

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Officially Opens Coloma Walkway

By Troy & Heidi Konarski, Ray Fox, and Craig Osborn

After three long years, several community meetings, and countless hours spent working on the project, the Sunrise/Coloma beautification project is finally complete! To mark this momentous accomplishment, the SNA hosted a ribbon cutting on the morning of November 6, 2004, to celebrate and usher in a new era of prosperity for our community.

On a picture-perfect Autumn morning, members of the SNA were joined by several local officials, neighbors and friends. The assemblage officially opened the Coloma Road and Sunrise Boulevard improvements with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, then took a celebratory stroll along the new and improved section of Coloma Road stretching from Truckee River to Trinity River. Those in attendance included



Real cut-ups (L-R) Troy Konarski, Don Nottoli, Jessica Ocenosak, Bob McGarvey, Linda Budge, Craig Osborn, Ray Fox, and Ken Cooley.

As the group made its way along Coloma admiring the new landscaping, Chief Landscape Architect Stephen Fellows pointed out the individual plant species to curious onlookers, from the Boston Ivy that adorns the walls to the yellow-blossomed Coreopsis that fills the beds to the many new trees just now displaying their beautiful fall foliage.

The inaugural stroll ended with a gathering in the Ralph's parking lot where donuts, coffee and hot chocolate awaited. Mayor Budge and Supervisor Nottoli addressed the audience, expressing their appreciation to everyone involved. The ceremony brought completion to a three-year project that was a collaborative effort with Sacramento County, the new City of Rancho Cordova, CORCAST, CORPAC, and RT with input from many residents of Sunriver and the SNA.

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Moments after the ceremonial ribbon cutting, people crowd the Coloma Walkway, admiring the new landscaping improvements.

Rancho Cordova Mayor Linda Budge, Mayor Pro Tempore (and Sunriver resident) Ken Cooley, Councilman Bob McGarvey, Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, and several County staffers, including Jane Smith, Jim Schubert, Henry Yasui and Stephen Fellows.

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Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.
at Sun River Church, Room G-25**

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From beginning to end, the project was a great example of County/City collaboration as well as public and private entities working together. The Measure A funded project is a major improvement for one of the main gateways to the City of Rancho Cordova, not to mention our Sunriver neighborhood.

Over the last few months, Sunriver residents have witnessed the remarkable transformation of the areas bordering our neighborhood. Gone is Coloma's deteriorating asphalt sidewalk, replaced by a safe, meandering, concrete walkway suitable for an enjoyable walk amidst new trees, flowers, shrubs, ivy and grass. Sunrise too has been revitalized with new plantings and an attractive bark mulch. Mayor Budge was pleased to announce that "a new RT bus shelter should be in place on Coloma by Christmas."

Besides the obvious beautification efforts, the project team also worked tirelessly to: improve safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians; create better protection against vandalism and other crimes; protect private property rights; preserve healthy existing trees and plants and remove

Already, the beautification efforts have had positive effects. A new local business, Encore, has sprung up across the street from the enhanced stretch of Coloma. It mirrors the carefully tended landscaping, further enhancing the area.

Thanks to everyone



During the ceremony, Mayor Budge and the SNA's Governmental Affairs Director, Troy Konarski, outline the big and small of it all.

diseased and dangerous ones; solicit and use input from residents; make much-needed improvements to the roadway; and make every effort to select native and drought-tolerant plants while providing moderate irrigation where necessary.

who helped make this project happen and to those who attended our ribbon-cutting ceremony. Thanks also to the pre-ceremony cleanup crew, including Jean Fox, Dr. Kevin Grant and Larry Ladd, and the setup crew of Jessica and Dave Ocenosak and Don and Margaret Wroth. Thanks

to Ralph's Supermarket and Just Signs for their contributions as well.

Now go take a stroll along this beautiful stretch and enjoy and appreciate this long-awaited enhancement of our neighborhood. ☀

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An Autumn Gardener's Guide

By Ray Fox, Communications Director

As the leaves fall from the trees like golden snowflakes, you might think your chores around the garden (aside from a whole lot of raking) are done for the year. But there's still plenty to do for your lawn and garden before winter arrives and puts the landscape to sleep.

Mining Gardener's Gold

Only days before, those leaves scattered across your lawn were putting on a dazzling display of fall color. Now they're nothing but a nuisance. But before you toss those leaves into the garbage bin, take a moment



to realize that you've got a pile of gold on your hands -- gardener's gold, also known as compost. Leaves are excellent raw material to make compost, the best nutrient-rich soil amendment you can offer your lawn and garden. Compost is free,

environmentally friendly, and easy to make. Sacramento County even offers free compost bins to help make it happen. Visit www.sacgreenteam.com/education/composting.htm for details. And while you're online, check out these other composting websites to get you started:

- www.compostguide.com
- www.howtocompost.org
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Will Perk for Food

Autumn is the best time to give your lawn its annual dose of a low-nitrogen fertilizer to promote healthy root growth during the winter months. It's also a good time to apply a broad leaf weed killer. And don't let

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those fallen leaves smother the grass. Rake them off the lawn regularly and put them in that new compost bin you just established!

Holey Lawns!

Fall is also the best time to aerate your lawn. Aeration is the process of punching small holes into your soil so that water, nutrients and oxygen have an easier time reaching your lawn's roots. You can rent an aerator at Home Depot for \$45 for four hours. Get together with a neighbor and split the rental cost, and you can admire each other's lush green lawn next spring.

Way Cool Season Crops

Just because summer's over doesn't mean you have to stop gardening. In the flower garden, there are still plenty of choices available, like pansies, primrose, snapdragons, sweet peas, ornamental kale and Iceland poppies. There are many cool season vegetables you can grow right through the winter as well. Autumn is the perfect time to plant garlic for an early summer harvest. You can also grow lettuce, onions, peas, radishes and spinach. At this point in the growing season, look for transplants at your local nursery.

Ya see, there's still plenty to keep the avid gardener busy during the off season. So roll up your sleeves and get busy in the garden. A little work now will pay big dividends next spring. ☺

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A Host of Holiday Happenings In Store for Sunriver

By Ray Fox, Communications Director

It's hard to believe, but it's the holiday season once again! And though it might be difficult to top all the yuletide festivities the SNA put on last year, we're sure gonna try! The SNA's Social Events Director, Jessica Ocenosak, has been as busy as one of Santa's elves, coming up with a long list of special holiday events.

Do you see what I see?

This time last year, many folks were marveling at just how beautiful the Sunriver neighborhood looked with an unprecedented number of homeowners exhibiting spectacular lighting displays. The SNA hopes to, once again, inspire the creative geniuses among us by sponsoring the second annual Sunriver Holiday Lighting Contest, which runs from December 6 through December 20. Once you've finished your visual masterpiece, stop by the Sunriver Online website at www.sunriveronline.org and register. Photos of each entry will be featured on the website and your neighbors will vote for their favorite. The winners will find some extra cool prizes in their stockings this year. Remember, you must be a registered SNA member to enter and/or vote. If you're not already a member, sign up today at www.sunriveronline.org/join.html. It's not only easy, but free!



You better watch out, you better not cry...

Jolly ol' St. Nick had such a grand time with the neighborhood kids last year that he's comin' round again. Listen for the sirens Saturday, December 11, as firefighters from Sacramento Metro Fire District Station 65 whisk Santa Claus through the streets of Sunriver and escort him to Sunriver Park. (The reindeer are in training, you see.) Bring the kiddies for some hot chocolate, cookies, and a chance to sit on Santa's lap and whisper what they really want this year. Come visit Santa in Sunriver Park on Saturday, December 11 from 1 to 3 pm.

Sing, choirs of angels...

It's just not the holiday season without standing out in the chilly night air and faking your way through a few holiday carols. Last year, a sizeable crowd of Sunrivarians gathered for a musical stroll around the neighborhood. Ok, a few of us couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, but there were some surprisingly good voices among us. Join us for a festive evening of caroling, Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm in Sunriver Park. Seize the season and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit!

If you'd like to help out this year, drop Jessica Ocenosak an e-mail at jocenosak@sunriveronline.org.

Neighborhood Workshop Slated for Next SNA Meeting

By Craig Osborn, Neighborhood Enhancement Director

After a year full of successful Sunriver ventures, it's time for the SNA to look ahead toward 2005 and formulate an action plan. We'll be holding a neighborhood workshop, asking residents what changes they'd like to see in Sunriver in the coming year. What would make our neighborhood an even better place to live? Have an idea of what you'd like to see go into the vacant lot next to Ralph's? What about a swing set in the park? Better street paving or other improvements to the neighborhood's appearance? Nightly volunteer neighbor patrols in Sunriver Park? More interaction with City and County government and law enforce-

ment? A new feature added to the Sunriver Online website? The next Sunriver Neighborhood Association Meeting is Tuesday, November 30, and we'd like to hear just what matters most to you.

Also on the agenda, Gina Trassare, the Sacramento County Sheriff Department's Crime Prevention Specialist, will be making a presentation on Holiday Safety Tips. Mark it on your calendar and join us, Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Room G25 in Sun River Church, corner of Trinity and Sunrise. And bring your ideas and suggestions for Sunriver's future. ☺