



"You say it's your birthday, it's my birthday, too, yeah..."

June is a special month for me, as the 12th day will mark the start of my 51st trip riding this rock around the sun. If you're like me, birthdays are a time for reflection, contemplation and gratitude. Obviously, this year, in this new role, provides considerable opportunity for all three.

Looking back, this year seems like it has moved at an incredibly accelerated pace. Perhaps it's because of the volume of information and all the new people to meet that makes the time fly by, but when I take a minute to digest it all, there truly has been a lot compressed into a few short months.

So many topics that are critical to our region have been vying for attention, from flooding and water policy to healthcare delivery and EMS capacity, just to name a few. There are so many areas that I now understand more fully and so I can begin to think critically about how to increase efficiencies and effectiveness, while providing the highest level of customer service.

Finally, I cannot fully express how grateful I am to be in this role, representing you and working hard to leave a better future for the next generation. This is the greatest birthday gift a fellow could ask for.

As always, if you know someone else who would like these newsletters, please forward this on to them so that they can subscribe.

Additionally, if you're interested in seeing more Sacramento County content and would like to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing, give my new official County Supervisor Facebook page, facebook.com/SupervisorPatHume, a follow.

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Practice River Safety: Stay Out of Them



It was a cold and wet winter: historic rain levels and snow fall, flooding, levee breaches, damaging wind gusts, power outages, road closures and evacuations. These elements certainly tested the mettle of Sacramento County residents.

As we find ourselves transitioning into the warm summer months, many residents are eager to get outside and enjoy the sunny weather with some of the favorite pastimes of our region: floating one of the many local waterways and playing on their banks.

Unfortunately, the effects of the brutal winter we all endured are still being felt today: water levels are dangerously high, fast and cold due to snow melt from the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Tragically, these conditions have led to several deaths and water rescues in our local rivers already this spring. As your County Supervisor, I strongly urge each of you to avoid the rivers until they are able to be enjoyed more safely. Sacramento County Regional Parks is also advising residents to find other ways to beat the heat. American River Raft Rentals in Rancho Cordova has already heeded this advice, and as of May 18th, has temporarily closed out of respect for the dangerous conditions.

The current is extremely fast and debilitating for even the strongest swimmer. On May 22nd, Sacramento County Regional Parks, reported flows from Folsom Lake into the American River increased to 15,000 cubic feet per second – almost 800% more than typical summer flows. Water temperatures are also colder than normal for this time of the year with the American River currently running at 55 degrees. At this temperature, it only takes 10 minutes before cold incapacitation sets in, making it difficult to move your arms and legs. After one hour, hypothermia starts, which results in your body temperature plummeting, loss of consciousness and potentially death.

It is also important to remember that even a calm river in appearance can be deadly; underneath the surface there can be objects like trees and other debris in which you can become entangled, further increasing the risk of drowning.

Fortunately, there will be a time in the future when it is safe to play in and on our rivers again. When that time comes, please remember safe water practices, such as wearing a life vest and avoiding drinking alcohol while on the water. If you are planning to enjoy the American River Parkway on the weekends of Independence Day and Labor Day, please be mindful that there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water between Hazel and Howe Avenue and at Sherman Island.

For more water safety tips, visit <u>LifeLooksGoodOnYou.org</u>.

Swift flows and cold water are a recipe for disaster. Please avoid the river.

Fireworks & Fire Safety Tips



As we head into the warmer months, fire prevention is also an important topic to keep front of mind.

Sacramento County, like many jurisdictions throughout the State, is once again calling on all Californian's to do

their part to help reduce the risk of wildfires.

Fortunately, goats, such as the ones featured in the photograph above, are also answering the call as herds have already begun to eat away at this year's abnormally long vegetation.

All that extra growth we have from this winter's rainy season will begin to dry out and provide ample fuel for potential fires. "We're seeing more vegetation than we have in past years thanks to the strong winter storms that passed through," said Director of Regional Parks, Liz Bellas. "Our fire fuel reduction work is going to be particularly critical this year as this vegetation dries out in the late spring."

It is important that we all do our part to mitigate the risks of potential fires. In our County regional parks, open flame fires are not allowed and barbeques are only allowed in designated picnic areas.

One major area of concern when talking fire prevention is illegal fireworks. As we prepare for the Fourth of July, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the great risks illegal fireworks bring to not just the County, but the State of California.

Last year, the state's largest wildfire was very close to home. According to CalMatters, the



Mosquito Fire just to the east of Sacramento County burned 76,788 acres. While small in comparison to the Dixie Fire, rough terrain leant to great difficulty in reaching containment and consequences to our air quality locally.

Sacramento County adopted an ordinance last year that holds property owners, or those in charge of a property, liable for illegal fireworks that have been lit, exploded, or sold on their private property, starting with a \$1,000 fine for the first violation and increasing from there. There is also a \$10,000 fine for each violation that occurs within the American River Parkway. Read more about the Social Host Ordinance here.



In the unincorporated area of Sacramento County, "safe and sane" fireworks may only be sold and used from noon on June 28th through midnight on July 4th.

Incorporated cities may have different regulations, so it is important to check in with your local jurisdiction before using any fireworks. Note: Any firework that goes up in the

air or explodes is illegal and dangerous.

As a safer alternative, I encourage residents to go out and enjoy the Fourth of July community celebrations happening in District 5 and throughout the county!

Galt will hold their Independence Day festivities a few days early, on Saturday, July 1. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.

Rancho Cordova's Fourth of July Celebration returns July 3 and 4, 2023. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.

Elk Grove will also Salute the Red, White and Blue, this July 4th. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about their celebration.

Homelessness Update

Homelessness is perhaps the biggest challenge we face today in Sacramento County, as it is a humanitarian, economic and public safety crisis. I have always said that homelessness is not an "issue" – it is a group of people who need help and who are deserving of our compassion.

However, homelessness also has a negative impact on the entire community, not just on the individuals experiencing it.

Homelessness has an adverse effect on businesses as it drives down property values and deters customers and investment. Homelessness may also prevent residents from feeling like they and their families can use public amenities in their neighborhoods and many people living unsheltered don't feel safe in their own communities. None of this is acceptable. Additionally, with fire season underway, Sacramento County is once again expected to see a rise in fires that began in homeless encampments.

Sacramento County is actively working to address homelessness and each of these concerns.

In December 2022, the County and City of Sacramento entered into the Homeless Services Partnership, an agreement to provide services and programs to the unhoused population within the City of Sacramento.

This Homeless Services Partnership Agreement utilizes extensive encampment outreach, where multi-disciplinary teams work to connect individuals to supportive services, shelter and housing, when available.

Outreach efforts are starting to show positive results thus far. From January 1st to April 30, 2023, outreach staff made 1,328 contacts (an initial connection where services may be declined); among the total contacts were 815 total engagements, which means that 61% of these individuals began service provision or on-going coordination.

In addition to trying to find shelter, an equally important factor in solving homelessness is treatment centers. There are nine CORE (program formerly known as the Adult Outpatient Services Transformation) Behavioral Health Centers currently open throughout Sacramento County with two more CORE Centers set to open this Spring and Summer.

On May 23rd, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento City Council conducted Homeless Workshops, where they shared their coordinated efforts to address homelessness. The workshop included presentations by Department of Homeless Services & Housing (DHSH), Regional Parks, Sheriff Homeless Outreach Team and the City of Sacramento, as well as input from critical agency partners, including Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) and Sacramento Housing and Re-development Agency (SHRA). In January of this year, the new Department of Homeless Services and Housing (DHSH) became official and beginning on July 1, 2023, will assume most of the budget and programs from existing departments.

DHSH has several goals it hopes to meet in its first year of operation. Among these goals are increasing communication from the County, both internally to County employees and externally to those living unhoused, advocates, stakeholders, residents and business owners. Increasing engagement in the community, both with

those being served and those wanting more information about the department is another aim.

Transparency is critical when evaluating the effectiveness of DHSH. Sharing outcomes and reporting out data on the number of people that have engaged with our programs and services and the number of people currently being served and results of those that have exited programs and services, are among the information DHSH will look to report.

Click here to view the full Workshop Presentation.

Homelessness is a countywide issue that impacts everyone. Meaningfully addressing the various aspects of each person's homelessness requires creative collaboration and sustainable solutions. Sacramento County and the seven cities within it are working to bring social services and housing resources to support outreach and engagement activities with folks living outside or in their vehicles. On June 7th, staff will provide a more in-depth look at the funding surrounding homelessness countywide. The County is investing more than ever in creating and managing diverse programs, dynamic partnerships and impactful solutions that will work towards the mission of ensuring homelessness is rare overall and brief when it occurs.

For more information on available resources to support individuals who are experiencing homelessness, visit schs.saccounty.gov.

5 Over 50 Honorees



Sacramento County's 5 Over 50 Award volunteer recipients were honored on May 23rd by the Board of Supervisors and the <u>Sacramento County's Adult and Aging</u> Commission.

Each year, Sacramento County recognizes volunteers who are over 50, serving in a variety of capacities such as a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, local museum docents, and building handrails for older adults and people with mobility issues. It was truly inspiring to hear some of these individuals tell their story about the important work they do to better our communities and what drives them to volunteer.

The full list of 5 Over 50 recipients includes: John Seigal, Howard Hatch, Marilyn Lewis, Ed Stone, Daniel Aderholt, Mark Baker, Mark Harrington, Dr. Ali Tucker Lichtenstein, Jayasri Mechineni, Nancy Woo, Sharon Ruffner, Carol Stirnaman, Maggie Roehm, Jeanmarie Willbee, Corecia Davis, Wayne Harmer, David Ishikawa, and Teresa Kahl.

Thank you again to each of the 5 Over 50 recipients, whose dedication and passion for helping others makes Sacramento County such a great place to live!

Out & About in District 5



It was such an honor to award the many hardworking students their well-deserved scolarships at the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation's (EGRSF) Spotlight on Scholars event on May 4, 2023, at Creekside Christian Church.



My staff enjoyed speaking with the kind residents of Rosemont at the Rosemont Community Association's (RCA) Annual Meeting on May 4th at Einstein Middle School. From left to right: Special Assistants Dom Pruett and Ashleigh Howick, Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan, Sacramento County Director of Planning Todd Smith and Sacramento County Department of Transportation Principal Civil Engineer Kamal Atwal



My Chief of Staff, Rebecca Sloan, giving a District 5 update on May 4th at the Rosemont Community Association's (RCA) Annual Meeting.



On May 6th, I had the privilege of presenting a proclamation to members of the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center in commemoration of its 15th Anniversary.



On May 7th, I celebrated the remarkable life and 100th birthday of longtime Sacramento County resident and distinguished author Kiyo Sato at Hagan Park in Rancho Cordova.



Historic Locke was the perfect setting to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. On May 13th, I attended and spoke at the Locke Foundation's Asian Pacific Spring Festival.



I had a blast celebrating the many great cultures of Rancho Cordova at the iFest Celebration on May 13th at Village Green Park. From left to right: Lisa Hume, Rancho Cordova Mayor Linda Budge, Curt Haven, Supervisor Hume



I enjoyed a pleasant day on May 20th at the Beach Lake Preserve for the Regional San Walk on the Wildside event, where I learned about local efforts in wildlife conservation and protecting and restoring native Central Valley habitat. From left to right: Supervisor Hume with Anna Swenson



It was a tremendous honor to speak about the sacrifice of my veteran father this past Memorial Day at the placing of the wreaths for the Rancho Cordova Memorial Day Commemoration honoring Vietnam Heroes with the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band.



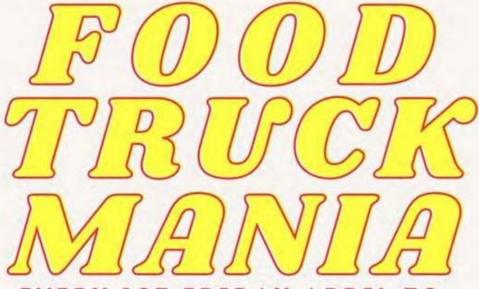
My Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan pictured above with lamb "Cash" on May 28th at the Sacramento County Fair.

Madelynn Garcia with Pleasant Grove High FFA and "Cash" took 4th in Novice Showmanship. I also attended the
County Fair and purchased a lamb from Jake Kunz (Herald 4H), a lamb from Emily Stump (Delta FFA) and a rabbit from
Madeline Garamendi Kann (Franklin High School 4H).

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