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HOLIDAY EVENTS

With the holiday season in full swing, I want to highlight some of the fun community events taking place throughout District 3. It is exciting to see neighborhoods coming together to celebrate the season as a community. I hope you will join me at some of these wonderful events. Happy Holidays!

ARDEN ARCADE

Thursday, December 1 | 6:00-8:00pm | Holiday in the Park

Join the Arden Park Recreation and Park District for their 9th annual Holiday in the Park! Santa will use his Christmas magic to light up the 17 foot tree and the community center for the holidays! Local music and talent groups will take the stage and help celebrate the kickoff to the holiday season. Pictures with Santa will be available after the tree lighting, as well as hot chocolate and crafts for kids! For more information visit the [Park district website](#).

Location: Arden Park, 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864

Saturday, December 3 | 5:00-7:00pm | Festival of Lights Parade and 15th Annual Tree Lighting

The Parade will begin promptly at 5:00pm, travel South on Bell Street, East on Cottage Way, North on Fulton Avenue and end at the Department of Human Assistance parking lot at 2700 Fulton Avenue. The Parade route is approximately 1.4 miles. Immediately following the Parade, join me at the Annual Tree Lighting for food and pictures with Santa. The event will conclude with awards for the Festival of Lights Parade. You can find more information on the [Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District website](#).

Wednesday, December 7 | 7:00pm | Christmas Tree Lighting

Join Generations Church for their annual Arden Arcade Christmas Tree Lighting! Get ready for some CHRISTMAS

- **ARDEN WAY COMPLETE STREETS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

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FUN! ALL FREE - Hot Cocoa Bar, Christmas Cookies, Fire Pits, Kids Craft Area, Live Music, Christmas Photo Booth, Huge Christmas Tree Lighting. Grab the kids, your Christmas hat, a friend, and join the community for this fun Christmas event! Visit the [event Facebook page](#) for more information.

Sunday, December 11 | 4:30-6:30pm | Second Annual Campfire on the Court Hot Cocoa Party with Sac Metro Fire and Santa

Join the Arden Estates neighborhood for a warm beverage and community gathering. Festive hats are strongly encouraged and ugly sweaters recommended. Sacramento Metro Fire will be touring the neighborhood with Santa and giving out treats for the kids at the meet-up on Tab Court and Salix Way. Bring a hot cocoa accessory to share. For more information visit the [Arden Estates Neighborhood Facebook page](#).

NORTH HIGHLANDS

Friday, December 9 | 6:00-8:00pm | Holiday Extravaganza and Tree Lighting

Don't let the Grinch steal this holiday season! Come and help Cindy Lou Who convince the Grinch to light the tree by competing in holiday festivities and games like cookie decorating, potato sack race, and more! Create holiday crafts that are inspired by Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Complete the North Highlands Recreation and Park District's (NHRPD) "Holiday Extravaganza Passport" and get a take home gift! Enjoy a warm coffee or hot chocolate while watching the tree lighting take place at 7:00pm followed by snow and holiday carols by the Highlands High School Music Program. For more information visit [NHRPD's website](#).

Location: Kay F. Dahill Community Center (Outdoors)

Saturday, December 10 | 9:00-11:00am | Breakfast with Santa

Put on your best holiday pajamas and join us for Breakfast with Santa! Start your morning off with breakfast including fluffy pancakes, warm coffee from Starbucks and juice, pictures with Santa, and some holiday crafts that include Letters to Santa and DIY Christmas Mugs! **Online registration is required.**

Location: Kay F. Dahill Community Center

Participation Fee: \$8.00 per person

Pictures with Santa: \$1.00 (cash only)

[Register on the NHRPD website.](#)

Saturday, December 17 | 10:00am-2:00pm | Gingerbread Mars Rover

Join Amelia Bearhart and friends on December 17th from 10am – 2pm at the Aerospace Museum of California for a sweet STEM activity. Make and take home your very own edible Mars Rover out of gingerbread. Learn about the Mars Perseverance Rover and how NASA scientists are using it to study the Red Planet. Design and build your own rover using an assortment of holiday-themed sweets and treats.

\$15 General Admission (Ages 18+)

\$10 Student (Ages 4-17) / Senior (Ages 65+) / Veteran / Teacher (with ID) Admission

FREE to Children 3 and Under

FREE to Members

Tickets available on the [Aerospace Museum of California's website.](#)

CARMICHAEL

Thursday, December 1 | 5:00-8:00pm | Carmichael's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season at the annual holiday Tree Lighting event at Carmichael Park. Join us for live music, arts & crafts, vendors and holly jolly fun! Santa Claus will be taking a break from the North Pole and visiting the park. Santa will be available for visits and photos, at no additional cost, but we ask that you 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 to watch us light up not one but two trees as a flurry of "snow" falls at the park, promptly at 6:15PM

Location: Carmichael Park - 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

Food in the Hood 916 will be there with food trucks. For more information visit the [Carmichael Recreation and Park District website.](#)

Saturday, December 3 | 9:00am-5:00pm | Holiday Craft Fair

The Holiday Show of Hands Christmas Craft Fair is a very special annual event drawing over 10,000 people annually and is put on by the parents and staff of St. John the Evangelist School in Carmichael, with 100% of proceeds raised directly to benefit the school. Over 150 vendors display unique, handcrafted items throughout every room, with special features including the Gourmet Pavilion, the Beauty Boutique, and the ever-popular Irish pub! Guests can also enjoy pictures with Santa, a massive silent auction, delicious food and unique and beautiful gift options for this Christmas season. For more information check out the [Eventbrite webpage](#).

FOOTHILL FARMS

Saturday, December 3 | 5:00-7:00pm | Christmas Kick-Off

Join Liberty Towers for their annual Christmas Tree Lighting. There will be Free Pictures with Santa, Cookie Crafts, Hot Chocolate, Soup, and games for the kids. Event starts at 5pm with the Tree Lighting to follow at 5:30. Visit [Liberty Tower's website](#) for more information.

FAIR OAKS

Entire Month of December | Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District and Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Fair Oaks

'Tis the season to celebrate old traditions – and make new ones! The Fair Oaks elves (Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District & Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce, together with their partners) have come together to make this December one to remember! Find fun activities for you or your family to participate in this December throughout Fair Oaks all month long! [Check out the December Holiday Guide for information about all the events this month.](#)

RANCHO CORDOVA & GOLD RIVER

December 3 | 9:00-11:00am | Winter Wonderland

Bring your whole family to the Cordova Recreation and Park District's Winter Wonderland at the Neil Orchard Senior Activities Center for pancakes, sausages and refreshments! Stop by the holiday craft fair, take photos with characters and

enjoy the multicultural kids craft room. Visit the [Park District website](#) for more information.

December 4 | 3:00-5:00pm | The Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band presents “Silver and Gold” Winter Concert

The Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band presents its winter concert, “Silver and Gold,” featuring sounds of the holiday season Sunday, December 4th, at Koreana Plaza. Special guest will be the sensational vocal group – The Tube Family Singers. The concert begins at 3:00pm. There is no admission charge, but a donation to further the band’s mission to provide music to audiences, foster musical interest among children, and provide performance opportunities for skilled community musicians would be gladly accepted. The RCRCCB is accepting non-perishable donations for the Rancho Cordova Food Locker. Visit the [RCRCCB website](#) for more information.



THE SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is delighted to announce their holiday concert Sunday, December 11, 2:30pm entitled “Holiday Fantasias and Festivals!” at the El Camino High School Center for the Arts.

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic wind ensemble conducted by new Music/Artistic Director Dr. Matthew Morse. This concert features *Fantasia in G* (based on Ode to Joy) by Mahr, *Cathedrals* by Salfelder

featuring antiphonal brass, *Emmanuel Variants* by Robert Foster, *A Christmas Festival* sing-along by Leroy Anderson, and more! Visit the [Sacramento Symphonic Winds website](#) or call 916-489-2576 for more information.

Concert: Sacramento Symphonic Winds, a 60-piece symphonic wind ensemble Concert Title: "Holiday Fantasias and Festivals!"

When: December 11, 2:30pm

Location: El Camino High School Center for the Arts, 2340 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento. (the western edge of campus) south of El Camino Ave.

Tickets are available at the door to be purchased with cash or check: General Admission \$15; Student (high school/college)/Senior (65+) \$10; Children (8th grade and under) Free.

SACRAMENTO
SYMPHONIC WINDS

Dr. Matthew Morse,
Music & Artistic Director

2022-2023 Concert Series

Holiday Fantasias and Festivals!



SACRED AND SECULAR JOY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- ✦ Fantasia in G (Ode to Joy) – Timothy Mahr
- ✦ Cathedrals – Kathryn Salfelder
- ✦ Emmanuel Variants – Robert Foster
- ✦ A Christmas Festival SING-ALONG – Leroy Anderson

... and more from Curnow, Whitacre, Giroux!

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 2:30 pm
** Doors open 2:00 pm **

El Camino High School Center for the Arts

General Admission	\$15	2340 Eastern Ave, Sacramento
Senior (65+)	\$10	www.sacwinds.org for map
Student (thru college)	\$10	Tickets at the door, cash or check
Child (thru 8th grade)	Free	Info: (916) 489-2576



ROUND 2 SMALL BUSINESS & NONPROFIT GRANT NOW OPEN

Round 2 of the Sacramento County Small Business & Nonprofit Grant Program is now open. Small businesses and nonprofit organizations adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic are invited to apply.

The application is available through the [sac4smallbiz.org website](https://sac4smallbiz.org) and will close on December 15, 2022, at 5pm.

Funded with a portion of the County's American Rescue Plan Act allocation, the County Board of Supervisors has approved this Program to support 750 small businesses and nonprofit organizations with grants of \$10,000 in one-time financial assistance. Grant funds for this Program can be used to reimburse small businesses and nonprofit organizations for costs related to the negative economic impacts they experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related health and safety restrictions.

To be eligible, applicants must operate from a commercial location within the unincorporated County, received \$2.5M or less in annual gross revenue in 2020, and have 25 or less full-time equivalent employees. Applicants can check whether their address is within the unincorporated County online on the [Assessor Parcel Viewer](#).

For a complete list of eligibility criteria and for additional information about the Program, please visit sac4smallbiz.org or call 833-391-1919.

I own a small business/run a nonprofit in Sacramento County, am I eligible for the Sac4SmallBiz Small Business & Nonprofit Grant Program?

My Business or nonprofit is based in:

The Unincorporated County

Yes!

Assuming you meet the program qualifications

An Incorporated City

(Dixon Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova, or Sacramento)

No.

This program is only for businesses that operated in the Unincorporated County. Check with your city's Economic Development Office for available grant program opportunities.

For more information, visit Sac4SmallBiz.org

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

THE CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON RETURNS

The 39th 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 4**, during the annual **California International Marathon** organized by the Sacramento Running Association. The 26.2-mile grueling trek begins at 7:00am in Folsom and concludes at the State Capitol.

Residents can come out and cheer on 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. Please be cognizant of the closures when planning your morning activities. Residents can view specific street closures on the [marathon's website](#).



SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL NAMED TOP NATIONAL AIRPORT

Sacramento International Airport (SMF) was named the top airport in the nation according to the [Wall Street Journal's](#) 2022 Airport rankings. Compared to the 50 other airports surveyed, SMF received the highest score overall.

The top 50 busiest airports were surveyed and then divided into two sizes - 20 large and 30 midsize. The airports were then measured on 19 categories including experience from on-time performance and security waits to customer-satisfaction scores and ticket prices. The categories ranked were further grouped into three broad categories – reliability, convenience, and value.

SMF ranked highest among all airports surveyed in the reliability category and also ranked high in arrival and departure times, low flight cancellations, quick taxi and security clearance times, and a max walking distance of only 1,213 feet.

In 2019, SMF similarly won the top mid-sized airport award - the award was not issued in 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic.

The Sacramento County Department of Airports is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county's four airports: [Sacramento International](#)

[Airport](#), [Executive Airport](#), [Mather Airport](#) and [Franklin Field](#). For more information, visit sacramento.aero.



FIRST INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE 12/12

The deadline for paying the first installment of your 2022-2023 Sacramento County property taxes is coming up very soon. Payments are due no later than Dec. 12, 2022. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty for each tax bill. Partial payments are not accepted.

Payment must be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 5pm on Dec. 12, 2022, postmarked with a legal postmark, or paid through our website by Dec. 12, 2022. 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.

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.

Making Payments

Property taxes may 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% convenience fee, a contractor will process your credit card payment if you elect to pay the annual property tax bill using this method. 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. Please verify your data entry very carefully when making online payments. If your payment is rejected by your financial institution FOR ANY REASON, you will be charged a \$53.00 return payment fee as well as penalties if your payment is rejected after the due date.

Payments may also be made in person at the Tax Collector's Office, located at 700 H Street, Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814. The convenience fee to pay by credit card is 2.29% and the fee to pay by pin debit is \$1.95. If you elect to pay in the office and have your payment stubs (coupons), you may go directly to the cashier located in Room 1703.

If you use your bank's Online Bill Pay service, a paper check will be printed and mailed to the Tax Collector. Because the check is sent without a payment stub, please enter the parcel number, current year's bill number and installment being paid in the online account number field for payment identification. The date on the check issued by your bank is considered the postmark, so make sure you are aware of the bank's timeline for issuing the check. Some banks take 5 to 7 business days before the check is issued, and penalties will apply if the check is dated after Dec. 12, 2022.

How to Obtain Information About Your Tax Bill

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.



VIRTUAL COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Members of the public are invited to one of two virtual Sacramento County Budget Workshops on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 11am and 6pm.

Staff from the Sacramento County [Budget and Debt Management Office](#) will kick off the workshop, providing information about the County budget, including major program areas, historic funding trends and current issues.

Representatives from the County's Departments of [Child, Family and Adult Services](#), [Health Services](#), and [Transportation](#) will follow with brief presentations highlighting the different services and funding streams for their specific areas.

The workshop will be virtual and can be viewed via Zoom or on the [MetroCable website](#).

Morning Session: 11am, Thursday, Dec. 15

[Click this link to join the webinar](#) | Passcode: 451687

Dial (669) 254-5252, Webinar ID: 160 497 8130

Evening Session: 6pm, Thursday, Dec. 15

[Click this link to join the webinar](#) | Passcode: 550105

Dial (669) 254-5252, Webinar ID: 161 017 9825

Please note: the phone lines will not be used for public comment.

After the presentation regarding the County's budget and budget process, viewers may ask questions and/or provide input about the budget via the Q&A feature on Zoom.

For those who cannot watch the workshop live, the video will be available on the [County's YouTube account](#).



ARDEN WAY COMPLETE STREETS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) is holding the final Arden Way Complete Streets Master Plan workshop on December 6, 2022. This session will be focused on sharing the final concept for Arden Way from Ethan Way to Morse Avenue in an effort to make the corridor safer and more appealing for people to walk, roll, take transit, and drive. I encourage property and business owners as well as community members to attend the virtual meeting.

Join the Virtual Community Workshop on Tuesday December 6, 6:00 – 7:00pm via Zoom, through [ArdenWayCompleteStreets.net](https://www.ArdenWayCompleteStreets.net).

To learn more about the process, and keep up to date with the latest project news, visit the [Arden Way Complete Streets website](https://www.ArdenWayCompleteStreets.net).

Make sure to follow [@SacDOT](https://www.facebook.com/SacDOT) on Facebook and [@SacCountyDot](https://twitter.com/SacCountyDot) on Twitter for the most recent updates on the Arden Way Complete Streets Master Plan project or head over to the [website at this link](https://www.ArdenWayCompleteStreets.net).



