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# SEVERE WEATHER SHELTERING AND TIPS FOR STAYING COOL

Sacramento County Public Health Reminds residents to take the proper steps to stay cool during the summer months. These precautions are crucial in order to keep yourself, your family, neighbors and pets cool during high temperatures. Please be aware of the symptoms of heat-related illness. For tips on dealing with heat and associated emergencies, visit the Sacramento Ready Website.

#### Tips for Beating the Heat:

- **Stay hydrated** Drink plenty of cool water. Avoid alcohol. Avoid hot, heavy meals.
- Limit sun exposure When possible, stay in air conditioning on hot days. If you don't have air conditioning, take cool showers or freeze a wet cloth to wipe down your head and neck.
- Check on loved ones Be sure to check on less mobile or older friends, family and neighbors who live alone, don't have air conditioning or are hesitant to use their air conditioner.
- Clothing Wear lightweight, light-colored and loosefitting clothing
- Avoid the hottest part of the day If you have to be outside, try to stick to the cooler morning and evening hours. Wear light, loose clothing and take frequent, shaded or air-conditioned breaks. Do not exercise outside during the hottest part of the day.
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- degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 100-degrees in fewer than 10 minutes.
- **Sunscreen** Protect your skin against cancer, burns and skin damage by using SPF 30 or higher.
- Stay informed Watch your local weather forecasts so you can plan outdoor activities safely and pay attention to extreme heat alerts.



# UNSECURED PROPERTY TAXES DUE AUGUST 31, 2022

Annual bills for Sacramento County unsecured personal property taxes for fiscal year **2022-2023** will be mailed on **July 22**, **2022**, and are payable without delinquent penalties through **Aug 31**, **2022**.

Every year in July, unsecured property tax bills are mailed to all owners of unsecured property such as:

- Boats
- Aircrafts
- Leased fixtures
- Equipment related to a business

If you own property described above and have not received a tax bill by Aug. 7, 2022, please contact the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Unsecured Property Tax Unit at (916)

874-7833, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please Note—Nonreceipt of a tax bill does not excuse delinquency or allow the tax collector to cancel penalties or collection costs

Tax bills become delinquent if not paid in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2022, or received by mail bearing a postmark of Aug. 31, 2022.

If the tax bill is not paid by the delinquency date:

- A 10% penalty and collection cost will be added
- DMV reregistration may be withheld on watercraft if unsecured property taxes are reported

Further fines will be applied if the bill continues to remain unpaid.

Payments may be made via mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office located at **700 H Street**, **Room 1710**, **Sacramento**, **CA 95814** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.



### CANNABIS TAX MEASURE GOING TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER

On July 26, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution calling for an election to establish a tax on Cannabis and Hemp business activities in the unincorporated area of the County. The Cannabis Tax

Measure will be placed on the General Election November 8, 2022, ballot.

Should the voters approve the tax measure, County staff will return to the Board with a comprehensive cannabis regulatory program.

California voters approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) in 2016. The AUMA legalized specified personal use and cultivation of marijuana for adults 21 years or older and included provisions on regulation, licensing and taxation of legalized use.

The new Chapter 3.50 Resolution to Title 3 of the Sacramento County Code will establish a Special Tax on Cannabis and Hemp business activities within the unincorporated area of the County. The measure will require 66 2/3% of voters to vote "yes" on the measure to pass. If the measure passes, all revenues received from taxes imposed by Chapter 3.50 shall be deposited in a special fund to be expended for services addressing homelessness, including on the American River Parkway.

The ballot language will read as follows:

"Shall the measure to fund enhanced County homeless services, including those benefitting the American River Parkway, by establishing a special tax on the gross receipts from cannabis and hemp businesses in unincorporated Sacramento County, not exceeding 6% for retail, 4% for manufacturing, 3% for distribution, 2% for testing and, 3% for cultivation or \$10 per canopy square foot inflation adjustable, generating an estimated \$5,100,000 to \$7,700,000 annually, and levied until repealed by voters, be adopted?"



### THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROVIDE \$1M IN GRANTS TO SACRAMENTO AREA NONPROFITS

The County Board of Supervisors will continue providing \$1 million through the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program to support nonprofit organizations located in Sacramento County. This will now be the sixth year awarding funds to organizations that carry out community-based programs and services in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, and health and human services.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive process, and applicants must meet the <u>eligibility and funding requirements</u>. Applications will be <u>accepted online</u> <u>beginning July 29, 2022</u>, through the County's Office of Budget and Debt Management with a <u>deadline</u> of August 29, 2022.

Funding for the TOT Grant Program will come from County TOT revenues. The County began setting aside funding for this purpose in 2017. Transient Occupancy Taxes are levied on guests who occupy rooms in hotels, motels or other

temporary lodging accommodations in the unincorporated area of the County.

#### **2022 TOT Grant Program Application Dates and Details:**

- Grant Application DEADLINE: Monday, August 29, 2022, 5 p.m.
  - All applications & requested materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2022. No late applications will be accepted.
  - Online Applications Only: all applications are accepted electronically only -- <u>Apply online</u> <u>beginning July 29</u>.
  - Duplicate or incomplete applications will be disqualified.
  - Applicants will receive an electronic receipt notification upon submission.
- Grant Program and Application Virtual Workshop: August 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
   Registration is required to attend the workshop, please <u>Register</u>

#### This workshop includes a review of the following:

- Grant program & review process
- Application
- What the Evaluation Panel looks for in a strong application
- Timeline & submission information
- Frequently asked questions

#### **Application Timeline**

- Open Application Period: July 29, 2022, through August 29, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Subject Expert Panel Review September 2022
- Subject Expert Panel Evaluation/Scoring Meetings October 2022

- TOT Board Committee Review/Recommendations early November 2022
- Public Hearing for Recommendations December 2022.

Information about the grant program can be found online at the TOT Grant Program website: TOT Grant Program website. For questions regarding the Grant Program, please contact Tina Koepke, Administrative Services Officer II at 916.874.7094 or by email at

SacCountyTOTAdmin@saccounty.gov



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

In Sacramento County, we have almost 100 different advisory boards and commissions that cover a wide range of topics from youth to mental health. Being a County Supervisor, I know that my constituents have knowledge in specific fields that would be beneficial on a board or commission. I strongly encourage you to take a look at the list of vacancies in **District 3** and to apply for a position that interests you.

You can use the following links for more information and to apply:

- Vacancy List and Application
- List of Boards and Commissions

If you have any questions about a board or commission you can call or email my office at (916) 874-5471 or <a href="mailto:richdesmond@saccounty.gov">richdesmond@saccounty.gov</a>.



# TATTOO REMOVAL FOR INDIVIDUALS ON PROBATION

The Sacramento County Probation Department's Adult Community Corrections Division has partnered with a company called **Inkoff.me** to offer free tattoo removal sessions for select probation clients. Earlier this summer, the Inkoff.me mobile team began meeting clients at the Probation office to begin their tattoo removals.

Inkoff.me is continuously serving communities throughout California through forming partnerships with both non-profits and law enforcement agencies with their mobile unit.



## TOUR OF SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Have you ever wondered what happens after you flush? Well, come and join the Regional Sanitation District on a free tour of the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Due to COVID-19 policies, Regional San made the decision to close tours to the public. However, after 2 years they are proud to announce that they will again be hosting public tours at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant!

These free, unique, educational tours offer a behind-thescenes look at where your waste water ends up after flushing. Tourists also get the opportunity to learn how Regional San provides reliable services while protecting our natural resources.

To reserve your space on a tour, please fill out this web form.

\*NOTE: Children under 16 are not permitted on public tours. Tour participants who are 16-years-old and 17-years-old MUST be accompanied by an adult.

For further questions, to reserve your space over the phone, or for other tour requests, please call Regional San at (916) 876-6120.



## KEEP PETS SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING HOT WEATHER

Animals suffer as much as we do in the hot summer weather. Here are some ways you can ensure your pets stay safe during summer.

- Never leave your dog in a parked car. Even cracking a
  window won't protect your pets. It is against the law in
  California and could be punishable by a fine. A car
  can reach 120 degrees in just minutes; even if the
  windows are slightly open the car can still reach 102
  degrees. A dog's normal temperature is 101.5
  degrees; at 120 degrees your pet can suffer from heat
  exhaustion and die and at 107 degrees brain damage
  occurs.
- Bring pets inside and avoid extreme heat. When temperatures get above the 90s, bring your pet(s) inside. Even outdoor pets need access to plenty of water and a cool, inside space during hot weather.
- Don't forget about outdoor and barn animals. Livestock and other barn animals are just as susceptible to heatstroke as indoor pets. Keep them cool with large amounts of clean fresh water, wellventilated shelters, and access to shade at all times. Consider installing misters, mud holes, and spraying down hot surfaces like concrete, asphalt, sand, and even wood. Electrolytes and salt blocks are also a great option to keep barn animals hydrated. Chickens can be especially susceptible to dehydration and heat stress during extremely hot weather.
- Don't exercise with your pets when it is too hot. Older and certain long-haired dogs can be particularly susceptible to heat, and hot asphalt can burn their paws. Exercise in the early morning or evenings and make sure both of you have plenty of water. It will be easier for both of you.
- Use sunscreen. Pets get sunburned just like people, and if your pet has light skin, they can be particularly susceptible to a painful burn. Use sunscreen on sensitive areas, such as ears or nose to make sure your pets are protected. Pets with white and light fur

and those with light or pink-colored ears and noses are at risk for skin cancer.

- Secure your dog during transport. Make sure your dog
  is secured safely in your vehicle. Do not transport your
  dog in the bed of a truck. Truck beds get extremely
  hot and burn footpads, and coupled with the full-sun
  exposure, can cause heatstroke.
- Be your pet's lifeguard: While swimming can help some of your pets get exercise without overheating, always supervise your pets when swimming either in a pool or in area waterways. A dog could get tired swimming, particularly if it is in the river and must fight against currents. Make sure they wear life jackets and keep them out of the water when flows are high.
- Don't take your pets to crowded summer events. The heat, noise, and crowds can be overwhelming to your pet. It is best to leave them at home in a quiet, cool environment. It is important to look for signs that your pet has been exposed to excessively high temperatures. Look for symptoms such as vomiting, unsteadiness, heavy panting, or red eyes and move them to a cool place immediately. Provide them with cool water and take them to a veterinary hospital. For more information on how to take care your pet, contact your local vet or visit Sacramento County's Animal Care and Regulation's website.



### CARMICHAEL PARK CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Carmichael Park concert series continues for the month of August with four great shows! Bring your family, blankets and

lawn chairs out for **FREE music** at the Daniel Bishop Memorial Pavilion in Carmichael Park.

#### Here is this month's schedule:

- Saturday, August 6 Todd Morgan (Rock & Roll)
- Saturday, August 13 Fryed Brothers (Country Rock)
- Saturday, August 20 Ticket to Ride (Beatles Tribute Band)
- Saturday, August 27 On Air (Classic Rock, Power Horns)

Food Trucks: Start serving at 5:30 p.m.

Music: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information you may contact the Carmichael Recreation and Park District at (916) 483-7826 or visit the Carmichael Park website.

