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VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS

Veterans Day is a time to honor those who have put their lives on the line for our country. There are several events being held around District 3. Please see below for details about these opportunities:

Carmichael Recreation and Park District's [Wall of Honor](#), an annual event honoring our local heroes. This event recognizes members of the community who have given their lives in the line of duty. Members are represented from all areas of service including the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento Sheriff's Department, Sacramento Metro Fire District, and the U.S. Military. Light refreshments will be served.

- Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024
- Time: 10:00 am
- Location: Patriots Park - 6825 Palm Ave, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

American Legion Post 861 will be having a dedication ceremony for a newly installed flagpole at the Carmichael Veterans Memorial Hall. The flagpole and new American flag were made possible through the generous donations of local veteran's group, private citizens and the park district. Color guard will raise the flag after a brief ceremony to thank those who helped to make this event possible. Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

- Date: November 10, 2024
- Time: 12:00 pm
- Location: Carmichael Veterans Memorial Hall – 5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608

Each year the **Kiwanis Club of Carmichael** hosts a Veterans Day celebration in front of our Vietnam Memorial, at the Koobs

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Nature Area in celebration of our veterans. Refreshments will be available.

- Date: November 11, 2024
- Time: 11:00 am
- Location: Koobs Nature Area - 5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael, CA 95608



UPCOMING TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Photo courtesy of Susan Maxwell Skinner.

Please join me at one of my upcoming **Town Hall Meetings** on **Monday, November 4**. These meetings will be an opportunity for residents of District 3 to ask questions and discuss topics in an open forum. I have invited Sacramento County executive staff, representatives from the Sheriff's Department and CHP. Hope you can join!

Morning Meeting

- Time: 8:30 am - 9:30 am
- Location: Gibbons Park - 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608

Evening Meeting

- Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Location: Fair Oaks Water District - 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Please join
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QUESTIONS?
Email richdesmond@sacounty.gov or call 916-874-5471

ANIMAL CARE FAIRE

The Sacramento County Animal Care Services invites the community; children of all ages as well as dogs on a leash, to attend the Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire at the Bradshaw Animal Shelter. This free-admission event is a community celebration of animal rescue and welfare.

Explore pet-related booths, support local small businesses and makers, savor delicious treats from food trucks, try your luck at our raffles, smile big inside the [Pet Photos by Olin](#) photo booth, and meet adorable and adoptable pets. Dogs on a 6ft leash or shorter are welcome. Adoption fees will also be waived at the Bradshaw Animal Shelter from 12 pm to 5 pm on Saturday, November 2nd. Festival goers will receive

an official event tote bag filled with goodies while supplies last!
The details for this event are as follows:

LOCATION: Bradshaw Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Rd,
Sacramento, CA 95827

DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2024

TIME: 11 AM – 3 PM

For more information visit the [Animal Care Faire webpage](#).



CANNABIS ORDINANCE

On November 21, 2024, the Sacramento County ordinance that will prohibit sales of certain products containing intoxicating cannabinoids derived from hemp, will become effective. My primary concern is the safety and well-being of our community, particularly our children and adolescents. By prohibiting the sale of these intoxicating hemp products, we are taking a proactive step to eliminate the risks associated with unregulated substances that can lead to health emergencies.

Due to loopholes in the Farm Bill of 2018 and Assembly Bill 45, unregulated products containing intoxicating cannabinoids have been sold in locations such as smoke shops, gas stations and convenience stores.

Because people of any age could purchase those unregulated products, there was a subsequent rise in emergency room visits and hospitalizations due to ingestion and adverse events, particularly in young children and adolescents.

The amended ordinance of the code (Sacramento County Code Chapter 4.54 and adding sections 4.54.500 through 4.54.560) will prohibit sales of chemically or synthetically altered industrial hemp products with a concentration of higher than .3% of THC.

The ordinance will institute administrative penalties for businesses conducting these sales and allow for suspension or revocation of the business license, should the retailer not comply with the ordinance. Administrative penalties include:

- \$2,500 for the first violation
- \$5,000 for the second violation within one year of the first violation
- \$10,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation.

The Business Licensing Division of the County's Department of Finance previously distributed a letter notifying select business licensees of the proposed intoxicating hemp regulation and will perform additional outreach to the business community of the ordinance's adoption, effective date and administrative penalties.



HELP FOR VETERANS

The Veterans Services Office in Sacramento County's Department of Human Assistance is responsible for providing benefit entitlement determinations, claim development, claim filing, advocacy, and case management services to the veterans living in our area.

Assistance from the DHA Veterans Services Office can include:

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation Benefits
- Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension Benefits
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Benefits
- Death Pension Benefits
- Aid & Attendance Entitlement
- VA Medical Care Eligibility & Access
- Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits

- California College Fee Waiver Program
- VA Life Insurance
- State Veterans Homes
- Requests for Military Records
- Discharge Upgrade Information
- Burial Benefits

Veterans can seek assistance via telephone (916-874-6811) or email to DHA-VET@saccounty.gov. For more information, [please go online to the Veteran Services website](#).

For those who served our nation, thank you, and please remember Sacramento County's Veterans Services Office is ready to assist you with respect to obtaining the benefits you are entitled to receive.

SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

More than one in every five Californians is food insecure. Children, single parents, seniors, veterans and 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: Wednesday - Friday, 8:00am–2:00pm
- Food Distribution: Wednesday & Friday, 10:30am–1:30pm

1800 28th St. Sacramento, CA 95816

- Donation Drop-off: Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Food Distribution: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30am – 1:30pm

Saint Philomene – Food Distribution Center

- Monday – Tuesday, 9:00–12:00pm

Carmichael Food Closet

Carmichael Presbyterian Church

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 1:30 – 2:00pm and Thursdays 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Rancho Cordova Food Locker

- 10497 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Sierra Arden Neighborhood Food Closet

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am
- Thursday 4:00pm

Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank

Food Distribution Hours

- Monday 11:00am-1:00pm, Wednesday 4:30pm-6:30pm, Thursday 10:00am-12:30pm, Friday 10:00am-12:30pm

Donation Hours

- Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm, Wednesday 3:30pm-6:00pm

RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Join the [Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services'](#) 31st annual Run to Feed the Hungry, the largest Thanksgiving Day fun run in the Country on Thursday, November 28, 2024! This family-friendly event, presented by [KCRA/My58](#), raises funds and awareness about hunger in our community! For race day information, and to register, please visit the [Run to Feed the Hungry](#) website.



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TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Many of my constituents in Arden Arcade struggle during these times. By supporting many of the local food banks and by hosting the Turkey Giveaway, I hope to bring attention to the needs and support our community.

Please join me at Higher Heights Community Church for this Turkey Giveaway drive-thru event. Registration is required and the supply is limited.

Registration is required with [Higher Heights Community Church](#).

- Date: Sunday, November 24, 2024
- Time: 2:00pm – 4:00 pm
- Location: Higher Heights Community Church – 2230 Arden Way, Suite H, Sacramento, CA 95825



TRAVEL ALERTS

As families across the nation gear up for holiday celebrations, [Sacramento International Airport \(SMF\)](#) anticipates a significant surge in travelers during this holiday season. Please remember that the Hourly parking lot at SMF was permanently closed to begin construction of our new 5,500 space parking garage. This is part of the County's \$1.4 billion SMForward project to upgrade, expand, and improve our main airport. The closure of the Hourly lot reduces the number of close-in/walkable parking by 762 spaces.

With the closure, we anticipate both the Garage and Daily lot will fill and close on a regular and frequent basis leaving only the remote lots available for customers—**ESPECIALLY DURING THIS BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON.** Unfortunately, the

remote lots are not within walking distance of either terminal; and there is no pedestrian walking pad. Shuttle buses will run 24/7 to/from the remote lots, and airport staff presence will be increased in key areas to provide reassurance and guidance to our passengers who are unfamiliar with our remote lots and/or our overall parking situation.

During this holiday season, to ensure a smooth travel experience, SMF offers the following tips for passengers heading out of town:

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, and more if you are parking at the airport.
2. **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.
3. **Parking Availability:** If you do need to park at the airport, please check out the SMF website ([SMF > Parking](#)) for current information about available parking lots, but please NOTE—all parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. If a lot fills and closes, customers must select an alternate lot and pay the posted rate. Please arrive early to allow time to park in an alternate lot if necessary.
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](#).

For a less stressful holiday traffic, please plan to arrive early, consider alternate modes of transportation such as UBER/Lyft or arranging for friends and family to drop off and pick up, or if you need to park, please check the SMF website for current open parking lots.



ELECTIONS

The November 5th General Election is approaching fast. Ballots should be in hand (and hopefully already filled out and on their way back to the Elections Office, either by mail or Drop Box). But never fear, if you haven't yet returned your voted ballot, you still have time.

While it is too late to make changes or register your voter registration file online, you can still visit the Election's Office in person or visit one of the Vote Centers that opened Oct. 26 to conditionally register and vote.

Choose how, when, and where you want to vote.

By Mail: All registered voters received a ballot in the mail. Place the voted ballot inside the envelope provided, sign the envelope, and return it – your postage is paid! Ballots must be postmarked by November 5th to count.

Vote Center: With the passage of the California Voter's Choice Act, traditional polling places were replaced with Vote Centers that are open for up to 11 days, including Election Day. This means voters can choose when, where, and how they want to vote – at ANY Vote Center in the County. Avoid the lines, vote early!

- At the Vote Center, you can drop off your completed ballot OR vote in person. There is even weekend voting!
 - 18 Vote Centers opened for 11 days beginning Oct. 26
 - An additional 70 Vote Centers open for four days beginning Nov. 2

- Eligible residents can also register to vote, update their registration and cast their ballot at a Vote Center, even on the day of the election.

Drop Boxes: Voted/signed ballots may be placed in any of the 60 secure Drop Box locations throughout Sacramento County.

- When using a Drop Box, ensure that it is an official, secure box provided by your County Election's Office. All official County drop boxes have the Sacramento County wave logo on them!

A complete list of Vote Center and Drop Box locations [can be found online](#).

For more election and voter information, visit the [Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections website](#).

To register to vote visit the [California Online Voter Registration website](#).



INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) TASK FORCE

Detectives from the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), have been conducting long-term proactive investigations into subjects who have been using the internet to share Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), sometimes referred to as child pornography. Subjects involved in these activities now use very deliberate and sophisticated methods to send and receive CSAM to avoid detection.

During these investigations, Detectives identified specific targets based on their higher level of sophistication, the number of files they have shared, people in positions of trust, and potential access to live victims. These targets were in several counties throughout Northern California, including Yuba, Sutter, Yolo, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Siskiyou, Mendocino, and Nevada counties.

ICAC Detectives worked with almost 30 affiliate members to conduct follow-up investigations, including surveillance, writing additional search warrants, and providing logistics, manpower, local histories, and additional resources. After this initial investigation was conducted, 21 targets were selected.

During three weeks in September, detectives served search warrants at 21 locations related to these investigations in these nine counties. The suspects were from various occupations and backgrounds.

In this operation, Detectives were able to rescue two children under the age of four who were being sexually assaulted by a relative. These incidents had not been reported to anyone prior, including law enforcement or CPS. At another location, detectives located 30 illegal firearms inside the suspect's residence. One suspect was found to have more than 4,600 files of CSAM and more than 27,000 files of child erotica.

Over 200 electronic devices were seized as evidence, as well as physical compact discs and other media storage devices filled with CSAM and books with child erotica. Among the CSAM located, was BDSM (Bondage and Discipline, Dominance and Submission) and CSAM by torture. Detectives seized 61 devices from one residence alone.

After the initial residential search warrants, detectives conducted additional follow-ups (and continued) with additional search warrants, conducting forensics of the electronics, additional interviews, and submitted arrest warrants for suspects.

While some of these arrest warrants have been obtained, others are still pending the review of the forensics on the electronic devices. At least two of these cases are under review for federal charges.

[A video highlighting the operation can be found at this link.](#)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Recently, a significant multi-agency human trafficking and prostitution sting operation, led by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, brought attention to the ongoing battle against exploitation in our communities. I was on hand for one of the two-day operations, which resulted in the arrest of over 100 individuals and the rescue of two juveniles from the clutches of the sex trade.

During the sting, law enforcement officers posed as undercover buyers and sellers to target those who exploit vulnerable individuals for commercial sex. The operation focused on not only apprehending offenders but also on rescuing juveniles, highlighting the urgent need to protect our youth from such heinous crimes. The successful identification and rescue of two 16-year-old victims underscores the critical nature of this work. These young individuals are now receiving the care and services necessary to help them heal and transition to safer environments.

The operation was a collaborative effort, involving the Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Bureau (SIB) and various local and state law enforcement agencies and victim advocate groups such as Drive for Impact and the Sacramento Family Justice Center to make this operation a success. This comprehensive approach is crucial for fostering recovery and ensuring that those affected by trafficking have access to the help they need.

The Sheriff's Office emphasizes the importance of public vigilance in this fight. Community members are encouraged to report any suspicious activities related to human trafficking, as awareness is a vital tool in preventing these crimes.

[A video highlighting Operation FAFO can be viewed at this link.](#)

CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS

Arts and culture nonprofits located throughout Sacramento County are invited to apply for grants to assist with general operating expenses.

The \$950,000 [Cultural Arts Awards](#) Program, administered by the City of Sacramento's [Office of Arts and Culture](#), in

partnership with Sacramento County's Office of Economic Development, is now accepting applications for the 2025-2027 grant cycle. The grants are funded by the City's Measure U tax and general fund dollars, and by Sacramento County's Transient Occupancy Tax funds. Applications are due Dec. 15, 2024.

To qualify for funding, organizations must meet standards of diversity and equity, cultural and community impact, and show sound management and financial accountability.

In the previous grant cycle (2022-2024), the City and County provided over \$933,000 annually in awards to 66 grantees, resulting in a total distribution of more than \$2.7 million over the three years.

The Office of Arts and Culture will offer grant writing workshops and grant writing mentor support to those interested in applying. Grant writing mentors will be available by appointment from November 18th through Dec. 7 and workshop dates will be announced shortly. Applicants with further questions can email oaccaagrant@cityofsacramento.org.

Grants are expected to be awarded in April 2025.

More eligibility information and how to apply can be found [at this link](#).



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