

# RIVER CITY COMMONS ASSOCIATION

[www.rivercitycommons.com](http://www.rivercitycommons.com)

The **Mission** of the River City Commons Association Board is to enhance the beauty, prosperity and safety of our Community. Our **Goal** is to bring about necessary improvements to our properties that will contribute to our mission. Our **Task** is to work with individual homeowners and residents in a manner that will result in the achievement of our goal.

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## Next Board Meeting

July 12, 2010 6 PM

South Natomas  
Community Center  
(2921 Truxel Rd)

Hope to see you there!

## Board of Directors

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

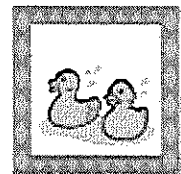
Check our website for community activities and neighborhood updates

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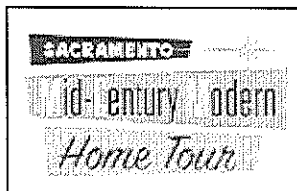
- \* Look for an article in an upcoming issue of Natomas Magazine on our very successful annual Party in the Park; Annual Meeting date, etc.



- \* Dexter has scheduled a Family Movie Night at the RCC Park, on Saturday, June 26th at 8:30 PM. Free family entertainment for Community Members and guest. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and your favorite treats and refreshments!



- \* The Association has recently authorized Geremia Pools to upgrade the equipment for the pools and spa. Please help in keeping the area clean and safe for everyone to use and enjoy. The Pool Monitor can be reached at 212-5723.



- \* The upcoming Modern Home Tour on June 26 — Discover what it's like to live, work and play in more than 15 quintessentially Californian residential and commercial structures built in Sacramento between 1945-1970.

- \* National Night Out is soon approaching.

The participation form your neighborhood/street needs to fill out to have an official National Night Out can be obtained from the web site. Return the attached form to: Kurt McCray at [kmccray@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:kmccray@pd.cityofsacramento.org).

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 is National Night Out.

I hope to see you out on the street with your neighbors on this night.

Capt. Hahn, Sac. P.D., North Command



Hello Community Members,

This information is provided so you can have a timely snapshot of significant events in our community. It is our intention to list suspect apprehensions and crimes of interest (i.e., robberies, assaults, burglaries, homicides), traffic enforcement efforts, and conditions caused by natural events (flooding, road closures, etc.) You may share

this information with your family, friends and neighbors. The crimes reported here are preliminary investigations, taken in the field by patrol officers, and may or may not be assigned to a Detective for further investigation. (174500) 6/12/10 @ 3:55 pm, Winterhaven/Northgate, Warrant Arrest, Northgate/Gardenland

POP Officers Perez and Gannon stopped a car at this location. They located a subject with several warrants. Marcus Patterson 10/26/85 was booked for his warrants.

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Traffic Enforcement

\* 6/11/10 - The traffic team worked the area of Truxel/W. El Camino. They wrote 30 citations, and towed 2 cars.

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Call in ALL suspicious Activity ALL the time!! If you know anyone that would like to be added to this email update group – send me their email address and they will be added.

If you observe a crime in progress call 9-1-1 (732-0100 from your cell phone). For non-emergency incidents, call (916) 264—5471. If you have information regarding some of the above crimes please call Crime Alert at 443-HELP or 1-800-AA-CRIME. (You can remain anonymous)

Captain Daniel Hahn

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Advanced Crime Prevention Specialist Kurt E. McCray, Sr. of the Sac P.D. will address the RCC community and provide vital information on how to prevent crime in our area. He will also explain "How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Program" on our streets.

## Staying Ahead of the Crime Curve

By Denise Jerome

Last month, I attended this lecture given by two police captains at the Neighborhood Summit 2010, sponsored by the City's Neighborhood Services Department. I would like to share this information with you.



They discussed the classifications used in the Uniform Crime Report (UCR), which is a standard format for crime data used by all states and sent to the FBI. The police report crimes by these classifications:

- CRIMINAL HOMICIDE including Murder and Non-negligent Homicide, and Manslaughter by Negligence
- FORCIBLE RAPE including Rape by Force, and Attempted Forcible Rape
- ROBBERY including Firearm, Knife or Cutting Instrument, Other Dangerous Weapon and Strong Arm (Hands, Feet, Etc.)
- ASSAULT including Firearm, Knife or Cutting Instrument, Other Dangerous Weapon, Strong Arm (Hands, Feet, Etc.), Other Assaults - Simple
- BURGLARY including Forcible Entry, Unlawful Entry - No Force, Attempted Forcible Entry
- LARCENY-THEFT (includes ID theft but not Vehicle Theft)

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT including Autos, Trucks and Buses, Other Vehicles

Sacramento crime is down in most of these classifications partly due to the highest patrol staff ever (about 274). Look for the most recently completed UCRs under *Crime Reports/Neighborhood-Specific Crime & Maps* on the sacpd.org website. Look for crimes in District 1 (RCCA is in District 1B). Note that the UCR does not include lesser crimes that are not reportable such as stolen recycling bins, plants yanked out of gardens or graffiti.

Both Captains emphasized the importance of citizens reporting suspicious activities even if they seem innocent. For example, strangers sitting in an unfamiliar parked car for several hours. The police might not be able to come out but want this information (date, time, license plate number, description of car and people).

Recent trends have been:

- theft of IPODS and cell phones at light rail and bus stops (Do not hand your IPOD to a stranger who asks to see it)
- purse snatches from behind the victim and from grocery carts
- financial scams and fraud via e-mail, cell phones and telephones (They are very sophisticated and very motivated to get your money).
- drive by shootings

shooting at officers

Traveling sales groups knocking on your door are probably casing out your neighborhood for prospective burglary sites later in the week. A young person from the sales group usually asks you to sponsor him or her for a sports camp to keep kids away from drugs. As the sales people go door-to-door, they keep track of which houses are likely to be empty at that time, have no guard dog, etc. Do not open the door to them but it is OK to let them know someone is home by making noise or telling them that you are not interested.

To learn how to start a neighborhood watch group in your neighborhood, check out <http://sacpd.org/getinvolved/watch/>

To find out what that helicopter overhead is about, check out

<http://www.sacpd.org/helicopter/>



## KEEP ME WILD!

**Wild Animals Don't Need Your Handouts.  
They Need Your Respect.**

From the website of the California Department of Fish and Game

You may not realize it—a simple bag of garbage, bowl of pet food, or plate of leftovers left outside your home or vacation site, can cause severe harm to wildlife.

Whether you live in a city or a rural part of California, wild animals are your neighbors. Most wild animals will not bother you. They naturally fear humans and keep their distance—so long as they remain fully wild.

But if wild animals have access to human food and garbage, they want more and more. They lose their natural fear of humans and can become aggressive.

If bears and other wild animals damage property or threaten human safety, they might be killed. Allowing wild animals access to human food is dead wrong.



### Feeding of Undomesticated Animals (Squirrels, Feral Cats, etc.)

A notice has purportedly been circulating in the Chief Court area from an anonymous sender condemning the feeding of squirrels in particular. The notice states that “some of your neighbors” have chosen to trap and “destroy” them.” The notice includes language warning “if you continue to feed them and allow them to proliferate and cause significant damage in River City Commons there is no choice but to continue to destroy them. It’s up to you.” While this sounds like a community “call to arms” the notice has nothing to do with River City Commons Association and has not been created or sanctioned by the River City Commons Association Board.

Regardless of what one believes in this matter, River City Commons residents are encouraged to respect each other, regardless of personal opinion on an issue of this type. We must respect one’s choice to trap and kill squirrels, as well as another’s choice to feed squirrels in their own back yards if that is what they choose. There is a balance to be struck. This subdivision is close to the river, and as such, many forms of nature – including squirrels, opossums, feral cats, raccoons, rats, wild turkeys and other species (mosquitoes!) abound. They will not simply “go someplace else”. Our landscaping and trees are now mature, loaded with fruits and nuts, so it matters little whether some neighbors put out food or not. The animals were here before we were and they will be here after we’re gone. In this time of global crises, it seems to me that we could all spare a little extra effort to get along right here at home.

Regardless of anyone’s position on this issue, anonymous e-mails using the subdivision name to appear as part of a larger group in order to intimidate, is inappropriate behavior reminiscent of high school bullying and is not condoned by the Board OR many of the neighbors you purport to address.