

June 2008

Workshop Schedule

- Orientation
- Homebuyer Education
- Foreclosure Prevention Seminar

Check Online for
Times and Availability

June 2008

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Register online today!

Upcoming Events

June 27, 2008 A Night with the River Cats at Raley Field

September 20, 2008 19th Annual Paint the Town

Annual Report 2007

"Our new HomeOwnership Center has given us the opportunity to significantly increase the number of people we serve, the number of educational workshops we bring to our community, allowed us to improve our efficiency, grown our number of friends and donors, increased our regional visibility and elevated our community impact." Our service area stretches from Chico in the north past Stockton in the south, and from Winters in the west past Colfax in the east. To contribute to our outcomes, complete the [donation form](#) [PDF, 304 KB]. To learn more about achievements in HomeOwnership Services, Affordable Housing, and Community Development, read the [2007 Annual Report](#) [PDF, 2.6 MB].

Jorge's Story

After attending the Foreclosure Prevention Seminar, *Jorge realized how important that taking that first step was.* Many people facing foreclosure are too embarrassed to reach out for help or assume that is too late. Jorge was two months behind on his payment when he attended the seminar. Griselda Clifford, a trained and HUD certified counselor, spent 15 hours working his case. With Clifford's assistance, Jorge was able to get into contact with his lender and negotiate his interest rate down to 5%, keeping his family in their home and avoiding foreclosure. The same success is available to others, if they just take that important first step. Contact the NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region at (916) 431-3200 for counseling, to attend a seminar, or for other help that will turn a potential risky situation into a success story.



Crop Swap

June 29, 2008 3pm

Are you awash in asparagus and brimming with beans but yearning for yams and have a real zeal for zucchini? Oak Park residents will gather together for the first time to exchange home grown produce in our local park. Bring some from your planter to trade for a taste of something different. Other *Crop Swap* activities will include growing produce in extra yard space and developing guides for other community members. The crop swap season will be kicked off with a vegetarian potluck on June 29th at 3 pm. Trading guides and a brochure with upcoming speakers will be available. Regular meetings will commence every Sunday, 3-4 pm. Trading is 3-3:30 with community speakers 3:30-4. Traders are asked to BYOB—Bring Your Own Bag! For more information, and to R.S.V.P. for the potluck, contact [Kara Thomson](#).

Oak Park Weed & Seed Highlights

Highlights from the Spring/Summer issue of Weed & Seed newsletter include working with the City Attorney and the U.S. Attorney to reduce crime in the area. Landlord resource packets were distributed last year and now they are following up with "tough love" for landlords, encouraging background checks for tenants and reminding owners that it is a federal crime to allow others to use the property for illegal activities. Plans are also underway to establish a community garden and farmers' market; a seed that will grow social interaction and will increase nutrition options for many neighbors. For more information about Weed & Seed, and to learn how you can get involved, contact [Sharon Eghigian](#) at 452-5356 ext. 217.

Celebrating National NeighborWorks® Week June 7-14, 2008

NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region continued a tradition and participated in National NeighborWorks® Week with multiple events which included the Homebuyer Education workshop, the 2nd Saturday Alley Clean-up and the 2008 HomeOwnership Fair.

The **Homebuyer Education** workshop took place all day, preparing first-time buyers for their adventure.

The 2nd **Saturday Alley Clean-up** encouraged more than 50 youth and local residents to take a hands-on approach to improving the community. Students from Sacramento High School, St. Hope Public Schools, YouthWORKS, the Oak Park Neighborhood Association, and more, were enthusiastic about the opportunity. 12 alleys were cleaned between MLK and 34th Street and between 22nd Avenue and 14th Avenue. "It's a chance to clean up the community and make it more safe," said Jennifer. Cleaning up is contagious, before you know it others are joining in and the wave of organization transforms into pride of ownership. Ashley chimed in, "once you get out here with a group of friends, you realize it's a lot of fun." All it took was a group of individuals with good intentions, a pair of gloves and trash bag to take on discarded pipes, clothing, tires, sporting equipment, even mattresses. The city will show its commitment and encouragement by following up on reports with weed abatement, graffiti abatement, and fence fixing. Brian, a co-organizer, reflected that it's events like these that instill a sense of leadership. The involved youth gained understanding that they are making a difference, without having to wait for an adult to initiate the process. It's a lifelong habit and role they will take on in every neighborhood they ever live in. View photos in the [online gallery](#).



One of more than twenty booths at the **2008 Homeownership Fair**, NeighborWorks® HOCSR was able to reach potential first-time homebuyers, providing information about education opportunities, refurbished homes, and the support that is available to residents at any time. Other booths included lenders, real estate agents, realtors, and other education opportunities, including free seminars on-site.

5th Annual American Dream Golf Tournament

May 20th, 2008 at Winchester Country Club

Presented by our board of trustees, this has become one of our most popular and successful events. All proceeds benefit NeighborWorks® and provide needed financial support for our education programs that help to increase and to preserve homeownership. A full field of golfers enjoyed a beautiful course, an array of raffle items, a delicious dinner and a lively and quick auction! Special thanks go to Jim Coffin (Morgan Stanley), Kurt von Geldern (Sacramento Magazine) and Curt Gomes (Pacific Coast Supply) for their leadership and hard work, and thank you to all our many sponsors and friends and volunteers—your support helps us achieve positive impact in the Sacramento region!

This electronic newsletter is sent occasionally to keep you up-to-date with the events and accomplishments of NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region. To be removed from this list, please contact blanca@nwsac.org or call 916-452-5356.