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Renewal Time!

It's time for you to renew your ESIA membership for 2013. As the oldest and largest neighborhood association in Sacramento, ESIA continues to help protect, maintain and improve the unique blend of residential and commercial features of East Sacramento. We depend on your dues to produce and mail this newsletter, and to keep you informed about issues impacting our neighborhood.

We invite you to visit our the new ESIA website at <http://eastsacimprovement.org/>. Ultimately we hope to enable those members who would prefer instant access to receive our newsletter electronically, and to pay their dues through the website using PayPal.

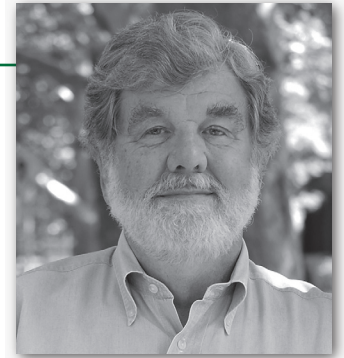
Please refer to the renewal form on the back panel.

President's Message: Paul Noble

Things have been a little quieter than usual since my last message. The only really controversial issue was how to respond to the changes proposed by City staff for waste disposal. Based on our survey, ESIA members were fairly evenly divided on Measure T, so the ESIA Board did not take a position. However, most members opposed a change from weekly to biweekly recyclables collection, so we went on record as opposing this. (As you know, Measure T passed, so that garden waste must now be containerized except during the three heaviest months of leaf fall.)

The Board recently voted to expand our e-mail communications with the membership. As before, we will never share our address list with any other organization, but we do intend to send periodic e-mails to the membership on such issues as general meeting announcements, community fund raising activities (e. g., for rebuilding the McKinley Park playground), and other hot topics of neighborhood interest. Please be assured that there will not be a flood of such e-mails; we anticipate no more than one per month. In order to make our communications more effective, **please** give us your current e-mail address when you renew your membership this spring. We currently have valid e-mail address for only about 60% of our membership.

Finally, let me invite you to attend our next general membership meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 20, at David Lubin School. As you can see from the program elsewhere in this newsletter, we have a great list of presenters, including City Manager John Shirey. Hope to see you there!



Update on IB Program at Kit Carson in East Sacramento

By Jeff Cuneo , Sacramento City School Board

I am proud to announce that our school district is creating a 7-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) program in East Sacramento. The new program will begin in the near future at Kit Carson. The school will slowly add a grade level each year to its current 7-8 configuration.

The IB program "aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through inter-cultural understanding and respect." IB programs are not solely for high achievers. They teach to all students and learning styles while setting a high bar for academic success.

Members of our community brought the IB program to the school board. They reached out and talked to neighbors who live in and around the school and would be affected by its decisions.

The Kit Carson IB Program presents a turning point for East Sacramento. It fills a glaring educational hole – the lack of a high school. A successful high school in the heart of our community will provide innumerable opportunities and positive developments for everyone. And, our children will finally be able to graduate from a community high school ready for the challenges of college and life.

Please clip off the form below and mail it with your check for \$15 to East Sacramento Improvement Association, P.O. Box 19147, Sacramento, CA 95819. Please respond no later than March 31, 2013.

Dues Renewal Form

Name: _____ Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____ E-mail* _____

I would be interested in receiving the newsletter electronically Yes No

*If you check "yes", please be sure that we have your e-mail address.

Amount of additional voluntary contribution: _____

Comments and/or special interests: _____

East Sacramento Improvement Association General Membership Meeting David Lubin School • Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks by Paul Noble, President of the ESIA Board.
2. Rebuild McKinley update. Sue Brown, from Council Member Cohn's office will present an update on the efforts to rebuild the McKinley Park playground.
3. Clunie Clubhouse update. Cecily Hastings and Lisa Schmidt from Friends of East Sacramento will update progress on restoring the Clunie Clubhouse.
4. Public safety issues. Bill Champion, the new Captain of the Sacramento PD for our area, will introduce himself and answer your questions.
5. The State of the City budget. Time certain 8:00. City Manager John Shirey will talk about the status of the budget and city parks funding in the wake of the successful tax initiative
6. District 3 update. Councilmember Steve Cohn will present an overview of recent events in Council District 3.

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