

American River Parkway Update

By Craig Osborn and Ginger Enrico

As many Sunriver residents recall, a couple of years ago a big section of the natural Parkway behind Sunriver homes was suddenly mowed and staked, but no one in the neighborhood had been told why, or what was planned next. As a result of the concern, the Sunriver Neighborhood Association (SNA) asked for volunteers to join together and tackle some Parkway-related issues – finding out what was going on with the mowing/staking, and most importantly, protecting the Parkway for future decades via the new rules being developed for the updated American River Parkway Plan document which establishes all of the rules that govern the Parkway and its use. It was last updated 23 years ago, and there may not be another update for another 23 years or longer.

Eighteen Sunriver residents stepped forward to work on this process. This was in late 2006 and early 2007. All who stepped forward formed the Sunriver American River Parkway task force — no one was excluded. Also, as other interested Sunriver residents have stepped forward over time, they've been included on this task force. We welcome others who are interested in working with us on it.

The task force has been making progress since then, working to benefit all of our Sunriver neighbors by increasing the level of protection we will have in the future against construction or other activities in the parkway, where it runs behind our houses. And as promised, the task force has been reporting back to Sunriver throughout the process. You may recall the articles and editorials in the Autumn/Winter 2006 Sunriver Sentinel, Spring 2007 Sunriver Sentinel, various updates at Sunriver neighborhood meetings and social events, and several email updates. It's a long, multi-year process based on state law and other rules for public consensus. The most recent email updates from this group to the whole neighborhood were on April 22 and September 10, 2008.

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Goings and Comings at the SNA

By Jessica Ocenosak

Changes are upon us at the Sunriver Neighborhood Association (SNA) as we bid a huge Thank You and Farewell to our founders, Governmental Affairs Liaison, **Troy Konarski**, and Communications Director, **Ray Fox**.

Back in the Fall of 2000, the first neighborhood meeting was held in the Konarskis' living room and the quest began to build the SNA. Ray was first to step up. He created a logo, a website, formed the e-Group, and put together the first Sunriver Sentinel that hit the streets in the Spring of 2001. Thanks to their volunteer efforts, neighbors immediately responded by registering as members and the goal of reaching out to all of Sunriver had been achieved.

Meanwhile, Troy kept the SNA in touch with Rancho Cordova's government offices and helped to mold the neighborhood association over these past eight years. As a member of our city's Planning Commission, his connections with elected and appointed leaders has

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Join us at the next Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, November 18

Shawn Harrison, Executive Director of Soil Born Farms, will discuss this unique urban agriculture project. Many Sunriver residents have visited Soil Born Farms and given glowing reviews. Come learn what all the excitement's about!

Sun River Church, room GF1, 7:00 PM

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The process is nearly done. We've continued to be involved and working to protect Sunriver. We have met several times with County staff, elected officials, and appointed officials, and spoken at public hearings.

It's too early to declare victory – so we're not. But there have been some very positive developments. The County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the recommendations developed by their staff at the urging of Sunriver, including establishment of "procedures for local review and notification of Parkway facilities and physical changes that have the potential to affect neighboring uses....[This will] address both early notification and notification of final public hearings." (emphasis is ours.)

Among other things, this gives us early warning of any planned developments, and gives us a formal opportunity to raise a protest if we want to. The lack of these protections is what caused the surprises back in 2006. Many thanks to our County Supervisor Don Nottoli and the County staff who collaborated on this.

The locally-approved Plan Update document goes to the state legislature for final enactment as state law. This is expected to happen approximately January 2009. Details of the notification rules are expected by the end of February 2009. We'll let you know how it goes. ⚙

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proven very useful for helping residents solve problems.

Today we welcome our newest member, **Rob Towns**. Rob is a technical writer for Hewlett-Packard; he and his wife, Mary-Jo, live on Tiber River Drive. Rob will be our e-Group moderator and manage our website.

If the SNA is to continue to grow and prosper, it will need more participation from Sunriver residents who are willing to step forward and take an active role in shaping our future. Currently, we are looking for someone to take over our Sunriver Sentinel (see below). Being a part of the Steering Committee is a fun way to serve your community, make new friends, and shape the future of the neighborhood where YOU live.

If you'd like to join the team, email me: jocenosak@sunriveronline.org. We look forward to hearing from you. ⚙

Graphic designer needed

Do you have an eye for page design? The SNA is looking for a volunteer to handle layout and production of the Sunriver Sentinel.

If you're interested, please contact Rob Towns or Jessica Ocenosak.

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Keep up to date with important neighborhood issues; join the SNA today. Membership is free for everyone who lives or owns a home in Sunriver and the Trinity Woods Condos.

Your free membership gives you access to the Sunriver email list, and the members-only areas of the Sunriver Online website. Website features include neighborhood information, contractor reviews and more.

Join today at
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Sunriver Holiday Events

Santa's Visit

Saturday, December 6th, 11am-1pm at Sunriver Park

Listen as our local Fire Station escorts Santa through Sunriver for a visit with excited boys and girls. SNA will serve hot chocolate, punch and cookies.

Neighborhood Caroling

Tuesday, December 16th, 7pm, Sunriver Park

Have some hot chocolate and cookies and join neighbors for our cherished holiday tradition of beautiful singing in the park and neighborhood.

