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## SACRAMENTO COUNTY HELPING WITH CALDOR FIRE RECOVERY

The Caldor wildfire started on August 14, south of the Grizzly Flats community in El Dorado County. Strong winds spread the wildfire to Lake Tahoe, resulting in extensive evacuations. The fire burned 221,835 acres in the counties of El Dorado, Amador and Alpine. It destroyed 1,003 structures and damaged another 81.

Due to the widespread destruction, **Sacramento County's Department of Waste Management and Recycling is supporting debris disposal efforts in partnership with Environmental Chemical Corporation (ECC) and CalRecycle.** The department has agreed to take tonnage from 600 homes and properly dispose of soil, ash and debris.

The residents of Sacramento County should feel proud that we can help communities impacted by the fire in El Dorado County. Keep in mind that the County's [Kiefer Landfill](#) and the [North Area Recovery Station \(NARS\)](#) accept household waste, recyclable material and hard-to-handle waste from the public, businesses, and private waste haulers.



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## SACRAMENTO COUNTY IS REDISTRICTING

**Redistricting occurs every 10 years after the completion of the Census. It is vital to our democracy because it lays the building blocks of civic engagement.** Redistricting ensures that electoral districts have similar population levels and comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. Redistricting is important for every Sacramento County resident because it determines which neighborhoods and communities will be grouped together for the purposes of electing a Board member.

Sacramento County held a series of workshops over the summer to get feedback from the public and explain the redistricting process. Now, **Sacramento County is seeking community input on draft maps proposing new district lines in Sacramento County.** The [draft maps can be viewed on the County's Redistricting Webpage](#).

The Board of Supervisors will review, discuss and provide staff direction on possible revisions to these draft maps, taking into consideration the public's input in the process.

The County encourages all interested stakeholders to provide their input on the maps in any of the following ways:

- Send written comments by email to [redistricting@sacounty.net](mailto:redistricting@sacounty.net)
- Draw boundary line maps using [these tools](#)
- Attend a Board of Supervisors [meeting or virtual workshop](#) and provide public testimony

**The County is having a series of upcoming Board Meetings/Workshops to discuss redistricting.**

- November 2, 6:05 p.m., Board of Supervisors Meeting (First Round Draft Maps)
- November 6, 1 p.m., Public Virtual Workshop (First Round Draft Maps)

- November 16, 6:05 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting (Second Round Draft Maps)
- November 17, 2 p.m., Board of Supervisors Meeting (Second Round Draft Maps)
- December 7, 2 p.m., Board of Supervisors Meeting (Final Adoption of Map)

Visit [Sacramento County's redistricting webpage](#) for more information about redistricting, including the redistricting process, written public testimony, a timeline, and more. Residents can sign up for [Redistricting news stories, information and upcoming meetings via email or text](#). You can also view past and upcoming meetings at the [Redistricting Meetings webpage](#) and are encouraged to check-in for additional upcoming workshops and hearings.




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## SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

**The Veterans Services Office in Sacramento County's Department of Human Assistance is responsible for providing benefit entitlement determinations, claim development, claim filing, advocacy, and case management services to veterans living in our area.**

Assistance from the DHA Veterans Services Office includes:

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation Benefits
- Non Service-Connected Disability Pension Benefits
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Benefits
- Death Pension Benefits

- Aid & Attendance Entitlement
- VA Medical Care Eligibility & Access
- Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits
- California College Fee Waiver Program
- VA Life Insurance
- State Veterans Homes
- Requests for Military Records
- Discharge Upgrade Information
- Burial Benefits

Veterans can seek assistance via telephone (916-874-6811) or email to [DHA-VET@saccounty.net](mailto:DHA-VET@saccounty.net). For more information, [please go online to the Veteran Services website](#).

**For those who served our nation, THANK YOU! Please remember Sacramento County's Veterans Services Office is ready to help you get the benefits you deserve and need.**



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# HELP YOUR COMMUNITY DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

As we approach the holiday season, it's important for us to help our fellow community members who may have fallen on hard times. A great way to spread some holiday cheer is by participating in or donating to a local food drive. I have highlighted a few food drives below, but there are many others in District 3 and throughout the County. Let's make the holidays a little brighter for everyone this year!

## **Higher Heights Community Church (HHCC) Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive – ARDEN ARCADE**

**The Comforter**, HHCC's outreach ministry, has been collecting items on a weekly basis since the beginning of September. They are still collecting items such as corn, green beans, stuffing, mac and cheese, cranberry sauce, gravy, sugar, and pies.

**Week 9:** 10/31 - 11/6 Apple Cider

**Week 10:** 11/7 - 11/13 Bi Week/ Catch up

**Week 11:** 11/14 - 11/20 Chicken/ Turkey

**Donations can be dropped off at 2230 Arden Way, Suite H, Sacramento, CA 95825. For more information call (916) 723-0440.**

## **Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) Holiday Homeless Friendly Food and Non-Food Baskets Drive - CARMICHAEL**

Carmichael HART and **Sacramento Self Help-Housing** will host a drive from November 1 thru December 24, 2021, benefitting Carmichael homeless families with school-aged children. Suggested items for donation:

- Canned meats: Think beyond tuna and soup and instead go for canned beef, canned ham, canned chicken, canned salmon or hearty ready-to-go meals like beef stew and chili with meat.
- Boxed meals THAT REQUIRE ONLY WATER.

- Low-sugar cereal like plain Cheerios
- Instant Soups, instant Mac & Cheese
- Cans, cartons or boxes of powered and evaporated milk
- Snack items for kids to take to school: juice boxes, applesauce containers, granola bars, crackers, trail mix, pudding cups, fruit snacks, etc.
- Diapers in sizes above newborn, plus wipes
- Toiletries: toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, warm socks, Can Opener, Chapstick, Band-Aids (consider someone living outside this time of year)

**Donations can be dropped between 9am and 12pm or 1pm and 4pm on Weekdays at the San Juan Central Enrollment and Family Resource Center McKinney Vento Office - 3700 Garfield Ave, Room 14, Carmichael.**

**Please call (916) 979-8874 before dropping off donations or for more information.**

### **KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive – NORTH HIGHLANDS**

Support the KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive this year and help feed hungry families in our community. The food drive will take place **until November 12** and helps keep local food banks stocked through the holiday season. Bring your canned and non-perishable food items to your school for donation.

I am happy to highlight the **North Highlands Christian Food Ministry**, which has 18 schools participating in the food drive this year. The Ministry is currently operating throughout the week to serve homeless and low income individuals and families.

**DAYS OF OPERATION:** Monday – Wednesday

**TIME:** 9AM – 12PM

**LOCATION:** 6007 Watt Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660

**For more information visit the [2021 KCRA Kids Can website](#) or email [pmarshall@sacramentofoodbank.org](mailto:pmarshall@sacramentofoodbank.org).**

**Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services**

**The Sacramento Food Bank will begin its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Drive on Friday, November 12, from 7am to 7pm to provide those in need with turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. The touchless turkey drop off will take place at the Family Services Campus at 3333 Third Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. For more information, please visit the [Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services website](#).**

**Another great way to show your support is to participate in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Run to Feed the Hungry event on Thanksgiving morning. This is the largest Thanksgiving Day run in the country and brings in nearly one million dollars each year to the Sacramento Food Bank. This year, individuals and teams may register to participate in person or virtually, please visit the [Run to Feed the Hungry website](#). I will be participating with my family and hope to see you there!**



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## **COMMUNITY HERO OF THE MONTH – LINDA ROSE JONES**

**Each month, I recognize an outstanding community member who goes above and beyond helping to make Sacramento County a better place to live, work, and play for our residents. I am pleased to announce our October honoree, Linda Rose Jones. Linda has tirelessly labored for years to maintain the grounds at Koobs Nature Area near the La Sierra Community Center. Her efforts have included clearing brush, removing garbage, watering and caring for five**



acres of plant and animal habitat. Though she has organized fellow volunteers and Kiwanian friends to help, much of the heavy work has fallen on Linda herself. Linda organizes twice-yearly services at the Koobs Nature Area Vietnam Monument to honor local veterans. For many years, she has led these ceremonies to honor families who have lost loved ones. This proud Carmichael tradition would simply not survive without Linda. Linda also volunteers with the Carmichael Kiwanis Club, Congregation Beth Shalom, and is active in various community blood drives. This makes her a **Community Hero!**

Thank you Linda for your continued commitment to remember those who so bravely served and sacrificed for our Country and all the great community volunteer work you do each year. Keep up the great work!

**You can nominate a Sacramento County District 3 Community Hero of the Month by filling out this [nomination form](#).** The selected Community Hero of the Month will be featured in our newsletter and will receive a certificate of recognition. I look forward to honoring all of those who work so hard to make our communities better.

If you have questions about this program please feel free to email me at [richdesmond@saccounty.net](mailto:richdesmond@saccounty.net) or call my office at (916) 874-5471.

Photo courtesy of Susan Maxwell Skinner.





# WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY

On **Saturday, November 6, at 10am**, the **Carmichael Recreation and Park District** will sponsor a special ceremony recognizing local heroes listed on the **Wall of Honor at Patriots Park**. This year they will be adding a new inductee to the Wall of Honor: **Corporal Bruce R. Verhoeven**.

**Located at 6827 Palm Avenue**, Patriots Park and its Wall of Honor is a special place to reflect upon the **special meaning of sacrifice made by those who served us wearing different uniforms**. The Wall of Honor currently has **fourteen inductees who represent the US Armed Forces, California Highway Patrol, Sacramento Sheriff's Department, and the Sacramento Metro Fire District**. Each honoree has a connection to the area, and the memorial provides a source of pride and remembrance for their families, loved ones, and friends.

I hope you will be able to join us for this solemn occasion.

Photo courtesy of Susan Maxwell Skinner



## GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

After the massive storm last month, we encourage you to prepare for a disaster by registering to **receive notifications from the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services**. Please go to the Sacramento Region Emergency Notification System and **register now** [SAC Region Citizen Alert - Sign up \(everbridge.net\)](http://everbridge.net) so public safety officials can contact you via telephone call, text, or email if a disaster strikes.

Our regional mass notification system is a critical link for you to immediately learn of required actions like forced evacuations, shelter in place orders and road closures. The unique feature of Sacramento County's system is the ability to handle more than one contact method for residents including cell phones, alternate numbers, text, email and even landlines. **You choose the best notification method for you** or choose them all. **You can also register multiple locations**, such as your work address, your parent's address, or your children's school, in order to get alerts about the places that mean the most to you.



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## ARS GRATIA ARTIS: 27th ANNUAL ART RAFFLE

It's time for the Sacramento Fine Arts Center's annual art raffle! **Ars Gratia Artis** is the best bargain for anyone seeking an original piece of art from one of our extraordinary local artists.

**A Raffle and Reception will take place on December 5, 2021, at 2pm.** Raffle tickets are available in the Sacramento Fine Arts Center's Gallery and online for \$100 each. **Have your top 10 picks ready for the in-person and virtual ticket drawing!** Every ticket guarantees ticket holders one piece of original art.

Ars Gratia Artis is on display from November 16 – December 5, 2021, in the Main Gallery of Sac Arts at 5330 Gibbons Drive. The Gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 11am to 3pm, and on Saturday from 11am to 5pm. As always, **Gallery Admission is free!**

Every piece of art featured in this fundraiser has been donated by professional and emerging local artists. The pieces are valued at \$250 or more and ranges in size and medium. All ticket sales support programs at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center.

An online preview and tickets are available at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center website. [www.SacFineArts.org/AGA2021](http://www.SacFineArts.org/AGA2021)

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center, founded in 1986 is composed of artists and art organizations. Their Mission is to encourage the creation and presentation of original visual arts, to support the cultural life of the community, and to encourage all artists to fulfill their potential. For more information call (916) 971-3713 or visit the Sacramento Fine Arts Center website. [www.sacfinearts.org/](http://www.sacfinearts.org/)



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**SACRAMENTO PERENNIAL  
PLANT CLUB**

Every year, the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club participates in a variety of gardening projects throughout Sacramento County. They provide a special opportunity for groups and offer **Saul Wiseman Grants** to promote gardening and horticultural activities with an emphasis on education, service, and enhancement to our community. Non-profit groups, community groups, and schools within the County of Sacramento are encouraged to apply.

The grants enable groups to engage in gardening and horticultural activities that provide greater access to healthy soil and open spaces, increase the supply of food for the hungry in our community, or create places of beauty in our neighborhoods. Whatever your community gardening endeavor might be, consider applying for a Saul Wiseman Grant by January 15, 2022. Grant information is available on the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club website at <https://sacramentoperennialplantclub.org/grants>.

