



Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:30 – 8:00
Colonial Heights Library (5799 Stockton Blvd)

Welcome/Introductions

- Ice Breaker: Favorite thing to plant/grow
- Neighbors present: Sarah Kerber, Jilzy Christensen, Ian Thompson, Terry R., Kathy H., Julia, Cherie G., Allison D., August D., Emilio P., Jessica W.
- Government officials present:
 - Philip Norton (Councilmember Eric Guerra's Office)
- Library representative present:
 - Xander Marquez (Branch Supervisor)
- Guest Speakers:
 - Find Out Farms, Root 64, Yisreal Farms

Police, Library, Government Representatives Update

- Xander Marquez on behalf of Colonial Heights Library
 - Seed Library (<https://www.saclibrary.org/Books-Media/Specialty-Checkouts/Seed-Libraries-en>)
 - Free program
 - Meant to introduce growing/gardening to communities, especially in food deserts
 - Staff, Friends of the library, and volunteers help package the seeds
 - The seed library cannot take donated seeds due to copyright laws on seeds.
 - *Neighbor Question: How are the seeds sourced?*
 - Purchased (i.e. Amazon)
 - Community Garden
 - Colonial Heights is one of the few libraries that has a community garden.
 - New CHNA committee *Colonial Library Garden Club* to meet and tend to the garden
 - *Neighbor Question: Has the library considered bringing back the spay & neuter clinics?*
 - 4 R Friends was the organization who previously provided the service. Their organizational focus has shifted to pets of the

homeless. Library is open to continuing the program if another organization could provide the service.

- Philip Norton on behalf of Councilmember Eric Guerra
 - City facing a budget shortfall of about \$58 million
 - Currently at the beginning of budget negotiations
 - Bus Rapid Transit
 - Approved at the Sacramento City Council meeting on April 9th, Stockton Boulevard Multimodal Partnership and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Project
 - Higher speed bus line transit
 - Will help to access federal funding
 - Stockton Boulevard Plan
 - Feedback on the plan has been extended through May 15th
 - Plan can be found: <https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/community-development/planning/major-projects/stockton-blvd-plan>
 - Converting the 21st Ave median to a park
 - The median is currently under the Public Works department and has stop being watered while in a drought
 - Potential pilot program: very Eastern section of the media, planting a natural look with combination of plants and grass
 - The Parks department has added 7 new parks under their purview. No additional staffing to man the extra work.
 - Opening Saturday March 16th

Find Out Farms (<https://findoutfarms.com>)

- Half acre farm (4712 Parker Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820)
- Community Fruit Program
 - Sacramento's urban gleaning program
 - 2023: 23,000 pounds of fruit harvested
 - Program is completely volunteer and donation based
- Educational Outreach & Engagement
 - Seed sharing (fruits, veggies, native plants)
 - Nature Nerds
 - Presentations by experts in their fields for an adult audience during the summer
 - Potentially a tomato tasting event (like wine tasting)
- Community News Alert: Fruit Fly Quarantine
 - <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/off/regulation.html>
 - Homes within the quarantine limits are not to move fruits or vegetables from their home

Root 64

- One acre farm (4971 64th St, Sacramento, CA 95820)
- No till market garden, not a certified organic farm but uses regenerative gardening practices
- 2018 was first production
- 2024 farmstand dates still to be announced (typically open Saturdays 9am-12pm)
- Accepts cash, credit cards, Venmo, CalFresh EBT (unlimited Market Match)

Yisrael Family Urban Farm (<https://yisraelfamilyfarmshop.net>)

- Half acre farm in Sacramento (4505 Roosevelt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820) and additional location in Amador County
- Liberated Harvest
 - Subscription programs: eggs and produce
- Urban Roots Initiative
 - Sow and Grow Saturdays
 - Soapmaking Classes

Garden Tour Update – Emilio Perez

- May 5th, 10am-3pm at Colonial Park & surrounding neighborhood
- 10 confirmed hosts, 5 points of interest (unhosted homes)
- 14 sold tickets, goal is 200 sold tickets
- Tickets are \$10 for digital program, \$12 for printed program
- Garden Tour was a net contributor to the CHNA
- This year the garden tour is providing lunch to the hosts
- Vendors will be at the park (plant sales, food vendor)

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, April 13: Rescheduled Mulch Event (9-11am), Colonial Heights Library Garden Club (11am), Dia at the Library (Colonial Heights Library, 11am)
- Thursday, April 25th: Friends of the Colonial Heights Library Meet Up
 - Sac City Brews, 6-8pm
 - Lite snacks will be provided
 - Current members of the Friends will receive one free drink. Additionally, if you sign up to be a member, you'll receive a free drink too.
- Saturday, April 27th: Dia at the Library (Southgate Library, 11am)
- Saturday, May 11th: Colonial Heights Library Garden Club (11am)

Committee Updates

- Park
 - Mulch Day on Saturday, April 13th
- Porchfest
 - October 5th
 - Committee held first meeting
 - Changing from Porchfest to Parkfest
- Communications
 - Happy to promote any local events on social media, newsletter, website
- Bird Watching
 - First meeting of the year was last Saturday (April 6th)
 - Saw an owl in a palm tree at the park
- T-Shirt
 - T-Shirts and Tank Tops are available for purchase, \$20 per shirt, sizes Small – XXL for both
- Finance/Treasury
 - No report out
- Mercy Housing
 - No report out
- National Night Out
 - No report out

General Discussion

- Jessica Wimbley has been brought in with the City to review the artwork at Colonial Park and to add/enhance/update existing visual art
 - Looking for community support in what we'd like to see at the park
 - Has a site visit with the City next week to do a walk through and see what is possible
 - Ideas from neighbors present at meeting: murals, hopscotch, crosswalks, signage

Seed and plant swap with neighbors and our local farms!

Meeting Adjourned 8pm

COLONIAL



HEIGHTS

COLONIAL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

April 11, 2024

Welcome & Introductions

- What is your name?
- Where are you in the neighborhood?
- What is your favorite thing to grow at home?

Local Government Representatives

- Colonial Heights Library
- SacPD
- Councilmember Eric Guerra, District 6
- Mayor Darrel Steinberg, Deferred Neighborhood
- County Supervisor Phil Serna, District 1
- Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen, District 10
- Senator Angelique Ashby, District 8

Find Out Farms

find out farms

Root 64



- **2018 was first production season**
- **1-acre, no-till market garden**
- **Primary income source for both Sarah and Randy**
- **Not certified organic; we use regenerative practices**



Saturday Farmstand: 9am to noon, April/May through November



- 4971 64th Street (between 21st Ave and Fruitridge)
- Cash, credit, Venmo, CalFresh EBT (unlimited MarketMatch)

Spring Plant Sale! Around the first Saturday in April



Building Soil: Local sources of organic “waste” materials



A peek around the farm...



Yisrael Family Urban Farm





Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
2024 Garden Tour

Join us for 2024 Colonial Heights Garden Tour!

Sunday May 5, 2024

10am - 3pm

Colonial Park - Sacramento



Tickets are available in advance for
\$10 (w/ digital program) or
\$12 (w/ printed program)

You can also purchase at the event
with Cash or Venmo.

Join neighbors and friends for a stroll through the
tree lined streets of historic Colonial Heights!
Check in at our headquarters in the park and enjoy
a wonderful collection of vendors and activities.

Free seed swap! **Community!** **Plant sale!**
Food vendors! **Learning demos!** **Botanical arts!**

Interested to host your garden?
Email chgardentour@gmail.com

www.colonial-heights.org

CHNA Garden Tour

May 5, 2024

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association

Seed & Seedling

Swap



**CHNA Monthly meeting Thursday April 11
6:30pm in the Colonial Heights Library**

Now for the
fun part!

-Seeds provided by
garden committee

-Seedlings provided by
neighbors!

Other Event Announcements

COLONIAL PARK TREE MULCHING EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

20 Volunteers needed to mulch our beloved trees in Colonial Park. Tools provided by the city. Please bring gloves, hats, and sunscreen. Families and children are welcomed.

Contact Mark Harrington with questions:



sacgriz@gmail.com

SIGN UP TODAY!

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association

Mulch Event



COLONIAL LIBRARY GARDEN CLUB

Colonial Heights Library
Saturday, May 11th
11:00am - 12:00 pm

This new CHNA group will meet one Saturday a month at Colonial Library Garden (in the back outdoor space) after bilingual story time to help tend to and learn about the plants in the community garden. This is a family friendly event.



colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com



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ALL ARE WELCOME

CHNA Library Garden Club

THE BOARD OF THE



FRIENDS OF THE
COLONIAL HEIGHTS LIBRARY

INVITES YOU TO A
COMMUNITY MEET-UP
THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH
6 - 8 PM AT



3940 60TH ST.

LITE SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.
MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS RECEIVE
ONE FREE BEVERAGE.

RSVP HERE:

<https://forms.gle/8r39Zohpcgek2Yxi7>



Friends Board Meeting

Members receive a free
drink!



Celebrando Día

Celebración de cuentos bilingües

13 de abril a las 11 a.m. Biblioteca Colonial Heights

27 de abril a las 10:30 a.m. Biblioteca Southgate

Bilingual Story Time

Special event this
Saturday

CHNA Committee Updates

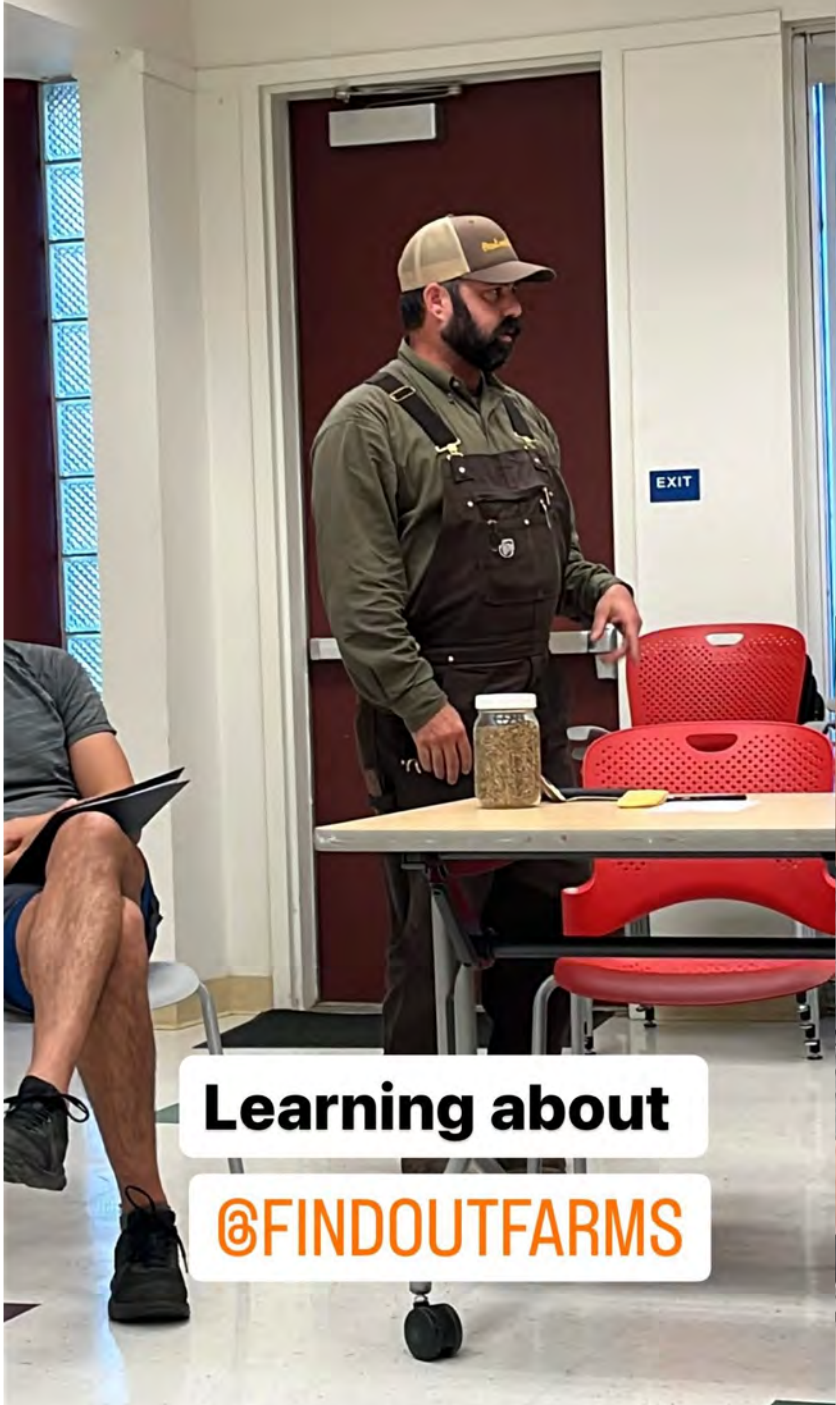
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- National Night Out,
- Mercy Housing,
- Finance/Treasury,
- T-shirt,
- Porchfest,
- Communication,
- Bird Watching,
- Library Garden

General Discussion

- What did we miss neighbors?

Upcoming CHNA 2024 Events

- CH Bird Watching Group – Sat April 6th – 11 AM
- Colonial Park Mulch Party – Sat. April 13th 9 AM
- Colonial Heights Library Garden Club – Sat. April 13th 11AM
- Colonial Heights Garden Tour 2024 – Sun. May 5th
- CHNA Monthly Meeting (May is Bike Month) - Thu. May 9th
- National Night Out – Tue. August 6th
- Colonial Heights Porchfest 2024 – Sat. October 5th



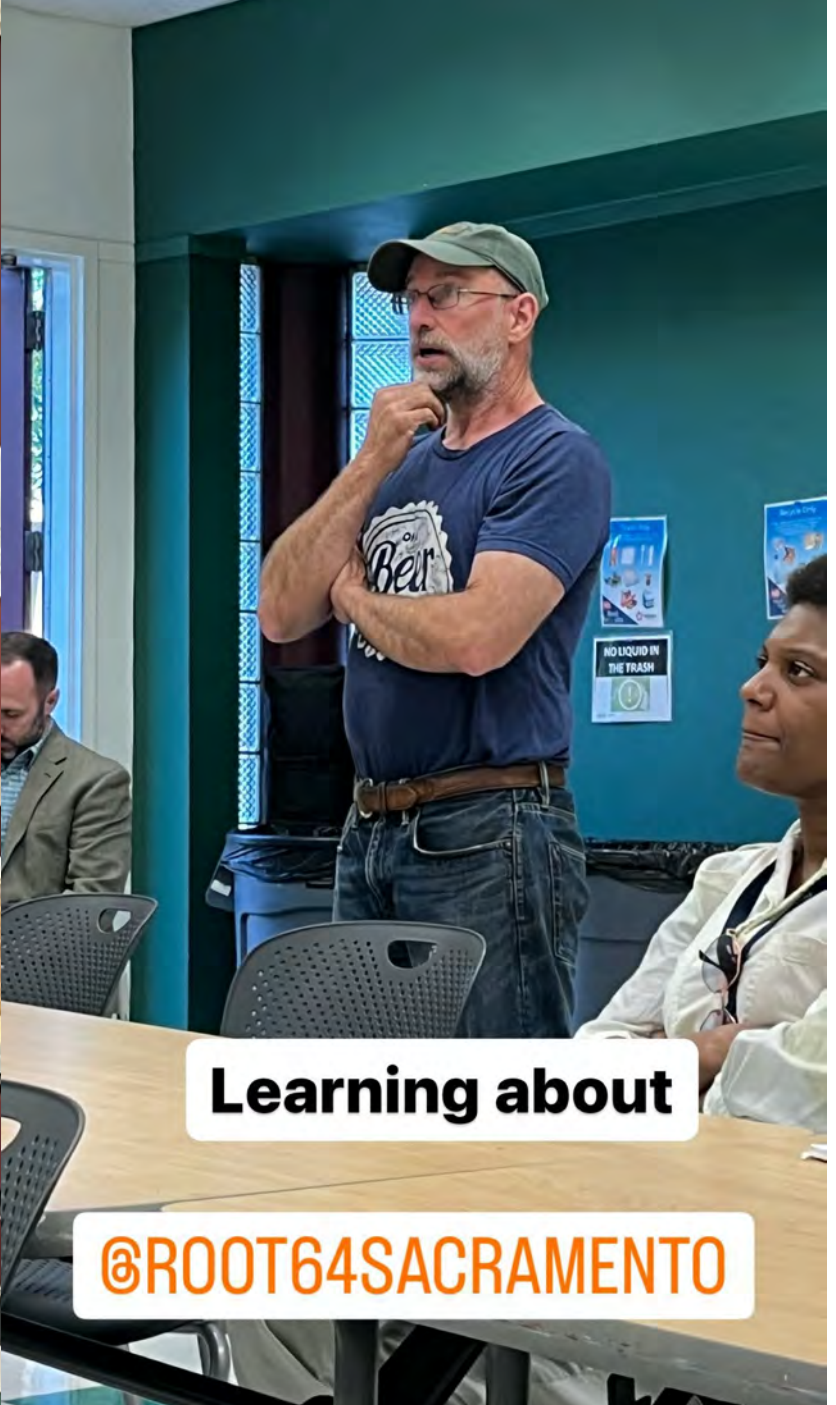
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