

RCPD and SNA Target Neighborhood Speeders

By Ray Fox



We've all had it happen -- you're driving through the streets of Sunriver at the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour when some clown in a hurry pulls up behind you, leaving a flea's whisker of space between you and them. Then they pull a Dukes of Hazard move and swerve around you at top speed, screaming through the neighborhood, only to wind up right in front of you at the next stoplight. Other times you'll see these clueless knuckleheads barreling down Klamath at twice the speed limit, apparently oblivious to stop signs. Not only is this incredibly irritating, it's also extremely dangerous, especially for our kids. But recently, modern communication methods have given Sunriver residents a method of fighting back.

The Rancho Cordova Police Department has been working with Sunriver residents to curb traffic violations on our fair streets. Sunriver Neighborhood Association (SNA) members have utilized the Sunriver e-Group to report incidents. For example, recently on the e-Group, reports from all over the neighborhood have sprung up about a reckless

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Promising Progress Protecting Parkway

By Craig Osborn

You may recall from the previous issue of the *Sunriver Sentinel* that Sacramento County has been advancing a proposal from American River Raft Rentals (ARRR) to move that rental shop from its current location just east of Sunrise Boulevard to a new location west of Sunrise, inside the American River Parkway, adjacent to our Sunriver neighborhood. The proposal called for the move to happen this spring and for ARRR to be fully operational by Memorial Day weekend 2007. The news of this plan was met with surprise and, in some cases, anger by many Sunriver residents.

At a packed Neighborhood Meeting set up by the Sunriver Neighborhood Association (SNA) last November, residents heard presentations from Sacramento County and ARRR's owner, Dave Hill. Many neighbors expressed their concerns about possible negative effects of the proposed raft rental

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Join us at the next Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, April 3

Crime Prevention Specialist Deb Coil will be our special guest speaker, addressing the issues of fraud and identity theft. Learn to effectively minimize your risk of becoming a victim of the fastest growing crime in America. Join us at Sun River Church, corner of Trinity River and Klamath, 7 to 9pm. Meeting location subject to change - please check the website for details.

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business on our neighborhood. This issue could affect all of Sunriver for many years to come – our enjoyment of the Parkway, our property values, traffic congestion on busy summer weekends, parking issues, possible vandalism, noise, graffiti, alcohol problems, and the feel of our community. Our voices were heard loud and clear, and as a result of this and other Sunriver meetings, the proposal has been sent back to the drawing board. Both the County and Mr. Hill have been exploring alternate sites to locate the parking lot instead of placing it directly behind Sunriver. Alternatives to other aspects of the proposal are also being considered. The latest development is the probability that the project will be delayed at least until next year while impact and feasibility issues are evaluated. While this is great news, we must remain vigilant.

I attended the January 30 meeting where the County Board of Supervisors met to send a draft of the Parkway Plan to the Environmental Impact Report phase. The outcome was that the County generally accepted the plan as drafted by the Citizens Advisory Council, with additional consideration of ideas submitted by the City of Rancho Cordova. Although this is not specific to Sunriver, it's good news in several ways: It shows the County Supervisors' willingness to (1) listen to new voices, (2) carefully weigh ideas and proposals that may be different from what has previously been proposed, and even adopt them, and (3) strongly take the side of preserving the Parkway in cases where a more "developed" use is on the table.

Call for volunteers

The SNA has formed a volunteer task force on

this ARRR/Parkway issue, with about 20 members working together. The group will continue to work with officials from the City, the County, ARRR, environmental groups and others. The task force will also provide updates to Sunriver through the *Sentinel*, the Sunriver Online website, and the Sunriver e-group. If this issue is important to you, and you're willing to spend some time with your neighbors to affect the outcome, now's your chance – you can inquire at the upcoming Neighborhood Meeting on April 3 or email cosborn@sunriveronline.org to express your interest. The spokesperson for ARRR has agreed to meet with our task force to share updates and details on their current proposed plans. By joining the other Sunriver residents who have formed this task force, you'll be the first to know as these

changing developments unfold. You'll also be directly shaping what happens in our Parkway, which will benefit everyone in Sunriver for years to come. ☀

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Cool Tool Review -- Neuton Lawn Mower

By Ray Fox

Ahh springtime. The sight of wildflowers in bloom, the sweet sound of songbirds, and the smell of freshly cut grass. Speaking of cut grass, you're not really gonna drag that ancient relic you call a lawn mower out of the garage and try and maintain your lawn with that thing again this season, are you? If mowing your lawn is a dreaded chore, then it might be time to look into a new mower, and perhaps a Neuton is just what the doctor, er, gardener ordered.

The Neuton is a cordless battery-powered lawn mower that makes cutting your grass a breeze. Its light weight and ease of handling make it the perfect mower for young and more mature groundskeepers alike. The simple fact that you'll never again have to deal with a trip to the gas station in the middle of mowing your lawn is reason enough to pick up one of these babies. No gas, no oil, no mess, and hey, no annual tune-ups! And forget about the frustrating ordeal of trying to pull-start a cold engine. Firing up the Neuton is as simple as flicking on a light switch.

Besides admiring your beautifully manicured lawn, your neighbors will also appreciate just how quiet the Neuton is, especially if you tend to be an early-morning mower. You could easily carry on a conversation while finessing your fescue.

What makes using the Neuton even easier is the optional mulching blade. Pop this puppy on and you

won't have to deal with dumping your lawn clippings every time you circumnavigate your back yard. What's more, the fine lawn clippings are an excellent lawn fertilizer. You're actually doing your lawn a service by being lazy! And despite what my father in law says, mulching your lawn clippings does not cause thatch. Nor is it unsightly, as these grass clippings are chopped into small particles. If you do prefer to use the bag, as I did during the fall when I had eight inches of leaves blanketing my lawn, it's an absolute cinch to remove and reattach.



One minor downside to the Neuton is that the swath of grass you'll cut in one pass is a bit smaller than most mowers, which means you'll spend a little more time trimmin' the turf. But with a small lawn, the difference is negligible. And I would only recommend the Neuton for those of us with smallish lawns. If you have a huge yard to maintain, you might want to look elsewhere. Another consideration is that at \$359, the Neuton is a bit pricier than other mowers. But with

gas topping \$3 a gallon, you just might make up the difference in no time.

Having used my Neuton for a full year now, I give it an enthusiastic thumbs up. What used to be a dreaded chore has been transformed into something I actually enjoy. Take advantage of their six-month risk-free trial and see if you don't agree. For more information on the Neuton mower, visit www.drpower.com and rediscover the joy of cutting your lawn. ☺

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driver in a black Mustang endangering our streets. Apparently, the woman behind the wheel is prone to fits of road rage as she speeds through Sunriver. Fed up, residents have reported the incidents on the Sunriver e-Group, where Deb Coil, Rancho's personable Crime Prevention Specialist, receives them and passes them on to the RCPD's Motor Division.

Response to complaints has been incredibly swift, with officers patrolling problem areas, locating reported offenders and issuing numerous tickets, not only to the targeted individuals, but to anyone violating traffic laws. "Please remember that there is 'zero tolerance' during an enforcement like this," says Coil. "Make sure you wear your seatbelt, your vehicle does not have any equipment violations, and that you obey all the traffic laws also!"



The tools and the means to penalize those that ignore the rules of the road are at hand. So keep in mind that the speed limit is 25 MPH throughout most of Sunriver (35 on Trinity River). For our kids' sake and the safety of the neighborhood as a whole, obey the speed limit, stop at every stop sign, and keep Sunriver safe! Otherwise you might find yourself on the wrong end of a traffic ticket. ☺

Goodbye to Price Less

By Jessica Ocenosak

For nearly 23 years, the Price Less Drugstore in our neighborhood shopping center has served Sunriver residents, but those days will soon be over. On March 30, Price Less will close its Rancho Cordova store forever. Its two sister stores, located in Carmichael and Roseville, will follow suit in the months to come.

Store Manager John Ramey has worked at the Rancho Price Less for the past two decades and is sad to see it close. Asked why the chain will be calling it quits, John cites the difficulty in getting merchandise from manufacturers like Proctor & Gamble who opt to deal with megacompanies like Walmart and Target. Essentially, they've been squeezed out of the market.

Prescriptions in Price Less' pharmacy will be transferred across the street to Rite Aid, as will Pharmacist Bill Walters. Merchandise will be transferred to the other stores, so don't expect any deep discounts.

Mr. Ramey alleviated fears of the store remaining vacant for months, as the Ralph's space did, saying that interested parties are already looking at the site. He also wishes a heartfelt thank you to the people of Sunriver for shopping at Price Less all these years. As I walked away glassy eyed, like most of you folks, I bid a sad farewell to one of my favorite stores. ☺

Sunriver Spring Fling '07

Come join your neighbors in a celebration of springtime! As is the tradition, we'll have over a hundred Easter eggs stashed away for the kids to find in Sunriver park and a bounce house from Astro Jumps! Take part in the potluck and bring your favorite tasty treat to share with your neighbors. Our pals at Jaspers will once again be providing the wieners. So hop on down to Sunriver park from **11 am 'til 1 pm Saturday, March 31 at Sunriver Park**. If you'd like more information or would like to help out with this event, email Jessica at jocenosak@sunriveronline.org. She could sure use your help! And while you're at it, tie a string around your finger so you don't forget your potluck dish. ☺

