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## HELP FOR RESTAURANTS

The **Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)** was established as part of the **2021 American Rescue Plan** and will provide \$28.6 billion in direct relief grants to the food and beverage industry impacted by COVID-19. Grants will be equal to 2019 gross revenue minus 2020 gross revenue.

### Who can apply for RRF?

Eligible entities:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks and food carts
- Caterers
- Saloons, inns, taverns, bars, lounges, brewpubs
- Tasting rooms and taprooms

Ineligible entities:

- A business that has received a Shuttered Venues Operations Grant (SVOG) or has a pending SVOG application
- Publicly traded companies
- Government-owned businesses
- A business with more than 20 locations

For more information on how to apply, visit the [Small Business Administration website](#). **The application process is officially open today, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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## **KEIFER LANDFILL NOW ACCEPTING TREATED WOOD WASTE**

On January 1, 2021, there were changes in state law prohibiting treated wood waste from being accepted at Kiefer Landfill. However, the Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling applied for and received a variance from the state to accept the material.

**Treated wood, or pressure-treated wood, has been treated with a chemical preservative to protect it from bugs, fungi and environmental conditions that can lead to decay.** Indicators that wood has been treated include:

- An ink stamp on the wood or an end tag
- Small, closely spaced cuts that resemble staple holes on the surface of the wood.

Wood fencing and decking are the most common treated wood waste materials generated by homeowners.

**Customers disposing of treated wood are requested to keep treated wood waste separate from other items in their load. Regular facility fees will apply.**

Commercial haulers disposing of treated wood will need to obtain a California Department of Toxic Substances Control variance. More information can be found on the [Department of Toxic Substances Control, Managing Hazardous Waste website](#).

Kiefer Landfill is the only county facility accepting treated wood. For location, hours and fee information, [visit the Department of Waste Management and Recycling's website](#).

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## **BIG DAY OF GIVING MAY 6**

It's been a tough year for many people in the Sacramento region. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful non-profit organizations that never stopped helping during these challenging times. Now it's time to help them. **Our region's 24-hour fundraising effort, the [BIG DAY of Giving](#), will be held on Thursday, May 6, from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm. Please be sure to check out the [Big Day of Giving Website](#) and donate to participating nonprofits.**

Your generosity is needed more than ever because many non-profit organizations are struggling to survive the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Starting at midnight this Thursday, the Big Day allows the Sacramento Region to come together in the spirit of philanthropy to improve the place we call home.

**There are almost 700 nonprofits participating this year, including several organizations that serve our suburban communities in Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Old Foothill Farms, New Foothill Farms and North Highlands. These organizations provide direct social services to people in need, support our local arts and culture, rescue abandoned animals, and help protect our environment.**

For more information, please visit the [Big Day of Giving website](#) and search for your favorite nonprofits. Let's help the helpers!

# Big Day of Giving

**MAY 6**

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## PROJECT ROOM KEY EXTENDED TO AUGUST

The Sacramento COVID-19 Homelessness Response Team, comprised of the County of Sacramento, City of Sacramento, and Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), has been working diligently for a full year on a COVID-19 Homelessness Response.

**The strategy included bringing the most vulnerable homeless into isolation trailers and preventative quarantine motels, providing encampment support for those staying in place, and equipping existing congregate shelters with safety measures.**

The motel sheltering sites (Project Room Key), initially slated for a three-month run, have been extended several times and are still operational more than a year later. Due to the expensive nature of continuing this type of emergency response, the motels were initially scheduled to close in stages on April 30, May 30, and June 30. **However, I am happy to report that the Board of Supervisors directed**

**DHA to keep the motels open through August to give the County more time to re-house the current occupants and explore options to maintain the shelter capacity that the motels have provided.**

The Team is hopeful that forthcoming federal relief funds will allow the County to fund the motel response through August while continuing the important work of rehousing guests. While the sheltering aspect of our fight against homelessness is important, we are doing everything we can to move people into a more permanent and healthy living situation. This effort does not come without barriers, some of which are access to affordable housing, lack of landlords, and lack of income, to name a few.

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE BY THE NUMBERS:**

- **Project Room Key**
  - 1,356 individuals sheltered
  - 51 percent older than 55
  - 39 percent with chronic health conditions
  - 57 percent experienced homelessness for longer than one year
  - 372 rooms still operational
  - 468 persons currently sheltered (as of 4/10/21)
- **Encampment Support**
  - 58 handwashing stations
  - 52 toilets deployed to encampments
  - 72,000 meals provided to unsheltered
- **Medical Response**
  - 7,000 COVID tests conducted
  - 1,122 people vaccinated (As of 4/12/21)
  - Only 57 positive COVID cases (as of 2/26/21)

- **Outcomes**

- 174 permanently housed participants
- 80 participants set to exit into a new housing unit

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## **NEW MONUMENTS IN ARDEN ARCADE**

As you drive down many of the major thoroughfares in Arden Arcade, you may have seen some new monuments. Former Supervisor Susan Peters used her discretionary funds and picked out these statement pieces as a way to identify the diverse and wonderful community of Arden Arcade. These monuments provide a sense of community and encourage further beautification. I have heard from citizens and community members how they enjoy new investments in the area. **There are currently five locations with the monuments:**

- **Arden Way at Howe Avenue**
- **Watt Avenue at Fair Oaks Blvd.**
- **Mission Avenue at Fair Oaks Blvd.**
- **Mission Avenue at Marconi Avenue**
- **Watt Avenue at Pope Avenue**



Photo courtesy of Susan Maxwell Skinner

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## **IT'S KITTEN SEASON! FOSTERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED**

Animal shelters are preparing for “kitten season,” the time throughout summer when cats give birth to countless litters, stretching already thin shelter resources. Many animals are too young, sick, or injured when they come to a shelter, making them unavailable for adoption and leading to overcrowding of kennels and shelter space.

Fosters help alleviate the overcrowding in shelters brought on by kitten season by providing a temporary home for animals

that are not yet able to be adopted. Residents interested in fostering should [submit a foster application](#) to [FosterRescueProgram@saccounty.net](mailto:FosterRescueProgram@saccounty.net). All food, bedding, and supplies will be provided by the shelter at no cost to the fosterer.

Donations of the following items are also needed:

- Small litter pans
- Heated pads
- Small nursing bottles
- Kitten formula and kitten food
- Small pet carriers

For a complete list of supplies needed, visit the shelter's [Amazon Wishlist](#) or the [donation website](#). Donations are accepted at the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter's Animal Admissions Door at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Tuesday through Sunday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information and FAQ's on fostering, please visit [Sacramento County's Animal Care and Regulation website](#).

For information on what to do if you find a kitten or litter of kittens, visit the [Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation webpage for Feral Cat Information](#).



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**CHP SPECIAL  
ENFORCEMENT UNIT**



**We have seen an increase in reckless driving and vehicle “sideshow” activity in our neighborhoods and parking lots over the last year.** As you may know, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has the primary responsibility for enforcing traffic laws on our roads in the unincorporated areas. Most CHP patrols in District 3 are handled by the North Sacramento CHP office at 5109 Tyler Street in Old Foothill Farms.

**To address the increase in reckless driving and “sideshows”, the CHP has implemented a Special Enforcement Unit (SEU).** This SEU will consist of a team of officers who will conduct specialized enforcement in different areas of the community. **They will be targeting speeding, driving under the influence, and aggressive driving.** A recent SEU effort in the area of El Camino and Eastern Avenues in Arden Arcade resulted in numerous enforcement actions and public education. Additional SEU efforts are scheduled in the coming weeks and months on roadways with the highest volume of traffic concerns. As a former CHP Chief, I know this increased presence in our neighborhoods will have a positive impact on traffic safety.

If you have specific areas where you would like to see future CHP SEU operations, or if you have complaints about unsafe driving in your neighborhood, please contact the North Sacramento CHP Problem Oriented Policing Unit at [250POP@chp.ca.gov](mailto:250POP@chp.ca.gov).

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## **BOARD CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS**

**On April 6, 2021, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in support of a resolution that condemns and commits to combatting racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against people in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.** The resolution comes as a response to a rise in hate incidents and crimes against the AAPI community often associated with harmful rhetoric about the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. It affirms the Board’s commitment to develop real solutions to root out racism and hateful behavior within Sacramento County and ensure that members of AAPI communities feel safe and respected.

Following the horrific attacks in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, **Supervisor Desmond offered his thoughts and prayers for the victims' families and stated, "Bigotry and racism have no place in our Country. I stand with our AAPI community to put a stop to this violence."**

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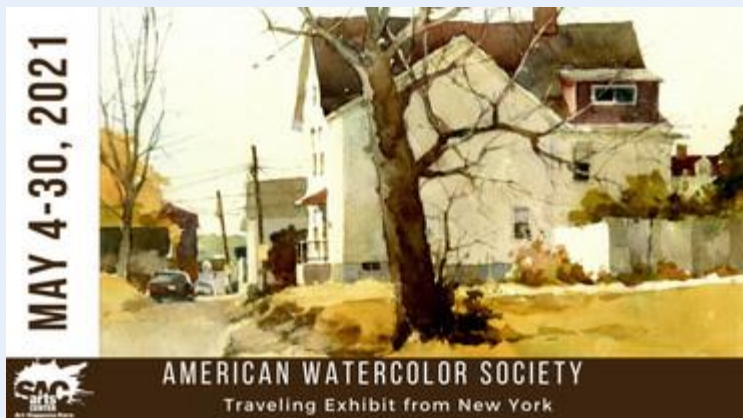
## **AMERICAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY TRAVELING EXHIBIT AT THE SAC ARTS CENTER: MAY 4-30**

**From May 4-30, the Sacramento Fine Arts Center will host the American Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibit.** This annual traveling exhibit will feature the watercolors of celebrated Sacramento artists such as Wayne Thiebaud, Kenneth Potter, and Sandy Delehanty, as well as other watercolor artists in our community and from throughout the world.

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center is an integral part of our community. It supports the culture of our region and encourages artists to fulfill their potential by providing classes for people of all ages. Staff and volunteers at the Center have a true passion for the visual arts and strive to see the arts flourish in Sacramento by inspiring the next generation of artists. Art is invaluable to stimulating creativity and wonder in a child's life and helps form the foundations of their education.

The importance of art in our community is crucial. It makes us think, takes us places, invokes emotions, can make us laugh, and brings us together as a society. Art transcends language, because anyone from anywhere at any age can enjoy it.

**The Sacramento Fine Arts Center is located at 5330 Gibbons Drive in Carmichael, and tickets for the exhibit cost \$10. For more information, visit the [Sac Fine Arts Center's information page on the American Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibit](#).**



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## BOS BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9-11

**The County's budget hearings are set for Board meetings on June 9 through 11, 2021.** Staff from the Office of Budget and Debt Management have been working for more than six months on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund Budget and the County's fiscal situation.

**I encourage the public to speak out and let me and the entire Board of Supervisors know their thoughts and feelings on budget priorities.** As residents, business owners, and taxpayers, I rely on your input about priorities for Sacramento County, especially the large unincorporated areas that I represent. The budget hearings will be virtual and broadcast live on MetroCable 14 Comcast, Consolidated Communications, and AT&T U-Verse television channels and online at the [Metro Cable 14 website](#).

Live comments from the public are welcome by calling (916) 875-2500. Phone lines open 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time.

If you are unable to watch live, a recording of the meeting will be uploaded to the [County's YouTube account](#) or [on the Board of Supervisors meetings page](#) following the end of the meeting.

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