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ADVOCATING FOR POLICIES AND RESOURCES TO BENEFIT CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

I have the honor to represent Sacramento County on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). CSAC is an extremely influential association that brings together county supervisors from throughout the state to find common ground on policies and advocate for legislation and resources that support the invaluable services we provide to our residents.

Last week, I attended the annual CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento and heard from State officials and subject matter experts on several issues, including housing production, homelessness solutions, Prop 36 implementation, infrastructure funding, and behavioral health services. Although I am fortunate to live in Sacramento with easy access to our legislative leaders throughout the year, I actively worked with my colleagues at the conference to educate state officials about the complexities of the issues we face and the need for local control and ongoing funding commitments.

At CSAC and in my daily efforts as your District 3 Supervisors, I remain committed to tackling our homelessness crisis with proven solutions; fixing our roadways by leveraging more local, state, and federal transportation dollars; supporting our public safety partners and implementing Prop 36 with the right combination of enforcement and treatment; and bringing more Sacramento County attention, resources, and strategies to our unincorporated communities. I look forward to continued community meetings, office hours, and neighborhood gatherings this year where I can hear from you and let you know about the work we are doing.

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NAMIWALKS – SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

[NAMI Sacramento \(National Alliance on Mental Illness\)](#) will host its annual **NAMIWalks Northern California** event on **Saturday, May 3** at **William Land Park** (3800 W Land Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95822).

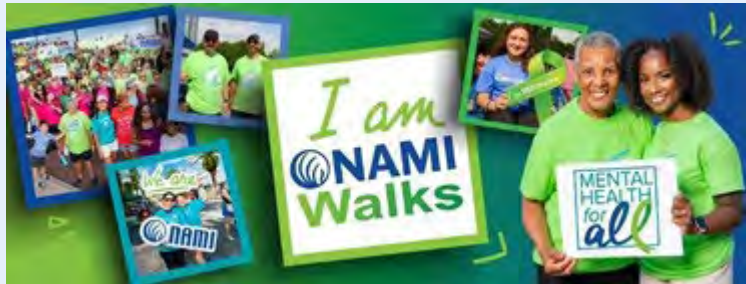
This 5K fundraiser walk brings together community members to share stories, build connections, and raise awareness around the importance of mental health. The event supports

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NAMI's mission to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

As the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, NAMI offers free, top-rated programs and resources. Events like NAMIWalks help fund these services while reminding participants and the broader community that they are not alone.

For more details or to register, visit the [NAMIWalks website](#).



TASTE OF CARMICHAEL IS MAY 9

The Kiwanis Club of Carmichael will be hosting the **20th Annual Taste of Carmichael** on **May 9, 2025**, at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road in Carmichael CA., from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. This is a signature fundraising event that was voted the Best Event in Carmichael for several years. The Taste of Carmichael is one of the largest annual food events in Carmichael attracting approximately 400 people for an evening of fun with a raffle, mystery wine wall, and a silent auction.

The event includes a variety of food cuisines including Mexican, Italian, Asian, Fusion, area wines and beers, delicious desserts, and so much more. Two fantastic local bands will be performing: **Todd Morgan and the Emblems** and the **DTs**.

100% of the funds raised will be returned to the community to support programs and projects for children, schools, the environment, and families in need. Tickets can be purchased at [Kiwanis Club of Carmichael's website](#).



7th ANNUAL BIG DAY OF SERVICE

Join the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation's 2025 Big Day of Service! Help make our community attractive during this annual gathering of unity and service to beautify Fair Oaks and Orangevale together! This event takes place on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Details about how to volunteer are listed below, and you can find out more on the [Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation's website](#).

Bella Vista High School

8301 Madison Ave, Fair Oaks

7:30 - 8:30 am – Check-in, T-Shirt Pickup, Breakfast & Community Vendor Fair

8:30 - 9:30 am – BDOS Kick-off Rally

10:00 am – Community Projects at 50+ Locations around Fair Oaks & Orangevale

2:00 pm – Projects Complete After Lunch w/Project Team



MAY IS BIKE MONTH – LET’S RIDE!

Park your car and hop on your bike - **it’s Bike Month!**

Since 1956, **National Bike Month** has celebrated the many benefits of bicycling. Each year, thousands of people take part by pledging miles, joining fun challenges, and earning prizes. Whether you're commuting to work or school, running errands, or riding just for fun, every mile counts—so don't forget to log your rides!

May is Bike Month encourages healthier, more sustainable transportation options. Biking helps reduce air pollution, conserve energy, and ease traffic congestion while improving physical and mental well-being.

In **Sacramento County**, you'll find plenty of opportunities to get involved, with community events, fitness challenges, prize giveaways, and more. Let's work together to make a positive impact—one ride at a time.

To learn more, track your miles, and see a full calendar of events, visit mayisbikemonth.com.



EXPERIENCE THE FLAVORS OF FAIR OAKS AND BEYOND!

Discover the delicious offerings of Fair Oaks at the [Taste of Fair Oaks, an event beloved by locals for over 30 years!](#)

Established in 1993 by the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce, this event is a true community tradition.

Ticket Includes:

- A Souvenir Glass and Plate
- Unlimited samples of delectable food and desserts from local restaurants
- Award-winning wines from nearby wineries
- Craft beers from local breweries
- Additional gourmet food options and non-alcoholic beverages

Event Details:

- Date & Time: Friday, May 16, 2025, 6:00 - 9:30 pm
- Location: North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave, Fair Oaks
- Age Restriction: **21 and older only (no children or pets allowed)**

Event Highlights:

- Sampling of delicious treats and gourmet food
- Silent Auction: Great items for everyone, with proceeds supporting the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank

- Key Contest: Enter for a chance to win \$250 cash - 2 Winners out of 100 keys
- Wine Wall Pull: Grab exquisite wines valued between \$20 and \$100
- Gift Card Draw: Win gift cards ranging from \$20 to \$500
- Putting Contest: Compete for cash prizes and a grand prize of \$5,000
- DJ and Dancing with our favorite DJ, Blaine the Sundance Kid
- A wonderful opportunity to socialize with friends, family, and neighbors in the community

Whether you're a first-time attendee or a returning guest, you're in for a fantastic experience. Those who have attended before know just how much fun and excitement awaits!

Dress Code: Wine Country Casual.

Ticket Information:

- Tickets go **on sale April 1, 2025**. This event sells out quickly, so don't wait!
- Fair Oaks Chamber members receive a discount
- North Ridge Country Club members must purchase a ticket separately as it is not included with NRCC membership.



FRIENDS OF THE CARMICHAEL LIBRARY MAY BOOK SALE

Don't miss the **semi-annual book sale** at the **Carmichael Library** at 5606 Marconi Ave. Carmichael, on **Friday, May 23 from Noon to 5 pm** and **Saturday, May 24 from 10 am to 4 pm**.

You'll find great deals on books in excellent condition for all ages; board and picture books for tots; easy readers; young adult books for teens; fiction and nonfiction for adults. You'll also discover special finds to delight book lovers, a variety of puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and holiday-themed items and ideas.

The Friends will provide grocery bags for the single low price of \$10.00 for you to fill, or you are welcome to pay per item. You're invited to purchase as many \$10.00 bags as you like!

Cash Preferred (to save on processing fees). Credit and Debit Cards are welcomed.

A free opportunity drawing for gift baskets will be offered to those attending. No purchase is necessary, and you need not be present to win.

Your purchases provide needed funds for programs and new books and materials for all at the Carmichael Library.

Support the [Carmichael Branch Library](#) and this wonderful event!



FRIENDS OF THE
CARMICHAEL LIBRARY

FAMILY FUN AT THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR

It's time for the County Fair! The 2025 Sacramento County Fair, "Cowboy Boots & Fair Roots" is dedicated to educating our community and youth in agriculture, business, and technology. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, traditional county fair competitions, agriculture displays, hands-on family activities, carnival, festival-style entertainment, and specialty food. The Fair will take place from **May 22-26, 2025**

General admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for youth 12-17, and no charge for kids under 12.

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



CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATE UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAMS

California Northstate University (CNU) is offering TWO week-long summer programs for high school students.

Summer Science Program

Join the CNU Summer Science Camp 2025 to develop new skills, explore career pathways, and experience life on a college campus!

- The CNU Summer Science Camp sessions is a career exploration program designed for academically talented and motivated high school students.
- During this week-long exploration (July 21-25, 2025), participants will engage with faculty, college students, and healthcare professionals through interactive workshops, hands-on laboratory activities, and discussions
- Students will gain exposure to various health science career pathways while exploring contemporary challenges in these fields.
- Topics include: hands-on nursing simulations, patient care activities, microbiology lab techniques, and an introduction to various healthcare professions.

CNU Summer Science Program participants connect with a diverse cohort of educators and interact with a group of highly motivated peers.

Tuition: High school students can enroll in a half-day week-long program for \$250.00 or full-day, including morning and afternoon sessions for \$450.00

Dates: July 21-25, 2025

Contact: CHS.Sciences@cnsu.edu

Online Application: Summer Science Camp 2025

Focused Interdisciplinary Research and Scientific Training (FIRST) Experience

This one-week immersion experience will focus on conducting interdisciplinary and collaborative scientific research at CNU's state-of-the-art research facility located at its College of Health Sciences campus in Rancho Cordova. During this week-long immersion, participants will engage and collaborate with college students and distinguished faculty members by focusing on a novel scientific research question. While conducting research, students will participate in scientific discussions, receive training in laboratory skills, and learn about scientific rigor and methodology. The week will conclude with participants giving a professional presentation on their scientific results, with the potential for future publication of participant results. Areas of study may include environmental biology, chemical modeling/drug discovery, and molecular analysis of model organisms.

Tuition: \$900 (lunch included)

Date: July 7th-11th, 2025

Contact: CHS.Sciences@cnsu.edu

Online Application: FIRST

3 AMAZING EXPERIENCES. 1 JAM PACKED WEEK
DISCOVER NURSING • HEALTHCARE EXPLORATION • MICROBIOLOGY



TO DO: SCAN THE QR CODE AND FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS IN ORDER TO CONFIRM YOUR SPOT!

MORE INFO: HEALTHSCIENCES.CNSU.EDU



FOCUSED INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING

A one week immersive experience for high school students that focuses on conducting interdisciplinary and collaborative scientific research at California Northstate University, College of Health Sciences undergraduate campus.



Application

July 7-11th, 2025

CNU College of Health Sciences
2910 Prospect Park Dr.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



Deadline to Apply: May 15th, 2025
Cost to Attend: \$900 (lunch included)

**Participants must have completed at least one high school science course and be an entering Sophomore, Junior or Senior*

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
 PLEASE VISIT HEALTHSCIENCES.CNSU.EDU
 OR EMAIL CHS.SCIENCES@CNSU.EDU

- Participants will engage and collaborate with college students and distinguished faculty members by focusing on a novel scientific research question
- While conducting research, students will participate in scientific discussions, receive training in laboratory skills, and learn about scientific rigor and methodology
- Participants will give a professional presentation on their scientific results, with the potential for future publication
- Areas of study may include environmental biology, chemical modeling/drug recovery, and molecular analysis of model organisms: all connecting to health and biomedical sciences

CARMICHAEL PARK COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL

[The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association](#) returns to its annual **Carmichael Park Community Band Festival** at the Carmichael Park Amphitheater. With 18 bands and ensembles, this has been one of the largest community band festivals in California for over 30 years. Bring the entire family, a picnic, lawn chairs, and a sun hat, and enjoy two lovely afternoons of music!

Date: Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1

Time: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm on Saturday, and 10:00 am - 8:00 pm on Sunday. A different band every hour on the hour!

Location: Carmichael Park: 5750 Grant Ave. Carmichael 95608 (southeast corner of the park; Fair Oaks Blvd. between Grant and North)

Admission and parking are free.

Sponsored by: The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association and the Carmichael Recreation and Park District



The poster for the Community Band Festival features a bright yellow background with a large sun and clouds. The title 'COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL' is in large, bold, teal letters, with 'AT CARMICHAEL PARK' in smaller orange letters below it. A graphic of a treble clef with musical notes is positioned to the left of the title. A large, stylized '18 BANDS!' is written in a teal, hand-drawn font. The dates 'SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2025' are in bold teal letters. Below the dates, it says 'Free Admission & Parking at Carmichael Park' and '5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608'. The poster lists the bands and their performance times for both days. At the bottom, it encourages bringing a lawn chair and picnic, provides contact information, and mentions the sponsors. An illustration of a green and yellow striped lounge chair is on the right side of the bottom section.

COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL
AT CARMICHAEL PARK

18 BANDS!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2025**

Free Admission & Parking
at Carmichael Park
5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Sacramento Youth Band	11 AM	Yolo Community Band	10 AM
Winds of Faith	12 AM	Roseville Community Concert Band	11 AM
Elk Grove Community Concert Band	1 PM	Pittsburg, Vallejo, and Diablo Community Bands	12 PM
Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band	2 PM	Capital Pops Concert Band	1 PM
Solano Winds	3 PM	Amador County Concert Band	2 PM
Sacramento Symphonic Winds	4 PM	Sacramento Concert Band	3 PM
Salvation Army Band	5 PM	Joyous Brass	4 PM
Fred Morgan Big Band	6 PM	Citrus Heights Community Marching Band	5 PM
		Ben Ali Temple Shrine Band	6 PM
		Capital City Concert Band	7 PM

BRING A LAWN CHAIR & A PICNIC!

Information: vicepresident.svsba@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.svsba.net>

Sponsored by Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association and the Carmichael Recreation and Park District

FAIR OAKS RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT'S SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Summer is just around the corner—and the [Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District](#) has your ultimate guide to fun in

the sun! The brand new [Summer Activity Guide](#) has classes that spark creativity, camps that kids will talk about all year, action-packed sports classes and leagues for all ages and skill levels, events that bring the whole community together, and plenty of ways to soak up the sunshine and make memories.

Flip through the digital guide today and start planning your best summer ever. But hurry - popular spots go fast, and you don't want to miss out!

Let the fun begin. We'll see you out there!



MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Join me in a moving tribute to veterans at the **Fair Oaks Cemetery District. The Fair Oaks Cemetery District will host its Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 24.** The event will kick off with a parade, followed by presentations given by local dignitaries and special guests. All are welcome to attend!

When: Saturday, May 24, at 10 am

Where: 7780 Olive St., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

“VAC” Veterans Affiliated Council’s Memorial Day ceremonies. These annual events serve as a poignant tribute to the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. They provide an opportunity for our community to come together in gratitude and reflection, and to express our heartfelt appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy today.

“VAC” Veterans Affiliated Council’s Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

When: Saturday, May 2, from 11 am – 12 pm

Where: [Sacramento Historical Cemetery](#) 1000 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

“Walk with Me” Flag planning with Boy Scouts and National Guard - Flag Planting and Pinning Ceremony



When: Friday, May 23 from 3:30 pm -6 pm

Where: Sacramento Historical Cemetery 1000 Broadway,
Sacramento, CA 95818

“City of Sacramento and VAC Ceremony”

When: Monday, May 27, from 10 am – 12 pm

Where: Sacramento Memorial Auditorium 1515 J St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Rancho Cordova Memorial Day Observance - Honoring
American Heroes**

The Cordova Community Council is proud to present a community event honoring those who have bravely served the nation in times of war and peace.

The event will include a moving musical tribute and recognition ceremony for Memorial Day, staged at the beautiful Cordova High School Performing Arts Center.

Date: Monday, May 26, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Cordova High School Performing Arts Center, 2239 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

RANCHO CORDOVA
MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCE

10AM • MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025
Cordova High School Performing Arts Center
2239 Chase Drive | Rancho Cordova

POPPIES: SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE

Featuring the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band
Missing Man Tribute
Children's Poppy Art
Complimentary refreshments following the ceremony



CORDOVA
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

For more information:
916.273.5705
cordovacouncil.org



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt down, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.
—Lieut. John McCrae



**ALCOHOL BAN KEEPS
PARKWAY FAMILY-FRIENDLY**

DURING MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND


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).

Several 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 many families away.

In addition to Memorial Day weekend, the alcohol restriction also applies 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.

AUBURN BOULEVARD AT ARCADE CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The [City of Sacramento Department of Public Works](#) is proposing to **replace the Arcade Creek Bridge** on Auburn Boulevard due to its structurally deficient and functionally obsolete status, as determined by the Federal Highway Administration criteria. The project site is located in the northeastern corner of the City of Sacramento, near the border with Sacramento County, where Auburn Boulevard crosses Arcade Creek, east of Winding Way, and west of Park Road and the I-80 ramps. The existing bridge over Arcade Creek is a reinforced concrete T-beam structure that was originally constructed in 1927 and then widened in 1965. The bridge has two spans with a total length of 70 feet. It carries two lanes of traffic in both the eastbound and westbound direction, with a left turn pocket for westbound to southbound users. The current structure does not provide sidewalks or bike lanes that meet current standards.



The new bridge will be 100 feet wide and be raised slightly to remain operational during a 20-year storm event. The new bridge will carry two lanes of traffic in each direction, provide an additional left lane for westbound to southbound users at the Auburn Blvd./Winding Way to improve intersection operations, and will also provide standard sidewalks and bike lanes in the project area

The City is currently advertising the project for construction with bids due in early March. **Construction efforts are expected to begin in late May 2025.**

Stay up to date on the project schedule by following the Public Works Department on [Facebook](#). Or sign up for the [City Express Newsletter](#) to receive citywide news and updates.



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