

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It's spring already after what felt like a very short winter with quite a bit to report this go-around. I will lead off with several board member transitions: Paul Keast has chosen to engage in other volunteer efforts. As one of the original members in the reconstituted HFRA, Paul's contributions have been significant to our successful re-establishment. Cindy Pharis has sold her home and no longer lives in the historic district and Jennifer Lane also has chosen to leave the HFRA board. Both are long term residents and have contributed significantly to the quality of the Historic District. I would like to thank all of them for their contributions to HFRA. They will be missed. In response, the board has decided to amend the by-laws to reduce board members from 7 to 5. This change will take effect starting in April.

The parking pilot is now at the halfway point. Visually, the pilot seems to be accomplishing what it was intended to. One resident commented that it was going better than anticipated. Given the limited enforcement provided by Folsom Police Department, I think that is something to cheer about. For those members who are on Figueroa, a survey will be coming soon so please respond when you receive it.

There were a couple of significant HD developments in Quarter 1. In Quarter 4, The Barley Barn received a conditional use permit from the HDC. That decision was appealed by 3 parties, including HFRA. At the January 11th City Council appeal hearing, the council voted in favor of the Barley Barn. The Heritage Preservation League is now suing the city for the same reasons behind the appeals.

The Crematorium project finally came before HDC. This project was strongly opposed by the residents living in the Preserve/Natoma Shores area of the HD, as many are aware from their months-long campaign against it. The HDC ran a very structured review and decided not to approve the Conditional Use Permit. The decision was appealed to City Council by the applicant and the appeal is slated to be heard at the April 26th council meeting.

Lastly, the Chamber has submitted a request to split the lots off each end of the Granite School as residential parcels with the intent on selling them. The project plan was just released by the City this week so the HFRA board has started its initial review.

With concerns about the pandemic waning, I'm happy to report that Glenn Fait (former Mayor) has offered, once again, to host a picnic for HFRA membership at his amazing home (Cohn Mansion across from the Steakhouse). The Board is working on a date and will publish shortly. Event will be free to members and open to those joining HFRA at the event.

Looking forward to seeing more of you in person.

Michael J Reynolds
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- April 22: Community Happy Hour at 4PM at VFW Hall
- TBD: HFRA Picnic at Cohn Mansion (date coming soon)
- August 2: National Night Out in Historic Folsom. Stay tuned for details!



PILOT PARKING PROGRAM

Do you live within the boundaries of the residential pilot parking program? If so, let us know what you think! Is the program working in your opinion? Has it reduced nuisance in your neighborhood? Please respond to the HFRA survey that will be distributed in the near future.

*“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals.” – **Jean Vanier***

Tuesday, June
7 is California's
Primary
Election Day.
**GET OUT
AND VOTE!**



CITY COUNCIL BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS

On March 8, Folsom City Council held the final hearing in a series of five public hearings regarding the city's transition to by-district elections for city council. Currently, all city council members hold at-large seats, meaning they can live anywhere in the city boundaries. The transition to by-district elections will require prospective city council members to reside within the boundaries of a particular district.

The public hearing process created 5 districts in the city, with attempts made to ensure that communities of interest remained intact.

The historic district has remained intact as a community of interest and will, in the future, be represented by a city council member elected from that district.

MEMBER



HFRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Historic Folsom Residents Association membership drive is underway!

By renewing your membership in HFRA, you continue to support our efforts to protect and preserve the Historic District so we remain the vibrant community we all enjoy.

Over the past year, HFRA has worked to bring the pilot parking project to fruition in the neighborhoods closest to the historic district; has weighed in on multiple projects before the Historic District Commission and City Council, including the proposed Barley Barn and Lakeside Crematorium projects. HFRA also appealed the Barley Barn project to city council and helped ensure the residents' interests were represented.

But there's more work to do. The pilot parking project has been a successful first step toward ensuring visitors to the Historic District utilize appropriate parking at the garage and park-and-ride lots, rather than on neighborhood streets. Your membership renewal will ensure we are able to continue our advocacy for safe and quiet neighborhoods as well as appropriate development for the Historic District that honors our rich history.

We'll send an email regarding membership renewal in early June. However, you can simply scan the QR code on this page with the camera on your phone or mobile device to get a quick link to the HFRA website where you can renew. Or click here to print out a membership application and mail in a check if you prefer.

<https://www.thehfra.org/join-us>

DO YOU WANT TO SERVE?

HFRA board member elections are coming up. If you have a love for the historic district are interested in serving as a member of the HFRA board, keep an eye on your email. We'll send instructions on how you can apply to serve. Watch your email for more information.

MAKE SURE YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE "IN THE KNOW!"

SIMPLY HOLD YOUR PHONE OR MOBILE DEVICE CAMERA UP TO THE QR CODE BELOW AND RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE LINK TO OUR HFRA WEBSITE WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN. SEND THE LINK TO YOUR NEIGHBOR VIA TEXT OR SHARE THE QR CODE DIRECTLY.



COMING SOON! HFRA PICNIC

Please join us for an unforgettable day at the Cohn Mansion. Owner and HFRA member Glen Fait, who is also the former Mayor of Folsom, has graciously agreed to open his home and grounds exclusively for the HFRA membership and those who would like to join! Enjoy an outdoor picnic and guided tours of the mansion, which will be conducted periodically throughout the day.

We look forward to joining with our neighbors for this fun event! If your neighbor is not a HFRA member but wants to join, bring them along! And a big thanks to Glen Fait for his generous hospitality.



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COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR

The residents of the Natoma Shores/Preserve neighborhood are planning a community gathering on Friday, April 22 at 4 PM at the VFW Hall, located at

1300 Forrest St.

The gathering will celebrate the efforts of the entire community in gathering information and weighing in on the proposed Lakeside Memorial Crematorium.

All HFRA members are invited to attend.

HFRA PICNIC and MEMBERHSIP DRIVE

Event will be held at Cohn Mansion. Watch your email for announcement of a date.

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UPCOMING GOVERNMENT MEETING DATES

APRIL 26:

APPEAL OF LAKESIDE CREMATORIUM TO CITY COUNCIL

TBD:

CITY'S HOME-BASED BUSINESS PERMIT PROCESS REVIEW BY

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

