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**PROJECT HOMEKEY
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING**

The Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) have worked together to successfully convert aging motels and hotels into permanent supportive housing to serve the homeless population in different parts of Sacramento County. These conversion projects, called Project Homekey, are funded by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.

The County and SHRA have been looking for additional locations for hotel conversions and identified two sites in District 3: the Arden Star Hotel located at 1413 Howe Avenue in Arden Arcade and the Super 8 Motel located at 4317 Madison Avenue in New Foothill Farms

Permanent supportive housing programs provide residents with intensive wrap-around services to make positive changes in their lives. The need for housing along the continuum of care is vast, and as we bring on more short-term shelters to immediately get campers off our streets and open spaces, the County is dedicated to also making low-income long-term housing available. The SHRA board is evaluating the two projects in District 3, and a hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors to approve an application for Project Homekey funds. Each proposed facility will have security and an on-site operator. In each facility, a percentage of rooms will be restricted to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) clients.

Below is a brief description of each project and information on upcoming community meetings to discuss them.

Arden Star Project: Built in 1980 on three acres, the project will rehabilitate 128 hotel rooms into 71 studios and 51 one-bedroom units along with two manager units. This facility will serve seniors with an emphasis on those over 62 years of age. Thirty of the units will be restricted for MHSA clients, and an additional 15 units are for clients referred by Adult Protective Services.

DATE: TODAY--Monday, April 3, 2023

**LYME FIGHT
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TIME: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Swanston Community Center 2350 Northrop Ave, Sacramento, CA 95825

Madison Sacramento Studios Project: Built in 1980 on one acre of land, it will be rehabilitated into 118 affordable studio units with one manager unit. Each studio will include a bathroom and a kitchenette. This facility will serve single individuals and provide amenities on site such as a swimming pool, basketball court, fenced dog area, and more. There will be 15 units restricted to MHSA-eligible clients.

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023

TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Madison Elementary School 5241 Harrison Street, Sacramento, CA 95660

I encourage the residents of District 3 to attend and hear about these projects.

EASTER AND SPRING ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Spring is here, and several communities are hosting **Egg Hunts for children** and the entire family. These events are all scheduled for **April 8, 2023**, and are **open to the public**.

Fair Oaks Easter Eggstravaganza at **Fair Oaks Park**, 11549 Fair Oaks Boulevard. Activities 9am-1pm include free Egg Hunt for children ages 0-15, plus a craft station and pictures with the Bunny. For a nominal fee, enjoy an adult egg hunt and pay-to-play activities. For more information, visit the [Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District website](#).

Arden Park Easter Egg-Stravaganza at **Arden Park**, 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento. Enjoy a pancake breakfast from 8:30-9:30am (\$5.00 per person) before an egg hunt at 9:30am to include pictures with the Easter Bunny. For more information, visit the [Arden Park Recreation and Park District website](#).

Breakfast with the Bunny at **Carmichael Park**, 5750 Grant Avenue. The event is hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael and the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. Enjoy a pancake breakfast by the Kiwanis Club from 8-10am (\$5 per person) along with crafts, pictures with the Bunny, and more. For more information, visit the [Carmichael Recreation and Park District website](#).

Spring Extravaganza & Egg Hunt at Freedom Park, 3200 Freedom Park Drive, hosted by the North Highlands Recreation & Park District. Activities begin at 10:00am and last until 12:00 pm. There will be crafts, interactive vendors, egg hunts, a petting zoo, a balloon artist, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. For more information, visit the [North Highlands Recreation & Park District](#).



AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY SPRING CLEANUP: APRIL 15

The **American River Parkway Foundation's second largest annual cleanup** is right around the corner!

The American River Parkway Spring Cleanup takes place on April 15 from 9am to 12pm at nine locations along the 23-mile stretch of the Parkway.

My family and I have personally been involved in this cleanup many times. This is an opportunity for the community to come out and show their support for our urban jewel. It's also a terrific way to spend a Saturday morning in nature bonding as a family, collecting community service hours, and encouraging team building.

Each year, this event draws hundreds of volunteers and removes thousands of pounds of trash from the Parkway. There are opportunities for individuals, groups, and families of all ages and sizes to participate.

To get more information and to register, go to the [American River Parkway Foundation website](#).



RETAIL FOOD PERMIT FEE WAIVER CONTINUES THROUGH 2023

Local retail food establishments were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the Board of Supervisors approved the Retail Food Permit Fee Waiver program in January 2022 to provide relief to businesses throughout the County by waiving the food facility health permit fee for the calendar year 2022.

I am proud to announce the Board recently approved an extension of the waiver through 2023 to provide additional relief to businesses throughout the county. The Environmental Management Department will automatically apply the waiver to renewal retail food permit invoices generated after January 1, 2023, for accounts that meet the eligibility requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact the Environmental Management Department (EMD) at (916) 875-8440 or email them at EMDRetailFoodFeeWaiver@saccounty.gov

RESOURCES FOR NEW PARENTS IN NEED

Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH) offers information and education on how to have the best pregnancy outcome possible. They have several resources for first-time parents and those welcoming another child into their family.

Because each family is unique, Sacramento County has several resources in place to help serve parents and children. Some of the programs available in the County include [African American Perinatal Health](#), [Black Infant Health](#), [Nurse-Family Partnership](#), and [Women, Infants, & Children \(WIC\)](#). Anyone who is pregnant and lives in Sacramento County and is income eligible can enroll in these programs. If you are not sure which resource is best for you, don't worry! The County has workers who will match you with programs that meet your needs.

To get help, call (916) 875-BABY. You will need to state that you are pregnant and in need of assistance. The County will then match you to resources.

To find out more about MCAH programs, [visit the MCAH website](#).



JAPANESE BEETLE DETECTED IN ARDEN ARCADE

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner have detected the Japanese Beetle (JB), a non-native invasive species, in Arden Arcade. This pest attacks a wide range of plants and crops grown in California.

CDFA has consulted with the international scientific community about the most effective methods to prevent the establishment of the JB, and these experts recommend treatment as the most effective solution. Treatment is only applied to turf (lawn) and ground cover and is free of cost. All residents will be notified at least 48 hours prior to the

scheduled application. [Additional material can be found by visiting this link.](#)

Your cooperation with this program is critical to protect California's natural environment and agriculture. If you require additional information, please contact the Pest Hotline at 800-491-1899.



INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) – OPERATION SECRET ADMIRER

Last month, **the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office concluded a multi-agency undercover operation to combat online-facilitated sexual exploitation of children. Operation Secret Admirer resulted in the arrest of 18 suspects, the majority of whom were booked at the Sacramento County Main Jail for various charges that include:**

- PC 288.3(a) - Contacting a minor with the intent to commit a sex crime
- PC 288.4(a) - Arranging to meet with a minor for lewd purposes
- PC 664/288(a) - Attempted lewd/lascivious acts with a child under 14
- PC 288.2(a)(2) - Distribution of harmful material to a minor
- PC 664/311.4(c) - Attempted production of child pornography

The operation was conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and included investigators from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, California Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Sacramento County Probation, Elk Grove Police Department, Sacramento Police Department, Folsom Police Department, Placer County Sheriff's Office, Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), El Dorado County

District Attorney Investigations, Rancho Cordova Police Department, and San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

Operation Secret Admirer began on Valentine's Day 2023 when investigators posed online as children 13 years old and younger. They were contacted by individuals who attempted to groom the child (undercover officer) by using sexually explicit language, sending pornography, attempting to convince the child to send sexual images and videos of themselves, then arranging to meet up with the child to commit a sex crime. Thirteen of the suspects traveled to a meeting location with the intent to commit a sex crime and were apprehended by awaiting officers. The remaining suspects were taken into custody at alternate locations.

Three of the arrested suspects were found to be registered sex offenders. One of the suspects was found to be on Felony Pre-Trial Monitoring for PC 236 (False Imprisonment) and was wearing an ankle monitoring device. All 18 suspects were charged with multiple felonies. If convicted, they will face prison or jail time and be required to register as sex offenders.

The success of this operation can be credited to the expertise of our investigators and the strong relationships with our regional, State, and Federal partners. The ICAC Task Force will continue to make proactive arrests of subjects who pose a danger to the community and our children, and we encourage the community to report any sexually explicit communication between adults and their children to their local law enforcement agencies.

For additional information on the ICAC Task Force, [please visit their website at this link](#).

BECOME A SACRAMENTO AIRPORT AMBASSADOR

The Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is seeking friendly and outgoing individuals to join their Ambassador Program, which aims to provide a warm welcome to visitors and help them navigate the airport's many services. As the gateway to Northern California, the airport serves millions of passengers a year, and a friendly and positive experience can make all the difference in encouraging visitors to return.

Airport Ambassadors are asked to commit to at least two four-hour shifts per month, with multiple shifts available each day at the information desks and additional roving shifts on weekdays. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, enjoy customer service, and have strong communication skills. Ambassadors should be knowledgeable about the Sacramento region and have basic computer and internet use skills but don't worry if you're not an expert just yet, as the program provides training and support.

Duties include greeting travelers and convention delegates, helping people find airport services, answering questions about flight schedules, and providing information about Sacramento's many attractions and hotels. Ambassadors also distribute Sacramento Visitors Guides and assist people in distress, creating an overall positive experience for airport guests.

The benefits of becoming an Airport Ambassador are numerous, including appreciation events, free Airport Ambassador shirts, and concession discounts. Plus, volunteers gain first-hand knowledge about the Sacramento County Department of Airports and get to work alongside other friendly staff.

Join the team of friendly faces at SMF and become an Airport Ambassador today! For more information, contact **Barbara Tustin** at TustinBa@saccounty.gov. And when you are ready, [apply online at this link](#).



THE QUIET EPIDEMIC MOVIE: LYME FIGHT FOUNDATION

Lyme disease is an illness caused by borrelia bacteria, and humans can get it from the bite of a tick carrying the bacteria.

The Lyme Fight Foundation is hosting a feature-length documentary about Lyme and tick-borne disease, titled Quiet Epidemic: As Close As Your Backyard. The movie will be begin at **1pm on Sunday, April 30, 2023**, at **Folsom High School Theatre, 1655 Iron Point Rd, Folsom, California**.

Movie details: After years of living with mysterious symptoms, a young girl from Brooklyn and a Duke University scientist are diagnosed with a disease said to not exist: Chronic Lyme disease. The Quiet Epidemic follows their search for answers, which lands them in the middle of a vicious medical debate.

To purchase movie passes, visit the [Lyme Fight event website](#).

IT'S TIME TO WATCH

MOVIE

 **THE QUIET EPIDEMIC**
AS CLOSE AS YOUR BACKYARD



30 April
2023
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Folsom High School Theatre
1655 Iron Point Rd
Folsom, CA



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Speakers



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