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WATT AND EL CAMINO BUSINESS WATCH

The Office of Economic Development and my office are inviting you to participate in the County business walk on and around the intersection of Watt Avenue and El Camino Avenue in Arden Arcade. The Business Walk is scheduled from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Business walks are a valuable tool utilized to provide the small business community with 1:1 support and gather valuable information on local business needs, aiding in the development of initiatives and policies to enhance the business environment of Sacramento County. Volunteers will be canvassing the area and speaking with businesses to help make sure the voices of local businesses are heard.

Volunteers can register for the walk by scanning the QR Code on the flyer below. For more information, please feel free to contact the Office of Economic Development at 916-874-4558 or email Lili Hernandez at hernandezl@saccounty.gov.

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The poster features the Sacramento County logo at the top, followed by the event title 'WATT & EL CAMINO BUSINESS WALK'. Below the title are three circular images: a person holding a coffee cup, a storefront with an 'OPEN SHOP' sign, and a woman smiling. The event details are listed below: 'REGISTER NOW', 'Wednesday, February 21, 2024', '9:00 am - 1:30 pm', and 'Country Club Lanes - 2600 Watt Avenue'. A paragraph of text explains the purpose of business walks, and a QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, there are contact options: 'Contact Us', a phone icon with the number '+916-874-4558', and an email icon with the address 'hernandezl@sacounty.gov'.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY
WATT & EL CAMINO
BUSINESS WALK

REGISTER NOW
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9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Country Club Lanes - 2600 Watt Avenue

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APPLY FOR THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) GRANT

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors intends to continue providing \$1 million through the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program to support nonprofit organizations located in Sacramento County in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

For the last 7 years, the Board of Supervisors has awarded funds to organizations that carry out community-based programs and/or services in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, and health and human services. The County began setting aside funding for this purpose in 2017.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive process and applicants must meet [eligibility and funding requirements](#). Applications will be [accepted online](#) beginning February 2, 2024, through the County's Office of Budget and Debt Management with a deadline of March 4, 2024.

Funding for the TOT Grant Program will come from County Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues. Transient Occupancy Taxes are levied on

guests who occupy rooms in hotels, motels and other temporary lodging accommodations in the unincorporated area of the County.

2024-25 TOT Grant Program Application Dates & Details:

Grant Application DEADLINE: March 4, 2024, 5 p.m.

Grant Application Period: February 2 – March 4, 2024

All applications and requested materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on March 4, 2024. No late applications will be accepted.

Online Applications: Only online applications will be accepted. [Apply online beginning February 2.](#)

Duplicate and incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Applicants will receive electronic receipt notification upon submission of application.

There will be a Grant Program and Application Virtual Workshop on February 13, 2024, at 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The workshop includes a review of the following:

- Grant program and Timeline
- Insurance Requirements
- Application Questions
- Timeline and submission information
- Q & A's

Grant Application Review Period

March 5 – 11, 2024

County staff will review applications for completeness and compliance with minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants will be notified electronically if proposals do not meet the minimum qualifications and will not continue to the evaluation process.

March 12 – April 26, 2024

Subject Area Expert Panel Application Review: Subject area experts will review, evaluate, and rank qualifying applications.

May 2024

TOT Board Review Committee: Board Review Committee to review recommendations of the Subject Area Expert Panel's Recommendations and award District-directed grants based on input from Subject Area Experts.

Grantee Award Approval

June 2024

Grant Program Hearing Notification: Applicants will receive an electronic notification of the schedule for the Board of Supervisors Hearing, where recommended award selections will be made.

The Board of Supervisors will make the final determination and approval for all TOT Grant Program recipients.

County Budget & Debt Management Division staff will notify applicants of funding selections within five business days of Board Hearing approval. All notifications will be made electronically. County Budget & Debt Management Division staff will draft and administer agreements between the County and grantees.

For more information about the grant program, visit the [TOT Grant Program website](#).



FIX50 HIGHWAY

Residents and drivers in the Sacramento Region have experienced first-hand some of the traffic jams, frustration, and even confusion with the U.S. Highway 50 Design-Build Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (also known as the Fix50 Highway Enhancement Project).

The estimated \$483.5 million project, including \$388.8 million in SB 1 funding, will not only include a new sound wall but new high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes (carpool lanes) in each direction on US-50 from the Interstate 5 Interchange to Watt Avenue to help reduce emissions to tackle climate change. Crews will also widen ramps and connector ramps, widen bridges, and increase vertical clearance at overcrossing, replace freeway pavement with continuously reinforced concrete pavement, and make other enhancements to US-50 in Sacramento.

This project also includes the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) light rail expansion project from Sunrise Boulevard to Downtown Folsom. With the improvements, the Gold Line light rail will increase the frequency of service from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes from Sunrise Boulevard to Downtown Folsom.

The initial work began in November 2020 and the project is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2025. Cal Trans recently updated the website with additional information about the project and timelines for completion. Please check out the website [Project Overview – Fix 50](#) for information about the Fix50 Highway project and to sign up for alerts.



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT ON THE LEEVES

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has a project to construct additional flood protection measures along the Lower American River and beyond. The American River erosion protection work is being constructed in phases and started in 2022 in another location where erosion was threatening the River Park neighborhood near California State University, Sacramento. It is our understanding that the Contract C3B project, located upstream of Watt Avenue, is currently scheduled for construction in 2025-2026.

Sacramento is considered the most at-risk City for flooding in the country and continued federal investment in our flood control system is necessary to protect the lives of those that reside behind our levees. USACE has coordinated with various federal and state resource and wildlife agencies, as well as City and County departments, including Regional Parks, throughout the initial planning and execution of this project. The State and local sponsors of the project also continue to work with USACE to refine its project design, but the Army Corp of Engineers is the lead agency. The erosion protection measures cannot be implemented without impacting vegetation that is in the project footprint. Through consultation with federal, state, and local resource agencies, the USACE has identified mitigation measures to be implemented to ensure that our parkway will continue to thrive well into the future. This is addressed by plans for appropriate and significant mitigation both onsite and at designated offsite locations within the parkway.

USACE has released a draft SEIS for public review that addresses the Contract 3B phase of the project. We encourage you and all interested parties to review the document and submit your written comments to USACE as part of the environmental review process (links can be found at www.sacleveeupgrades.com). I requested that the USACE extend the deadline for comments on the SEIS and they recently announced the deadline would be extended to February 23, 2024. Public comments can be submitted to ARCF_SEIS@usace.army.mil and PublicCommentsARCF16@water.ca.gov.

I will be hosting a community meeting on the project and will invite necessary agencies to attend and to hear from the public. For more information, to

receive email updates, and to view a copy of the Draft SEIS/SEIR visit the [Sac Levee Upgrades](#) website.

ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY

Enjoy the outdoors and grab a fishing rod on Saturday, February 17, 2024, for the Annual Trout Fishing Derby at Howe Park. The Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District and the California Department of Fish and Game are hosting the event. The event will be held at the Howe Park Pond at 2201 Cottage Way. Howe Park Pond will be freshly stocked with trout and prizes will be awarded for the longest and fattest fish.

Youth ages 15 and under will be allowed to enter the fishing area first, and a “Children Only” fishing area will be provided. The event is rain or shine! A fishing license is required for those aged 16 and up, but there is a discounted price for pre-registration. Please Jaden with the Park District at 916-927-3802 ext. 125 or visit the [Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District's website](#) for more information.



FULTON-EL CAMINO RPD ANNUAL
FISHING DERBY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

KIDS DERBY 8:00AM
WHO: KIDS AGES 15 AND UNDER ONLY
TIME: 8:00 - 10:00 AM (SIGN-IN BEGINS AT 7:30 AM)
FEE (PER DERBY):
PRE-REGISTRATION: \$4 PER PERSON
\$18 PER GROUP (MAX 5)
DAY OF REGISTRATION: \$5 PER PERSON
\$20 PER GROUP

OPEN DERBY 10:30AM
WHO: ALL (FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED 16+)
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ALL AGES)
FEE (PER DERBY):
PRE-REGISTRATION: \$4 PER PERSON
\$18 PER HOUSEHOLD (MAX 5)
DAY OF REGISTRATION: \$5 PER PERSON
\$20 PER HOUSEHOLD

HOWE PARK POND
2201 Cottage Way,
Sacramento CA 95825

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www.fecrpd.com

RODS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM CA DEPT. OF WILDLIFE'S FISHING IN THE CITY PROGRAM.
EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE

Fulton-El Camino
Recreation & Park District

THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM OF THE SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SAN JUAN ACCEPTS NO LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PROGRAM.

THE JACKSON LABORATORY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) **discovers precise genomic solutions for disease and empowers the global biomedical community in the shared quest to improve human health.** They will award **\$10,000 scholarships** to three first-generation and/or low-income students who plan to pursue a college degree and aspire to a career in biomedicine. Graduating high school seniors who reside in Connecticut, Maine, or Sacramento County, California are eligible to be nominated. One student from each location will be awarded this scholarship.

JAX is accepting nominations [using this nomination form](#) until February 15, 2024. More information about the scholarship is available [on the website](#).

Key Information:

- **Students must be nominated** by a teacher, administrator, or guidance counselor before February 15, 2024
- Applicants should demonstrate either significant financial need or status as a first-generation college student, including individuals whose parents have not completed a Bachelor's degree
- Applicants must be on track to complete their high school diploma in 2024 with a cumulative GPA greater or equivalent to 3.5 on a standard 4.0 scale
- Scholarships will be awarded in late Spring 2024

Please share this opportunity with students!



LOVE IS IN THE AIR

February is always a special month and a reminder to express affection. Below are a couple of activities this month for seniors as well as the entire family.

Senior Valentine's Dance

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by dancing the day away! Enjoy live music from the Kiwanis Swing Band and light refreshments and be sure to invite your partner or a friend.

- Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024
- Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- Fee: \$5.00/person (50 % of proceeds go to the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael)

Location: La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA 95608



Sweetheart's Dance

The whole family can enjoy an evening out at the Mission Oaks Community Center for a dance. This afternoon will include live music and refreshments!

- Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Time: 1:15 PM – 3:45 PM
- Fee: \$8/person
- Location: Gibbons Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608

A pink poster for 'Sweetheart's Dance' with a heart pattern. The text is centered and reads: 'Sweetheart's Dance' in a large, black, cursive font; 'TUE FEBRUARY 13' and '1:15-3:45PM' in a black, serif font; '\$8 PER PERSON' in a red, sans-serif font inside a white rectangular box; 'REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED' in a black, serif font; and 'THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR' in a red, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'iN-Your Home Care Services' with the tagline 'SERVICE WITH A HEART', and contact information for the Gibbons Community Center: '4701 GIBBONS DRIVE, CARMICHAEL, CA 95608 (916) 972-0336'. A small logo for 'MISSION OAKS' is also present in the bottom right corner.

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Dance**

TUE FEBRUARY 13
1:15-3:45PM

\$8 PER PERSON

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

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(916) 972-0336

MISSION OAKS

THE SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS CONCERT ON MARCH 3, 2024

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is delighted to continue their 2023–2024 season. Their next concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2:30 pm entitled “Folk Songs and Music for Kings and Queens” at the El Camino High School Center for the Arts. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic wind ensemble conducted by Music/Artistic Director Dr. Matthew Morse. This concert features *English Folk Song Suite* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *One Life Beautiful* by Julie Giroux, and *Acadiana* by Frank Ticheli and more!

Tickets are available at the door and General Admission is \$15; high school and college students (with an ID) are \$10 and youth are free. Visit the [Sacramento Symphonic Winds website](#) for more information.

MAKING AN IMPACT: FINANCIAL KEYS FOR IMMEDIATE RESULTS

Are you concerned about your financial situation? Looking for helpful tips to increase your finances? Higher Heights Community Development Corporation is offering a **FREE** finance workshop that is open to everyone. Light refreshments will be available.

- Date: February 24, 2024
- Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: Higher Heights Community Church, 2230 Arden Way, Suite H, Sacramento, CA 95825

For more information and to register, visit the [Finance Workshop](#) webpage.

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FINANCIAL KEYS
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Free Training | Light Refreshments Provided
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www.hhcchurch.org/financeworkshop
info@hhcchurch.org
HIGHER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
THE CHURCH

STAYING SAFE DURING THE WINTER WEATHER

During these colder months, it is important to remember to take time to protect ourselves, neighbors and animal friends. Below are some tips to help all of us.

- **Check on elderly family members, friends or neighbors.** Seniors and those with serious medical conditions are at risk. Check on community members that might be vulnerable to ensure they are safely keeping warm.

- **Heat your home safely - carbon monoxide is a silent killer.** It is not OK to heat the inside of your home with any kind of BBQ, propane heater, or any other fuel-fired equipment due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use heaters installed with your home and those designed to be used indoors. Make sure that your natural gas furnaces and other appliances are in good, clean working order.
- **Bring your pets inside when temperatures start to dip near freezing.** Make sure dogs and cats have a warm, draft-free place indoors with a dry mat or blanket that they can lie on. For additional winter weather tips for animals, [check out the Bradshaw Animal Shelter's website.](#)
- **Insulate outdoor pipes that lead into your home to prevent freezing.** Seal with caulk around the pipes that lead into and out of your home. Inside your home, leave the bathroom and under-sink cabinets open to help warm the water. If your pipes freeze, leave your tap on and call a plumber. You can defrost your pipes using a hairdryer on a low setting, working your way slowly from the faucet to where your pipe enters the wall. County residents who need to have their water turned off in order to make repairs to their lines [can go online](#) or call 311 (or 916-875-4311 if calling from out of the area).
- **Ensure proper drainage by scooping up leaves and debris.** Keeping storm drains clear can prevent street flooding and black ice from forming.
- **When raining, reduce your vehicle speed.** Wet roads increase the distance and time needed to stop your vehicle. Be extra cautious on roads, bridges and overpasses when temperatures are 32 degrees or below due to black ice – slow down and give yourself extra spacing between vehicles in front of you.
- **Watch for tree limbs.** As temperatures dip, trees become vulnerable to limbs snapping. For downed trees or branches in the roadway, County residents [can go online](#) or call 311 (or 916-875-4311 if calling from out of the area).
- **Prepare for wind.** Secure yard items that may blow around and be prepared for the possibility of loss of power. For downed power lines, stay away and call 9-1-1 immediately.
- **Sign-up for Emergency Alerts.** This system alerts residents about emergency events and other important public safety information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.
- **Where to get help.** Call 211 in Sacramento or [go online](#) for information on emergency shelter services.

Learn more about how to stay safe during fog and cold weather on the [Sacramento Ready website.](#)



UCP SKATE NIGHT

UCP of Sacramento and Northern California is hosting more social and recreational events and here is one for the entire family. It's their 3rd Skate Night.

- Date: Wednesday, February 28th
- Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Location: Sunrise Rollerland, 6001 Sunrise Vista Dr, Citrus Heights, CA 95610
- Fee: \$25/skater which includes skate rental, pizza, and raffle

For more information or to register for this event, visit the [UCP Recreation website](#).

A PRIVATE UCP EVENT

Skate Night

All Ages!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
6 - 8 PM

SUNRISE ROLLERLAND
6001 SUNRISE VISTA DR
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610

SKATE RENTAL, PIZZA, & RAFFLE INCLUDED!
SKATE MATE AVAILABLE
(A FEATURE USED FOR BALANCE).

\$25 / SKATER

WHEELCHAIRS MUST HAVE RUBBER WHEELS IN SKATING RINK

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!