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# McKINLEY EASTSAC

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### Newsletter Winter 2012



## East Sac Watch

[www.eastsacwatch.com](http://www.eastsacwatch.com)

The McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association MENA operates a neighborhood web site which allows residents of East Sacramento to report crime, suspicious persons, crime alerts from other sources and more to our community. EastSacwatch.com lets residents anonymously file incident reports and contribute additional information to existing reports. In addition, the site permits you to receive automatic incident reports to your e-mail address if you sign up for this service at the site. EastSacWatch is monitored by MENA for appropriate content and comments and some incident report information is forwarded to the Sacramento Police Department if it could assist new or existing police enforcement.

Residents may sign up for this free service or visit the site by going to EastSacWatch.com



## Useful Numbers:

**Emergency: 911**

**Sacramento Police Dept. (non emergency):**  
(916) 264-5471

**Sac Police Dept Online Police Reports:**

[www.sacpd.org/reports/fileonline/](http://www.sacpd.org/reports/fileonline/)

**Sac Police Web Site**(Many services available)

[www.sacpd.org](http://www.sacpd.org)

**City Information:** 311 or

[311@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:311@cityofsacramento.org)

**Social Service Hotline:** 211

**Crime Alert:** (916) 443-HELP or

[www.crimealert.org](http://www.crimealert.org)

**Neighborhood Watch:** 566-6401 (Brochure and Info available at [www.sacpd.org](http://www.sacpd.org) website above)

**Narcotics Tipline:** 808-5796

**Neighborhood Nuisances/Noise/ Code**

**enforcement:** SacPD non emergency # or 311. (311@city of sacramento.org could be a faster response)

**Parking Complaints** (vehicles blocking drive, parked on sidewalk, no permit parking sticker or placard): 808-5323 or 311 or [311@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:311@cityofsacramento.org)

Parking over 72hrs or abandoned vehicles on street: Code enforcement 264-5011 or 311 or [311@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:311@cityofsacramento.org)

Note: City direct numbers are often available M-F 8-5pm. City direct numbers and 311 have no service on the 2nd and 4th Fridays if furloughs are in place. Use the 311 website for 24/7 response. Numbers and web addresses were last checked on 12/1/11.

**Do not rely on these numbers or web addresses in an emergency. Call 911.**

## Join MENA's Board!

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 March 12. Any member in good standing may make a nomination of another MENA member or themselves. To qualify, your 2012 membership dues must be paid by, March 12.

All nominations must be in writing and in receipt of the MENA P.O. Box 160222, Sacramento, CA 95816 or email address, [mena@eastsac.org](mailto:mena@eastsac.org), by the deadline.

If full election 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 a date TBD, 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 residents and businesses at only \$20.

## Clunie 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Plein Aire Exhibit & Sale a Success!

In October, MENA joined forces with Friends of the Library to hold a 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Clunie Community Center & Library. MENA hosted the Plein Air Art Exhibit and Sale which brought over 25 regional plein aire painters to the Clunie Center to paint local East Sac scenes. By noon the wet paintings were exhibited (along with other paintings done previously by the artists) and sold. Much of the proceeds went to help the Clunie Community Center stay open. We estimated that over 1000 people attended the event and MENA was proud to be a part of it.

As of this writing, the Clunie Center fund raising efforts has raised enough funds to stay open! Local businesses and private donations were the source of funding as well as a matching grant from Wells Fargo Bank. Friends of East Sac will manage the center and keep the "grand hall" rented as well as the other meeting rooms. The Clunie will become a rejuvenated hall where brides will be vying to have their weddings! The rental of the grand hall will be tied into the rental of the newly renovated McKinley Rose Garden. But maybe, best of all – we saved the library – so we can all continue to walk over to our library and use it for a reading room or to take books home to read.

### MENA Board Meetings

The MENA board meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Shepard Garden Arts Center next to McKinley Park. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like time on the agenda contact the board at [mena@eastsac.org](mailto:mena@eastsac.org). Issues ranging from retail development, neighborhood conflicts, local events and community fundraising are brought to the table each month.



## MENA Parks Committee

By Peggy Orr, MENA board member

The Parks Committee oversees the continued upkeep of the Welcome Garden at McKinley Park. I was very fortunate to work with a great group of volunteers that continue to donate their time and talent to keep the weeds under control, prune when needed and plant new foliage when needed to keep the Welcome Garden a lush and colorful addition to the park. Thank you again to Candy Holland, Jill Haw, Sharon Cooney, Colleen Story and Martin Palomar for making my job so easy! Their contribution is just another example of East Sacramento residents that care about their community and are willing to step up to keep the quality of life here so special.

Speaking of that, I have had the pleasure of serving on the MENA Board of Directors for the past 2 years. As my service with the Board comes to an end, I encourage others to consider becoming involved with MENA. I have learned a tremendous amount about the inner workings of the city of Sacramento, how it affects our neighborhoods and the need for citizens to become involved to maintain the quality of life in their neighborhood. I was born and raised in East Sacramento and feel very strongly that residents need to contribute in some manner in order to maintain the things we love about living here!

## Neighborhood Safety Committee

By Deana Dana III, MENA board member

I am pleased to report that we have had an increase in residents signing up for East Sac Watch e-mail notification and an increase in incident reports. The only bad news is that the increase in incident reports can mean more crime is occurring in our neighborhood. Please stay alert and utilize the East Sac Watch and Sacramento Police Department emergency and non-emergency numbers to report all crimes and suspicious behavior.

Attached below is a EastSacWatch flyer and neighborhood contact list. MENA is distributing this information in East Sacramento. Please use the information to sign up your household for the Watch and consider making your own copies of the information for neighbor distribution.

# Reasons Why You're a MENA Member

Now is the time to renew your MENA membership! Hopefully you're one of our many MENA faithful that will be dutifully renewing your membership soon. We thank you in advance for taking the time to do so. Please consider asking your neighbor or friend to do the same and join today!

Reasons to renew, or join for the first time? What does MENA do for *me*? Hopefully you already know the answer, but there are many great things that MENA does each and every year on behalf of the East Sacramento community. The small annual membership fee of \$15 goes a long ways for you! MENA is a neighborhood association truly committed to our neighborhood, and it's our mission each year to do the best we can for East Sacramento. From many hours spent reviewing land use issues and evaluating potential projects for how they affect East Sac, to providing generous donations to our local schools and community projects, to meeting with local government as an advocate for our streets and tackling local issues, to working hard on neighborhood safety and providing the popular *EastSacWatch* "watchdog" site,

MENA does a lot for *you* and for the community a whole. Please renew today – it only takes a moment. We can't do it without our members!

## McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association Board and Officers

Nancy Cornelius      Rian Troth  
**President**              **Treasurer**

John Home              Deane Dana  
**Vice President**      **Secretary**

**Board Members:** Claudia Bordin, Marty Katz, Janet Maira and Peggy Orr



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