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“Thanksgiving is a time to gather together in gratitude for the blessings we have, and to look forward with hope for the future.” – Abraham Lincoln

As we gather this Thanksgiving, let us reflect not only on the abundance in our lives but also on the strength we draw from each other. The love of family and friends, the bonds that sustain us through both joyful and difficult times, remind us of what truly matters.

This month, when my wife and I travel to Boston to visit family for the holiday, we will be surrounded by reminders of our nation’s remarkable history and the shared American journey that continues to shape our future. When we come to the table with loved ones this Thanksgiving, we too will enjoy new and old traditions. And yes, I will follow my wife’s advice in planning for an early departure to the airport to accommodate extra travelers and traffic. This month’s newsletter includes some helpful suggestions for any of you who may be traveling over the holiday season as improvements to our airports are underway.

This issue also highlights the locally grown bounty unique not only to California but, in particular, to District 5. Our annual Crop and Livestock Report offers new Sacramento County trivia points for some of our best-grown and possibly little-known economic boosters. We are also featuring community events you may enjoy adding to your annual traditions, from fun runs to tree lightings to toy and other donation drives where I hope to see you soon.

And as always, if you’re reading this and enjoy it, please share it with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to [subscribe](#) for future newsletters or check out my Facebook page [here](#).

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Fall Bounty

As the year winds down and the seasons change, the days become crisp and breezy, and the coolness of the evenings is welcome after a long hot summer that seemed to never end! I find myself taking a moment at this time of year to reflect on the blessings in my life, being grateful that I live and work in this beautiful region of our state, and being especially thankful for the opportunity to represent the best district (in my opinion!) in Sacramento County.

As Sacramentans, there is a lot we must be thankful for given all the bounty that this region has to offer. In early October, Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores presented the 2023 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report to the Board of Supervisors. My colleagues and I were pleased by the good news that despite the challenges posed by river events and

levee failures during the winter of 2023, our orchards, vines and fields continued to bless us with their rich, abundant harvests.

Up 22% from last year, wine grapes continue to be the leading cash crop in Sacramento County, with a value of over \$204 million or nearly 25% of all crops. Pears came in as the second most lucrative agricultural commodity with a total value of \$55 million, passing up milk which came in at over \$46 million. Our ranches, farms and orchards also produced an array of other crops including corn, wheat, nuts, rice and tomatoes along with a thriving dairy and livestock sector. This diversity in our agriculture and its remarkable resiliency is a constant reminder that our agricultural industry remains a foundation of our region and continues to make significant contributions to our local economy. If you would like to learn more about Sacramento's agricultural contributions, you can find the full 2023 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report [here](#). Additionally, if you would like to find a farmers market nearby where you can shop these locally grown products, you can find a list of the Sacramento County 2024 Certified Farmers Markets [here](#).



In addition to the big, commercial farms, District 5 is also home to many smaller, residential-scale farms serving as community assets, bringing agricultural education and fresh, locally sourced produce to underserved communities.



I recently toured one of these community farms located off Jackson Hwy in unincorporated Sacramento. Estate Farms is the realized dream of its founder, Dr. Ijeoma Ononuju (Dr. O), a sustainable urban garden that is accessible to the community and is dedicated to serving youth and families in Sacramento County.

Soil Born Farms in Rancho Cordova is another example of a community farm

dedicated to providing healthy food for all and improving the quality of life in our community. What began in 2000 as a for-profit farm, Shawn Harrison and Soil Born Farms have transformed into a not-for-profit organization and a nationally recognized center for the promotion of urban agriculture, sustainable food systems and a healthy food education program located in the American River Parkway and utilized by school districts throughout the county and students from elementary through high school.



All this talk about harvests and food is likely lending to you and me thinking about Thanksgiving. In my large, extended family, we love to celebrate with a lot of annual traditions that have been passed down through the generations. I also enjoy being out in my district experiencing different traditions when I visit with community groups and residents. The rich, cultural diversity in Sacramento County is never more apparent than during the holidays as folks gather to celebrate, bringing customs and traditions from their own families and cultures.

I remain convinced we have far more in common than we have differences. However you choose to celebrate the holiday, I wish you and yours a peaceful, Happy Thanksgiving!

MASH Clinic

You may remember from past newsletters how the County is working on addressing the challenge of expanding community (feral) cat populations. The issue, however, is part of a larger, nationwide challenge — a shortage of veterinarians and available spay and neuter appointments that is contributing to an influx in the number of cats and dogs. As a result, shelters across the country are struggling to keep up, including our very own Bradshaw Animal Shelter which frequently operates at full capacity.

Spaying and neutering pets is one of the most effective ways to curb overpopulation and ensure that every pet has the chance to find a loving home. In light of this, I was happy to help underwrite a free Mobile Animal Sterilization Hospital (MASH) clinic in partnership with Sacramento County Animal Care and the Elk Grove Animal Shelter. Together, we were able to provide funding for over 200 animals to be spayed or neutered along with essential veterinary services such as microchipping, wellness exams and vaccinations.

The positive feedback I've received from the community has been heartwarming. Many individuals have reached out to share a short story or picture of their pet who benefitted from the clinic.

One resident living on the outskirts of Galt wrote in to share, “dog overpopulation is a real crisis in my small town. Every day you see dogs needing rehoming, in the streets and parks that have been dumped or are lost.” They went on to explain how the timing of the clinic was crucial for them and how it provided much-needed appointments for their own pets at home. I truly appreciate all who took the time to share their experience and the importance of providing these free clinics.



I'm excited to announce that I will be funding another MASH clinic in the coming months. Be sure to keep an eye on announcements from the Bradshaw Animal Shelter for updates

on new dates and eligible zip codes. Together, we can continue making a positive impact for our furry, four-legged friends and our community!

New Construction at SMF



A rendering of Sacramento International Airport with the new parking garage.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, I want to make sure you are all informed of the current construction happening at the Sacramento International Airport (SMF), especially if you're planning to travel or pick someone up during the busy months ahead.

Construction has officially started on the new Terminal B Parking Garage. This new garage is being built on the site of the former Hourly Lot, which is now permanently closed.

With the closure of the Hourly Lot, we're seeing a reduction of 762 parking spaces. This means the number of convenient, walkable parking spaces will be more limited — especially during peak times like the holidays. Both the Garage and Daily Lot are expected to reach capacity on a regular and frequent basis, leaving only the remote parking lots available. The remote lots do require a shuttle to reach the airport as there is no pedestrian path available. Walking to and from these remote lots is highly discouraged for everyone's safety.

I know how important it is to have a stress-free start to your trip, so we encourage everyone who may need to park at the airport to arrive early and allow plenty of time for shuttle rides.

Passengers can check [Shuttle Tracking](#) and [Parking Availability](#) through the Department of Airports website.

Please know the inconvenience of construction is also a sign of better things to come. The new parking garage is one of the first steps in the overall SMForward plan for the Airport aiming to update the airport's infrastructure to meet increasing demand and improve the overall experience for travelers. The new Terminal B Parking Garage is expected to open in Fall 2026, providing a much-needed boost to parking capacity in the long run.

This project is fully funded through the Sacramento County Airport System's revenue, along with state and federal grants, so the financial burden won't fall on local taxpayers. Plus, the SMForward plan will create thousands of jobs and opportunities for local businesses. For example, the new parking garage alone will support approximately 1,000 new jobs during its construction.

Thank you for your patience as we work to enhance the airport for the future. Safe travels!

Out & About in District 5



Breaking ground for the new parking garage at Sacramento International Airport (SMF). Top photo from left: Supervisor Rich Desmond, Director of Airports Cindy Nichol, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Supervisor Phil Serna, me, Sacramento County Executive David Villanueva, Deputy County Executive David Defanti. Bottom photo: me with my colleagues, Supervisor Rich Desmond, Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Supervisor Phil Serna.



Celebrating the 2024 Graduating Class of 4 Paws 2 Freedom. Top photo: presenting a proclamation to organization president Jeramy Buckman and vice-president Randy Smith.



Spending the day at Estate Farms Harvest Festival & Farmers Market. Top photo from left: Antuan Jackson from Worm Whisperer Farms, me, Estate Farms founder Dr. Ijeoma Ononuju (Dr. O), Maximilian Rosa of the Sierra Service Project and Morgan Brown from Color the Block. Bottom left photo: me and Dr. O. Bottom right: me with the team from Sacramento County Department of Waste Management & Recycling, Guillermo Ramirez & Rebecca Richardson.



Touring Sunrise Elementary School's television studio in Rancho Cordova. (I even got to be part of the broadcast!)



I had a great time supporting the Wilton Firefighters Association at their Annual Chili Cook-off. Top left: me and Larry Sahota, Commander of the American Legion Post 55 Laguna-Elk Grove. Top right: me, Heidi Arellano & Jennifer Guttridge-Hardesty representing Mike Guttridge Realty. Bottom left: sitting at the judges table as we pick our favorite chili of the bunch. Bottom right photo: enjoying the classic car show with my cousin Randy and his '32 Ford.



Presenting my Annual State of the County Address to members of the Galt Chamber of Commerce and residents of Galt. Top photo: Galt City Manager Chris Erias, Galt Chamber staff Kat Seabolt and Kari Markel, me and Becky Roenspie.

Upcoming Events

Elk Grove Food Bank Services
2024 Turkey Drive

Help us

Fill the Need - Feed the Hope

Elk Grove Food Bank Services (EGFBS) will begin collecting turkeys and holiday trimmings on October 14 and will continue through November 16. You can drop off your donations from 8:30 am to 3 pm, Mondays through Fridays, at 9888 Kent Street, Elk Grove.

OR

Join us on Saturday, November 16, from 9 am to 12 noon for

TURKEY DROP OFF DAY!

We'll have volunteers ready to accept your donations without you needing to leave your vehicle. Just pop your trunk and we'll do all the heavy lifting!

Can you help us reach our goal of 1,000 turkeys for this year?

Distribution will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 am to 12 pm.

For more information, call EGFBS at 916.685.8453.

On behalf of the more than 1,000 families that will receive a traditional

Thanksgiving meal, **THANK YOU!**

We are all very grateful for your help!

ITEMS REQUESTED

Turkeys (frozen)	Canned vegetables
Canned gravy / gravy packets	Stuffing / dressing
Canned cranberry sauce	Canned fruit
Boxed / instant mashed potatoes	5-lb bags of potatoes
Chicken broth	Macaroni & cheese
Muffin and cornbread mixes	Packages of pasta



Fall
**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

Join us at the 4th Street Promenade for an exciting weekend filled with fun! Enjoy carnival rides, tabletop games, live music, and much more. We look forward to seeing you there!

 November 9th & 10th  10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Admission is free, tickets for carnival rides and midway games available for purchase at the event.





HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY & PARADE



Monday, November 11

10 am - 2 pm

8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624 ([map](#))

Celebrate & Honor America's Veterans

Join Cosumnes CSD and the Elk Grove American Legions as we celebrate America's Veterans with a ceremony, parade, and community picnic.

The event will commence at 10 am with a ceremonial Reading of the Names to commemorate our community's service men and women. The parade will begin at 11:11 am at the Cosumnes CSD Administration Building and conclude at Elk Grove Park. After the parade, there will be a community picnic open to the public.

RANCHO CORDOVA

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE



November 11, 2024
**FLAGS ON FOLSOM
BOULEVARD**
Salute to our Armed Forces
November 9-12

Pay tribute to the sacrifices made by
American Armed Forces Veterans by making one of your own:

VETERANS DAY BLOOD DRIVE • NOV. 12 RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL

By appointment only 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Schedule at donors.vitalant.org

Use CODE: SMFT154



For more information:

916-273-5715 • jr@cordovacouncil.org



JOIN US AT OUR VETERANS DAY BLOOD DRIVE

HELP OUR MISSION TO SAVE LIVES THROUGH BLOOD DONATION.
YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN MAKE A LIFE-SAVING DIFFERENCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Rancho Cordova City Hall

2729 Prospect Park Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Can I donate?

- Donors must be at least 16-years-old, be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds.
- 16-year-olds must have a signed Vitalant parent consent form which can be found at the blood drive or Donor Forms (vitalant.org)
- For eligibility questions call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or visit www.vitalant.org/eligibility/blood-donation-requirements

How can I prepare?

- The entire donation process takes about one hour.
- Please bring a photo I.D.
- Eat a hearty meal two hours before donating.
- Drink plenty of water prior to donation (two to three 16-ounce bottles of water two hours before donating).


**SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT
TODAY!**



**BLOOD DRIVE
CODE: SMFT154
APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**



RANCHO CORDOVA BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR

 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024
4 PM - 7 PM

FREE

 RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL
2729 PROSPECT PARK DRIVE

**RSVP AND ENTER FOR THE
CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!**



Holiday Craft Faire

Thursday
November 21st
5:00 to 7:30 pm
Rancho Cordova City Hall



**Get a creative jump
on your holiday shopping!
Find unique gifts
for friends & family this year!**

Elk Grove

GOBBLE WOBBLE FAMILY 5K



November 28, 2024



25th Annual
CORDOVA COMMUNITY
Christmas Tree
LIGHTING

4-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 1
**Tree Lighting &
Fireworks at 7 p.m.**
Village Green Park
3141 Bridgeway Drive

FREE ADMISSION

- Hay Rides • Live Nativity
- Food Trucks • Santa Claus
- Train Rides • SNOW!

HELP STUFF THE SQUAD CAR

Brighten the holidays for
needy kids in our community
by bringing a new, unwrapped gift.



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Wilton Winter Festival

DECEMBER 7TH

8AM – 2PM EACH OR SHOW

@ THE WILTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Live Youth Choir Performances Throughout The Day

8AM – 10AM FOR PURCHASE
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

8AM – 12PM FREE FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES
KIDS' CRAFTS in SANTA'S WORKSHOP

11AM – 2PM FOR PURCHASE
HOT LUNCH (Stay Tuned, the Elves are Working on the Menu)

12PM – 1PM
PARADE With SANTA'S ARRIVAL

1PM – 2PM FREE FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES
COOKIES & HOT COCOA With SANTA

8AM – 2PM
HOLIDAY & CRAFT VENDORS



Sponsored By
The Wilton Community Center Non-Profit
Sacramento County Parks & Rec Council Area 4B

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Email: info@wiltoncc.org

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The Sacramento County Parks & Rec Council Area 4B
Event Website: www.sccprc.org
Email: info@sccprc.org

Lighting of the Night Parade



Saturday Dec. 7
6:30 p.m.

Join the Fun!

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE
COURTESY OF RAMOS JEWELRY

Holiday Market
4:00 p.m.
Photos with Santa
4:30 p.m.
Christmas Caroling at Littleton
5:15 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony
6:15 p.m.



For more information contact the Special Event Division (209)366-7115.



FREE ADMISSION

5th annual illumination HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 7 | 3-8pm | District56

**Activities subject to change in case of inclement weather.*

elkgrovecity.org/illumination

Scan for details:





[Learn More](#)

Saturday, December 7 | 9 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Neil Orchard Senior Activities Center

Bring the whole family for pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and cocoa! Stop by the holiday craft fair for unique holiday shopping or bring the kids to visit Santa to share wishes and take a picture in our festive photo booth (included).



Christmas in Cordova

IN PERSON TOY DRIVE

Rancho Cordova PAL would like to see you in person! As the holiday season approaches, we're excited to announce our in-person toy drives! This is a wonderful opportunity to spread joy and make a difference in the lives of children in need. Let's make this Christmas unforgettable for those who need it most. Your presence and support matter!

Together, we can spread cheer and make a real impact. We hope to see you there!

DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

11/09/24 2PM-8PM (WALMART: 10655 Folsom Blvd.)

11/12/24 11AM-3PM (RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL: 2729 Prospect Park Dr.)

11/16/24 2PM-8PM (WALMART: 10655 Folsom Blvd.)

11/23/24 2PM-8PM (WALMART: 10655 Folsom Blvd.)

11/29/24 10AM-8PM (WALMART: 10655 Folsom Blvd.)

12/01/24 4PM-8PM (VILLAGE GREEN PARK: 3141 Bridgeway Dr.)

12/07/24 9AM-1PM (11050 Olson Dr.)

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