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### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**I hope to see you Tuesday, August 6, at one of the National Night Out (NNO) parties throughout District Three.** NNO is held annually on the first Tuesday in August. The goal is to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. These events provide a great opportunity to bring neighbors together to build a safer community. It is a great chance to get to know your neighbors and your surroundings as it encourages everyone to work together and watch out for others. Law enforcement benefits by having positive interactions with neighborhoods and building lasting community relationships.

The first official National Night Out occurred in August of 1984 with 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. It has grown over the last 40 years, and now 38 million neighbors in 50 states get together once a year. These events can be as simple as a small get-together in a cul-de-sac, exchanging numbers for an ice cream social, or even a larger block party with food and activities for children.

Have a safe evening, and I hope to see you in your neighborhood!

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## 2024 FENTANYL AWARENESS AND ACTION SUMMIT

**Don't miss an important opportunity to learn about the current state of the Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis in Sacramento County.** This event will highlight strategies for managing the opioid epidemic and fentanyl crisis and best practices for prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement.

The event, "Coming Together, Embracing Solutions, Strengthening Our Response," will bring professionals and community members together to raise awareness, provide education, and discuss community-level solutions.

**Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024**

**Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm. Registration begins at 8:30am**

**Location: California State University Sacramento,  
University Union Ballroom**

There will be free parking on the premises and lunch is provided to all attendees! Attendees can park in Lots 6, and 7 and Parking Structure 2. Student spaces in Lot 5 are available for those with disabled placards. Register for this event at the [Sacramento Opioid Coalition website](#) or with the QR code on the flyer by TODAY--August 1st. Registration is required, no cost to attend! Questions? Email [info@sacopioidcoalition.org](mailto:info@sacopioidcoalition.org)



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## HEROES OF HUMAN SERVICES AWARD NOMINATIONS

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes of Human Services Awards, presented by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Human Services Coordinating Council,** was created to honor those who have touched the lives of others through their advocacy, dedication, service and support throughout Sacramento County.

We are looking for individuals or groups who have demonstrated outstanding involvement and commitment to human services. Human Services are broadly defined as community services that support and protect individuals and families.

A person or group may be nominated for extraordinary efforts exhibited by commitment, dedication, and dependability over a period of time OR a person/group may be nominated for a one-time specific situation or incident

that exhibited extraordinary effort. All nominations will be considered.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Nominees must have demonstrated a commitment to human services through efforts to provide residents of Sacramento County with the resources, services, supports or opportunities needed to advance quality of life and social functioning.

- Nominees may be from a volunteer organization, club or committee. *Examples should be reflective of efforts that go beyond the scope of their regular employment.*
- Nominees may be from a place of employment. *Examples should be reflective of extra-ordinary work they do at their place of employment that is beyond performing their regular work duties.*

### **Selection and Notification**

A panel representing the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Human Services Coordinating Council will make the selection of honorees, and those selected will be notified by their respective County Supervisor's office.

### **How do I Nominate?**

**All nominations are due by September 3, 2024. To submit your nomination, please use this [virtual form link](#).**



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## **AMERICAN RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN**

Many people have contacted my office about the proposed American River erosion protection project upstream of Watt Avenue. I share the concerns about the nature and extent of the erosion protection work and the impacts to the community. However, I am confident that the work is necessary, there has been and continues to be extensive outreach and education about the project, and that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is doing everything it can to minimize impacts while reducing our community's risk of catastrophic flooding.

The USACE released a draft environmental document for public review in December 2023 that featured several flood risk reduction projects, including the proposed American River erosion protection measures upstream of Watt Avenue. The work in this area is commonly referred to as Contract 3B and is a continuation of erosion protection work, known as Contracts 1 and 2, that was done in 2022 and 2023 at the River Park-CSUS and Campus Commons erosion sites.

USACE representatives have provided and continue to participate in briefings to share information about the Contract 3B project design. Most recently, USACE presented information at the April 30, 2024, Lower American River Bank Protection Working Group (BPWG). I highly encourage you to review the video from that meeting because it provides insight on past American River flood control efforts and, specifically, Contract 3B design details. You can find the [video at the this link](#) or on [USACE's website at this link](#).

By way of background, the BPWG is an ad hoc committee of the Lower American River Task Force (LARTF). Over the past 30 years, the LARTF has influenced the development of erosion protection measures along the American River commensurate with standards set by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA) as well as the American River Parkway Plan. These projects meet flood control objectives while

protecting and enhancing the long-term natural resources of the parkway. LARTF participants are periodically updated on proposed projects at a high level, and the projects are further evaluated and discussed in more detail through the BPWG. Long term BPWG participants include federal and state resource agencies, County Regional Parks, parkway advocates and local interests such as Friends of the River and Save the American River Association, among others. Through the Working Group venue, flood control engineers, natural resource specialists, and stakeholders come together to evaluate technical details related to proposed erosion protection work.

As you know, the USACE started erosion protection work in 2022 near River Park and Campus Commons. This work, combined with completed levee erosion and seepage protection work conducted since the 1990s, helps secure our ability to withstand large flood events in the future. It is well understood that vegetation removal is required where erosion protection measures are constructed. As it relates to Contract 3B work upstream of Watt Avenue, the erosion protection work will be much more targeted and does not extend from the riverbank to the top of levee as it did at River Park. In other words, the Contract 3B work will be much narrower with less impact to vegetation than the work near River Park and Campus Commons.

Sacramento and New Orleans are considered the two most at-risk metropolitan areas for flooding in the country. Continued federal, state, and local investment in our flood control system is necessary to protect the 500,000 residents that reside behind our levees in a historic floodplain. USACE has coordinated with various federal and state resource and wildlife agencies, as well as City and County departments, including our own County Regional Parks, throughout the initial planning, design and execution of flood control projects.

The necessity for erosion protection measures along the American River have been understood and planned for several decades. The County's 2008 American River

Parkway Plan and 2023 Natural Resources Management Plan both include references recognizing erosion protection work and measures being taken to mitigate for it (links provided below). Decades-long study and work have been invested in finding solutions that provide adequate flood protection to our residents while protecting and enhancing our parkway assets.

Links:

[2008 Sacramento County American River Parkway](#)

[American River Natural Resources Management Plan](#)

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## **UNDERCOVER PROSTITUTION STING**

**Last month, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department conducted an undercover prostitution sting on Watt Avenue.** This was one of several operations to combat prostitution and human trafficking within Sacramento County. The Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau (SIB) Detectives, in collaboration with the Sheriff's North Patrol, South Patrol, East Patrol Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail (SED), Sheriff's Work Project, the Sheriff's Drone Unit, and with assistance from the Rancho Cordova Police Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Team and Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) coordinated and conducted an undercover operation along Watt Avenue, in North Highlands.

Deputies worked undercover posing as sex workers and sex buyers. **This operation resulted in 56 total arrests and recovered an unserialized handgun.** These types of undercover operations are crucial in the fight against prostitution and human trafficking, as they help identify and rescue victims, dismantle criminal networks, and bring perpetrators to justice. Sheriff Cooper has remained steadfast in his commitment to fight human trafficking in our region and the Sheriff's Office will continue to conduct these operations on a regular basis throughout Sacramento County. Communities are struggling to keep their neighborhoods safe for residents and businesses;

and stings like this make a huge impact let the perpetrators know that these crimes will not be tolerated in Sacramento County.

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### **FREE SHELF READY ADU PLANS**

Sacramento County now has a selection of detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) plans available for use by residents who live in the unincorporated part of the County, free of charge! The County has seen an increase in ADU requests, and these approved plans can expedite the process to build ADUs.

The ADU plans meet all of the 2022 Residential Building Code requirements and come pre-approved by the Building Permits and Inspection Division of the Department of Community Development, meaning a faster permit process and significant savings for the interested ADU owner.

The “[Shelf Ready](#)” ADU plans offered through the program include two 460-square foot studio/one bedroom units, an 870-square foot two-bedroom unit, a 1,000 square-foot two-bedroom unit, and a 1,184 square-foot three-bedroom unit.

Applicants will need to submit a site plan to show where on the property the ADU will be placed. Modifications to the pre-approved plans are not allowed.

These plans were made possible thanks to a grant awarded to the County by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

For more information or to see the plans, [visit the Building Permits and Inspection website](#).





## SacCounty Announces Free Shelf Ready ADU Plans

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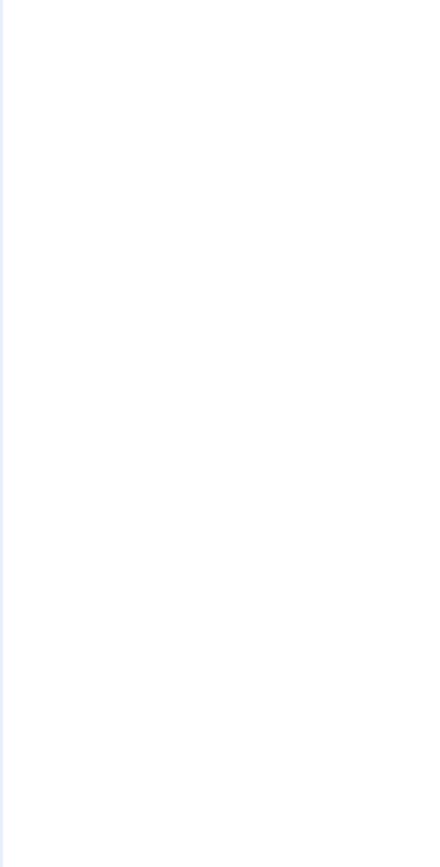
### **BACKPACK DRIVES – GETTING KIDS READY FOR SCHOOL**

Many students return to class this month and need to be ready!

Join **Carmichael HART, Christ Community Church, Carmichael Church of God, and Carmichael Presbyterian Church**, from now through the end of August in a school supply drive benefiting homeless and marginally housed children in San Juan Unified School District.

Items Needed:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper
- Pens
- 3-Ring Binders
- File Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Glue

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- Ruler
  - Pencil Sharpener
  - Markers
  - Calculators

**Drop off hours are from 8:00am – 3:00pm, Monday through Friday, at:**

- **San Juan Central Enrollment & Family Resource Center, McKinney-Vento Office, 3700 Garfield Avenue Room 14, Carmichael, CA 95608**

**Volunteers of America (VOA) Operation Backpack** is an initiative to fill in the gap for children experiencing homelessness, poverty, and otherwise underprivileged circumstances. From now through September 2024, your donations will help provide backpacks, school supplies, and funding for academic enrichment to unhoused and underprivileged children. Donate by visiting the [Operation Backpack website](#).

**WHAT**

**BACKPACK  
&  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
DRIVE**



**WHEN**

**Now thru end of Aug**

**WHERE**

**Convenient Drop off**

San Juan Central Enrollment  
& Family Resource Center  
*McKinney-Vento Office*  
3700 Garfield Ave, Room 14  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
Between 8am – 3pm

**ALL SCHOOL  
AGES EVENT**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

Backpacks, Pencils,  
Notebook Paper,  
Pens, 3-Ring Binders,  
File Folders, Spiral  
Notebooks, Erasers,  
Scissors, Glue, Ruler,  
Pencil Sharpener,  
Markers, Calculator

**CONTACT**

Allison Billard at  
916.979.8794 for  
more information

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Christ Community Church  
Carmichael Church of God  
Carmichael Presbyterian  
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**BENEFITING**

Homeless and  
marginally housed  
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**SIDEWALK INFILL AND STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS**

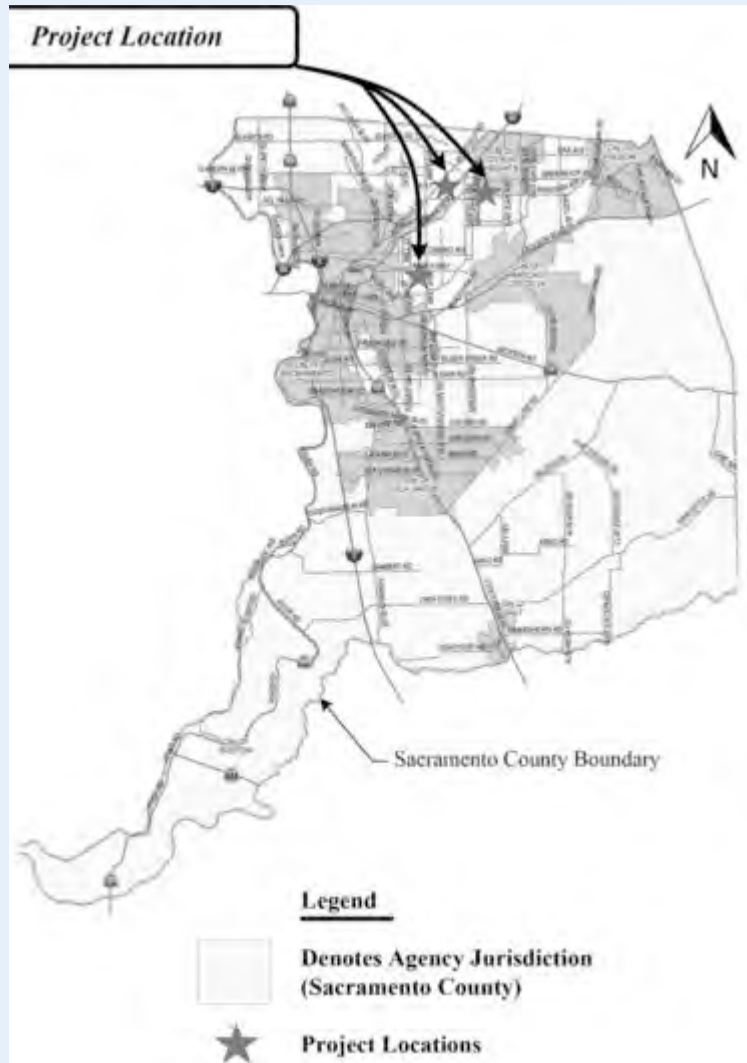
Our suburban roads were not designed with pedestrians and cyclists in mind, and I have made it a priority to add sidewalks and fill sidewalk "gaps" on our larger corridors. I'm happy to announce that our **Sacramento County Department of Transportation is in the construction process for the Arden-Arcade & Carmichael Sidewalk & Streetlights Improvement Project.** This project will make our roads safer for everyone, and I will keep working to find funding to expand it across District 3.

This project was bid on December 14, 2023, and has been awarded to Central Valley Engineering & Asphalt, Inc. Construction began in April 2024 with anticipated completion in October 2024.

**Project Scope & Funding:**

- Construction of infill curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Hurley Way between Dealynn St. and Gannon Dr., on El Camino Ave. between Gunn Rd. and Camino Park Ct., on Marconi Ave. between Eastern Ave. and Root Ave., on Edison Ave. between E. Country Club Ln. and Watt Ave. and on Manzanita Ave. between Hilltop Dr. and Auburn Blvd.
- Installation/reconstruction of storm drain facilities.
- Installation of streetlights.
- Construction of retaining wall on the north side of El Camino Avenue between Garfield Avenue and Rancho Way.

Funding for the project is from the Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP), Measure A Sales Tax and Sacramento Transportation Authority. If you have questions or need more information about the project, please contact **Gabriel Flores, Associate Civil Engineer** at [floresga@saccounty.gov](mailto:floresga@saccounty.gov) or **Jenny Singh, Senior Civil Engineer** at [singhje@saccounty.gov](mailto:singhje@saccounty.gov).



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**JOIN SMUD'S SUMMER STEM FEST AT THE AEROSPACE MUSEUM!**

**The Aerospace Museum of California is hosting a Summer STEM Fest.** This event promises a day of family fun and hands-on learning, perfect for all ages.

**Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024**

**Time: 10am – 2pm**

**Location: Aerospace Museum of California, 3200 Freedom Park Dr., McClellan Park**

Celebrate wind energy, the power of flight, and math with family fun STEM activities. Learn about math and the science of air as you enjoy amazing airplane exhibits, tour the museum, fly a flight simulator, engage in hands-on activities, and explore the 2THEXTREME! MathAlive! exhibit. Music and food will be available, and parking is free.

Right now, the museum features the incredible 2THEXTREME! MathAlive! exhibit, where you can engage in 40 unique, interactive experiences. From controlling a Mars rover to designing your own video game, this exhibit celebrates the wonder of math and science in everyday life.



Fun for the whole family!

# Summer STEM Fest

**FREE event**  
Saturday, Aug. 3  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Aerospace Museum of California  
3200 Freedom Park Dr.  
McClellan Park

In partnership with:

**AEROSPACE MUSEUM**  
of California  
Explore. Discover. Inspire.

**SMUD**  
Community Education  
& Technology Center

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**SUMMER CONCERTS CONTINUE**

Want a night out listening to music? Don't miss the great summer concerts in August! Please check out a few concerts this month that the whole family can enjoy.

### **Fair Oaks Concerts in the Park**

Gates open at 7:30pm. Showtime is 8-10pm. Free admission.

Softball Field at Fair Oaks Park, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

August 22 – Jim Anderson and The Rebels

### **Rancho Cordova Friday Night Concert Series at Village Green**

Showtime is 7pm. Food trucks open at 6:30pm. Free admission.

Village Green Park - 3141 Bridgeway Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

August 2 – Guilty as Charged

August 9 – Neon Playboys

August 16 – Adam Aldama and the Aces

August 23 – Pop Fiction

August 30 – Cripple Creek Band

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### **UNSECURED PROPERTY TAXES DUE AUGUST 31**

**Annual bills for Sacramento County unsecured personal property taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 will be mailed on July 12, 2024, and are payable without delinquent penalties through Aug. 31, 2024.**

Unsecured property tax bills are mailed to all owners of unsecured property in July of each year. If you owned unsecured property in Sacramento County, such as a boat or aircraft, or if you leased or owned fixtures and equipment related to a business on Jan. 1, 2024, and do not receive a tax bill by Aug. 2, 2024, please contact the

Sacramento County Tax Collector's Unsecured Property Tax Unit at (916) 874-7833, between the hours of 9am and 4pm, Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

**NONRECEIPT OF A TAX BILL DOES NOT EXCUSE DELINQUENCY OR ALLOW THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PENALTIES OR COLLECTION COSTS.**

Tax bills become delinquent if not paid in the Tax Collector's Office by 5pm on Aug. 31, 2024, or received by mail bearing a postmark of Aug. 31, 2024.

If the tax bill is not paid by the delinquency date, a 10% penalty and collection cost will be added. DMV registration may be withheld on watercraft if unsecured property taxes are reported delinquent. If a tax bill remains unpaid after Oct. 31, 2024, additional collection costs and monthly penalties at the rate of 1.5% will be added to the base tax.

Payments may be made by mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office located at 700 "H" Street, Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814, between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday - Friday, holidays excluded. For credit/debit or eCheck payments, please [visit the Sacramento County Property Tax Bill Information System website.](#)



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**PAWS MOBILE CLINIC: LIFELINE FOR PETS OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS**

Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter and its dedicated team are making remarkable strides in



improving the lives of pets and their unhoused owners. Through the innovative [Pet Aid & Wellness Services \(PAWS\) Mobile Clinic](#), led by veterinarian Dr. Cynthia Metcalf, and an extensive network of community partners, they are providing much-needed veterinary care, resources and support to a vulnerable population that needs it most.

Recently, PAWS received a generous \$100,000 grant from UC Davis [California for All Animals](#). This funding is specifically aimed at enhancing access to veterinary care for pets of the homeless, covering critical resources that will significantly enhance the program's reach and services.

To ensure homeless pet owners and their furry friends receive the care they deserve, a collaborative effort called the Compassionate Pet Care Alliance (CPCA) was created. Established in September 2023, the CPCA brings together various organizations working with the pets of the homeless in Sacramento County. Members include PAWS (Bradshaw Animal Shelter), [Front Street's Homeless Outreach and Assistance Program](#) (HOAP), [Sacramento SPCA](#), Elica Health Services, Animals of the Homeless, [Mercer Veterinary Clinic](#), [4R Friends](#) and [Street Dog Coalition](#). Meeting bi-monthly, these groups share resources, tackle challenges and support each other's missions. The collaboration has been invaluable, leveraging each organization's unique strengths.

With summer in full swing, PAWS, along with HOAP and Sacramento SPCA, has shifted its focus to spay/neuter services to address the surge in puppy and kitten populations. PAWS has a waitlist for these procedures and was fully booked in July.

In partnership with the [Department of Homeless Services and Housing](#), PAWS also distributes water to the unhoused and their pets, ensuring hydration and well-being during Sacramento's hot summer months. Water for pet owners is available at all PAWS mobile events. This initiative will continue throughout the next year.

The Bradshaw Animal Shelter and the PAWS team continue to inspire and uplift the community through their unwavering dedication to animal welfare and support for the homeless in our community. Their efforts not only save lives but also foster a sense of compassion and unity within Sacramento County.

The PAWS Mobile Clinic is a full-service veterinary clinic on wheels, serving the pets of unhoused owners across Sacramento County. The clinic offers spay/neuter services, medical treatments, vaccinations, microchipping and pet supplies. For more information and a calendar of upcoming clinics and locations, visit the [PAWS Mobile Clinic](#) website or call (916) 876-5215.

