home tour, etc.) please check here