

Keep In Touch... With the Sunriver e-Group

by Rob Towns

Did you know that you can keep in touch with our neighborhood by email, with the Sunriver e-Group? This thriving online community has more than 330 members, and we discuss a wide range of neighborhood issues. Here's a small sample of some recent topics: what's going on with the American River Parkway; getting rid of graffiti; reports of crime and mischief in the neighborhood; helping lost dogs find their way home; which local businesses to support or avoid; and Sunriver community events, such as the recent neighborhood yard sale. As you can see, it's a great way to keep your finger on the pulse of the neighborhood.

To sign up, go to <http://sunriveronline.org/>, click the "Join Sunriver!" button in the upper left corner, and fill out the brief form. There are two subscription options: **Standard** (individual emails) and **Daily Digest** (all messages combined in one daily email). Choose the one that's best for you. Here's how they compare:

Features	Standard	Daily Digest
Message Format:	An email forwarded to you for each message that is posted to the group.	A daily summary of all messages from the past 24 hours grouped by subject.
Biggest Advantage(s):	Immediacy: find out about things as they happen, email by email.	Receive only one email daily, grouped by subject makes for easy reading.
Biggest Disadvantage(s):	Some days you get a lot of emails from the group depending on the number of postings.	You might not find out about things until the next day.

E-Group Posting Guidelines:

The purpose of the e-Group is to discuss issues that pertain directly to our Sunriver neighborhood. We are committed to making the e-Group a useful and welcoming place for all Sunriver residents and property owners. To that end, here are some simple guidelines for posting messages to the group:

- **Keep it on topic:** The purpose of the group is to discuss Sunriver and Rancho Cordova issues – not "liberal vs. conservative" politics, religion, or other divisive subjects.
- **Keep it original:** Please do not forward jokes, urban legends, etc. to the group. We get plenty of those already...
- **Keep it brief:** Concise messages are easier to follow.
- **Keep it polite:** We are neighbors, and we should treat each other as such. We don't always have to agree, but we should make every effort to be civil when we have a difference of opinion.
- **Keep it coming:** A lively discussion makes for an interesting and active group.

You can quietly sit and read the e-Group messages and keep up with what's happening, or join the conversation anytime you want. If you have any questions about the e-Group or website, email me at rtowns@sunriveronline.org.

MEETING! COME, JOIN IN!

Sunriver Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, August 18th at 7PM
Sun River Church • Room 6F1

Special Guest Speakers include:

- **Kerry Simpson, Rancho Cordova City Neighborhood Services Manager:** will speak on behalf of her department and V.I.N.S. (Volunteers in Neighborhood Services).
- **Shelly Hodgkins, RCPD POP Officer:** will keep us in touch with what has been happening in our area.
- **Janet Baker, County Parks Director:** Status of the department's budget and funding from Measure A for the American River Parkway commuter corridor.

Volunteers in Neighborhood Services (V.I.N.S.)

by Deanne Sherman

The purpose of the Volunteers in Neighborhood Services (V.I.N.S.) program is to instill community pride through a series of volunteer activities in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova's Neighborhood Services Division, Kerry Simpson Manager.

Some of the activities in progress include Blight Busters – a monthly coordinated neighborhood sweep with Code Enforcement, Building & Safety, and Police; Spring Neighborhood Cleanup – Where City Staff and Volunteers work with a neighborhood on a beautification project, such as Sunriver's volunteer graffiti painting crew.

Sound Good? You bet! V.I.N.S. are seeking interested residents who would like to be a part of the SNI Team (Strong Neighborhoods Initiative) and volunteer for some of the programs and provide valuable insight of issues you'd like to see the city tackle. For more information on V.I.N.S., visit www.cityofranhocordova.org or call 851-8700 and ask for Curt. And don't forget; Kerry will be joining us at our Sunriver Neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, August 18th at 7pm, at the Sun River Church.

Mexican Fiesta
& Movie Night

Friday, July 31st

Dinner at 7PM, Movie at Dusk (9PM)

Join your Sunriver neighbors for delicious Mexican cuisine catered by Casa Ramos of Gold River. Then stay and enjoy the classic family movie:



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 (916) 631-9690 See Coupon-Pg. 2



E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

Movie provided by John Keefe

Sponsored in part by your Sunriver Neighborhood Association and Casa Ramos Mexican Restaurant. Donation suggestion of \$2 per person.

R.S.V.P. Requested by Wed. July 29th to:
 SNA Events Coordinator
 Jessica Ocenosak at 638-8110
 or e-mail: jocenosak@sunriveronline.org.

New City Transit - Rancho CordoVan

by Geoffrey Sakala - The Rancho Cordova Post*



The City of Rancho Cordova, in coordination with Sacramento Regional Transit, has created a new public transit option in the city limits. The Rancho CordoVan is designed to easily transport commuters from Cordova Town Center Light Rail Station into the heart of downtown Rancho Cordova.

There are twelve conveniently located stops running along Zinfandel Dr., White Rock Rd., Prospect Park Dr., Baroque Dr., and Quality Dr. in a large loop around the employment center of Rancho Cordova. Buses are scheduled to run every 15 minutes - close to the quarter hour.

The buses run Monday through Friday from 6 AM to 9:30 AM and again from 4PM to 7PM. The service does not operate on New Year's Day, ML King Jr. Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas day.

Fares for the Rancho CordoVan are affordable. The basic fare is 50 cents and senior/disabled and student fares are 25 cents. Riders may also use their Regional Transit transfer or daily/monthly pass.

All Rancho CordoVans are equipped with wheelchair lifts and drivers are trained to assist riders with disabilities. Special needs riders may call Paratransit service at (916) 557-4685 for those not able to make it to a regular bus stop.

* The Rancho Cordova Post is a community news source published online daily for and about the residents of Rancho Cordova. Visit them at: <http://www.ranhocordovapost.com>

Important Numbers to Keep on Hand

Air Quality Management Dist. 1-877-662-8765 (Dial before you burn)	Parkway Ranger - Dispatch 875-6672
Animal Services 851-8852	Police <i>Emergency:</i> 911 <i>or cell</i> 362-5111 <i>Non-Emergency RC:</i> 362-5115 <i>Traffic Hot Line:</i> 876-7558 <i>Neighborhood Code Enforcement</i> Kerry Simpson 851-8770 <i>Chief of Police:</i> Reuben Meeks 875-9600
AT&T 1-800-310-2355	Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce 273-5688
Building & Safety 851-8760	Sacramento Regional Transit 321-2877, TDD 483-4327
City Hall - Rancho Cordova 851-8700	Sewer (24 hr.) 875-5555, <i>After Hrs:</i> 875-5000
Cordova Recreation and Park District 362-1841	SMUD 1-888-742-7683
Fire <i>Emergency:</i> 911 <i>Non-Emergency:</i> 566-4000	Sunriver Neighborhood Assn. www.sunriveronline.org Jessica Ocenosak 638-8110
Folsom Cordova Unified School District 355-1100	Stormwater 875-7246, <i>After Hrs:</i> 875-5000
Garbage - Allied Waste 638-9000 (Dial before you pile)	Water: Golden State 1-800-999-4033
Gas: PG&E 1-800-743-5000	
Library - Rancho Cordova 264-2700	
Parking Enforcement 876-6642	

Veggie Chase 5K



Keeping kids healthy... that's the main focus of the Veggie Chase 5K and Kid's Runs taking place Sunday, October 11th in Hagan Park, Rancho Cordova.

This event engages kids in a fun & healthy eating and acts as a huge positive anchor for local kids and families to embrace healthy lifestyle choices.

- Free to Kids 12 & Under!
- Special low entry for teens & first-time adults!
- Tons of awards, prizes & awesome food!
- Kids chase the "Veggies" for fun & prizes!
- 5K, mile & shorter kid's runs!
- Cool course thru Soil Born Farm and the American River Parkway!
- Educational information on eating fresh fruits and vegetables!



Event Benefiting:
Soil Born Urban Agriculture & Education Project

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT



Would you like to nominate someone in the neighborhood who has an interesting story to share, a funny experience, unusual job/hobby, or intriguing escapade? What would your Sunriver neighbors find entertaining? Got someone in mind? Email your suggestion to: sentinel@sunriveronline.org. Yes, you can nominate yourself, we won't tell!

SNA Happenings... An Update of Sunriver Neighborhood Events

by Deanne Sherman

SNA Neighborhood Meeting Posts

from Tuesday, April 21st, 2009

Protecting our Parkway:

Ginger Enrico and Craig Osborn of our SNA Steering Committee gave updates on the American River Parkway Plan. As of Sentinels press date, the ARP-Plan has unanimously passed the full Assembly, and two committees in the Senate. Currently it is in the Senate Appropriations committee, even though no money is involved. It's a long process, but fortunately there does not seem to be any opposition in the legislature.

Sunriver Neighborhood Patrol:

Dave Mason updated the progress of the new Sunriver Neighborhood Patrol -- a volunteer effort working with Rancho Cordova Police Department (RCPD) to deter crime in our neighborhood. Since this meeting, signs are now in place at all the entrances to Sunriver, magnetic car signs have been purchased and neighbors are already volunteering their time for patrol; watch for them cruising the neighborhood streets and give them a thumbs up when you see them. Please support your neighborhood patrol. Send donations payable to Dave Mason at SNA, P.O. Box 1391, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. To volunteer or for more information please contact Dave Mason at mason28@sbcglobal.net.

Bicycling Matters:

Bruce Oulrey from Bicycle Advocates for Rancho Cordova-BARC and Mark Thomas, Senior Engineer for the City of Rancho Cordova shared information about the newly formed BARC and what the City is doing to develop the Rancho Cordova Bicycle Master Plan. The BARC group was recently

established to represent the interests of Rancho Cordova bicyclists and to work in conjunction with the City of Rancho Cordova to identify improvements most desired within the biking infrastructure in our area.

The neighborhood meeting gave Sunriver residents a chance to voice what they would like to see happen for improved cycling in Rancho Cordova including: • Removing barriers to accessing the Folsom South Canal. • Adding additional access and connectivity to regional trails. • Need safe crossings. • Complete Streets Program – Need to provide bike and pedestrian facilities as roadways are improved for access to American River Bike Trail: (a) Improve access at Sun River Park – provide consistent paving and signage. (b) Provide overhead lighting at west end of Ambassador Dr. • City needs to keep residents apprised of information regarding Hazel Avenue improvements. • Provide pedestrian crossings on all legs of intersections to avoid long delays for bikes and pedestrians. • Provide more pavement sensors for bicyclists to "trip" traffic signals.

Another workshop is planned for this fall. SNA residents interested in attending future BARC meetings or in participating on the advisory committee should contact Bruce Oulrey at boulrey@comcast.net or Mark Thomas at mthomas@cityofranhocordova.org. Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop.

Sunriver Neighborhood Events

Sunriver Annual Yard Sale:

It was a great turnout for our annual Sunriver Yard Sale Event. We started with 19 sellers, but an additional 25 estimated sellers participated, for around 44 total! Thank you to Jessica for donating helium balloons as they really

helped identify the yard sales for customers. Whether you sold or bought, hopefully everyone had a good experience and got out to meet some of your Sunriver neighbors.

Spring Fest Celebration:

Thank you to Cordova Recreation and Park District for our new playground and making it a special celebration at this annual event. We were honored to have many of our public officials spend time with our neighborhood.

There were plenty of delicious potluck dishes and a big thank you to Jasper's for the delicious hot dogs!

Our happy Sunriver children were busy playing on the playground, bouncing in the house, digging in the sandbox or catching a swing in the air. There were lots of smiling faces in the warm sunshine. Even our dog friends enjoyed their new water fountain! Finally the race for eggs topped off the day.

Enjoy photos of the event at: <http://sunriveronline.org/SpringFest09/index.html>

Graffiti Be Gone:

They gathered, they went forth, they conquered! The graffiti was history!

A group of participants volunteered their own time, which included: Sunriver residents; Kerry Simpson, City Neighborhood Services Manager; Shelly Hodgkins, our RCPD POP officer; plus other officers; and the V.I.N.S. (Volunteers in Neighborhood Services). All came out one very hot evening in July to eradicate the graffiti that had accumulated at the back fence of Sunriver, where it meets the Parkway along Sunrise Blvd. It's nice to see people willing to get their hands dirty when there is a need such as this one. Thank you to all volunteers!

The Sunriver Sentinel is a publication of the Sunriver Neighborhood Association (SNA)

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. You will have access to the Sunriver e-mail list and e-Group, and the members-only areas of the Sunriver Online website. Our website features include neighborhood information, contractor reviews and more.

Join today at www.sunriveronline.org

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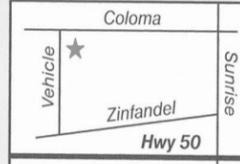
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Leadership Rancho Cordova

by Jessica Ocenosak

Local matters in Rancho Cordova are becoming increasingly complex. It takes those of us who live or work in our community to make it a better place for ALL of us. Leadership Rancho Cordova engages participants over a nine-month period with a balance of robust educational modules that encompass our city, county and state; a team building weekend retreat; and finally a project for graduates to 'give back' to our community. I'm proud to be a 2009 graduate and can highly recommend this fascinating program. Applications are available online at www.cityofranhocordova.org, click on the 'What's New' tab. Hurry! Deadline to apply is Friday, July 31, 2009.

Stuff to Remember

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