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**FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS**

The County Board of Supervisors will begin budget hearings on Wednesday, September 8, at 9:30 am in the Sacramento County Administration Building located at 700 H Street, Sacramento, 95814. If necessary, hearings will continue on September 9 and 10 at the same time and location.

Scheduled presentations include:

- IHSS Public Authority Budget Deliberation and Approval
- Introduction by the County Executive to FY 2021-22 Revised Recommended Budget
- Overview of Revised Recommended Budget
- Enhanced Homeless Encampment Initiatives
- American River Parkway Resource Enhancements
- Presentations from other County departments as needed
- Public Comment
- Board Deliberation/Approval of Revisions to the Approved Recommend Budget

The Board of Supervisors [approved a preliminary \\$6.5 billion recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 on June 10](#). The budget changes since June are the result of new information, including the impact of the State Budget and updated revenue totals. Therefore, a revised final

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recommended budget is coming back to the Board for review and adoption in September.

**Members of the public may attend the hearings and be heard on any item, either [publicly, over the phone, or through written comments](#).** The budget hearings will also be telecast live on [Metro Cable 14](#) and [on the web](#). You will find information regarding public comment on the [Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's website](#). I look forward to hearing from residents of District 3 about their spending priorities.

For information regarding the budget, visit the [Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Information website](#).

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## HELP CLEAN-UP THE AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY

**The American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF) is holding a volunteer clean-up effort on the Parkway on September 18, 2021.** This large annual clean-up is part of the Great American River Clean Up event held in conjunction with the [California Coastal Commission](#).

Thousands of local volunteers will help remove debris from multiple areas along the river, highlighting why the Parkway is the greatest civic amenity in this region. In 2019 alone, ARPF volunteers removed over 140,000 pounds of trash!

This year's clean-up will be held on **September 18, 2021, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Please register for one of the clean-up locations. For more information about volunteering or sponsoring a Parkway clean-up event, please contact ARPF at (916) 486-2773, email [volunteer@arpf.org](mailto:volunteer@arpf.org), or visit the [American River Park Foundation website](#).



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## THE CAPITAL AIRSHOW SOARS AGAIN

**There will be plenty of high flying excitement this month during the weekend of September 24-26 when the California Capital Air Show returns to Mather Airport.**

**After taking a break due to the pandemic, the Airshow will be back with a stellar lineup!** Headlining the show will be the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds** and a precision demonstration team consisting of the **F-16 Fighting Falcon**, **the Air Force's premier multi-role fighter jet.**

For more information about tickets and presentations, go online and visit the [Capital Airshow website](#). Mather Airport is located in Rancho Cordova off Highway 50. Formerly an Air Force Base, the airport was converted to civilian use and is part of Sacramento County's Airport System.



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## CASH FOR GRASS

**The Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) is providing rebates to qualifying residential and commercial customers for converting existing grass and sprinkler irrigation systems to a drip irrigation system with native and drought tolerant landscaping.** SCWA residential customers may receive a rebate of \$1.00/square foot up to a maximum of \$2,000 per household or \$1.50/square foot up to a maximum of \$2,500 for commercial and industrial customers. Rebates will be awarded on a “first come, first served” basis as projects are confirmed completed.

**To apply and register for the Cash for Grass Rebate program, please visit the [Sacramento Water Agency Cash for Grass Website](#).**

Are you looking for ways to make your home look good while saving money and water? There are also [landscape design resources](#) available to help you find drought resistant landscaping.

Please call (916) 874-6851 during business hours or email them at [SCWARebate@saccounty.net](mailto:SCWARebate@saccounty.net) for additional questions.



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## **PARKWAY LABOR DAY WEEKEND ALCOHOL BAN**

**During this Labor Day Weekend, there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession on land and in the water within the American River Parkway between Hazel and Watt avenues.**

**In past years, summer holiday weekends brought major problems along the American River, including fights, public nudity, profanity, and littering. As a result, the Board of Supervisors began imposing alcohol bans in 2006 to restore a safe and family-friendly environment.**



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## 2021-22 WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AND EDUCATION GRANT

**The Sacramento County Stormwater Quality Program is accepting applications for the 2021-22 Watershed Stewardship and Education Grant.** Each year, the Stormwater Quality Program offers schools, non-profits, and community organizations up to \$2,500 for projects to help students understand the importance of keeping local creeks and rivers clean and healthy.

To be eligible for this grant, projects must help protect or enhance local creeks, rivers, or watersheds. Projects will generally fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Educational Projects - Projects that inform or instruct about the aquatic ecosystem, watersheds, or stormwater pollution prevention
- School/Club Projects - Projects that can be organized by teachers, classrooms, or clubs
- Community Outreach Projects - Projects that involve and inspire the community
- Monitoring Project - Projects that measure water quality, species, or habitat
- Restoration Projects - Projects that restore or enhance riparian habitats, wetlands, creeks, or rivers

Eligible projects must be implemented within the [Stormwater Utility boundaries](#) of Sacramento County or directly affect the residents of these areas. The application for the [2021-22 Watershed Stewardship and Education Grant](#) is available on the [Stormwater Quality Program webpage](#).

The application deadline is September 30, 2021, and grants will be awarded in October.

For more information, contact Jeanette Huddleston at (916) 874-4711 or by e-mail, [huddlestonj@saccounty.net](mailto:huddlestonj@saccounty.net).

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## APPLY FOR THE “VIRTUAL” DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S YOUTH ACADEMY

The **Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office** is **looking for students who want to learn about the criminal justice system**, hear from our criminal justice partners, and engage in open communication with law enforcement about issues that affect youth today. **The District Attorney Youth Academy is a partnership between the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento County Probation Department, Sacramento County Public Defender’s Office, Rancho Cordova Police Department, Elk Grove Police Department, and Galt Police Department.**

Students will be educated on topics such as gangs, social media, and distracted driving. The program is open to current



Sacramento County high school students. Attendees must submit a completed application, signed permission slip, and signed Code of Conduct agreement. Space is limited, so sign up early!

The District Attorney's "Virtual" Youth Academy classes will be held **every Tuesday in the evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm via Zoom from September 21, 2021, through December 14, 2021**. The deadline to apply is September 14. You can download the application on the [Sacramento County District Attorney's website](#).

For questions, please email [YouthPrograms@sacda.org](mailto:YouthPrograms@sacda.org).



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## MISSING PERSONS EVENT

Having a loved one go missing is a terrifying experience. Many families face the pain and anguish of not knowing the location of their loved ones. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with our allied regional, state, and federal law enforcement partners, will be hosting the **Find California Missing Event** to assist people in our community with locating missing persons, identifying



previously unidentified individuals, and connecting family members with resources to assist them with locating missing loved ones.

**The Find California Missing Event will be held on September 18, 2021, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Harper Alumni Center, located at 6000 College Town Drive, Sacramento 95826, on the Sacramento State Campus.**

Law enforcement investigators will be on hand to document statements, enter pertinent case details into both state and national missing persons databases, collect voluntarily submitted reference DNA samples from biologically related family members, and collect any photographs and other biometric information regarding the missing person. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with resources such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NamUs, and other victim advocacy groups.

To make an appointment, or if you have any questions, please contact Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Paige Kneeland at 916-874-1751 or [ckneeland@sacsheriff.com](mailto:ckneeland@sacsheriff.com). Walk-ins are welcome.

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## IT'S BACK-TOOTH-SCHOOL SEASON

Healthy teeth not only help children eat, speak and sleep better, they also help them perform better in school. The [Sacramento County Oral Health Program](#) encourages parents and caregivers to make dental check-ups for their children a priority.

Cavities, which are largely preventable, remain the most common chronic childhood disease. To help address this issue, Sacramento County Oral Health Program is partnering with the California Department of Public Health and Smile, California, the Medi-Cal Dental Program's campaign to help Medi-Cal members make use of their dental benefit, to raise awareness about the importance of children's dental health.

California requires that all children have a comprehensive oral check-up by the time they are ready to enter public school. The "Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment" helps

schools identify children suffering from untreated dental disease.

Visit the [Sacramento Oral Health Program](#) for educational resources, including a list of dental care agencies that accept Medi-Cal.



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## DISTRICT 3 FALL INTERNSHIP

Do you want to make a difference in your community? **We are looking for student interns to join our team this fall.** This is a great opportunity to learn what local government does and how it works. To learn more, call (916) 874-5471 or email [richdesmond@saccounty.net](mailto:richdesmond@saccounty.net).

Submit your cover letter and resume to [richdesmond@saccounty.net](mailto:richdesmond@saccounty.net).



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[bos.saccounty.net/District3](http://bos.saccounty.net/District3)

## COMMUNITY HERO OF THE MONTH – LISA DAVIS

Last month, I announced a new monthly program that recognizes people who are doing wonderful things in the community. **I am pleased to announce our August honoree, Lisa Davis.** Lisa has gone above and beyond in her role with the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District by helping seniors get their vaccine appointments and making herself available to our most vulnerable population. This makes her a **Community Hero!** Thank you Lisa for your continued commitment to achieving world-class service in these trying times. Keep up the great work!

Each month, we will continue to 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. 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 new program please feel free to email me at [richdesmond@saccounty.net](mailto:richdesmond@saccounty.net) or call my office at (916) 874-5471.



## HONOR THE CHICKENS

When the **Village of Fair Oaks** was colonized around 1895, the area was home to orange and citrus groves, olive orchards, and farm animals, including **chickens**. **Today the local chickens are a part of everyday life in Fair Oaks, and the community honors these noble birds every year at the Chicken Festival.**

After a hiatus due to COVID, the **Festival is back this year. It will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 7:30 am to 8 pm.** The main events will take place at Fair Oaks Park, but pop-up events will also take place in the Village of Fair Oaks and at the Fair Oaks / Orangevale Grange. Many of the events will be available for live streaming for those who cannot join in person. General admission and parking is free! For more information visit the [Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District](#).

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## COME OUT AND ENJOY THE MUSIC

The Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District is hosting a **FREE Concert in the Park on Sunday, September 26, at the Mission Oaks Community Center (4701 Gibbons Dr. Carmichael CA 95608).** The concert will feature On Air Band ([onairband.com](http://onairband.com)) who will be rocking out to classic tunes from



5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. There will be a food truck and Kona Shaved Ice serving delicious treats. Bring a lawn chair and your best dance moves! Call (916) 972-0336 for more information or visit the [Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District website](#).

MISSION OAKS RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Presents

# ***ON AIR***



On Air has an 11-piece power honk, classic rock sound. Come enjoy while they play and dance up a rock 'n' roll storm!

Food truck and Kona Ice on site

## **FREE**

### **CONCERT IN THE PARK**

## **Sunday, September 26**

### **5-7pm**



Gibbons Park  
4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael  
(916) 972-0336 MORPD.com



## **DONATE YOUR USED BIKES**

The Will Rogers Middle School Bike Shop teaches students how to repair bikes as part of their Career Tech class. They are looking for old bikes to refurbish and donate to deserving children throughout the County of Sacramento during the Holiday Season.



If you have old bikes you are willing to donate, they can be dropped off at Will Rogers Middle School, 4924 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact, Mr. Mac at [ken.macpherson@sanjuan.edu](mailto:ken.macpherson@sanjuan.edu) or at (916) 806-2060.

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## ANNUAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**Sacramento County was the first in nation to issue the green-yellow-red placards during food safety inspections.** The Environmental Management Department's Environmental Health Division **inspects approximately 7,400 restaurants, retail markets, bakeries, bars and schools for food safety compliance annually.** Inspections are unannounced and completed up to three times a year.

Each September, **Awards of Excellence certificates are issued to food facilities that had no major violations during the last three consecutive inspections.** The Food Safety Awards are an important part of the Environmental Management Department's nationally recognized food safety program.

One of the many food establishments earning honors this year is **Bruchi's Cheesesteaks & Salads on Howe Avenue in Arden Arcade. Owner Troy Ptah was honored to receive the District 3 Annual Award of Excellence.** I encourage you to visit the restaurant and congratulate Troy on a job well done. **Bruchi's Cheesesteaks & Salads is located at 565 Howe Ave #3, Sacramento, CA 95825.**



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## SMUD UPDATE

**Scam alert:** SMUD customers have recently reported receiving calls from scammers claiming to be SMUD representatives who have threatened to disconnect electricity if the customer does not provide their credit card number.

**SMUD would never call a customer asking for a credit card number!**

If you know of anyone who has received a suspicious call from someone claiming to be a SMUD representative who requests account information or security credentials, please tell them to hang up and notify SMUD's Call Center at 1-888-742-7683. Under no circumstances should a customer give out their credit card number or other personal information. For more information, see SMUD's website page about [Fraud & scam awareness](#).

**Energy Savings: Did you know SMUD sells an Energy Saving Kit and other energy saving products?** There are a lot of items available in the [SMUD Energy Store](#) that can help save energy. SMUD customers can purchase an Energy Savings Kit for only \$22 with rebates. The kits are normally 445 and include a power strip, LED light bulbs, an aerator and a showerhead. [Check it out](#).

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

**Did you know that Sacramento County has almost 100 different advisory boards and commissions that cover a variety of topics from youth, local planning, and mental health?** As a County Supervisor, I know that many of my constituents have an expertise or deep interest in specific issues, and their knowledge would be valuable on a board or commission that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. **I encourage each of you to check out the list of vacancies in District 3 and apply for a board or commission that interests you. You can make a lasting impact in our community!** Use these links to learn more and apply:

- [Vacancy List and Application](#)
  - [List of Boards and Commissions](#)
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