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ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS ROADSHOW

McGeorge School of Law, my Alma Mater, is hosting a series of events to help educate seniors and raise awareness about the dangers of financial abuse. The school's Elder & Health Law Clinic partnered with Capital Stage to put together skits that illustrate the warning signs of financial abuse to seniors. The Elder Abuse Awareness Roadshow gives older adults a chance to learn how someone might try to scam them and how they can avoid financial harm.

There are upcoming performances at different locations, including:

- March 28, 2023, at 3 p.m.at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr., Sacramento, CA 95831)
- May 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Sacramento State (6000 J Street., Sacramento, CA 95819)

You can <u>register for the event at this link</u>. If you or someone you know has been the victim of elder financial abuse, contact law enforcement and <u>Sacramento County Adult Protective</u> Services.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENT TO HIGHLIGHT STUDENT VOICES

Student Voices was established in 2018 to engage students as experts in the field of key issues identified by youth. Student Voices 2023 will provide opportunities to get input on how violence, trauma, and substance abuse affect young people and what we should do to address them. Recognized Influential Listeners, including elected and appointed officials as well as other professionals, will hear how

PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITY GUIDE

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their decisions have a direct impact on the personal lives of young people.

This year's Student Voices will engage students as experts on the subject of how violence, mental health issues, and substance misuse can all lead to each other and how Influential Listeners can empower youth to implement solutions suggested by youth. **The event will be held on March 30.** <u>Please RSVP for the event at this link.</u>



COMMUNITY MEETING ON HOMELESSNESS

My office held three community meetings last month, but we have three more meetings in March on homelessness and the County's response. I have invited Emily Halcon, Sacramento County Director of Homeless Services and Housing, to provide an update to the constituents of the Third District. Ms. Halcon will give an update on the homelessness crisis and what the County is doing to address it. I also have invited Sergeant Tifni Vettel with the Sheriff's Department of Homeless Outreach Services to answer questions about law enforcement's role.

The meetings will be held throughout District 3 in the morning and in the evening to maximize the opportunity for people to attend. The meetings will be held on March 15 at 6pm at the Gold River K-8 Discovery Center, March 16 at 6pm at Rancho Cordova City Hall, and March 21 at 8am at Carmichael Park. Please view the flyer for more details.



HELP YOUTH WITH WORK BASED LEARNING

The Sacramento Works, Youth Program Services, is now accepting Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

WIOA serves as the primary workforce development legislation intended to strengthen, bring strategic coordination, and align investments and innovative practices among workforce, education, and economic development providing customers with access to the highest quality of services that lead to career opportunities.

In Sacramento County, the Sacramento Works Youth Committee is responsible for the planning and oversight of WIOA Youth Services. The Youth Committee seeks to create opportunities for youth in employment and training, academic enrichment, leadership development, connections with the local job market, and linkages between academic and occupational learning that is integrated and accessible within the America's Job Center of California (AJCC)/Sacramento Works system. The mission of the Youth Committee is to provide activities to enable young adults, including those with disabilities, to be work-ready and prepared for their future. Sacramento Works youth services are designed in a manner that integrates young adults into the job center to receive the full range of services.

For more information and to apply, respondents should visit this link. The application deadline is March 23, 2023.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Households with an income of less than \$59,187 may qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Sacramento County's <u>Department of Human Assistance</u> has partnered with the United Way California Capital region to offer the <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Income Tax Assistance (VITA)</u> Program, which offers a free tax preparation service to moderate to low-income individuals and families with a focus on helping them claim the federal EITC. All taxpayers earning a gross income of \$59,187 or less qualify for this free tax preparation service. Investment Income must be \$10,300 or less for the year.

DHA sites will be available through March 30, 2023, by appointment at the following locations:

- 2700 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821: Thursday 5 – 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon.
- 2450 Florin Rd., Sacramento, CA 95822: Monday/Wednesday, 5 – 8 p.m.
- 5747 Watt Ave, N. Highlands, CA 95660: Monday/Wednesday 5 – 8 p.m.

What to bring to your appointment:

- Valid Photo ID (for you and your spouse)
- Social Security cards for all persons on your tax return
- All tax forms (W2s, 1099s, student loan interest/tuition statements, book receipts, etc.)
- Last year's tax return (if available)
- If you plan to itemize your deductions, bring the necessary paperwork (mortgage interest statement, real estate taxes, charitable donations, etc.)
- If you had health insurance through the Affordable Care Act or Medi-Cal, the 1095-A and/or 1095-B.

• If you are married and filing jointly, both spouses must attend.

Call 2-1-1 to make appointments at either of the three locations listed above.



NOTTOLI PLACE, A SAFE PLACE FOR SENIORS

I was honored to participate last month in the opening of a new 15-bed facility for at-risk seniors aged 60+ in Sacramento County. Nottoli Place, named after retired Sacramento County District 5 Supervisor Don Nottoli, will house older adults who are eligible for Sacramento County's Adult Protective Services (APS) and experiencing homelessness or housing instability. The shelter has 15 rooms and some rooms will allow double occupancy for spouses or caretakers.

Sacramento County, like many other counties in California, has seen an increase in older adults facing housing insecurity and homelessness for the first time due to a destabilizing event or because they are the victims of abuse or neglect. Nottoli Place is meant to provide a safe space for older adults until they are able to find more permanent housing.

This new facility will offer onsite services provided by Volunteers of America, including 24-hour staffing and availability 24 hours per day/seven days a week, daily meals, and laundry services. To be eligible for Nottoli Place, adults must be involved with Adult Protective Services and be able to live independently or have a care provider to assist them. Applicants must live in Sacramento County.

Additionally, case management services will be provided with linkages to resources, including longer-term housing. There are rules people must abide by when staying at Nottoli Place such as no alcohol or illegal drugs and weapons are prohibited. The good news is that residents can bring one pet to keep them company. For questions about APS eligibility or to report abuse or neglect, call the APS hotline at (916) 874-9377. To learn more about Sacramento County APS, click <u>here</u>.



SHOPPING CART ORDINANCE TO BE ENFORCED

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has made every attempt to address the issue of illegal dumping and trash on the side of the roads, and shopping carts are playing a huge part in this problem.

Sacramento County's current shopping cart ordinance requires businesses to submit a Plan to the <u>Sacramento</u> <u>County's Planning Director</u> to include how the business will prevent carts from being removed from their property and retrieve them if they are removed. The Sacramento County Department of Code Enforcement has already begun performing business inspections to identify those businesses in compliance with this ordinance. There are currently 629 open cases. The Board has allocated additional funds to retrieve abandoned carts throughout the unincorporated portions of Sacramento County. Please stay tuned for additional information about these efforts!



EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER WEEKEND SPONSORSHIP MARCH 11

I will be sponsoring a weekend at Effie Yeaw Nature Center on Saturday, March 11. Please swing by to say hello and check out the free family-friendly program. I will be there Saturday morning to enjoy the Center and all it has to offer. The Saturday program covers a wide range of science and nature-themed topics including birdwatching, gold panning, hiking, and an Animal Ambassador Encounter led by one of the Effie Yeaw Naturalists. For more information about the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, please visit this link.



AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY SPRING CLEAN-UP: APRIL 15

The American River Parkway Foundation's second largest annual clean-up is right around the corner!

The American River Parkway Spring Clean-Up 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 <u>American</u> <u>River Parkway Foundation website</u>.



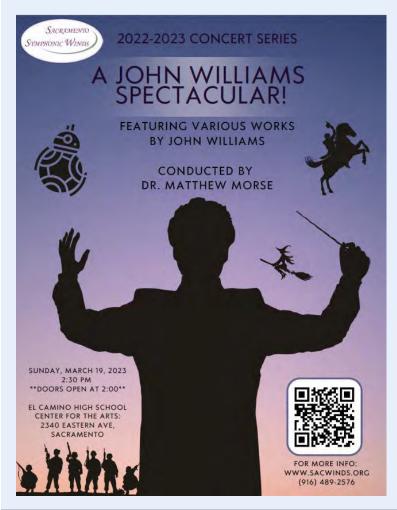
SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS

Experience the sounds of the Sacramento Symphonic Winds, "John Williams Spectacular!" Spring Concert on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 2:30pm at El Camino High School Center for the Arts.

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic wind ensemble conducted by Music/Artistic Director Dr. Matthew Morse. This concert features the four movements of Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Midway March, Hymn to the Fallen, Olympic Fanfare and Theme, Superman March, The Cowboys, and more!

Tickets are sold at the door with children 8th grade and under, free; High School or College Student/Senior (65+), \$10; and General Admission \$15.

The El Camino High School Center for the Arts is located at 2340 Eastern Avenue. For more information, please visit <u>Sacramento Symphonic Winds Website</u>.



FAIR OAKS RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) is hard at work adding programs to benefit you and your family. The **FORPD has released its new mid-season Digital Activity Guide for March through April 2023.** The Guide is a terrific resource for Fair Oaks and surrounding communities for upcoming events, classes, and programs like preschool, sports, dance, childcare and more. **The Digital Activity Guide can be** found at this <u>link</u>.

For more information about the Park District or available activities, please visit the <u>FORPD website</u>.