



Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Luigi's Pizza Parlor (3800 Stockton Blvd)

Social Hour (6:30 – 7:00pm)

CHNA meetings begins with a Social Hour to give neighbors time to meet one another and connect over a slice of pizza.

Business (7:00 – 8:00pm)

Welcome/Introductions

- Over 10 neighbors present

Police, Library, Government Representatives Update

- Johnny Wong on behalf of [Councilmember Eric Guerra](#)
 - May is Bike Month
 - [Mayors' Monarch Pledge](#)
 - Still working through the process of signing the pledge
 - Tahoe Park's Food Trucks
 - Fourth Friday of the month April – October

SMUD Rate Proposal

- Last rate increase was done in 2024, impacting 2024 & 2025
- [Proposed rate changes impact 2026-2027](#)
 - Two rate increases: 3% effective January 1, 2026 & 3% January 1, 2027
 - Average residential customer impact: \$4.35 per month beginning January 1, 2026 & \$4.48 January 1, 2027
- Public Workshops
 - Thursday, May 13 at 10am (zoom & in-person)
- Public Hearing
 - Wednesday, June 4 at 6pm
- SMUD Board of Directors will vote on proposal June 19th at 6pm

21st Ave Median Pilot Project – Bill Shunk (City of Sacramento) & Isaac Gonzalez

- cityofsacramento.gov/buffalograss
- Median East end of 21st Avenue and 79th St

- Replaces existing grass with buffalo grass to evaluate its adaptability to Sacramento's seasons and its functionality as a community space
 - Buffalo grass is native to West America and is drought-resistant, requiring less water and maintenance
 - Will be using a proprietary strain of grass developed by UC Davis
- Drawbacks of the grass: clump grass (not quick & easy to install like seed or sod), expensive, doesn't do well in the shade (will put mulch under tree canopy), dormant in winter (looks dead)
- Project has 3 phases
 - Chain link fence will be installed, isolating for work and safety
 - Orange mesh will surround the trees to protect them during the project scope
 - Everything will be raised up
 - Add in the proper irrigation and grass
 - Grass needs to establish and grow
 - During this time, the fence will remain up to protect the grass during this phase (could take up to 14 weeks)
 - Normal use
 - The fence will come down for normal use
 - The intent is to have a hearty turf that can be walked on and hold up to heavy foot traffic
- Pilot project of one year to see how the grass does in each season with wear and tear

Mercy Housing Community Update

- May 4: early morning there was a shooting in the street (past the playground area, near the mailboxes)
 - Determined to be an isolated incident and was gang related
 - Security system has over 200 cameras and all footage was turned over to Sac PD
 - Residents have also come forth with their own information to share
 - It is an active investigation so there is not a police report at this time
 - Mercy Housing has a Zero Tolerance policy
 - Lease and House Rules state that each tenant is responsible for their guests
- Other neighbor concerns
 - Smoking
 - Campus was a non-smoking campus but that pushed residents into the Colonial Heights neighborhood. There are now 3 designated smoking areas (front, middle, and back of the property) with bolted down ashtrays.

- Colonial Heights neighbors are encouraged to contact Mercy Housing if there are any issues with the residents. Mercy Housing is trying to create community with CH and wants to be a partner of the neighborhood.

Committee Updates

- Finance/Treasury
 - April Starting Balance: \$4,968.58
 - No Income
 - Expenses: \$370 (February, March, April CHNA meetings)
 - April End Balance: \$4,598.58
- Communications
 - Meetings for June, July, and August will be held at the Park
 - August will be a neighborhood potluck
 - Looking to enhance and build our Leadership Committee
 - [Contact CHNA](#) if interesting in joining
- Garden Tour – no update
- Colonial Park – no update
- Bike Club (CHBC) – no update

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm