

## **Sunriver Landscaping Improvements Under Way**

*By Craig Osborn, Neighborhood Enhancement Director*

Great news! Orange cones went up along Coloma Road in early June and ground has been broken on our landscaping project. The work of contractor Watkin & Bortolussi of San Rafael is overseen by Sacramento County with the scope approved jointly by the County and the City of Rancho Cordova. On your way to work or school, check out their progress. A staging area has been established in the vacant lot

by Ralph's. Workers have begun removing trees along Coloma designated as unsafe and/or diseased. About a year ago, an arborist study was conducted to identify the trees in need of removal and was submitted for public comment and City and County approval. Public comment resulted in the preservation of an historic almond tree growing along Coloma Road.

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Photo by Craig Osborn

**A collection of cones heralds the start of landscaping improvements to the Sunrise/Trinity River median, expected to be completed in September.**

## **Rancho's First General Plan is on the Fast Track**

*By Troy Konarski, Governmental Affairs Director*

One of the major advantages of Rancho Cordova becoming a city was the idea of "local control," and the General Plan is the road map for development in our new City. The General Plan for Rancho Cordova will outline and specify where homes, shopping, industrial and entertainment can be placed within the City of Rancho Cordova. Your input is greatly needed in the process. The City has already held several meetings in the community; however, your voice can still be heard as the plan moves toward approval by the City Council. The City established

a General Plan Advisory Committee, or GPAC, to serve as an entity to establish priorities for the plan and assist the City staff in writing the final document. The GPAC is composed of the Planning Commission (seven members) and five members of the community at large to review and approve the General Plan and move a recommendation to the City Council for final adoption. For more information on the Rancho Cordova General Plan, please point your browser at <http://gp.cityofranhocordova.org>

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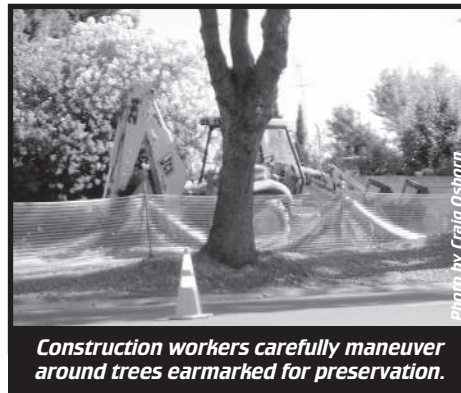
## **Improvements** (Continued from Page 1)

When driving through the work areas, be sure to s-l-o-w d-o-w-n. The crew deserves our respect, courtesy and cooperation as they work to improve our neighborhood. Expect lane closures intermittently.

The Sunrise area of the project also started in early June. Since Sunrise is a major thoroughfare, all traffic controls in that area have occurred only on weekends.

More recently, the third and final piece has begun: improvement of the three medians that serve as entryways to our neighborhood (at Truckee River and both

ends of Trinity River). At some point there will be brief traffic controls while they trench under



**Construction workers carefully maneuver around trees earmarked for preservation.**

the roadway for the drip irrigation system.

During the planning stages, six of the eight homeowners along the Sunrise portion of the project had agreed to permit the County to work on their property. After the project design

was completed and construction began, the last two property owners consented, allowing the County to do the improvements on their land.

With an estimated cost of \$725,000, the landscaping project is rather extensive and may take some time to complete. Current estimates target September for completion.


Thanks to Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova and the Sunriver neighbors who have provided substantial input to this undertaking. It's great to see the results finally starting to show. ☀

## **Rancho's First General Plan** (Continued from Page 1)

You can also help shape the overall look of Rancho Cordova, from the style of residential homes to business parks to open space. How, you may ask? By simply participating in the City of Rancho Cordova's Visual Preference Survey. Participants rate photos of various types of buildings and open spaces, rating them on a ten-point scale. Crazy about the Tudor style of architecture? Give it a +5 on the survey's

scale and you just may see more of it here in Rancho Cordova in the future. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will provide City planners valuable input on the appearance of our new City. Take a moment out of your busy schedule and help shape the look of Rancho Cordova for decades to come. Take the Visual Preference Survey by visiting: [gp.cityofranhocordova.org/html/survey\\_visual.html](http://gp.cityofranhocordova.org/html/survey_visual.html) ☀

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There are no fees or dues involved with the SNA and we'd like to keep it that way. But we could use a little help. If you've found SNA resources like the Sunriver Online website, the e-Group, the quarterly meetings, or the neighborhood cleanups to be of value to our community, consider making a donation. If you've enjoyed the neighborhood events like the Spring Fling, Christmas Caroling or the Nature Walks and would like to see more of them in the future, make a little contribution. Every dime counts. Visit the Sunriver Online website at [www.sunriveronline.org](http://www.sunriveronline.org) where you can easily make a donation online or send your contribution to:

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## City Gets Serious About Traffic

By Troy Konarski, Governmental Affairs Director

Rancho Cordova has started a pilot program to address traffic issues in the City. The project will begin by studying the area bound by Sunrise on the east, Coloma to the north, and Folsom Boulevard to the south. The project will address speeding cars, cut-thru traffic in neighborhoods and reducing the volume of cars in neighborhoods. The City has pulled together a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to address the issues and will bring the plan to the community for input. I know many Sunriver neighbors who've expressed concerns about speeding cars and traffic jams on Trinity River Drive. This process will give you an opportunity to express your concerns to the City Council as they try to solve this issue. The SNA will have updates on our website ([www.sunriveronline.org](http://www.sunriveronline.org)) as the plan is laid out by the consultants to the City. The current plan is to have speed lumps on Trinity River between Sunrise and Coloma Road.



If you have suggestions or concerns or would like to be involved, please drop me an e-mail at [tkonarski@sunriveronline.org](mailto:tkonarski@sunriveronline.org) or give me a call at (916) 852-8426 and I will gladly bring your concerns to the Citizen Advisory Committee. ☺

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- Diane Velten** - ReMax Gold Realtor (See Ad)
- Suzette Dizon** - ReMax Gold Realtor
- The Concord Equity Group** - Financial Planning
- Fox Works** - Graphic Art and Web Design (See Ad)
- Dr. Kevin E. Grant** - Pediatrician
- Jolly "B" Jumps** - Jump House Rentals
- Security Home Inspections** - Home Inspections
- Grisler Air Conditioning & Heating** - (See Ad)
- Taiko Sushi** - Neighborhood Sushi Restaurant
- Tastefully Simple** - Gourmet Foods
- Robbins Pet Care** - In-Home Pet Care & Pet Sitting
- Bentley's Sports** - Quality Sports Memorabilia
- California Interior** - Custom Cabinets & Furniture
- Joe Bob's Design** - Affordable Web Hosting
- Jancole Video Production** - Videography Services
- All Sports Development SAQ** - Performance Training
- Longaberger Baskets** - Baskets & Pottery Furnishings
- Fox Productions** - Music for Radio and Television

Complete info on all these businesses is online at [www.sunriveronline.org/business.html](http://www.sunriveronline.org/business.html). Have a business of your own you'd like to see listed? Then register with the SNA today and promote your business on the Sunriver Business Connection page! ☀

## Music in the Park

Join your Sunriver neighbors for a relaxing day of music and merriment in Sunriver Park. DJ Rosanna Rainz will provide the musical soundtrack for the day's festivities while the kids bounce to their heart's content in the Bounce House. Challenge your neighbors to a lighthearted game of volleyball. Sample the fabulous fare at the potluck table. Snag some cool prizes in the SNA raffle. Don't forget to bring a dish for the potluck along with lounge chairs or a blanket and come play! Jasper's will be providing free hot dogs. Jamba Juice will also have their tasty yet healthy drinks for sale. It all happens **Saturday, July 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



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