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## CAPITAL REGION SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Capital Region Small Business Week brings together entrepreneurs, seasoned business owners, and business experts from public and private entities across the Greater Sacramento area to celebrate our region's entrepreneurial spirit.

With events spanning multiple days and multiple locations throughout the Sacramento area, you can build your professional network, get expert advice on the trickiest business topics, and share your success with your fellow small business leaders.

Sacramento County's [Economic Development](#) is partnering with the City of Sacramento's [Office of Innovation and Economic Development](#) to host "BizX, The Art of Innovation" today, May 2, at [The Urban Hive](#). The event will feature a lineup of engaging speakers followed by a networking reception. Participants can register at this link. [Register here](#)

**BizX** is just one of several events during [Capital Region Small Business Week](#), May 1 – 6, 2023, designed to connect the region's small businesses with local resources and celebrate the important role that small businesses play in the region. Everyone is invited to join and register for the events throughout the week. For more information about Small Business Week events, please visit this link: [Capital Region Small Business Week](#). For more information about Capital Region Small Business week, visit the Capital Region Small Business week website: [capitalregionsmallbusinessweek.org](http://capitalregionsmallbusinessweek.org)

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## POTHOLE REPAIRS AND ROADWAY PROJECTS

This winter's storms took a toll on our roadways that were already in bad shape. There are over 5,200 lane miles of paved roadways in unincorporated Sacramento County, and nearly \$850 million in roadway maintenance backlogs. SACDOT's policy is to "repair all potholes as soon as possible" so the roads do not deteriorate even faster.

SACDOT crews routinely inspect for and repair potholes as they are found. In addition, pothole repair requests are called in or e-mailed to Sacramento County [311 Connect](#) by residents, law enforcement, and others. **Last year, the County filled over 80,000 potholes in the unincorporated area of Sacramento County and already in 2023, 52,000 have been filled.** I know filling potholes is not a permanent solution to fix our roadways, but removing these pesky menaces improves the driving experience and roadway safety in the meantime.

**Over the last two years, the Board of Supervisors allocated an additional \$62.5 million for roadway maintenance. These funds are in addition to funding for larger projects, like Complete Streets, that already include repaving or slurry sealing. This paving season, April – October, the County will have over \$70 million of roadway**

**projects in construction.** To view the full list of Sacramento County projects visit the [SacDOT Project Master List](#).

The efforts this year will help, but they are not nearly enough to address the overwhelming backlog in roadway maintenance in unincorporated Sacramento County. I will continue to fight for more transportation dollars to fix our roads, but in the meantime, I'll keep battling my pothole nemesis! To report a pothole in your neighborhood: **Call 311 or 875-4311 or report online through the [311 website](#).**



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## COMMUNITY MEETING ON TRANSPORTATION

**Speaking of roadways, I will be hosting community meetings on transportation issues throughout District 3 during the second quarter.** The schedule is currently being finalized, but I have invited Ron Vicari, Director of SacDOT, as my guest. Mr. Vicari will discuss ongoing and upcoming projects throughout District 3, funding for roadway projects, and neighborhood traffic management programs. As soon as the dates and locations are confirmed, my office will send out notifications.



## **NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS WALK THIS WEEKEND**

Please join me and Supervisor Patrick Kennedy on the **NAMI Sacramento County SUPer Crew** team as we walk together in support of Mental Health this weekend. The NAMI Walk will take place **Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at William Land Park, 1701 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, CA 95822.**

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI Walks promotes awareness of mental health, raises funds for NAMI's free top-rated programs, and builds community by letting people know they are not alone. I am honored to be sponsoring this year's local NAMI Walk with Supervisor Kennedy and SMUD Board President Heidi Sanborn.



If you cannot walk with us, please consider supporting us with a donation by visiting the [NAMI Sacramento County SUPER Crew website](#). No donation is too small!

For information about NAMI Walks, visit the [NAMI Walks website](#) and I hope to see you out there this weekend.



## BIG DAY OF GIVING MAY 4, 2023

Thursday, May 4, is the **BIG DAY OF GIVING!** I am excited to have so many wonderful non-profit organizations that help our communities. Now it's time for us to help them. **Our region's 24-hour fundraising effort, the BIG DAY of Giving is being held until 11:59 pm on the May 4. Please be sure to check out the [Big Day of Giving Website](#) and donate to participating nonprofits.**

Your generosity is needed more than ever because many non-profit organizations are struggling to provide services for individuals in our community. The Big Day of Giving allows the Sacramento Region to come together in the spirit of philanthropy to improve the place we call home.

**There are 762 nonprofits participating this year, including several organizations that serve our suburban communities in Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, North Highlands, and Gold River. These organizations provide direct social services to people in need, support our local arts and culture, rescue abandoned animals, and help protect our environment.**

For more information, please visit the [Big Day of Giving website](#) and search for your favorite nonprofits. Let's help the helpers!



## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SPRING AND SUMMER?

The **Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District** has released its new **Spring/Summer Activity Guide** at this **link: [Online Flipbook](#)**. The Guide features activities like preschool, sports, summer camps, facility rentals, and more.

The Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District is hard at work adding programs to benefit you and your family. For more information about the Park District and available activities, please visit the [Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District website](#).



# CPUC's BROADBAND FOR ALL, DIGITAL EQUITY WORKSHOP

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Partners will be hosting a workshop to seek input on the development of the State Digital Equity Plan (SDEP) and the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Five-Year Action Plan. The workshop will be held on May 11, 2023 at 8:30 am at the Sacramento Central Library located at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The CPUC is working to close the digital divide and asking community members from all walks of life to participate by sharing their experiences with connectivity and adoption issues, device access, and knowledge/training about using devices.

Your input will help determine how future federal dollars are allocated to address digital access in our community.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the digital equity plan, provide feedback on how to make it more effective, and connect with others who are passionate about digital equity in Sacramento County and California as a whole.

For more information about this workshop, visit the [Broadband for All, Digital Equity, and BEAD Planning Workshop webpage](#).

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Participate in a State Digital Equity Planning Workshop near you and help your community get online.

Thursday, May 11, 2023 - Sacramento Central Library

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[BroadbandForAll.cdt.ca.gov](http://BroadbandForAll.cdt.ca.gov)

## MAY IS BIKE MONTH

Park your car and hop on your bike...It's BIKE MONTH! National Bike Month was created in 1956 to showcase the benefits of bicycling. Thousands of people join Bike Month activities by pledging miles and earning prizes. Ride your bike to work, school, or for recreation and log all the miles you ride.

Bike Month encourages and supports alternative modes of transportation, including trips made by bicycle. Biking reduces air pollution, conserves energy, and improves the quality of life. Join me in celebrating May is Bike Month by biking for community purposes whenever possible.

Throughout Sacramento County this month, you will find many cycling challenges, fitness events and prizes, and a chance to help the environment and cut back on roadway congestion. Stay up to date with the latest news and get a full list of events and details at the [May Is Bike Month website](#).



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## ALCOHOL BAN KEEPS OUR PARKWAY FAMILY FRIENDLY

**If you are planning to enjoy the American River Parkway over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water between Hazel and Watt avenues (an exception exists for Ancil Hoffman Golf Course).**

**A number of years ago, there were major problems along the American River due to excessive alcohol consumption.** This resulted in fights, public nudity, profanity and littering, and drove some families away.

**Besides Memorial Day weekend, the alcohol restriction is also applicable on the weekends of Independence Day and Labor Day. In addition, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Regional Parks, in consultation with the County Executive, to prohibit alcohol in the Parkway on any additional days between Memorial Day and Labor Day when such a ban is needed to maintain order when excessive alcohol consumption is encouraged by social media.**

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## FAMILY FUN AT THE COUNTY FAIR



The 2023 Sacramento County Fair will be held May 25-29 (Memorial Day Weekend) at Cal Expo, located at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815. Activities include a carnival, food, rodeo, barn animals, music, monster truck show, and shopping.

General Admission is only \$12, kids aged 12-16 are \$10, and **Children under 12 are admitted free.** What a great value for the whole family!

For more information about hours, general admission, and entertainment tickets, please visit the [Sacramento County Fair website](#).



## KITTEN SEASON

Animal shelters around the country are gearing up for what is known as “Kitten Season,” when cats begin to give birth to countless kitten litters. Typically beginning in late spring and continuing throughout summer, Kitten Season stretches the resources of animal shelters and rescues when an influx of unwanted kittens and cats crowd shelter and kennel space.

The [Bradshaw Shelter’s Foster Care Program](#) helps save lives and space during this hectic season. Residents interested in becoming fosters should [submit a foster application to \[foster@saccounty.gov\]\(mailto:foster@saccounty.gov\)](#). The shelter provides all food, bedding, supplies, toys and more at no cost to the foster. Fostering is a great way to help alleviate the impact of kitten season at your local shelter while providing temporary companionship for those still working from home.

The shelter is most in need of fosters for bottle babies: kittens who have been orphaned or abandoned and are too young to eat on their own. If you've never fostered a bottle-fed kitten before, the foster team will teach you everything you need to know. Fosters are also needed for kittens that just have a little bit of growing left to do, as well as for sick or injured kittens and cats. The time commitment for fostering can be anywhere from one to eight weeks, depending on the kitten's size at the time of fostering. **For more information about fostering, including [fostering FAQs](#), visit the [Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter website](#).** To learn more about

**what to do if you find a kitten or litter of kittens, [visit the feral cat information webpage](#).**

Donations of essential kitten season supplies are also needed and will gladly be accepted at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Tuesday through Sunday, between 12 pm and 5 pm For a complete list of supply needs, visit the shelter's [Amazon Wishlist](#) or the [donation website](#).

