

ECA Newsletter

SUMMER
2023

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Saturday, September 16

5:00 - 8:00pm

Dinner served at 5:30pm

Watch for doorstep flyer.

RSVPs are required for this catered event.

Treasurer

RealManage has been working on correcting an invoicing glitch in its system. The onboarding process proved to be more complicated than originally expected. Because of this, please be aware of the following:

- ◆ Within the next week or so, third-quarter statements (Q3) will be mailed to homeowners that have a balance due. Homeowners will not incur late fees for Q3 if Q3 is paid no later than August 15. If Q3 is paid after August 15, the standard late fee and penalty will apply.
 - ◆ Homeowners that are current through Q3 or pre-paid the entire year will not receive a Q3 statement.
 - ◆ All homeowner accounts will be charged the \$40 park work day assessment on the October (Q4) statement. For those homeowners who worked park work day and received a \$40 credit to their account and paid \$156 for Q3 rather than \$196, you will owe \$236 for Q4 because the credit/ charge will balance out with your Q4 statement.
 - ◆ Due to the ongoing invoicing issues, the Board will request that RealManage mail Q4 statements to all homeowners regardless of their payment status or if they opted out of receiving paper statements. We want to ensure current and accurate account information is received by all homeowners going into the new year.
 - ◆ Homeowner statements can be viewed and paid on the [RealManage portal](#). We continue to encourage homeowners to use the portal for this purpose.
 - ◆ If you have questions regarding your account, RealManage has asked that you contact them directly at 866-473-2573. Brad Bacome is our RealManage Property Manager.
- As always, your Board of Directors appreciates your patience and understanding.

HOA Management Contact

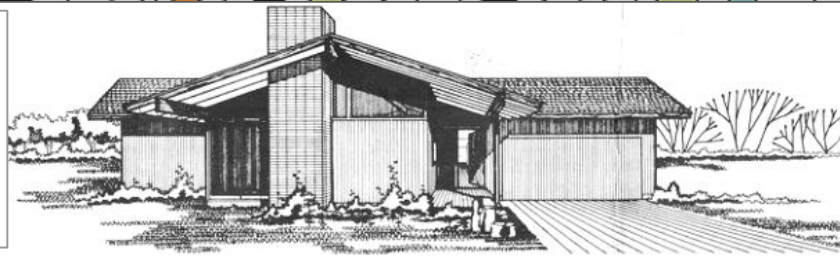
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RealManage
Home Owner
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From the Board



Hi ECA Members,

We hope you all have a great summer and enjoy our beautiful park and pools. Your Board has been busy planning ECA's upcoming social events as well as taking care of business. If you have not already done so, your Board encourages you to login and gain access to the [RealManage portal](#). The portal provides information related to your personal account, community information and updates, and much more. You will need your initial "Welcome Letter" from RealManage that has your login information. If you have misplaced the letter, you can contact RealManage Customer Service at 866-473-2573. It would be great to reach 100% participation.

A few things you should know (if you don't already):

Park and Pool News:

The concrete work has begun and by the time you receive this newsletter will probably be completed. This work was necessary due to "tripping hazards" throughout the park. All pathways will be leveled and any areas that need to be completely replaced will be replaced. Two new gas barbecue grills have been purchased and installed. Thank you to Jim Sparks and John Altieri for their help in removing the old barbecues and installing the new ones. Please clean the barbeque grills and counters when you are done using them so we can keep these nice for many years. The Board installed a pop-up structure near the barbeques to provide some shade while we explore options for a permanent shade structure. Four new chairs have been purchased for the pool area. The Board will gradually replace all chairs to match the 8 new chairs that have been purchased. Six new loungers were ordered for the pool area, but due to shipping delays they will not be delivered until late summer. The annual park workday was a success, and approximately 40 homes were represented. Many homeowner events have been scheduled this summer. These events are listed on the community calendar in the [RealManage Portal](#). The Board is looking to add more outdoor games for use by homeowners and their guests. A bean bag toss game is available for use and is stored in the women's restroom for safekeeping. We will be looking for other outside summer games such as: Jenga and Connect Four. If you have any ideas, please let a Board member know.

Social Events:

The April 29th Streng Communities Yard Sale, with our neighboring community Overbrook, was a success and many positive comments were received. We hope to make this an annual event and get more members and Streng communities to participate.

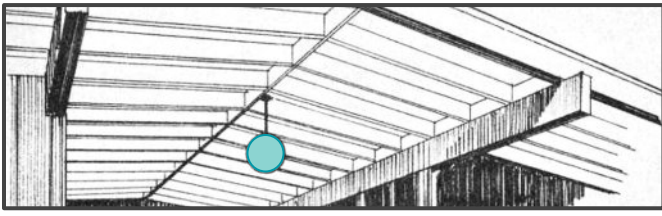
It was so nice to see everyone at the 4th of July ice cream social. We had over 130 attendees this year. Some members will be participating in the National Night Out on August 1 st . We encourage you to participate on your street or stop by a participating home. Please contact Board Secretary, Carrie Ramage at 916-205-1737 if you would like to participate.

Our Annual Fall Fling is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th , from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. This was a fun event last year and we hope everyone can join us this year.

Neighborhood Watch (NW) Program:

Board President Diane Sparks met with the NW Block Coordinators recently. The Block Coordinators agreed that this program is worthwhile and should pick back up again. We have new Block Coordinators for **Baron** (Bill Ryan), **Pasadena** (Lori Bishop) and **Terra Vista** (Patricia Pratt). Please join us in thanking Bill, Lori and Patricia for volunteering. We still need an ECA NW Coordinator. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the ECA NW Coordinator position, please contact Diane at 916-802-1573 or via email at dsparks2024@gmail.com.

- Your ECA Board of Directors



Architectural

Remembering Jim Streng

Written by Steve Streng

Long-time Sacramento resident, retired home builder and Sacramento county Supervisor Jim Streng passed away peacefully at home with family at the age of 93. Jim was an incredible man that lived a truly blessed and amazing life.

Jim was Born May 16, 1930 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was educated at Scranton Central High School & Dartmouth College, and was a Sergeant in the US Army serving in South Korea during the Korean War.

Jim's building career began at the age of 16 where he worked with his uncle Phil during summer vacations. After completing his military service and education at Dartmouth, Jim and his brother Bill started Streng Bros. Homes in 1958. At first, they built conventional ranch homes like their uncle. After meeting their long-time friend and architect Carter Sparks in baby class, the Streng brothers worked with Carter and began building Contemporary (Mid-Century Modern) homes. Over the course of the next 2 1/2 decades, they built over 3,800 homes in Sacramento and Yolo counties.

The light and airy homes designed by Carter Sparks featured open beam ceilings, clerestory windows, skylights, and indoor atriums. The bright and efficiently designed homes seamlessly blended interior and exterior spaces. The homes are highly sought after by mid-century modern enthusiasts.

While still building, Jim served as the Sacramento county zoning administrator and as a planning commissioner. Jim took a leave of absence while Bill continued building when he was elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Jim's leadership and expert negotiating skills allowed him to run unopposed for his 2nd term as chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He listened well to all parties that came to talk before the board and always tried to do what he felt was best for the community, some time to the disappointment of his fellow developers that assumed he would always push their projects through. Jim was dedicated to improving our community and working on many bipartisan issues, which earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community members. Jim Streng always tried to do the right thing.

Jim served as the president of the Lung Association. He was on the Board of Directors of the American River Parkway Foundation. He was Superior California Builder of the Year in 1980 and inducted to the Builders Hall of Fame in 1996. He was also Sacramento's Citizen of the Year of 1996. Jim loved the American River Parkway and provided the parkway foundation with their volunteer center. The Fair Oaks Park District recently honored Jim for his many years of community service with the opening of Jim Streng park in Fair Oaks.

Despite all of his accomplishments, family was always first with Jim. He worked hard, exercised daily, and spent quality time with family and friends in his spare time. The family enjoyed skiing and hiking up at Kirkwood over the years with their children, grandchildren, and friends. Jim was still riding his bike and cross-country skiing at age 90. Jim and Mary Jo enjoyed many wonderful trips and cruises with friends and family. Jim was able to take a final cruise with Mary Jo a few months ago.

Those that were fortunate enough to know Jim Streng, remember him as a straight talking, down to earth, incredibly kind man who was truly interested in everyone he met. He always had something positive to say to everyone he encountered.

Though he retired to spend more time and travel with his wife and family, he remained involved in the family business up to his passing. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Jo Streng who took incredible care of him as his health declined and was by his side as he left us on his way to heaven. He is survived by his son Steve(his wife Carolyn and son Zachary), son Phil(his wife Gayle and daughters Sela and Zara), and son Blake(his sons Lucas and Trevor). Zachary and his wife Candace recently gave birth to Jim's great grandson Thomas.

Jim Streng will be missed and remembered forever in the hearts of many.

The family will have a private interment at the Fair Oaks cemetery.

Remembrances: [American River Parkway Foundation](#)
5700 Arden Way, Carmichael, CA 95608





Park & Pool

Sue Supple

Park workday was a huge success. Homeowner participation allows us to get spruce up work done at a lower cost. If you would like to be a volunteer member of the park committee with small projects throughout the year, please call Sue Supple for more information at (916) 208-4215.

Thank you for your work in making our park shine!

The following lots have contributed to our May 13, 2023 Evergreen Commons Park Workday and will be excused from the \$40 park assessment:

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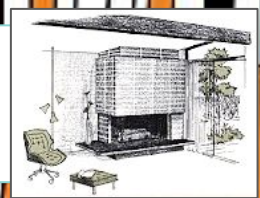
If we missed your lot number please call Sue Supple at (916) 208-4215.

Carrie Ramage

Upcoming Board Meeting:

Tuesday, July 25, 5:30-7:30 pm - At the pool

Secretary



Social

Lisa Cannon-Wheeler

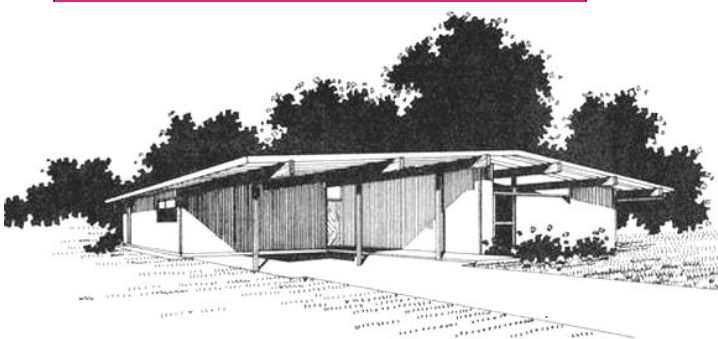
Summertime is fun time in the ECA! A huge shout out to Suzanne, Desiree and her daughters, Carrie R., Lynnette, Erica, James, Larry and Mike for their efforts with the July 4th Ice Cream Social. With their help, we got the ice cream delivered, the decorations up and all manner of other tasks completed - including clean-up!

Have you noticed the big pop-up tent next to our BBQ's? Thanks to your Board and Jim Sparks for the tent and the installation! Now we have a shady place to stand while keeping watch on what's cooking. A reminder to all who use the BBQs - please clean the Q's when you are done, including any saucy spills on the tops or sides.

Group Use of Common Area - if you would like to have 11 people or more (incl. your household,) to the pool or for a playdate in the park, please apply for a group use permit. It's quick and easy - just email ecapark@mail.com and ask for a Request Form. For most groups, use can be authorized within 7 days. Any questions, please call Lisa @ 916-979-0559

Umbrellas - please lower the umbrellas as you are leaving the pool! We've already had one go flying and break an arm because our lovely evening delta breeze caught it open and sent it tumbling. Your neighbors thank you!

National Night Out, Tues. Aug. 1, 2023. This annual national, community-building campaign aims to promote neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. While the Association is not sponsoring events as part of this campaign, ECA residents are encouraged to contact their block coordinator ([see Neighborhood Watch section](#)) to help put on a social event for their block. Carrie Ramage is the coordinator for Park Green if you need ideas.



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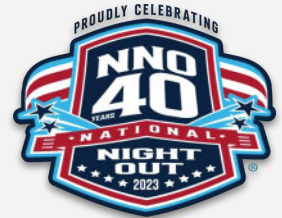
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Neighborhood Watch VACANT

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Dates To Remember

2nd Monday of the Month - Book Club- 10am
At the pool
Tues., July 25 - Next Board Mtg- 5:30pm
At the pool

Book Club

Evergreen Commons book group deviated from our usual poolside discussion and met Tuesday morning at the McClatchy Library to discuss Joan Didion's book, [*Where I Was From*](#). Why there? The McClatchy family donated their home to the library in 1940 when they moved to a larger home. Joan Didion's family lived in the neighborhood just down the street during her high school years, so she probably spent many hours at this library. We adjourned to the Tower Café for lunch and selected our books for the remainder of 2023. Join us poolside at 10 am on the second Monday of the month if any of these books ignite your interest.

August
September
October
November
December

[*Between Two Kingdoms*](#) by Suleika Jaouad
[*Metropolis*](#) by B.A. Shapiro
[*West with Giraffes*](#) by Lynda Rutledge
To be determined
[*Lessons in Chemistry*](#) by Bonnie Garmus