

*Fall/Winter 2022*

# NAGLEE PARK ADVISOR

## NAGLEE PARK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



### **Thank you for reading**

*Linda Eckstone - Board Vice President*

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Naglee Park Advisor. My name is Linda Eckstone, Vice President of the CCA Board.

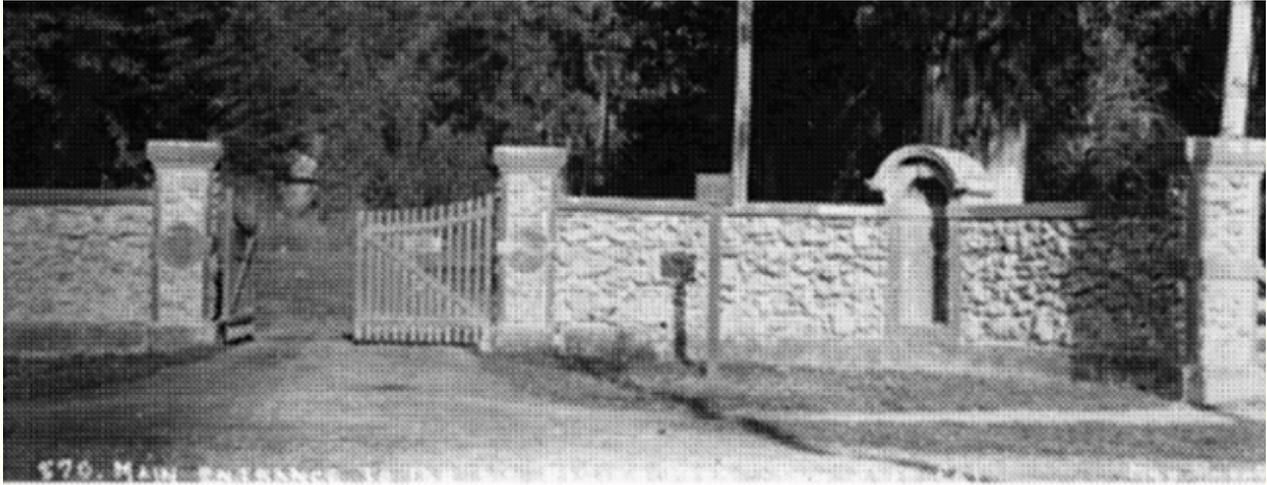
My husband and I moved into Naglee Park in 1989. My husband found our house by chance. I did not know a soul and reluctantly moved here from Los Angeles. Moving to Naglee Park was one of the best decisions that we ever made. I started to meet wonderful neighbors who invited me to join our neighborhood association, CCA (Campus Community Association). At that time the only event that was held by CCA was a wonderful 4th of July Parade that reminded me of living in a small town. I was hooked on this neighborhood.

In the early 90s many neighbors would gather with their dogs at William Street Park (as they do today). Five of us decided it would be fun to have an event for neighbors and their dogs. I was involved getting vendors, and Patty Thompson, Dana Testa and Gary Lopiccolo were involved in other aspects of the event. It was a lot of fun and a lot of work. We were not sure that anyone would attend. At that time, few knew where William Street Park or Naglee Park were located; but the day of the first event we were blown away.

Our first Bark in The Park had 1,000 dogs and 3,000 people! The rest is history and Bark in the Park has become a major event in Naglee Park, the Bay Area, and it may be the largest dog event in the country. The proceeds go to various animal causes and to pay for events that CCA sponsors during the year...including future Bark in the Parks. We need many volunteers to be able to continue "Bark" and other events, so come join us! Helping at CCA/Naglee Park events is fun and rewarding (and you'll probably make more friends!)

One of the issues that personally concerns me is mental health. We see so many homeless people with mental issues walking the streets of our city and our neighborhood. Currently, I work with the County on their 988-crisis line. It's a valuable service that can get people into programs and to the help they need.

In conclusion, if you are not a member of CCA I urge you to join and volunteer. We need your help. You'll feel like you are really a part of this great neighborhood; and you'll meet so many fabulous folks who love this neighborhood as a place to live, play, raise their families, and retire.



## The Tales of Naglee Park: General Naglee's Gardener

*By Jack Douglas*

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General Naglee's magnificent estate (Now Naglee Park), established in the mid 1850s, was probably the first major landscaping project in California. The dust from the gold rush had hardly settled when Naglee envisioned his rural retreat on Coyote Creek. As a busy San Francisco financier and land-holder (not to mention his vast agricultural holdings along the delta in San Joaquin County), he needed the help of a first-rate landscape designer and horticulturist to develop his country home in San Jose.

The General did not have to look far, for one of the most qualified landscape designers west of the Mississippi had recently settled in San Jose. James R. Lowe was born in Chesterfield, England, in 1808, and he had learned his trade working on that country's great estates. His last employment prior to coming to America in 1852 was a superintendent of the gardens of the Duke of Devonshire.

Lowe was brought to California in 1854 to lay out the Hensley property on North First Street. He also landscaped the property of Judge David Belden, which lay adjacent to the west edge of the Naglee estate. Lowe planted 436 "forest" trees on the Belden property. The 140-acre Naglee estate was Lowe's greatest challenge, and by all accounts he was very successful. A letter published in the San Jose Pioneer in 1877 described it thusly:

*On entering the grounds I was somewhat reminded of an English nobleman's park; here I found evergreens from every clime, the Deodar Cedar from the Himalaya Mountains; Cedar of Lebanon from Palestine; Chinese, Japanese, and Oregon Cypress; the Sequoia Gigantea; every conceivable variety of Arbor Vitae and seventeen varieties of Acacia... The great palms were there in all their majesty. Enormous Dracenas, Laurustinus, and all the plants from New Holland (Australia) flourish there in the open.*

For all these exotic varieties, Lowe did not forget his English roots (no pun intended), for he was in continual contact with his friend, the Duke of Devonshire. It is said that hardly a mail was received in San Jose that did not contain some rare plant, bulb, or cutting from the Duke's gardens.

Thanks to James Lowe, many of the perennials that grow in the gardens of Naglee Park may be descended from "royal stock".

# YOU'RE AWESOME

## Did You Know?

*Lynnea Hagen, Marketing Committee*

### Did you Know...

About these Naglee Park “doers”? There is an abundance of people here who have done wonderful, challenging, or rare things—things that most people would not do nor ever have the opportunity. Here are a few (and there are more amazing stories about Naglee Parkers to be told! Stay tuned)

#### **Alan Fanning, 7XX South 12th**

In 1977, Alan rode his bike across the U.S. on the newly designated Bike Centennial trail. The trip went from Reedsport, Oregon to Williamsburg Virginia, a distance of about 4,250 miles (6,840 km). Alan rode for 51 days, riding 6 days per week. The highest point of the ride was 11,541 feet (3517.7 meters)! Alan’s longest day covered 135 miles. He crossed the continental divide a remarkable 5 times. The route crossed ten states, 22 national forests, two national parks, and 112 counties between Reedsport and Williamsburg. What a remarkable achievement! Alan we salute you!!

#### **Marni Kamzan, 2XX South 14th**

Another salute to a person who achieved something remarkable on a bike. Marni Kamzan, just this year alone, has single handedly raised \$8,459.00 for M.S. and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, mainly by riding her bike. This year, Marni participated in 93 activities to prepare and participate in the fundraising rides. She logged 2,089.6 miles, with a total elevation gain of 109,987 feet AND a total time of 202 hours 47minutes. Impressive!

On June 6th this year, she participated in the one-day Lake Tahoe ride: 7:09:10 hours riding (not including rest stops), 72.19 miles, 4,396 feet climbing. And, as Mother Nature would have it, at altitude in freezing rain. Marni will do this ride again on June 4, 2023, and she is already fundraising for it, in case you would like to donate.

Marni also participated in the Multiple Sclerosis ride to raise funds for this organization. For the MS ride she covered 75.07 miles, with a time of 8:56:33, climbing 5200 feet. Fantastic!

#### **Lynnea Hagen, 2XX South 13th St.**

The author of this article sailed around the world, a distance of nearly 13,000 miles, while studying aboard a floating university, World Campus Afloat (now Semester at Sea). The voyage left New York and traveled east, stopping first in Lisbon, Portugal, continuing south to Cadiz, Spain; then to Casablanca; Dakar, Senegal and around the continent of Africa with stops at Cape Town and Durban, South Africa; continuing to India, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Japan (Kobe and Tokyo), Honolulu, and Long Beach...a total of 12 countries and 14 ports of call in 4 months. The first week, while crossing the North Atlantic, the small ship (only 15K tons) swayed and bobbed her way through a storm, challenging us to quickly grow our sea legs. That crossing took one week. The trip along the west coast of Africa took 9 days. We crossed the equator twice, as well as the international date line. The Vietnam war was still raging at the time of this journey. While traversing the South China Sea at night, the lights of a ship following us could be seen in the distance. The assumption/hope was that it was a ship assigned by the United States to protect a civilian ship carrying 500 American college students, and not an enemy ship. In Bangkok, Thailand, a group of us visited an American military hospital and put on a talent show for Viet Nam vets who were recuperating there. We also met Bob Hope, who was in Bangkok with his troupe to entertain U.S. military personnel. The entire 4-month experience was truly life changing and enlightening (not to mention a lot of fun!); and the education extended far beyond books, labs, and classes.



## Growing Up In Naglee Park

By Sandra Zampino

Just what are our Naglee Park kiddos up to these days?? Rest assured we have an abundance of artists, poets, writers and all-around impressive kids in the hood! Let's see what Olivia, age 2 is up to . . .



Olivia's artwork was curated during her weekly visit to the library. The maturity of her brush strokes well surpasses her age! The use of color and space harken to the works of Kandinsky and Malevich as shown below.



We are all SO proud of you, Olivia!! As Pablo Picasso said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up"

Would you like to share your child's artwork, poem, essay, short story, good deed with the Naglee Park Neighborhood Newsletter? **Contact Sandra at [szampino@bellsouth.net](mailto:szampino@bellsouth.net)**



# Neighborhood Celebrations

*Here are the upcoming celebrations happening right here in the hood!*

## DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** A sugary celebration in honor of our tireless neighborhood volunteers and membership. The CCA will provide desserts galore, adult beverages and kids activities

**When:** Wednesday, October 26th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** The beautiful and historic San Jose Woman's Club, 75 South 11th St

**Why:** MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - This event is free to current CCA members and volunteers, OR there is \$25 entry fee per household which includes your 2023 CCA Membership.



Please join your fellow Campus Community Association Members and Volunteers at this year's Dessert Extravaganza!

As on-site parking is limited to those with mobility issues, we encourage you to walk, bike & scoot to the Dessert Extravaganza.

## Halloween Happenings

### Naglee Park Halloween Block Party Sunday, October 30th from 1-5pm 300 Block of South 14th

Children's activities, treats, jumpy house and a chance to meet your neighbors! Please bring snacks / drinks to share.

Event is an all-volunteer party and not associated with the CCA. To volunteer or donate, please contact [jennifertonnis@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifertonnis@yahoo.com)



### The 14th Street Driveway Band invites you to their Halloween Bash!

Friday, October 29th at  
6:30pm

400 Block of S. 14th Street.

Come in costume and dance to your spooky favorites. Family friendly :)



## The Naglee Park Holiday Party

Sunday, December 18, 2022 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Our annual Holiday Party is back!

The CCA and two families will be hosting this event outdoors on the 300 block of S. 17th Street.

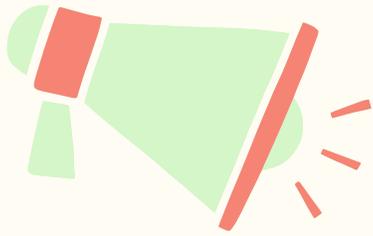
Our neighbors Marilee and Will Jennings will oversee the bar which includes Will's famous wassail!

The Kahn family will have a kids' activity table in their driveway. There will be some appetizers and desserts, but feel free to bring a treat to share!

The Holiday Party is open to all residents!

Join your Neighbors and Friends for some  
Holiday Cheer and Good Tidings





# Announcements!



## Election day is upon us!

Please make sure to get out and vote.

Go to

**<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>**  
to find out where to vote.

## JOIN US

*Here's how to do it*

If you are interested in joining the CCA, that's wonderful!  
Welcome!

The Campus Community Association is a non-profit corporation organized to preserve the neighborhood and promote community spirit. Your dues help sponsor events, newsletters, and neighborhood meetings, as well as community, education and beautification projects. Annual membership is available for families (\$25) and businesses (\$40).

To join, complete and return the membership form. You can download the Membership Form (scan QR code below) or visit **<https://naglepark.org/joincca.html>**





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