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HOLIDAY EVENTS IN DISTRICT 3

Happy Holidays! The holiday season is upon us, and there are plenty of free family-friendly and safe events in District 3 this year.

Arden Arcade:

December 1, 2021, Generations Church, located at 2052 Auburn Blvd, will host its annual outdoor tree lighting for the community. **Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies will be served from 6:00-6:45pm with the 25 foot tree lighting taking place at 6:30pm.** For questions call (916) 447-2216 or email office@generationschurchsac.org.

December 4, 2021, the Fulton Avenue Association and the Fulton-EI Camino Recreation & Park District will host a Festival of Lights parade and Annual Tree Lighting. The parade will begin at **5:00pm at Howe Park (north lot) and will conclude at 6:30pm at the Department of Human Services Building, 2700 Fulton Avenue.** If you would like to register to be in the parade, visit the [Fulton-EI Camino Park District website](#) for more information. Questions or need more information? Contact Jaden Delfer at (916) 927-3802 ext 125 or email jdelfer@fecrpd.com.

December 9, 2021, the Arden Park Recreation and Park District will host their 8th annual Holiday in the Park. Santa will use his Christmas magic to light up a 17 foot tree and the community center for the holidays! **The event will be held at Arden Park from 6:00-8:00pm.** Local music and talent groups will take the stage and help celebrate the kickoff to the holiday season. Pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, and crafts will be available after the tree lighting! Thanks to Loehmann's Plaza for sponsoring this fun event.

Carmichael:

December 2, 2021, the Carmichael Recreating and Park District will host their annual holiday Tree Lighting event at **Carmichael Park. The event will take place from 5:00-**

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8:00pm with the tree lighting at 6:15pm. Join the festivities for live music, arts & crafts, vendors and holly jolly fun! Santa Claus will be taking a break from the North Pole to visit the park. Santa will also be available for visits and photos at no additional cost, but please donate one canned good per child. All canned goods collected are donated to the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, Spirit of Giving Holiday Food Drive. Stick around until 6:15pm to watch not one but two trees light up as a flurry of "snow" falls at the park.

December 11, 2021, the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael and the Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights will host the Holidays at Koobs event. **The event will take place from 12:00-3:00pm at the Earl J Koobs Nature Area located at the La Sierra community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA 95608.** They will be celebrating fun, family, and holiday festivities with live music, ornament making, card decorating, and visiting with Santa! Come out and join them. This is a free event, but if you would like to bring non-perishable food, they'll be collecting for a local food pantry. They will also be collecting new and gently used jackets for Howe Avenue School. This event is dependent on both Sacramento county health guidelines as well as the weather, so be sure to check back on the event status on the [Koobs Nature Area Facebook page](#) if you plan to attend. Attendees are asked to wear masks at the activity tables and respect social distancing. They will be limited the number of kids at the activity tables to a few at a time.

Fair Oaks:

December 4, 2021, the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District will host their annual Christmas Celebration and tree lighting. **The event will take place at 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 from 3:00-7:00pm.** The Christmas Celebration will feature live music and community stage performances, craft vendors, children's activities, food trucks, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Tree Lighting, and Fair Oaks charm for everybody!

North Highlands:

December 4, 2021, the North Highlands Recreation and Park District will host their Holiday Extravaganza & Pajama Party. **The event will be held at the Kay F. Dahill Community Center from 10:00am-12:00pm.** Santa is coming to North Highlands! Come on out in your comfiest pajamas to enjoy a free event filled with family friendly games, crafts, activities, and more! **Masks are required indoors.*



FINAL REDISTRICTING MAP

After countless hours of discussion and thoughtful comments and draft maps from the public, the Board of Supervisors came to a decision on a final map for Sacramento County. You can view the final map on the [Sacramento County Redistricting website](#).

Every ten years, following the Census count, the resulting census data is used to geographically define electoral districts, at all levels of government, through a process called redistricting. Redistricting ensures that each of the electoral district boundaries have approximately the same number of people and comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The public submitted more than [200 written comments](#) containing suggestions for redistricting and supervisorial boundary lines. The public also [submitted their own maps for consideration](#), either hand-drawn or drawn using the [mapping tools available](#).

The map is still in draft form, as Sacramento County's Geographic Information System (GIS) team will be responsible for proofing the district lines submitted by the Board and comparing it to the district lines, Census blocks and legal boundary descriptions for all jurisdictions in Sacramento County, including cities. If the GIS team finds any discrepancies from a district's legal boundary or a census block that may have been inadvertently omitted from the draft map, revisions will be documented and made, and the revised map is available for public review prior to adoption on Dec. 7.

The Board of Supervisors will adopt the final map at its Dec. 7 Board meeting at 2:00PM.



HELP THE HOMELESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

During this holiday season, please consider donating new or gently used household items to Sacramento Self-Help Housing (SSHH). SSHH's will host its 4th Annual "Housewarming for the Unhoused" winter drive on Saturday, December 11. Items can be donated at Cal Expo's main gate loop from 8:00am to noon. To make it as safe and easy as possible for the community to participate, SSHH staff and dedicated volunteers will be on hand to collect new and/or gently used items that will be distributed to hundreds of recently homeless individuals in Sacramento County.

In 2022, SSSH is set to open 30 program houses that will accommodate approximately 125 individuals. Due to the needs of those they help, SSHH has requested specific items for donation to help keep the residents both warm and well stocked as they transition to stable living environments. New or gently used items requested for "Housewarming for the Unhoused" include the following: blankets, bed sheets (single & twin preferred), wash cloths, towels (bath and kitchen), bed pillows, and kitchen appliances such as microwaves, toasters, coffee makers, mixers, and blenders.

Each donation, big or small, will go directly to furnishing a home for a recently unhoused individual or family in our community. For more information about Sacramento Self-Help Housing, please call 916-341-0593 or visit [Sac Self Help's website](#).



SACRAMENTO EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (SERA) PROGRAM

The Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance Program (SERA) provides rent and utility payments to eligible households impacted by COVID-19 in the City and County of Sacramento.

For Phase One of this program, the City and County collectively received \$96.9 million in the spring of 2021. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) was delegated to administer the program and has dispersed over **\$72 million in payments to 9,681 households** in the City and County.

In order to protect the most vulnerable households, SERA staff are prioritizing applications for renters facing eviction or legal action. An additional \$84.5 million is available in Phase Two for rental assistance through September 30, 2025.

The application period remains open to apply for SERA funds. If you or someone you know is in need of rental assistance, please apply at [SHRA's website](#). ANY QUESTIONS? Please contact SHRA at sera@shra.org or (916) 449-1266.



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, in partnership with the City and the County of Sacramento, is offering

emergency rent and utilities assistance for renters impacted by COVID-19.

APPLICATION PERIOD

May 11, 2021 onwards

www.shra.org/sera

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Rent your home in the City or County of Sacramento
- Have experienced job loss or financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Behind in rent and/or utilities or inability to remain current on rent
- Current gross household income must be at or below low income limits

GROSS HOUSEHOLD LOW INCOME LIMITS								
Household of	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Income	\$30,750	\$58,000	\$65,250	\$72,500	\$78,300	\$84,100	\$89,900	\$95,700

HOW TO APPLY:

- Apply online at www.shra.org/sera from Tuesday, May 11, 2021 onwards. The application period is not closing at this time.
- Community organizations that can assist you with the application process are listed at www.shra.org/sera.
- Both landlords and renters can apply.

If you submitted an application during the first opening (February 25 - March 19, 2021), please do not re-apply again. You can check your status at www.shra.org/sera. Use your original log in for access. For program details, go to www.shra.org/sera. Email: sera@shra.org

This project is being supported in whole or in part, with federal funding (Assistance Listing Number 21-023) awarded to the City and County of Sacramento and the State of California by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

BRING HOME A PET THIS HOLIDAY SEASON OR DONATE ITEMS FOR THE HOWLIDAY STOCKING TOY & TREAT DRIVE

Sacramento County's [Bradshaw Animal Shelter](#) is hosting its 4th Annual Howliday Stocking Toy & Treat Drive. The shelter is collecting quality toys and treats for shelter animals in need during the holiday season and stockings will be hung on each and every shelter kennel during the month of December so that every adopted shelter pet will be sent "Home for the Holidays" with added holiday cheer.

The shelter is [asking for donations](#) of quality cat and dog items like bully sticks, Kongs, dental chews, wand toys, balls and items for smaller critters like rabbits, guinea pigs, and hamsters. Donations can be sent to or dropped off at the Bradshaw Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827 Tuesday through Sunday at the Animal Admissions door between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and specific requested items can also be found on the shelter's [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Donating is just one way you can help shelter pets. Giving shelter pets a "Home for the Holidays" is a wonderful way to spread holiday cheer while helping pets in your community. The Shelter will be hosting walk-in adoption events but you can schedule an adoption appointment by calling the adoption appointment line at 916-875-2287 Tuesday through Sunday between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or by viewing their adoptable pets online at the [Animal Care and Regulation website](#).



BEST OF FAIR OAKS 2021: VOTING OPEN

Each year, the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce hosts the Best of Fair Oaks contest to honor your favorite businesses.

Voting is now open!

Don't miss out on being named the best in Fair Oaks. There are 57 categories, over 200 contenders, and 1,500 votes cast thus far. To vote for your favorite business visit the [Best of Fair Oaks website](#) or nominate your own business to be entered into the contest.

Voting is open until December 23rd.

Eligible businesses must be a Fair Oaks Chamber member or a business located in the 95628 zip code. Winners will be

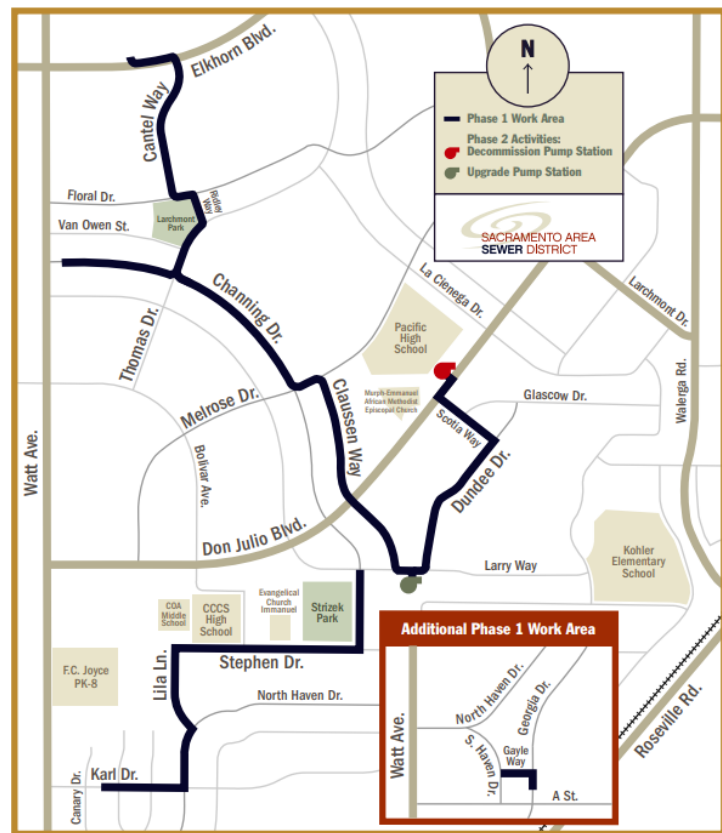
announced at the 6th annual Awards Gala on January 13, 2022. For questions email info@fairoakschamber.com.



NORTH HIGHLANDS SEWER RELIEF PROJECT— CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Beginning in early December, crews and heavy equipment will start working in North Highlands to install new sewer pipes and access points. The work will occur in the mostly residential area bordered by Watt Avenue, Elkhorn Boulevard, and Roseville Road. On-street parking may be restricted in work zones, and detours for through-traffic may be necessary.

This project is necessary to upgrade the sewer system to improve performance and increase sewer capacity in North Highlands. The project involves installation of new sewer pipes and manholes, upsizing some existing sewers, and upgrading an existing pump station while taking another out of service. For more information, please visit the [project website](#).



SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Every year, Sacramento County's [Gifts from the Heart Program](#) brightens the lives of more than 3,000 children, disabled adults, and seniors by bringing wrapped gifts to them before Christmas. Now in its 33rd year, the program is in full swing, and it's not too late to participate.

Gifts from the Heart provides presents for vulnerable clients under the care of [Child Protective Services](#) and [Senior and Adult Services](#) of the [Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services](#). More than 90 community partners and individuals from businesses, government agencies, religious organizations, service groups, professional groups, families and county employees participate in this annual holiday gift-giving drive.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Because of COVID-19, Gifts from the Heart has added a gift registry at major online retailers. The registry has items that children, teens, disabled adults and seniors have requested. **Gift items must be received by Friday, Dec. 10 at 9750 Business Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827.**

- [Amazon registry](#)
- [Walmart registry](#)
- [Target registry](#)

Supporters are welcome to purchase a new gift from any online vendor and have it shipped to the Business Park address.

You can also drop off new unwrapped gifts/toys for any age group by Thursday, Dec. 9, at one of the County lobby locations listed below:

- 7001-A East Parkway
- 3701 Branch Center Road
- 3331 Power Inn Road
- 9750 Business Park Drive, Suite 220
- 700 H Street
- 7000 65th Street, Suite A

Seniors and adults with disabilities would be grateful to receive clocks with large numbers, radios, blankets, warm clothes, space heaters, sheet and comforter sets, mittens, gloves, 2022 calendars, puzzles, bathroom and kitchen towels, bathrobes, lotion, body wash, postage stamps, large print books, slippers, audiobooks, arts & craft kits, winter jackets, coffee pots, mugs, socks, knitted caps, kitchen plate sets, large print crossword puzzles, toasters or wallets.

In addition, disabled adults would be happy to receive new clothing in a variety of sizes.

Children served by Child Protective Services would be thankful to receive board games, educational toys, books, arts & crafts kits, funky socks, warm clothes, music players, electronic games, backpacks, tote bags, watches, hair products, hairdryers, flat irons, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs or fuzzy blankets.

If you would prefer to make a donation, you may send a check to the Department of Child, Family & Adult Services/Gifts from

the Heart Program and mail to P.O. Box 269057, Sacramento, CA 95826-9443. Every dollar goes to purchase gifts; there is no overhead or administrative fee and donations are tax-deductible.

To learn more about Gifts from the Heart [email the Gifts from the Heart Coordinator](#) or call 916-875-2027.



CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON RETURNS

The 38th annual California International Marathon is back this year. Thousands of runners are expected to be racing through our neighborhoods in the Third District on **Sunday, December 5**, during the annual **California International Marathon** organized by the Sacramento Running Association. The 26-mile grueling trek begins 7:00am in Folsom and concludes at the State Capitol.

Residents can come out and cheer the runners. A race day spectator guide can be found online at the [Sacramento Running Association website](#).

Fair Oaks Boulevard is a big 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 closures. Please be cognizant of the closures when planning your morning activities. Residents can view specific street closures on the [marathon’s website](#).



SAFE HOLIDAY TRAVELS

Demand for travel is back, and this holiday season has the potential to be busier than ever. [Sacramento International Airport \(SMF\)](#) wants travelers to know there are many ways to get to their destination without carrying on all the stress.

Taking the time to plan ahead will help travelers get through the terminals with ease.

- Don't forget masks and pay attention to travel protocols. Depending on the destination, safety and vaccination requirements may be different than those at home.
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) procedures have changed since the pandemic. Everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain social distance while in the security line and on the airplane, so bringing extra masks is recommended.

Keep these helpful tips in mind when arriving at SMF:

- **Parking:** The East Economy Lot (\$10/day), Daily Lot (\$12/day), Garage (\$18/day) and Hourly Lot (\$29/day) are open for parking. Cash is no longer accepted at cashier booths in any parking lot. Customers paying with cash will need to do so prior to returning to their vehicle. Payment can be made at one of the self-service pay-on-foot kiosks located in the Parking Garage and outside Terminal B. Bus service will be provided 24/7 to and from the terminals from both the East Economy, Parking Garage and Daily Lot. Wait

times for busses can be up to 20 minutes and for more information, [please visit the parking webpage](#).

- **Boarding Pass Self-Scanning:**Passengers will scan their own boarding passes and not hand them over to TSA employees.
- **Liquids:** Must be 3.4 ounces (100ml) or smaller with the exception of hand sanitizer, which can be in a 12-ounce container. Items must be removed from baggage before it goes through the X-ray and will be screened separately.
- **Food:**Passengers bringing meals on their flights should place them in a clear plastic bag, and in a separate tray from their luggage, for scanning.
- **Be Patient:**Like many businesses, TSA has suffered from a staffing shortage. Allow extra time for every part of your travel journey, just in case.
- **Touchless Security:**Get through security checkpoints faster with CLEAR, a digital health passport that uses biometrics to scan your eyes and face to confirm your identity in a touchless process. [Learn more or opt-in for membership here](#).

If you are feeling a bit stressed out, be sure to stop by and say hello to the wonderful pups that make up [SMF's BARC \(Boarding Area Relaxation Corps\) team](#). These dogs and their handlers are there to help calm nerves and relax passengers before and after flights.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released its [recommendations for safe holiday travel](#), which is worth reviewing before you head out on vacation. As always, it is recommended travelers arrive two hours early in anticipation of additional security screenings. For more information, [visit our website](#) and have a wonderful safe travel.



FIRST INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE DECEMBER 10

The deadline for paying the first installment of your 2021-2022 Sacramento County property taxes is December 10, 2021. Late payments will incur a 10% penalty for each tax bill, and partial payments are not accepted.

Payments may be made by mail or in person by 5:00pm on Dec. 10, 2021. The Tax Collector's Office is located at 700 H Street, Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814. Payment may be mailed to P.O. Box 508, Sacramento, CA 95812-0508. Be sure to mail your payment early enough to ensure a timely postmark and avoid penalties. The Tax Collector also wants to remind property owners to include the appropriate installment payment stub from the tax bill or website or write the parcel number of the property on the check being submitted to make sure that you receive proper credit for the payment.

Property taxes may also be paid by online e-check or credit card through [Sacramento County's Online Property Tax Bill Information System](#) or over the telephone at 1-844-430-2823, using the 14 digit parcel number. For a 2.29 percent convenience fee, a contractor will process your credit card payment if you elect to pay the annual property tax bill using this method, and this convenience fee is not revenue to the County. **There is no fee to make a payment via e-check.**

To avoid penalties, transactions made either on the internet or over the telephone must be completed before midnight on the payment "pay by" date. Please plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to make your payment. If you are unable to get through on the internet or telephone, causing you to miss the payment deadline, penalties will NOT be waived.

If you have not received a tax bill, you can obtain your tax bill information and payment stubs (coupons) at the [Tax Collector's website](#), over the automated telephone system or by contacting the Tax Collector's Office at (916) 874-6622. ***Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of their liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment.***



BE READY FOR WINTER STORMS

The major storm a couple months ago reminded all of us about the dangers of severe weather. With winter coming, now is the time to think about reducing the risk of flooding in your area.

It is important for you to know the flood risk to your home or business. **Sacramento County's Department of Water Resources** has information to help you understand the threat flooding may pose to your property. All you have to do is [log onto this link](#) and click "Flood Zone Information" to learn more about your flood risk.

If you live in a flood zone, **you can reduce the potential for damage by being proactive.**

- **Clear storm drains of leaves and debris** to ensure the water freely flows away from your home. Clogs can cause localized flooding to streets that could eventually back up to your doorway.
- If you come across **street flooding**, call **3-1-1** to have County crews come out and clear the clogs. Also, don't drive through flooded streets.
- If you see **items dumped into nearby creeks**, call **3-1-1** and report it. It's important to clear those areas before the rain to avoid problems.

The County Branch Center and Orangevale Community Center sandbag sites are now open. If your property has a history of flooding or recurring standing water each year (such as water building up at the garage or back patio for example), you are encouraged to get sandbags in advance of the rainy season and have them on hand throughout the winter. Sacramento County's sandbag sites are self-

serve. Sites not operated by the County of Sacramento and bags and sand are available at each location.

Stay up-to-date with the latest flood information by signing up for Sacramento Alert. This Countywide system, run by the Office of Emergency Services, will keep you informed about potential flooding or any other emergency threatening your neighborhood. To sign-up, please visit the [Storm Ready website](#).

