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HOLIDAY EVENTS

With the holiday season in full swing, I want to highlight some of the fun community events taking place throughout District 3. It is exciting to see neighborhoods coming together to celebrate the season as a community. I hope you will join me at some of these wonderful events. Happy Holidays!

ARDEN ARCADE

Friday, December 8 | 6:00-8:00pm | Holiday in the Park

Join the Arden Park Recreation and Park District for their 10th annual Holiday in the Park! Santa will use his Christmas magic to light up the 17-foot tree and the community center for the holidays! Local music and talent groups will take the stage and help celebrate the kickoff to the holiday season. Pictures with Santa will be available after the tree lighting, as well as hot chocolate and crafts for kids! For more information visit the [Park district website](#).

Location: Arden Park, 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864

Saturday, December 2 | 4:00-6:30pm | 16th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Join me at the Annual Tree Lighting hosted by the Fulton Avenue Association and the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District at the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance parking lot at 2700 Fulton Avenue. There will be music, entertainment, and a Christmas tree raffle. Fun and games at Santa's Workshop and FREE coffee, cocoa, cookies, and food (as long as supplies last). You can find more information on the [Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District website](#).

NORTH HIGHLANDS

Friday, December 8 | 6:00-8:00pm | Holiday Extravaganza and Tree Lighting

Don't let the Grinch steal this holiday season! Come and help Cindy Lou Who convince the Grinch to light the tree by

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competing in holiday festivities and games like cookie decorating, holiday music, Grinch Caricature portraits, and more! Enjoy free hot chocolate while watching the tree lighting take place at 7:00pm followed by snow. For more information visit [NHRPD's website](#).

Location: Kay F. Dahill Community Center (Outdoors)

Saturday, December 9 | 9:00-11:00am | Breakfast with Santa

Put on your best holiday pajamas and join us for Breakfast with Santa! Start your morning off with breakfast including fluffy pancakes, warm coffee and juice, pictures with Santa, and some holiday crafts that include Letters to Santa and holiday crafts! **Online registration is required and closes on December 4, 2023.**

Location: Kay F. Dahill Community Center

Participation Fee: \$8.00 per person

Children Under 3 years old are free.

[Register on the NHRPD website.](#)

CARMICHAEL

Thursday, December 7 | 5:00-8:00pm | Carmichael's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season at the annual holiday Tree Lighting event at Carmichael Park. Join me for live music, arts & crafts, vendors, food trucks and holly jolly fun! Santa Claus and Queen Elsa will be available for visits and photos at no additional cost, but we ask that you please donate one canned good per child. All canned goods collected are donated to the San Juan Unified School District's Food Closet. Stick around to watch us light up the tree as a flurry of "snow" falls at the park, promptly at 6:15PM

Location: Carmichael Park - 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

For more information visit the [Carmichael Recreation and Park District website](#).

Friday, December 1st | 4:00-9:00pm, Saturday, December 2 | 9:00-5:00pm, and Sunday, December 9 | 9:00am-3:00pm | Holiday Craft Fair

Come out and enjoy many of the beloved 45th Annual Holiday Show of Hands Craft Fair. There will be custom work by over 150 crafters and artists, featuring handcrafted gift items, decor, collectibles, antiques, delicious food, and of course our can't-miss silent auction is back!

The Holiday Show of Hands Christmas Craft Fair is a very special annual event drawing over 10,000 people annually and is put on by the parents and staff of St. John the Evangelist School in Carmichael, with 100% of proceeds raised directly to benefit the school. For more information check out the [St. John the Evangelist website](#).

FOOTHILL FARMS

Saturday, December 16 | 4:00-4:45pm | Frozen Kids

Do you want to build a snowman? You'll love this stage adaptation of the animated film as Anna, Elsa Olaf, Sven and all of your favorite characters embark on an epic, ice-filled journey to self-discovery, camaraderie and the real meaning of true love.

Stick around after the show for FREE Santa photos and Christmas cookies!

***\$5 Donation is appreciated but not required. As you register, you will see an option to pay in full, pay partial or pay later. If you are not able to make a donation, please still come and simply check the box that states pay later.

Please check out this link to register.

<http://lt.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2033702>



FAIR OAKS

Entire Month of December | Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District and Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Fair Oaks

December 2 | 2:00-6:00pm | Christmas in Fair Oaks and Tree Lighting

Tis the season to celebrate old traditions – and make new ones! The Fair Oaks elves (Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District & Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce, together with their partners) have come together to make this December one to remember! Find fun activities for you or your family to participate in this December throughout Fair Oaks all month long! However, be sure to attend the Christmas in Fair Oaks Tree Lighting on December 2, 2023. The Annual holiday celebration will feature live music, community stage performances, craft vendors, children’s games, food trucks, hot cocoa and don’t forget Santa and Mrs. Claus. The tree lighting is scheduled for 5:30pm at Fair Oaks Park (11549 Fair Oaks Blvd.)

Don’t forget to [check out the December Holiday Guide for information about all the events this month.](#)

RANCHO CORDOVA & GOLD RIVER

December 2 | 9:00-11:00am | Annual Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Bring your whole family to the Cordova Recreation and Park District’s annual Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Neil Orchard Senior Activities Center for pancakes, sausages and refreshments! Stop by the holiday craft area, take festive photos and visit with the guests from the North Pole. Visit the [Park District website](#) for more information.

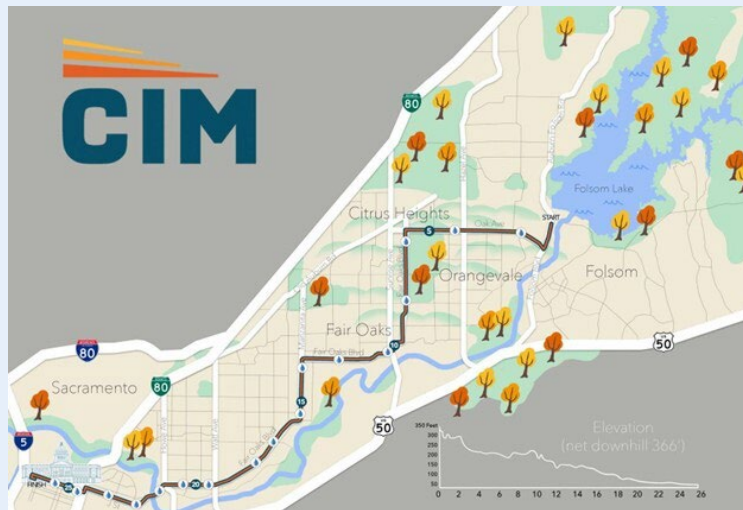


THE CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON RETURNS

The 40th annual California International Marathon is back this year. Thousands of runners are expected to be racing through our neighborhoods in the Third District on **Sunday, December 3**, during the annual **California International Marathon** organized by the Sacramento Running Association. The 26.2-mile grueling trek begins at 7:00am in Folsom and concludes at the State Capitol.

Residents can come out and cheer on the runners. A race day spectator guide can be found online at the [Sacramento Running Association website](#).

Fair Oaks Boulevard is a big part of the route, so Fair Oaks, Carmichael and Arden Arcade residents south of that roadway may find themselves “land-locked” while the race is in progress. Please be cognizant of the closures when planning your morning activities. Residents can view specific street closures on the [marathon’s website](#).



THE SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is delighted to announce their holiday concert Sunday, December 10, 2:30pm entitled “Holiday Fiesta!” in Capistrano Hall, California State University, Sacramento.

The performance is free to the public, but donations are graciously welcomed. Free parking is available in the parking structure adjacent to the Capistrano Hall. Visit the [Sacramento Symphonic Winds website](#) for more information.



The poster for the Sacramento Symphonic Winds Holiday Fiesta concert. It features the organization's logo at the top, which includes the text "SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS" and "2023-2024 Performance Series". Below the logo, it says "Presents" and "Holiday Fiesta" in a large, stylized font. The date is "Sunday, December 10, 2023" and the location is "In Capistrano Hall, California State University, Sacramento". It also states "Doors open at 6:00pm / 6:50pm Performance". The conductor is "Dr. Matthew Morse, Music & Artistic Director". There are two small illustrations: a bow on the left and a pair of maracas on the right. The text "This performance is free to the public. Donations are graciously welcomed." is centered. Below that, it says "Free parking is available in the parking structure adjacent to Capistrano Hall." At the bottom, there are two tables: one for "Admission Price" and one for the "2023/2024 Performance Series".

Admission Price
(Excluding December 10th)

General Admission:	\$15
(Including Seniors)	
Student Admission	\$10
(High School and College Students)	
Youth Admission	Free
(8 th Grade and Younger)	
Advance Pre-Sale	\$10
(Available from SSW Band Members)	

2023/2024 Performance Series

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2023 @ El Camino HS
Center For The Arts
Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 @ CSU Sacramento
Capistrano Hall
Sunday, March 3, 2024 @ El Camino HS
Center For The Arts
Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ El Camino HS
Center For The Arts
Sunday, June 2, 2024 @ Carmichael Park

Please join the SSW email list for future concert announcements and updates.
Requests can be sent to Kevin Glaser at: kglaser@gmail.com

SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 COMMUNITY ACADEMY

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office is hosting its 2024 Community Academy. The Academy was created to increase communication and transparency between the Sheriff's Office and the community by sharing information about the intricacies of the organization and shedding light on the inner workings of the divisions and procedures they employ. You will gain a better understanding of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office in 10 weeks and explore the following:

- The Criminal Justice System
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Internal Affairs
- Community Policing
- Dispatch and Communications
- Specialized Units (K9, Air Operations, etc.)
- Recruiting
- Re-Entry Services

- Investigative Teams
- Youth Services
- Homeless Outreach
- & more

The Academy will be held every Tuesday from 6:00-8:30pm at 4510 Orange Grove Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841, from January 9, 2024, with a culminating graduation on March 19, 2024. Space is limited to 30 spots and applicants must be a Sacramento County resident.

For more information, or to receive an application via email, please contact Lieutenant Kionna Rowe at communitymityacademy@sacsheriff.com or via phone at 916-832-4590. You may also use the [2024 Community Academy Application](#) to apply.



DONATE WARM CLOTHING

Community Health Works formerly Sacramento Covered is seeking warm clothing for the cold Winter months to ensure that no one in our community is left unprotected against the Winter Chill.

Their clothing drive is running now through December 28, 2023. They are looking for new adult-sized hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts.

All donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at their Midtown office located at 819 19th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

For more information, contact Community Health Works via email at info@cohewo.org or by calling 916-414-8333.



WARM WINTER
Coat Drive

Donate **NEW** coats and sweatshirts to those in need.
Now through Thursday, December 28. Drop off at:

Community HealthWorks
819 19th ST, Sacramento, CA 95811
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

More than one in every five Californians is food insecure. Children, single parents, veterans and so many more go to bed each night not knowing where their next meal will come from.

Join me in supporting our local food banks to help provide our community with fresh, healthy meals for the holidays. Below is a list of food banks and food closets in District Three:

River City Food Bank

Center at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2300 Edison Ave. Sacramento, CA 95821

Donation Drop-off

Monday – Thursday, 9:00–1:00pm

Food Distribution

Friday-Saturday, 10:30–1:30pm

[Saint Philomene – Food Distribution Center](#)

Monday – Tuesday, 9:00–12:00pm

916-481-7113

[Carmichael Food Closet](#)

Carmichael Presbyterian Church

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 1:30–2:00pm

916-483-9232

[Rancho Cordova Food Locker](#)

10497 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

916-364-8973

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30–12:30pm

[San Juan USD Monthly Drive-thru](#)

3738 Walnut Ave, Carmichael, CA 95610

December 20, 2023, 2:00–4:00pm

916-979-8878

[Sierra Arden Neighborhood Food Closet](#)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am

Thursday 4:00pm

SAFE TRAVELS

As families across the nation gear up for holiday celebrations, [Sacramento International Airport \(SMF\)](#) anticipates a significant surge in travelers during December and early January.

To ensure a smooth travel experience, SMF offers the following tips for passengers heading out this Thanksgiving:

1. **Arrive Early:** To avoid stress, travelers are strongly encouraged to arrive at least 2.5 hours before domestic flights and three hours before international flights.

2. **Parking Preparation:** SMF recommends passengers using their own vehicles to navigate directly to available parking lots. Due to high demand, the garage, daily, and hourly lots often fill up quickly, leading to closures. Real-time parking availability information is accessible on the Airport's Parking Status Webpage. Given the high demand for parking, economy lots remain the most viable and reliable option. Shuttle service to and from the economy lots might take longer during peak hours, so passengers should plan accordingly.
 3. **Rideshare and Public Transportation:** Consider utilizing rideshare services like Lyft, Uber, and Wingz, or opt for public transportation such as Sacramento Regional Transit District's route 142, which offers express service between the airport and downtown. Taxis are also available for travelers' convenience.
 4. **Insider Tips:** For those picking up passengers, use the Free Waiting Area until they are ready for pickup. Check-in kiosks are available throughout the terminal before security checkpoints, allowing travelers to bypass crowds at the main desks.
 5. **Expedited Screening Options:** Travelers can expedite their security screening process by enrolling in [TSA Pre✓](#), available at SMF. The application center, located in the southeast corner of Level 1 of Terminal B, operates from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, CLEAR subscribers can enjoy expedited identification verification in the security line, with membership available on the [CLEAR website](#).
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BUDGET WORKSHOP

You are invited to participate in a virtual Sacramento County Budget Workshop on Thursday, December 7, at 6 p.m.

Staff from the Sacramento County [Budget and Debt Management Office](#) will kick off the workshop, providing information about the County budget, including major program areas, historic funding trends and current issues.

Representatives from the County's Departments of [Homeless Services and Housing](#), [Probation](#) and [Voter Registration and Elections](#) will follow with brief presentations highlighting the different services and funding streams for their specific areas.

The workshop will be virtual and can be viewed via Zoom or on the [MetroCable website](#).

How to participate via Zoom:

Thursday, December 7, 6:00pm

[Click this link to join the webinar](#)

Passcode: 550105 OR Dial (669) 254-5252

Webinar ID: 161 300 0368

Please note: the phone lines will not be used for public comment. After the presentation regarding the County's budget and budget process, viewers may ask questions and/or provide input about the budget via the Q&A feature on Zoom.

For those who cannot watch the workshop live, the video will be available on the [County's YouTube account](#).



FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11, 2023

The deadline for paying the first installment of your 2023-2024 Sacramento County property taxes is due no later than December 11, 2023. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty for each tax bill and partial payments are not accepted.

Payment must be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. on December 11, 2023, postmarked with a legal postmark or paid through our website by December 11, 2023. The Tax Collector also wants to remind property owners to include the appropriate installment payment stub from the tax bill or [website](#) or write the parcel number of the property on the check being submitted to make sure that you receive proper credit for the payment.

Payment may be mailed to P.O. Box 508, Sacramento, CA 95812-0508. Be sure to mail your payment early enough to ensure a timely postmark and avoid penalties.

There are many ways you can pay and property taxes may be paid by online e-check or credit card through [Sacramento County's Online Property Tax Bill Information System](#), or over the telephone at 1-844-430-2823, using the 14-digit parcel number. For a 2.29% convenience fee, a contractor will process your credit card payment if you elect to pay the annual property tax bill using this method. This convenience fee is not revenue to the County. **There is no fee to make a payment via e-check.**

To avoid penalties, transactions made either on the internet or over the telephone, must be completed before midnight on the payment pay-by date. Please plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to make your payment. If you are unable to get through on the internet or telephone, causing you to miss the payment deadline, penalties will NOT be waived. Please verify your data entry very carefully when making online payments. If your payment is rejected by your financial institution **FOR ANY REASON**, you will be charged a \$53.00 return payment fee as well as penalties if your payment is rejected after the due date.

Payments may also be made at the Tax Collector's Office, located at 700 H Street, Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814 by cash, check, money order, credit card or pin debit card.

If you use your bank's Online Bill Pay service, a paper check will be printed and mailed to the Tax Collector. Because the check is sent without a payment stub, please enter the parcel number, current year's bill number and installment being paid in the online account number field for payment identification. The date on the check issued by your bank is considered the postmark, make sure you are aware of the banks timeline, on issuing the check. Some banks take 5 to 7 business days before the check is issued, and penalties will apply if the check is dated after December 11, 2023.

If you have not received a tax bill, you can obtain your tax bill information and payment stubs (coupons) at the [Tax Collector's website](#), over the automated telephone system or by contacting the Tax Collector's Office at (916) 874-6622.

Sacramento County offers an online email subscription service for property tax information to receive e-mail notifications when the annual secured property tax bills are available each year and reminders before the first and second installment's delinquent dates. This service is provided at no cost to subscribers.

Visit www.saccounty.gov and enter your email address or mobile number under the "Connect with us" header, located at the bottom of the page.

