COMMUNITY COFFEE MEETING ON PROBATION’S ROLE

At my community coffee meeting on Wednesday, November 13, the guest speaker will be Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale, who will discuss how his department is a partner with law enforcement in terms of making our communities safe.

The Probation Department is responsible for the background investigation of offenders and the preparation of social history reports for the Sacramento County Superior Courts. Probation Officers also operate and maintain the County’s Juvenile Hall; the Youth Detention Facility; and several other facilities and programs for sentenced offenders, including Adult Day Reporting Centers and various collaborative courts like Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court. The majority of misdemeanor and felony offenders in Sacramento County are placed on probation as part of their sentence.

The meeting will be held in the Fair Oaks Water District Conference Room in Old Fair Oaks (10326 Fair Oaks Blvd) at 7:30 am. As usual, I’ll provide a brief update on County issues and then we’ll have our guest speaker followed by Questions and Answers.

It should be an interesting discussion—and coffee, of course, will be provided.

WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY

On Saturday, November 2, at 10 am the Carmichael Recreation and Park District will sponsor a special ceremony recognizing 14 local heroes currently listed on
The Wall of Honor at Patriots Parks, located at 6827 Palm Avenue.

The park and its Wall of Honor is a special place to reflect upon and never forget the special meaning of sacrifice made by those who served us wearing different uniforms – the U.S. Armed Services, law enforcement, and fire protection. Each honoree has a connection to the area and the memorial provides a source of pride and remembrance for their families, loved ones and friends.

The public is welcome to attend and I hope you can join me that morning at the ceremony honoring all of the wall’s fallen heroes.

Photo courtesy of Susan Maxwell Skinner

ARDEN PARK TREE PLANTING

The neighborhood of Arden Park faces a declining tree canopy due to an aging population of trees made up mostly of Modesto Ash. You can help address this problem on Sunday, November 3, while at the same time have fun planting trees.

This annual morning event (now in its 19th year) will be held between 8:45 am and 12 noon and is designed to help the neighborhood replace its aging tree canopy. For more information and to sign-up, please visit the Sacramento Tree Foundation’s website.

MEDICARE HEALTH FAIR

On Sunday, November 3, the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will be sponsoring a Medicare Health Fair from 10 am to 5 pm at the Orangevale Community Center, 6826 Hazel Avenue.

Besides offering the opportunity to have individuals’ Medicare Part D Plan reviewed, a number of no cost health screenings
and tests will be offered to Medicare beneficiaries including: anemia, anxiety, asthma/COPD screening, blood pressure, bone density, cholesterol, depression, diabetes, falls risk, memory decline and sleep disorder screening. There will also be walk-in flu vaccinations.

**Since 2007, UOP’s clinics have assisted 8,695 beneficiaries** with their Medicare Part D drug plan by helping them to save an estimated total of $8.65 million. For more information, [please visit this link](#).

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**PARKING AT SAC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Do your holiday travel plans involve going to the airport? Sacramento International Airport’s parking webpage can show you what parking spaces are available -- and where. Check it out by going online to the [Sacramento International Airport website](#).

Passengers are encouraged to check the website for the latest parking information before they enter the airport, as parking conditions change quickly.

And remember you can avoid circling around the terminals to pick up passengers by using the Free Waiting Area – also known as the Cell Phone Lot. Located near the Interstate 5 entrance/exit, this lot has convenient access to both terminals so once your intended arrival is ready all they have to do is call you on your cell phone and you can proceed to pick them up at curb side.
CARMICHAEL LIBRARY
WEEKEND BOOK SALE

The Friends of Carmichael Library will be holding a three-day Community Book Sale starting on Friday, November 8, 3-5 pm for members only, then open to the public on Saturday, November 9, from 10 am to 5 pm as well as on Sunday, November 10, 12-4 pm.

The Friends of the Carmichael Library is a volunteer community-based organization. If you are not already a member, you can sign-up at the door on Friday to take advantage of the special sale for members only. The library is located at 5605 Marconi Avenue.

ARDEN-DIMICK LIBRARY
BOOK SALE, TOO!

The Friends of Arden-Dimick Library will be holding a one-day Community Book Sale starting on Saturday, November 16, 10 am to 3 pm at the library, located at 891 Watt Avenue.

This special sale features high-quality books suitable for gifts, holiday themed books, signed books and CDs and DVDs for both adults and children. Many items are individually priced, but all items are at bargain prices.

The Friends of the Arden-Dimick Library is a volunteer community-based organization. Its dual mission is to advocate for the Library and to provide funding for books, materials, programs and library activities primarily through selling donated books.

VISITING WITH NEIGHBORS

This fall has been a busy time visiting with residents.

During October I held two evening community meetings in Arden Arcade and Carmichael that focused on road projects underway and being planned for the unincorporated area as a result of funding provided through SB1, which increased the gas tax. The guest speaker for both meetings was the County’s Transportation Director Ron Vicari who explained that Sacramento County will be investing $53,284,000 for overlay projects to be constructed over this year and next.

Last month I also meet with participants who had volunteered on the Arden Arcade Annual Business Walk sponsored by
the Sacramento County’s Department of Economic Development. That morning assigned teams canvassed local businesses about the area’s economic climate and reported their findings over lunch. Past efforts have provided valuable input that has led Sacramento County to make infrastructure improvements on major commercial corridors, respond to code enforcement issues as well as address public safety concerns.

This month I will be visiting with neighbors at the annual meetings of the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, the Sierra Oaks Vista Neighborhood Association and the Sierra Oaks Neighborhood Association plus holding my final 2019 Community Coffee Meeting on November 13 in Fair Oaks featuring Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale as the guest speaker.

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**GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

There is no better way to prepare for a disaster by registering to receive notifications from the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services. Please go to the Sacramento Alert website at this link [www.Sacramento-Alert.org](http://www.Sacramento-Alert.org) and register now before a disaster hits so public safety officials can contact you via telephone call, text or email.

The coming winter storms can pose threats to the many levees surrounding our urban core. Our regional mass notification system is a critical link for you to immediately learn of required actions like forced evacuations, shelter in place orders and road closures.

The unique feature of Sacramento County’s system is the ability to handle more than one contact method for residents including cell phones, alternate numbers, text, email and even landlines. You choose the best notification method or chose them all. You can also register multiple locations, such as your work address, your parent’s address or your children’s school, in order to get alerts about the places that mean the most to you.
SHERIFF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Sheriff’s Department holds regular community meetings to share information about trends in crime and recent activities. These sessions are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

The Arden Arcade meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, starting at 6 pm at Country Club Lanes in the Skyroom, 2600 Watt Avenue.

The North Highlands/New Foothill Farms meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, at 6 pm, at Family Community Church, 6331 Watt Avenue.

The Carmichael meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 6 pm, at the Del Campo High School Library, 4925 Dewey Drive.

The Fair Oaks meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 6 pm, La Vista High School, 4501 Bannister Road (north of Winding Way) (note different date due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

In addition to Sheriff Deputies being present, members of the California Highway Patrol usually attend as well as representatives from Sacramento County Code Enforcement.
CARMICHAEL VETERAN’S DAY OBSERVANCE

November 11, our nation honors Veterans Day remembering those who served in uniform and sacrificed for our country.

In Carmichael a very special ceremony will be held at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial located at the Earl J. Koobs Nature Area, 5325 Engle Road, adjacent to Garfield Elementary School’s playground and the east parking lot of the La Sierra Community Center, which was formerly La Sierra High School. The memorial honors 15 students of the former high school who died for our country and is the first known Vietnam Memorial in California. The memorial was made in metal shop by students remembering their own classmates.

Gates to the area will be open from 10 am to 2 pm and the Color Guard Ceremony will be at 11 am.

To those who lost loved ones in service to our nation, please accept my deepest sympathy and appreciation for your loved one’s sacrifice. For those individuals who served or are current serving our nation in uniform, thank you.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING

With the Thanksgiving Holiday occurring this month, it is not uncommon for many of us to reflect upon our blessings and realize that there are those among us who are in need.

Soon the Sacramento Food Bank will begin its annual Turkey Distribution providing those in need with a fresh or frozen turkey or ham and two bags of meal items with dry and canned foods for basic Thanksgiving dishes. If you can, please consider donating to the extent possible. For more information, please visit the Sacramento Food Bank website.

Another way to show your support is to participate in the annual Run to Feed the Hungry event on Thanksgiving morning. This Sacramento tradition is not only the largest run in Sacramento but also the largest Thanksgiving Day fun run in the country with all net profits benefiting the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. To register, please visit the Run to Feed the Hungry website.

Thanksgiving is a special time to share with family and friends – and I hope you have a happy holiday.
CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

Thousands of runners are expected to be racing through our neighborhoods in the Third District on Sunday, December 8, during the annual California International Marathon. The 26-mile grueling trek begins at 7 am in Folsom and concludes at the State Capitol.

This event attracts world-class competition. Several thousand out of town visitors travel to the area to participate in or watch the marathon. This influx contributes to our local economy via renting lodging, dining in restaurants, retail sales, etc.

Residents can come out and cheer the runners. Fair Oaks Boulevard is part of the route so Fair Oaks, Carmichael, and Arden Arcade residents south of that roadway may find themselves “land-locked” while the race is in progress due to street closure.

These closures may cause some inconvenience so please be cognizant of that when planning your morning activities. Residents can view specific street closures on the marathon’s webpage at this link.

SHERIFF’S TOY PROJECT

The Sheriff’s Toy Project has been serving our community since 1984 providing gifts as well as food boxes to less fortunate families.

The program provides a character-building environment for Work Project participants who spend their court-ordered jail sentence making toys, building furniture, and refurbishing computers plus donated bicycles. Items are distributed to those in need, including donations to schools for special needs and homeless children. Referrals for recipient families come through the Sheriff’s service centers, deputies, detectives, probation officers, social service agencies, schools, and other local non-profit organizations.
Work Project participants develop a great sense of accomplishment during and upon completion of their sentences and many request to volunteer at the workshop after their release. Donations are welcomed. For more information, please visit the Sheriff's Toy Project website.