

EASTERN GARDENS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 10am Coffee	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 10am Coffee	10	11
12	13	14 6:30pm Movie Nite	15	16 10am Coffee	17	18
19	20 MLK BIRTHDAY	21	22	23 10am Coffee 6pm Board Fiscal Planning	24	25
26	27	28 10am Bookmobile	29	30 10am Coffee	31	

FEBRUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6 10am Coffee	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 10am Coffee	14 St. Valentine's	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20 10am Coffee	21	22
23	24	25 10am Bookmobile	26	27 10am Coffee	28	

AN EMERGENCY IS A PERSONAL SITUATION THAT THREATENS HUMAN LIFE OR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, I.E. MEDICAL, BURGLARY, FIRE, THEFT & ASSAULT — **DIAL 911**



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2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Jerry Ontiveros**
President/Director
- **Alina Chekrijeva**
Vice President/Director
- **Janice Hoberg**
Treasurer/Director
- **Alize Grant**
Secretary/Director
- **Shirley Brown**
Director
- **Ed Healy**
Alternate Director
- **Lynette Haley**
Alternate Director

MANAGING AGENT

FPI Management
800 Iron Point Road
Folsom, CA 95630
(916) 357-5300

- **Gary Haugstad**
Sr. Portfolio Mgr.
- **Theresa Williams**
Community Manager
- **Kurt Whisenhunt**
Maintenance, (On Call/PT)

OFFICE HOURS

10am—5pm
Mon-Fri: OPEN
Sat-Sun: CLOSED
Office Ph: (916) 489-1604

**After Hour
Building Emergencies**
(916) 271-8649



THE GARDENS GRAPEVINE

EASTERN GARDENS COOPERATIVE, INC.
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Jan—Feb 2014

EASTERN GARDENS 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ELECTION RESULTS



ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

- Shirley Brown — 47 votes
- Alize Grant — 46 votes
- Alina Chekrijeva — 39 votes
- Ed Healy — 35 votes
- Lynette Haley — 31 votes
- Mars Munasypova — 21 votes
- Jetta Ostrofsky — 6 votes

2014 Board of Directors/Officers

- Jerry Ontiveros - Director/President
- Alina Chekrijeva - Director/V.P.
- Janice Hoberg - Director/Treasurer
- Alize Grant - Director/Secretary
- Shirley Brown - Director
- Ed Healy - Alternate Director
- Lynette Haley - Alternate Director

Regular Board meetings for the Board of Directors will be quarterly, that is, every three months, with the exception of December which is the Annual General Meeting of the membership (AGM) which is held on the 2nd Tuesday of December.

Regular open board meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the quarter month at 7:00pm. The next regular open board meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2014 @ 7:00pm in the clubhouse. Please submit questions or concerns in writing 10 days before the board meetings and place them inside the board's mail box located inside the business office. All letters are read privately and discussed amongst the board and are kept confidential. Should you request an audience with the board please state so in your letter as to the time and date you will be available.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A special thanks to each of those members who have volunteered their time and effort.

- Ms. Kathy Slotterback, Director & Treasurer
- Mrs. Linda Manning, Alt. Director
- Mrs. Janet Lumberg, Elections Chairperson
- Ms. Nan Diebels, Social Committee Chairperson
- Mrs. Joan Ontiveros, Welcome Committee Chairperson
- Mrs. Kathy Kent, Movie Coordinator
- Ms. Jeanne Maxwell, Give-A-Way Coordinator
- Jetta Ostrofsky, Activities Coordinator
- Ms. Gladys Glatt, Coffee Coordinator



And a Special Thanks to all the committee volunteers for your help and support this past year. We hope to see more of the membership become involved. Thanks again, one and all!

This Issue

- Holiday Wrap-up (Recycle Your Tree)
- Smart Meters (Questions Asked)
- Water Service - Preparing for the Worst
- Reduce * Reuse * Recycle
- Prorata Portion
- Give/Take-A-Way
- Movie Night
- Equal Housing Opportunity
- EG Calendar of Events

HOLIDAY WRAP-UP: RECYCLE YOUR TREE

Give your Christmas tree the proper holiday send-off. Rather than toss it in the trash, recycle it. You'll be doing our local landfills a big favor. Bring your Christmas tree to the SMUD Corporation Yard at 6100 Folsom Boulevard on

Jan. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. SMUD will mulch it for free. Please remove all tinsel, lights, tree stands and nails. Flocked trees will be accepted at all locations. There is a limit of five trees per vehicle. Christmas trees may also be recycled for free at the following location and dates:

- **North Area Recovery Station**
4450 Roseville Road
Jan. 4 and Jan 5
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
South of McClellan Park.
For more about recycling Christmas trees, contact the Sacramento County Consolidated Utilities Billing Services at 916-875-5555 or visit www.sacgreenteam.com.

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT SMART METERS

How do the new meters help the environment?



They'll help in several ways. Since meter readers will no longer need to read every meter each month, that will reduce pollution, fuel consumption, and traffic. Also, the meters will let us use new technologies that will allow you to make decisions about using less energy, at your discretion, which can reduce the amount of electricity demand.

Do smart meters generate radio frequency (RF) fields?

Yes. Smart meters emit about 1 watt. This is less than the 1 to 2 watts emitted by cell phones or wireless routers. Smart meters transmit radio signals only once every four hours with each transmission lasting only 5/100ths of a second).

Are smart meter RF fields safe?

Yes. Key factors for exposure risk are the power and frequency of the emission and the distance from a person. Smart meters emit only about 1 watt and, when installed, no transmitter is located within the home. Cell phones are considered riskier since they're held to the head.

Although our smart meters meet all FCC testing and certification, SMUD took the extra step of including vigorous RF testing during the initial rollout. Even when meters are grouped together such as at apartment complexes, their RF emissions are low compared to FCC exposure guidelines.

Will smart meter RF fields interfere with my electronics or medical devices?

SMUD's smart meters have been certified by the FCC and shouldn't interfere with devices in or around your home.

Source: SMUD

Preparing for the Worst to Ensure Service Year-Round

Making sure that water is there when customers need it is a year-round priority for Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD). The task is especially critical in winter months, when severe weather can disrupt electrical power and operations at District facilities. Fortunately, SSWD is pre-



pared for power failures and other emergencies. Since the District's groundwater wells require electrical power to produce water and maintain pressure in the distribution system, SSWD has invested in 35 back-up generators and drive engines to keep wells operating and maintain pressure in the event of a power outage. Today, SSWD is pursuing diverse tools, including water use efficiency, groundwater management and conjunctive use, and water quality protection and treatment, to deliver sustainable water service now and into the future. Locally created and locally governed, SSWD is equipped to plan, build and operate critically important infrastructure such as pipelines, treatment plants, groundwater wells and pumping stations. That translates into reliable service that keeps local dollars local. In short, water service from SSWD remains one of the best deals around.

Source: Sacramento Suburban Water District

REDUCE * REUSE * RECYCLE



Three great ways YOU can eliminate waste and protect your environment! Waste, and how we choose to handle it, affects our world's environment—that's YOUR environment.

The environment is everything around you including the air, water, land, plants, and man-made things. The waste we create has to be carefully controlled to be sure that it does not harm your environment and your health. For all other non-recyclable materials as posted on the dumpster containers, such as, hazardous waste You can take it to the following location:

- **North Area Transfer Station Household Hazardous Waste**
4450 Roseville Road, Sac County.
Open: Tue-Thur-Sat & Sun 8am-4pm

PRORATA PORTION

Members of Eastern Gardens are permitted a Prorata deduction under Internal Revenue Code Section 216 for mortgage interest and property taxes paid to a cooperative housing corporation. At the close of every year

Eastern Gardens and FPI management is audited for both financial and compliance by an outside independent bookkeeping company. The report from the audited will be available sometime in March or early April. In addition to the audit the bookkeeping company also prepares the memberships Prorata portion, which is deductible if you itemize deductions on your 2013 individual income tax return. The Prorata portion report will be available to the membership in mid or late January at Eastern Garden's business office. NOTE: If you were a member for less than a full year during 2013 you must prorate your deduction accordingly. This is explained

Equal Housing Opportunity



One of the many responsibilities of our management company is to ensure that Eastern Gardens conducts its business operations or leasing affairs in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law and that we are in compliance with the U.S. Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. In other words, it is illegal to discriminate against any person because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status or National Origin.

in the Prorata report. For additional information please contact your tax preparer or consultant.

GIVE-A-WAY TAKE-A-WAY

As you go through your closets, cupboards and pantry getting out your decorations, what are you finding in there that should be gotten rid of. Well set it aside and bring it to the Give-A-Way. What you may not value could be someone else's treasure.

Dates for year 2014 are:

Saturday—March 22nd

Saturday—June 28th

Saturday—September 27th

Saturday—December 20th

All times for the events are at 8:30am thru 11:30am. You don't need to donate to come see what is available. If you need help to transport items to the clubhouse, please contact: Jeanne Maxwell @488-2672

MOVIE NIGHT

All movies will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Details are posted inside the laundry rooms. Fifty (50) cents donation includes movie, punch and popcorn.

Where: Clubhouse @6:30pm

When & What: Tuesday Jan 14th

"The First Wives Club"

Good time battle of the sexes satire sparked by snappy one-liners physical comedy gags and three unforgettable stars in top form. Bette, Goldie and Diane portray mid-life Manhattanites who have more than a longtime friendship in common.

Starring: Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, and Diane Keaton

Point of Contact: Kathy Kent @482-1533

NOTE: No movie in February, will resume in March.