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Maritza Berga enjoys walking her dogs Diego and Frida near the river.

COMMUNITY PROFILE: GREENHAVEN-POCKET

# 'A very engaged' and active community

By Tinka Davi

t's very common to find several members of the same family living in the Greenhaven-Pocket area. Many stay and move around, others leave and come back.

The latter is true of Shane Singh who grew up in the Pocket and attended schools from preschool through Kennedy High. He left for UC Berkeley then returned to Sacramento to study law at McGeorge Law School.

He hung put with friends



Gregory
James shows
off the result
of three
hours of
fishing off his
Jet Ski in the
Sacramento
River near
Garcia Bend.

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He hung out with friends and family and finally moved back to the Pocket.

"My whole family lives in the neighborhood, my two nephews, mom, brother, sister and an uncle and his family," he said.

Singh, an attorney with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, has always been active in the region. He served as a Sacramento Parks and Recreation commissioner, coached boys competitive soccer, served as president of the Greenhaven Soccer Club and was Scout. named Cornel West Alumni of the Year by Kennedy High School for his work with youth and adult soccer. He participated in scouting and is an Eagle



Just off the freeway on Pocket Road you'll find a sign welcoming you to the

"It's a very engaged, environmental community neighborhood and folks are active and participate in things."

When shopping at Bel

Air on Rush River Drive, he said he can guarantee he'll run into someone he knows very well.

The community has become older, he said. "When I first started **FAST FACTS** 

Where: About 5 miles south of downtown Sacramento

Size: 7 square miles

Population: 42,052

County: Sacramento

running the Greenhaven soccer club, we had about 1,400 players, now there are 400."

"What I like is that the neighborhood does not have that much retail and commercial businesses. The benefit of that is that people who come through the neighborhood usually

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### **Taylor Morrison debuts first** model homes at highly anticipated Folsom Ranch

aylor Morrison Home Corp., a leading national homebuilder and developer, will host a model Grand Opening celebration at Azure and Dakota at Folsom Ranch today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

Grand Opening will feature pers the first opportunity the "best of summer" fun with light barbecue fare, music, activities and model home tours. Located in Folsom's new and highly anticipated masterplanned community, these models offer home shop-

to truly experience Folsom Ranch firsthand.

"See how easy living your Trademark can be at Folsom Ranch during our model Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, September 8," said Tim

Hearl, Sacramento division area sales manager for Taylor Morrison. "Featuring the ideal combination of location, design and functionality, Azure and Dakota are conveniently located near the Palladio and Highway 50, and offer a unique opportunity for buyers to be among the very first residents at Folsom Ranch." A total of eight brand-new home

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live here, so we don't get a lot of traffic that cuts through here on the way to other neighborhoods or other parts of town. I think it helps to keep it less congested and more peaceful."

"We have a couple of stores and pizza places and the new Delta Shores commercial development has allowed us to go to Walmart, RC Willey and Chickfil-A without having to drive clear across town."

Reneé Catricala, Realtor with Keller Williams Realty, has lived in the same Greenhaven/Pocket ZIP code since she was 7 and raised her family there.

"My mom's there, my family is there, my kids are in the area."

Catricala is a long-time friend, Singh said.

Catricala said there are many long-term residents in the area and many like it because it's very quiet and there's little traffic. They also like the landscape and the sense of security.

She likes living in the community because "It's clean, there's a low crime rate, and there are many community events including Little League and soccer and an active Elk's Lodge.

"There's something for everyone."

Many Greenhaven/Pocket residents want to live or stay near their parents and relatives and many move within the community.

"People don't leave."

"The big draws are affordability and the proximity to downtown. People are able to get more housing,



The Wells family from nearby Land Park enjoys the day on the Sacramento River after launching in the Greenhaven-Pocket area.



A soccer game is about to get under way at Garcia Bend Park.

larger lots and slightly larger homes that are more affordable than some other areas."

People don't choose the community for the recreational opportunities, but those things enhance the area, she said. Homebuyers find that the bike trail, parks, green belts and the access to the river are attractive amenities.

Schools are within the Sacramento City Unified School District and Genevieve Didion (K-8) is a top-ranked school, according to GreatSchools.org.

For shopping, downtown is 10-12 minutes away, the Delta Shores shopping mall is seven minutes and Elk Grove is 12 minutes.

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who prefer larger homes.

A number of senior, assisted-living residences are a big draw for those who want their parents to be close by.

Currently 54 homes are on the market and range from \$350,000 up to \$1.1 million. The average price is \$475,000.

"The demand is for homes under \$400,000 and we are seeing multiple offers on certain properties. Buyers are price conscious. They do a lot of homework and they know the inventory," Catricala said.

"Appreciation will be 2 or 3 percent over the next year, but I think it will stabilize. Interest rates are a little higher, but that doesn't seem to be stopping folks."

Will Singh and Catricala ever leave the area?

"I really am a product of the community," Singh said. "I grew up here and I came back."

"I feel it's so comfortable for me and it just feels right," Catricala said, "I love the area." Ilnka Davi is a freelance writer and editor based in Folsom.



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This is one of the homes that sits along the levee and has views of the Sacramento River.