

Market Marks Autumn with Falling Leaf Fest

*Story and photos by
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CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - It's autumn when leaves fall, pumpkins appear on porches and pooches parade unlikely costumes in Carmichael Park. The Sunday Farmers Market last weekend spiced up business and staged an annual Falling Leaf Festival.

Frivolous fun included pumpkin and face painting, a canine fashion parade and a dessert bake-off. Casa Roble High School (Orangevale) senior, Lainie Beil took best-cook laurels for a glazed pumpkin bar recipe she creatively topped

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Celebrating the Fall Festival at Carmichael Park, face-painter Upekkha Evans daubed her daughter Dhriti as an autumn sprite.

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with shortbread leaves.

For the much-anticipated doggie Halloween Parade, ten pooches strutted in procession around the packed market place. A small dog in a tutu led the pageant, followed by a huge mutt in hot dog attire. Grand marshal and market founder Marie Hall then called each entrant

forward to gauge audience response. The applause-meter decreed handsome col-lie Dobrynya – kitted out as a cowboy by owner Tanya Gamaley – a clear favorite.

An all-year tradition, the farmers market is held in Carmichael Park every Sunday, from 9 am to 2 pm. Learn more about market events at www.bemoneysmartusa.org/carmichaelpark ★

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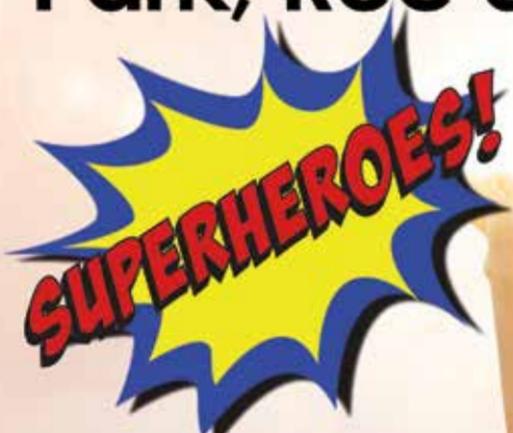
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Wall of Honor Tributes Recall Community's Finest



Patriots Park was the scene of remembrances last weekend. Located on the Carmichael, Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks border, the reserve contains a monument for fallen community heroes.

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Carmichael and Fair Oaks stalwarts gathered last weekend to recall fallen heroes of nation and community. The annual "Wall of Honor" ceremony was observed at Patriots Park.

Built in 2008, the reserve's stone

monument is dedicated to 14 local men – from military, police, CHP and fire-fighting forces – who died serving nation or neighborhood during Carmichael Park District's 57-year existence. The community pays tribute to the heroes each November. From the 1960s through to 2017 – from Vietnam battlefields to California highways – the heroes fell

while protecting American values. Space remains on the wall for plaque additions and the park district annually considers nominations.

Last Saturday's ceremony attendees included bereaved families; elected representatives and park district leaders. Congressman Ami Bera and County Supervisor Susan Peters

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were among speakers. Dr. Bera said the nation should “pause and consider values that bring us all together.”

Supervisor Peters noted that the 12-year-old park's landscaping was maturing and its masonry was gathering the patina of age. “This park is more than a recreational gathering spot,” she said. “Patriots Park serves a deeper meaning. The individuals listed on this wall remind us how grateful we are to men and women who wear different uniforms but have a common bond in putting service above self. Regardless of whether they wore a Sheriff's uniform

or that of the Highway Patrol or a branch of the armed services or of fire protection, each was dedicated to the common good. They believed in serving us. It is fitting that we continue to remember each honoree.”

“We recognize the passage of time does not shield you from the emptiness you feel,” Peters told families of the fallen. “We nevertheless hope Patriots Park is a source of comfort and pride in remembering your loved ones. Whatever uniform your loved one wore, we will be forever grateful for their dedication, commitment and service. The community will never

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