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NONPROFITS ELIGIBLE FOR TOT GRANTS

The County Board of Supervisors has approved \$1 million for the 2021 Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program to support nonprofit organizations in Sacramento County. Eligible nonprofits must provide community-based programs and services in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, or health and human services. The County began setting aside funding for this program in 2017.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive process, and applicants must meet [eligibility and funding requirements](#). Applications will be [accepted online](#) through the County's Office of Budget and Debt Management with a **deadline of October 11, 2021.**

Funding for the TOT Grant Program comes from taxes that are levied on guests who occupy rooms in hotels, motels and other temporary lodging accommodations in the unincorporated area of the County.

Grant Application DEADLINE: October 11, 2021, 5 p.m. The Board of Supervisors will make its final approval of grant awards in early 2022. For more information about the grant program, visit the [TOT Grant Program website](#).

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FULTON AVENUE CAR CRUISE

Please join **CruiseFest on Fulton Avenue on October 2, between 3:00-7:00 PM.** The show will be held on Fulton Avenue between El Camino and Marconi and will feature hundreds of cars of all makes and models with thousands of spectators. **CruiseFest on Fulton Ave** is one of the biggest family car events in Sacramento! Car aficionados can also check out the hot wheels and classic cars on display at this **free family event**, which will feature live music, breweries, vendors and food trucks.

Fulton Avenue is the perfect spot for this event because it is one of the premier automobile sales corridors in our region, featuring all types of new and previously owned cars.

The event will benefit the California Vehicle Foundation - a 501c3 charitable organization. For more information, [visit the California Automobile Museum's website.](#)



COMMUNITY HERO OF THE MONTH – SUSAN CLARK

Each month, I recognize an outstanding community member who goes above and beyond helping to make Sacramento County a better place to live, work, and play for our residents. I am pleased to announce our September honoree, Susan Clark. For several years, Susan has honored the victims of the 9/11 attacks by displaying American flags in the community during annual days of remembrance. This makes her a **Community Hero!** Thank you Susan for your continued commitment to remember those who so bravely served and sacrificed for our Country. Keep up the great work!

You can nominate a Sacramento County District 3 Community Hero of the Month by filling out this [nomination form](#). The selected Community Hero of the Month will be featured in our newsletter and will receive a certificate of recognition. I look forward to honoring all of those who work so hard to make our communities shine.

If you have questions about this program please feel free to email me at richdesmond@saccounty.net or call my office at (916) 874-5471.

SHERIFF'S SHOT SPOTTER TECHNOLOGY EXPANDED TO DETECT GUNSHOTS IN DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITIES

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce its ongoing and growing partnership with ShotSpotter. Since 2018, the ShotSpotter technology has been active within specific areas of south Sacramento County. As of the end of last month, **an expansion of the coverage area has been deployed in two distinct areas of north Sacramento County, Watt and Roseville Road and the area around Howe Park** in the north central part of the county; both communities have seen an increase gun violence.

The ShotSpotter technology detects gunfire, through a series of strategically placed microphones, and notifies dispatchers and deputies of the location in real-time. The real-time digital alerts include a precise geographical location such as the address, number of rounds fired and the type of gunfire. This technology significantly reduces 9-1-1 notification time because it can be difficult for community members to differentiate the sound of gunfire from similar sounds. It also alleviates challenges posed by community members who may be afraid to report gunshots nearby or simply don't call because they feel someone else has reported it.

This technology greatly improves emergency response times by getting deputies to an area rapidly and in a tactically safe manner to assist the affected community and victims of gun violence. It also increases the likelihood of preserving and collecting evidence and quickly apprehending suspects. **The ShotSpotter expansion will be a game changer for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and the community.**



SACOG'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has a unique opportunity for high school students to learn about government with other youth from around the region. The SACOG Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) provides presentations and hands-on workshops from elected officials, policy advocates, and community members. Tomorrow's leaders get to explore what lies ahead, and SACOG wants to equip them with what they need to lead the charge.

High school students are encouraged to apply for the 2022 program which runs from January 2022 through June of 2022. **The application deadline is October 15, 2021.** You can learn more about the YLA and complete an application at [SACOG's website](#).

PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Sacramento County Probation Department officers assigned to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team and Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force received a cyber-tip this summer from the National Center for Missing and Exploited children about an individual on formal probation attempting to arrange sexual encounters with underage children through an online chatroom. During a probation search of the individual's residence, officers confiscated electronics and conducted a forensic exam of his digital media, uncovering multiple child pornography images and videos. **Thanks to the cyber tip and efforts by the officers, the individual was convicted of Attempted Forcible Lewd Act on a Child on August 24, 2021.**



CALTRANS FIX50 HIGHWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

If you have driven on US-50 around town recently, you have seen the extensive roadwork being done and probably felt the impacts on drivers. Our office has fielded many calls about this roadwork, and I wanted to provide an update on the current work.

Concrete barriers (K-rails) were installed to complete the traffic split on **eastbound US-50 between Howe Avenue to Watt Avenue**. Motorists traveling eastbound on US-50 should stay in the two right lanes before the split to take the Watt Avenue

exit. **Be Work Zone Alert** and **slow to 55 MPH** to keep crews and other motorists safe.

Loud construction is taking place at **Howe Avenue/Hornet Drive to Watt Avenue, from 7 AM to 5 PM** daily. This work is scheduled to continue through the week of October 4, and you can expect loud construction noises at various times during the day.

Construction is expected to be completed December 2024 and the work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and materials, and other construction related issues.

For more information on the project, text **Fix50 to 74121** or visit [the Fix 50 website](#). Caltrans encourages the public to follow construction updates on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) @Fix50.



NEW STATE PROGRAM FOR AUTO INSURANCE

The [California Low Cost Auto Insurance](#) (CLCA) Program is a state-sponsored legislative program ([SB 570](#)), administered by the California Department of Insurance and the [California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan](#) (CAARP). CLCA provides affordable liability insurance to low-to-moderate-income California drivers regardless of immigration status. As more and more families struggle to pay their bills, the CLCA program offers them the opportunity to purchase insurance at an affordable price.

To qualify for this program, drivers must meet eligibility requirements, including:

- Have a valid California Driver's License

- Own a vehicle valued at \$25,000 or less
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have a good driving record

For more information, visit the [CLCA website](#).

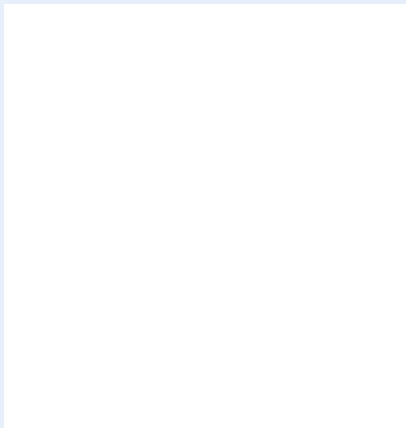
SUNRISE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT FALL/WINTER ACTIVITY GUIDE

The **Sunrise Recreation and Park District** has released its **new Digital Activity Guide for the months of October 2021 to March 2022**. The Guide features activities like preschool, sports, dance, childcare and more. **The Digital Activity Guide can be found on the [Sunrise Recreation and Park District website](#).**

The Sunrise Recreation and Park District is hard at work adding programs to benefit you and your family. For more information about the Park District or available activities, please visit the [Sunrise Recreation and Park District website](#).

ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN

With the recent fall of the government in Afghanistan, we all witnessed the tragic images of desperate Afghans, including many who assisted our military, fleeing the country. Many refugees who have fled Afghanistan will be settled in District 3 in Sacramento County. Although I am proud so many refugees have decided to resettle here and make our community a richer place, I share the concerns of many District 3 residents that newly arriving Afghan refugees will not have the resources they need to transition to life in America and thrive. I am also concerned about the impact on our housing and homelessness crisis.



To address these concerns and answer questions about the refugee resettlement process, **I hosted an online meeting on September 29** with representatives from Congressman Ami Bera's office, placement and resettlement agencies, our local school districts, and Sacramento County. You can [watch a recording of the meeting at this link](#). I look forward to welcoming and embracing our new arrivals and showing them the generosity, opportunities, and freedoms they will have here.

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