



## **Sacramento Police Department Update and Q&A**

- Representing Sacramento Police Department:  
Capt. Hahn, Officer Ethan Hanson, Officer Lopez
- Natomas has greatest reduction of crime in recent months throughout city
- Several prolific burglars arrested recently, many of whom are suspected of being associated with multiple burglaries
- Capt. Hahn emphasized importance of the first annual Cops & Community Celebration event on October 11
- Robberies at gunpoint in the area within last month or so, two nights in a row, were handled by Officer Hanson. Items taken were cell phone and small amounts of money. Suspects were juveniles. In both cases, the juveniles were out riding bikes or on skateboards and in both cases the parents did not know the kids with whom their children were hanging out. Officer Hanson urges parents to get to know their kids' friends.
- Yesterday Officer Hanson was on a "tactical car" assignment, focused on serving warrants at apartment complexes. Most of the people with \$300+ warrants (more serious ones, such as domestic violence) have apparently moved out of the area, and a lot of them were arrested.
- Two months ago, officer Hanson handled a robbery at gun point case near Med 7 (East Commerce Way) – a Black Honda Prelude was implicated. They found lots of Honda Preludes in area, including some from from e-mail leads. No further crimes are known to be associated with that car before or since.
- Budget Update: This year the police department had to endure an 8% \$3.6 million cut. 20 part-time records clerks have been furloughed. Front counter (career full-time) records clerks are being transferred to headquarters. Overtime has been cut drastically – officers are only allowed to stay past their cut-off time if they have a felony arrest. 100 officer and 80 civilian vacancies are expected by end of fiscal year. *Another* \$12 million cut is expected next year.
- Q: Any talk of revenue increases (tax hikes)?  
A: A citywide sales tax increase for gang programs was voted down in city council a few weeks ago. A public safety sales tax increase or property tax assessment was considered by the city – consultants were hired to determine the feasibility of such a measure on the ballot. It was determined the measure would fail if placed on the ballot, so no action was taken to move forward with the initiative. The police officer and firefighter unions, which would fund such a campaign, declined to support an expensive and unwinnable initiative.



- Q: How do I set up a Neighborhood Watch on Jarvis Circle?  
A: Contact Kurt McCray, Community Service Officer and crime prevention specialist for the Natomas basin. We hope to get an “economy of scale” going so that multiple Neighborhood Watch groups can be cultivated within WRCA. We envision a kickoff orientation led by Officer McCray with multiple blocks/areas invited to attend, followed by smaller-scale personalized meetings to assist with next phases.
- Q: What’s the Police & Community Service Center all about?  
A: See appendix A.

### **Announcement**

- We’re sorry to report that one of our co-founders has left our community. Josh Ehlers and his wife have moved to the eastern part of the county. They still own their home here and are renting it to a nice family. Josh was instrumental in helping to form and guide Witter Ranch Community Alliance and his input and leadership will be missed.

### **Bylaws – *Postponed***

- We had planned a process review and a vote to adopt the draft bylaws document. However, an extended stay by Capt. Hahn and some unexpected guests from the Sacramento Tree Foundation led us to postpone this item until the October meeting. This issue is too important to rush through.

### **Committee Development Ideas – *Postponed***

- We had planned a concept review, identification of opportunities to associate with committees, and call for participants. However, we decided to postpone this item until the October meeting as well.

### **Rebuild Fort Natomas**

- Fort Natomas is a playground structure at Jefferson Park in South Natomas. It was destroyed by arson a couple of years ago. It was rebuilt by community volunteers soon after, but it was destroyed again by a fire. It will be rebuilt again (November 4-11), however this time its location will be at the South Natomas Community Center, and it will be constructed with materials resistant to fire. The effort needs volunteers (especially on weekdays during the week of the rebuild) and tool loans – tools are guaranteed to be returned in “as good as (if not, better than)” condition. For more information, see [www.FortNatomas.org](http://www.FortNatomas.org), or contact Brandy Kollenborn ([Brandy@WitterRanchCommunity.org](mailto:Brandy@WitterRanchCommunity.org)).



## **Guests: Sacramento Tree Foundation – Pamela Freeman & Lizz Bippus**

- The Sacramento Tree Foundation serves the City of Sacramento, renowned worldwide for its urban forest. They offer free trees and advice to homeowners, from tips on tree selections appropriate for the conditions.
- There is a tree planting event at the Natomas Regional Park on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM until noon. Breakfast will be served. Volunteers are needed. This is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and be a part of history – imagine visiting the park far into the future and seeing a tree that you planed or helped to plant towering into the air!

## **3772 Saintsbury Way**

- This house was the subject of a lot of discussion on our Yahoo! Group recently. Participants on the group shared information and coordinated with each other to take action. It was noted there were numerous code enforcement complaints already made on the property. Property tax records were reviewed to identify its owner (someone in Petaluma), and another member of the group contacted the owner to inform of the situation. The owner indicated she was totally unaware of the condition of the property and the nuisance activities occurring on the site. The owner made a promise to have the tenants removed by the end of the month. Capt. Hahn picked up on the conversation on the Yahoo! Group and asked POP officers to follow up – officers did visit the home and ordered the occupants to clean up the yard. This is a prime example of how we can accomplish great things when we work together in the community's best interest.

## **Cops & Community Celebration**

- See appendix.

## **Adjourn**

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### **Next Meeting**

Monday, October 27, 2008 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM  
*Arrive at 6 PM to socialize and/or to buy food*  
Round Table Pizza, 3290 Arena Blvd., Suite 600



## Appendix A: Police/Community Resource Center

*Following is an e-mail from Angelique Ashby, President of Creekside Neighborhood Association and co-founder of the Natomas Crime & Safety Leadership Team.*

From: Angelique Ashby <ashbyangelique@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 12:02 PM  
Subject: A call for Volunteers (Police/Community Resource Center)

Okay - as most of you know the Crime & Safety Leadership team has been working hard in partnership with the City and Lewis Planned Communities to get the upcoming Natomas Police & Community Resource Center ready to open...

Now it is time for me to ask the crucial question - - - - Who is willing to help?

We need you - anyone interested in volunteering in any way to be a part of the Community Resource Center - contact me - as soon as possible.

You can reach me best by email: [ashbyangelique@yahoo.com](mailto:ashbyangelique@yahoo.com)

The City has committed to having folks present at various times during the week. We are off to a terrific partnership with Neighborhood Services, Code Enforcement, City Council and the Police Department all committing to regularly scheduled times that staff will be in the center to meet with the community.

Now we need the community - we need volunteers who will open up the shop, close the shop, hang out, organize an event, help neighbors navigate on-line resources, help file on-line police reports, tutor kiddos, anything you can think of....

The center is a true partnership and is yours so think about what you want from it...

Do school board members want to have an office hour in the facility, do neighborhood leaders want to have a coffee hour or leadership chat, do youth sports want an hour for leadership meetings, how about firefighters, neighborhood associations, Mom's groups?

Think about it and send me your ideas, your thoughts and your willingness to volunteer.

I am looking forward to hearing from you - please feel free to send this out.

Angelique Ashby  
President  
Creekside Neighborhood Association  
Co-Founder  
Natomas Crime & Safety Leadership Team



## Appendix B: First Annual "Cops & Community Celebration" Details

### **Please join the Sacramento Police Department' North Command for fun, food and fellowship!**

The **WILLIAM J. KINNEY POLICE FACILITY** is hosting their first annual celebration of Cops & Community working together. Businesses, associations, friends, and family are invited!

**Saturday, October 11, 2008  
3 PM to 8 PM**

**3550 Marysville Blvd.**

Meet your NORTH AREA (Council Districts 1, 2 and 3) neighbors, police officers and elected officials.

This event is for all NORTH AREA neighborhoods:

- North Natomas
- South Natomas
- Gardenland/  
Northgate
- Ben Ali
- Hagginwood
- Robla
- Stawberry Manor
- Swanston Estates
- Point West
- Woodlake
- North Sacramento
- Noralto

Come and enjoy:

- Free Hot Dogs /Hamburgers
- Snow Cones
- Great Give-Aways
- Police Demonstrations
- Car Seat Checks
- Kids Make-It Workshop *courtesy of Home Depot*
- Face painting
- Jump Houses
- Tours of the Police Stations
- Childrens' Fingerprinting
- Officer for the day pictures
- Neighborhood Association Information
- Home Safety/Crime Prevention
- Great Games
- And Much More!

*If you have questions or would like to reserve a table, please contact **Jeannette Bonner, Judy Kovanda or Kurt McCray** at (916) 566-6401*

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