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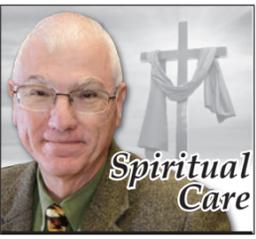
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CSD Fire Opens New Station



Despite the rainy weather, attendees at the Fire Station 77 opening take part in a hose-uncoupling ceremony. They included, from left, Elk Grove Vice-Mayor Rod Brewer, Cosumnes Community Services District board President Jim Luttrell, Wilton Rancheria Chair Jesus Tarango, Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez and Cosumnes Community Services District General Manager Phil Lewis. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With a ceremony on April 4, Cosumnes Fire Department opened its first new fire station in more than two decades in southern Elk Grove. Officials said the station would shorten response times in a fast-growing area of Elk Grove and support fire services in Galt.

Located at 8350 Poppy Ridge Road, Fire Station 77 will serve an area with multiple housing developments, as well as a Cosumnes River College facility, Sky River

Casino and the potential Sacramento Zoo's future location.

The station will host a fire engine and an ambulance, as well as a grass rig to respond to grass fires. Three staff members will operate the engine and two will staff the ambulance.

Cosumnes Fire operates as part of Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD), providing fire and ambulance service in Elk Grove, Galt and surrounding areas.

The station is named after Elk Grove's first fire chief, J.D. "Dell" Cann, who led the fire department from 1910 to 1940,



Cosumnes Fire Station 77 opened on April 4. It is Cosumnes Fire Department's first new station in more than 20 years.

overseeing the opening of three fire stations. Cosumnes Fire Department Chief Felipe Rodriguez said it was appropriate that Elk Grove's seventh station — and CSD's ninth — be

named after Cann.

"I once heard that people move to a community for two reasons: for the schools and the parks. Well, I'd say they also

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State Offers Campaign To Prevent Suicide

MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - Suicide was the second leading cause of death among youth ages 10 to 25 years in California between 2018 and 2022, with youth ages 10 to 18 experiencing a more than 20% increase in suicide rates from 2019 to 2020 according to the California Department of Public Health.

"Young Californians are facing a mental health crisis like never before," said California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer, Dr. Tomás J. Aragón. "While this crisis has been growing for years, the pandemic put a spotlight on the issue, especially those in marginalized and underserved communities. This ("Never a Bother") campaign directly addresses this crisis with education, tools and resources informed and co-created by diverse young people across the state."

The California Department of Public Health stresses that suicide prevention can only be effective when everyone is part of the solution. That includes learning how to support yourself, a friend or a youth in your care before, during and after a crisis; telling a friend or youth in your care that they are never a bother; and encouraging them to reach out for help when needed.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently launched the "Never a Bother" campaign, a youth suicide-prevention public awareness and outreach campaign for youth, young adults, parents, caregivers and allies.

The campaign to address youth suicide incorporates input from more than 400 Californian youth, and 34 youth-serving community-based organizations and tribal entities with oversight by the state Department of Public Health's Office of Suicide Prevention.

California is investing \$4.7 billion so every California up to 25 years old has increased access to mental health and substance use supports. The Never a Bother youth suicide-prevention campaign is a major component of this investment in California's youth, according to the public health department.

While suicide is a risk within every population, according to the

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Zoo Concepts Move From Planning to Council

By Sharon Pearce

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Planning Commission hosted a public hearing April 4 to consider recommending to the City Council Rezoning as an Amendment to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan, for construction of a new zoological park. It will contain facilities and activities on an approximately 103-acre site to be developed in four phases.

The project site is located at 8663, 8665 and 8675 Kammerer Road. The main facility would be on about 65 acres and designed to support an average annual attendance between 1.1 and 1.6 million visitors. The facility would be organized into four primary zones: Green Corridor (the main pathway), Africa, California and Australasia.

The initial plan presented to each of the commissioners in books of more than 900 pages designs the zoo projects to be consistent with the General Plan for



An illustration of what the proposed Elk Grove zoo could be. Citizen file image

inclusion in the Capital Improvement Project. If approved by City Council, it will take about five years to build out.

The recommendation, which the Commission adopted, was that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report, make Findings of Fact and adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring; adopt the Zoological Park Special Planning Area and rezone the project site

to the Zoological Park Special Planning Area. It also recommends amending the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan; and approving a Conditional Use Permit; Tentative Subdivision Map with Subdivision Design Review; District Development Plan and Level I Design Review; and the Art Plan.

Christopher Jordan, director of Strategic Planning & Innovation, and other designers and planners participated in

the presentation, which included a graphics show of designs of the site space displaying the zoo design plan, restaurants, parking, drive lanes and accommodations to the neighborhood.

Emphasis was made that the circular roadway around the zoo would take visitors up in order to have an overview of certain spaces, including the African Savannah, from restaurants and cafes and a children's play area.

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The A's are Coming to Town



The City of West Sacramento and River City Regional Stadium Financing Authority are thrilled that Sutter Health Park will now be home to the Oakland Athletics. Photo courtesy of West Sacramento



Here is the Sutter Health Park entrance, which will welcome thousands of Oakland A's fans now that the Major League Baseball team will call West Sacramento home temporarily. Photo courtesy of West Sacramento

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Oakland Athletics have changed their dug-out location and it's at 400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento.

Known as the A's, the Major League Baseball team will call Sutter Health Park home for the next three seasons in West Sacramento before moving into a new stadium on the Las Vegas Strip in 2028. The A's are moving, following failed negotiations with the City of Oakland about a new lease for the coliseum there.

"The A's look forward to making Sutter Health Park their home for the next three years through the move to Las Vegas," an Oakland Athletics spokesperson told the West Sacramento News Ledger on April 5.

The home of the West Sacramento River Cats will become the interim venue for the A's, beginning with the 2025 Major

League Baseball season. Mayor and Chair of the Financing Authority Martha Guerrero shared her excitement over the partnership.

"We're delighted to welcome the Oakland A's and Major League Baseball to West Sacramento," said Mayor Guerrero. "This is a great honor, and we're looking forward to hosting visiting MLB teams and fans from throughout the region at our beautiful ballpark along the Sacramento River."

As a former affiliate of the A's, "there are many shared connections with the River Cats, its players and the wonderful fan base in West Sacramento," according to the Oakland Athletics spokesperson, who added, "The A's extend their appreciation to the Kings and the City of West Sacramento for hosting the A's."

West Sacramento City Manager Aaron Laurel said West Sacramento is ready

for the professional baseball team, noting that Sutter Health Park's location offers stunning views of Tower Bridge and downtown Sacramento.

"As the City of West Sacramento prepares to welcome the A's, excitement is building among residents and businesses alike," Laurel said.

According to Laurel, the beer garden Drake's BARN and the French-inspired wine bar Franquette across the street from the stadium are two businesses that will benefit from the A's new location.

"There are also several other restaurants along West Sacramento's Third Street corridor within walking distance of the ballpark," Laurel said. "Together, with our neighbors across the river in Sacramento, there will be no shortage of amenities available to A's fans and those from visiting teams."

Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas,

who governs the Sutter Health Park region and serves with Mayor Guerrero on the Financing Authority board, said he is proud to support the temporary relocation of "this fantastic franchise" to West Sacramento.

"Hosting the Athletics in Yolo County represents a significant opportunity for economic growth and community enrichment," Villegas said. "I am confident that this will foster a profound sense of community among our residents."

Residents now have two mascots to be proud of, with A's mascot, Stomper, joining Dinger and Sacramento River Cat's mascot. The A's have captured nine World Series titles, including four since moving to Oakland in 1968.

"We're prepared to accommodate the A's and the River Cats to ensure a seamless transition for both teams and their fans," Laurel said. ★

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A line of participants gathers for the hose-uncoupling ceremony to open Fire Station 77.

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 move because they want to feel safe, where someone will be at their front door within six minutes after pushing three digits on their phone.”

Rodriguez also pointed to the strength of the collaboration between Community Services District, the cities of Elk Grove and Galt, and Sacramento County.

The fire chief noted that, while various stations have been upgraded or moved over the years, the most recent station to be added was Fire Station 76 on Sheldon Road in 2001. Station 77 is the first new station since Cosumnes Fire formed in 2006 from the merger of the Elk Grove and Galt fire departments. Rodriguez said the agency anticipates adding more stations as neighborhoods continue to fill in.

The ceremony included a “hose-uncoupling,” the fire station equivalent of a ribbon-cutting. Rodriguez said uncoupling a firehose after a call is the first step in preparing it to return to service.

Wilton Rancheria officials performed a blessing of the fire station, whose service area includes the



Wilton Rancheria Chair Jesus Tarango (center right), Vice Chair Raquel Williams (center left) and Tribal Council Member Jay Williams (far right) perform a song blessing Fire Station 77. Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez watches.

tribe’s Sky River Casino.

“Our blessing songs are us asking our creator to come down here and bless this ground and bless these people and allow them to do the job that they have to do for our community,” Rancheria Chair Jesus Tarango said.

Jim Luttrell, the Community Services District board president, said the fire station would “serve the emergency needs of the rapidly expanding part of our community.”

Luttrell noted that he lives just north of the station.

“The fire station with an engine and ambulance will greatly enhance the response times to our community and the communities near us,” Luttrell

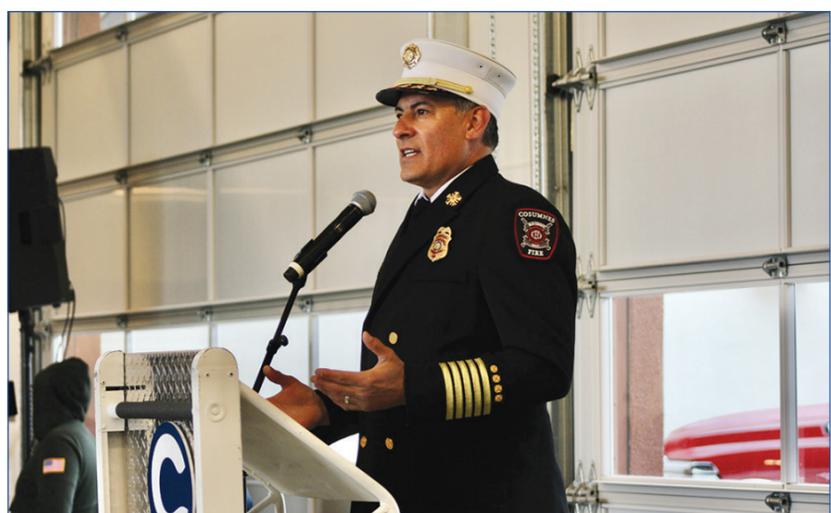
said.

The station opening was the “big news” in Elk Grove that day, Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen told attendees.

“As the proud mayor of Elk Grove, I’m so appreciative of the partnership that we have with the city, the CSD and our amazing fire department,” Singh-Allen said. “Our firefighters, our police department, they are on the front lines, keeping Elk Grove safe, and that partnership has gotten stronger every year.”

Singh-Allen cited Elk Grove’s Measure E sales tax, which supports Community Services District operations.

“This is all about the public safety, the safety of our community and



Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez speaks to attendees about the fire department’s history. Photos by Matthew Malone



Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume speaks at the station opening while Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez looks on.



Cosumnes Community Services District General Manager Phil Lewis addresses attendees at the Fire Station 77 opening.

our residents. Just look all around you outside. This city is growing, and this station will enhance the public safety of all of our residents. so today is a great day for the city of Elk Grove.”

Galt Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano told the Citizen that Fire Station 77 would help relieve pressure in Galt when a call comes in when both of the city’s local stations are handling other calls. He commended the station’s “state-of-the-art” features.

Paul Mewton, who will soon retire as Cosumnes Community Services

District’s chief of planning, design and construction, said the station has “the latest in fire station design,” including a separated area for cleaning firefighting gear to keep hazardous chemicals out of the station’s residential space.

After the ceremony, Rodriguez commented on overseeing the department’s opening of the first new fire station in 23 years.

“This is really exciting as the fire chief here to have this accomplishment from our own personnel being able to do this together with our district personnel and our



Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen speaks about the new fire station’s public-safety benefits.

contractors and architects. I’m just really proud as the fire chief to be serving here in a time that we’re adding a fire station to a community where it really hasn’t been done for over 20 years,” Rodriguez said. ★

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California Spends More on Schools with The Neediest Kids

Here's How It's Succeeded and Failed

By Carolyn Jones,
CALMatters.org

A decade after California revolutionized the way it funds schools, nearly everyone agrees the initiative has done what it was meant to do: improved math and reading scores and brought more resources to students who struggle the most.

And nearly everyone also agrees that the Local Control Funding Formula, as it's known, could use a tune-up. Black and Latino students' test scores have improved but still lag behind their white and Asian peers, and schools in affluent areas still spend far more per student than schools in poorer neighborhoods.

But overall, researchers and superintendents say, the system introduced under Gov. Jerry Brown has remade California's schools for the better.

"Gov. Brown had a good idea," said Adam Clark, superintendent of Mt. Diablo Unified in Concord. "(The funding formula) has given school districts the tools and resources to really address the needs of students. And it gives parents and the community a voice."

Jaime Green, superintendent of Trinity Alps Unified in Trinity County, put it more succinctly: "Without LCFF, our district would not be open."

Under the Local Control Funding Formula, the state gives school districts a base amount of money calculated by attendance, but funnels extra funds for low-income students, English learners and foster youth. Districts have freedom to spend the money on whatever programs they think will help their students, with guidance and accountability through a public local planning process.

Prior to the funding formula, California schools were financed through local property taxes, a system that had been in place for 40 years. Districts with lower tax revenues got extra money from the state, up to a certain limit, and the state doled out dozens of grants for specific programs.

Districts like Trinity Unified, located in California's poorest county, barely stayed afloat under that system because the extra money was not enough to cover expenses, especially considering the large number of students living in poverty.

The overall amount of spending was low due in part to Proposition 13, the 1978 ballot initiative that capped property taxes and resulted in deep cuts to state spending. By the mid-2000s, California was near the bottom of states nationally in school spending, student test scores and nearly every other educational measurement. Linda Darling Hammond, president of the State Board of Education, described it as "a broken system."

Simplifying and Decentralizing School Funding

Brown, who was elected to his second stint as governor in 2010, said he got the inspiration to overhaul school funding from Mike Kirst, who served as president of the State Board of Education during both of Brown's stints as governor. Kirst and his colleagues had proposed the idea of a weighted formula a few years earlier, but it was shelved when the economy crashed in 2008.

Gathering support from legislators, teachers unions, parent groups and school boards, Brown, Kirst and their allies helped get the funding formula enacted in 2013.

The simplicity, along with shifting power away from the state, appealed to Brown.

"I liked the idea of reducing complexity, of giving money where it was most needed," Brown said in December at a conference on the impact of the funding formula. "You need goals, you need standards, but you have to let local people do their thing."

It coincided with a trio of other



The Wellness Center at College Park High School is a place where students can find a quiet and relaxing environment without leaving school. Pleasant Hill, March 15, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbeago

big changes in California education: passage of Proposition 30, a sales tax which raised about \$6 billion annually for schools; introduction of the Common Core reading and math curriculum; and the Smarter Balanced standardized testing system.

Within a few years, the improvements were obvious in California classrooms. By 2019, before the pandemic, reading and math scores in all grades had improved, graduation rates rose, suspensions and expulsions fell, and more students met college admission requirements for the state's public universities. A report by the Learning Policy

Overall School Spending is Still Unequal

Another problem is the overall amount of school spending generally, some said. Even though low-income schools now have much more money than they did a decade ago, it's not enough to address the needs of students facing complex challenges. And schools in affluent areas still spend far more per student, thanks to parent donations and local bonds and taxes.

Jack O'Connell, who was State Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to the Local Control Funding Formula, agreed. While he considers the

who meet more than one of the formula categories should be counted twice, not once. Schools should receive extra money for English learners who are also low-income, for example.

Basing School Funding on Enrollment, Not Attendance

In Trinity Alps Unified, in the mountains of Trinity County in Northern California, the funding formula has made a world of difference — not just for students but for the entire community, said superintendent Green. Prior to the funding formula, the district received less than \$12,000 per student from all sources; now it's closer to \$20,000.

violate Proposition 209, the affirmative action ban that prevents the state from linking money to students' race or ethnicity.

Gov. Gavin Newsom last year introduced a tweak to the funding formula that directs extra funding to specific schools based on high rates of student turnover, low-income students or students whose parents didn't graduate from high school. The equity multiplier, as it's known, is intended to reach students who have the highest needs.

'Deep inequities' in California

But that's not enough, said Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, director of TK-12 education policy at Ed Trust-West, an education research and advocacy organization. California should repeal or scale back Proposition 209.

"We still have deep inequities across the board," Wheatfall-Lum said. "But by fixing LCFF we have a huge opportunity to support racial equity. ... The stakes are very high. How we fund schools is the foundation of our education system."

Ed Trust-West also recommends that the state hold districts accountable for the academic performance of specific student groups, such as Black and Latino students, and pay more attention to the progress of English learners, whose test scores have barely budged since the funding formula was introduced.

But money isn't always the answer, Brown noted at a conference in December. Bumps in school funding, while helpful, can't be expected to solve problems as deeply embedded as poverty, racism and inequality, he said. Factors beyond school play a huge role in students' outcomes.

'More Than Money' to Help High-Needs Students

At College Park High in Pleasant Hill, the district used funding formula money to open a wellness center two years ago. Furnished with couches, comfy chairs, student-created artwork and private enclaves for one-on-one meetings with counselors, the wellness center is a popular place for students to relax and socialize. In addition to mental health services like peer counseling and therapy dogs, the center offers yoga, meditation, games and a quiet place to do homework. A social worker is always present.

Stephanie Perez, a senior at College Park, said the wellness center has been a lifesaver — literally. It's given her a reason to stay in school and motivation to stay healthy.

"If this place wasn't here, I'd be out drinking, smoking, ditching school, getting bad habits," Perez said. "They really care about you, listen to you, give you a shoulder to cry on. I come here to ease my mind." ★



College Park High School students can visit the Wellness Center during school hours and after school to take a break and reset before returning to their activities in Pleasant Hill on March 15, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbeago for CalMatters

Institute found that an increase of \$1,000 in per-pupil spending over three consecutive years resulted in a full grade level improvement in math and reading.

California now ranks near the national average in school spending, as well as in math and reading scores. Although scores fell in the wake of the pandemic, they didn't fall as far as they did in other states and are slowly beginning to creep upward.

But challenges persist. One common gripe among superintendents is the annual plan required to chart goals and priorities. The Local Control Accountability Plan is a key part of the funding formula's accountability and parent involvement components, but it can be a headache, superintendents said. It entails community meetings, surveys, data analysis and detailed explanations of spending for the public, county and state to review.

The plans are often so dense with jargon that even though they're posted online, reviewed at school board meetings and shared with parents, few people wade through them — thereby not providing the accountability they're intended to.

funding formula a landmark in California education, he thinks the state needs to increase the base amount of money it gives schools. Currently, that amount ranges from \$11,000 to \$12,300 per student, which poses a challenge for middle-class districts without large numbers of low-income students or wealthy parents willing to donate thousands.

"There's no question things are better off now," O'Connell said. "But increasing the base grant might be the best way to help all students."

Kirst said he was confident the funding formula would work, but he's surprised at its political staying power and how entrenched it's become in the education landscape.

He'd like to see the formula adjusted to take into account regional costs of living, so districts in expensive areas get more money. And he'd like to see the poverty measurement change. Currently it's based on how many students meet the federal standards for a free or reduced price meals. But with so many districts now offering free lunch to all students, he said, the state should consider using other criteria.

He also thinks that students

That money goes a long way in Trinity County, funding everything from art classes to after-school programs to special education.

"We feel very blessed to have this formula," Green said. "LCFF allows us to stay open and serve our children at a high level."

An improvement Green and other superintendents would like to see is funding based on enrollment, not attendance. Currently, the state disperses money to districts based on average daily attendance. But chronic absenteeism soared during the pandemic, resulting in lower revenues. While enrollment is also declining in many areas, absenteeism is the bigger challenge, Green said.

Going forward, some advocates are calling on the state to tie extra funding directly to students' race. The impact of systemic racism, they say, is too profound to ignore. They argue that Black and Latino students often fall through the cracks, especially if they attend affluent schools, or if they attend low-income schools in affluent districts. The state has shied away from such a policy for fear it would

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notices, call (916) 715-3749 or (916) 591-7446, or visit elkgroveartists@att.net.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

Check out the local website for featured rotating local artist. The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at their new location, 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. The Center entrance is on Walnut Avenue, with parking available out front or in public lots in Old Town Elk Grove.

They are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit us every First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music.

For more information, visit www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org or call (916) 685-5992.

Call for Artists at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

All art competitions require online submission through Smarter Entry. Fees may be paid directly online through

this system. Visit the individual exhibition pages to explore deadlines, fees, awards, and to download the prospectus. Here's the calendar for the upcoming themes for submissions:

March: All Creatures Great and Small Competition, Helen Plenert in the Foyer Gallery

April: Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, Caiti Chan in the Foyer Gallery, and Member Art exhibition

May: Abstractly Speaking Competition, Amy Vidra in the Foyer Gallery, Stop Stigma Sacramento

June: Wide Open Spaces Competition

To find out more information about the monthly contests and for more details about submissions, please visit <https://elkgrovefineartscenter.org/>

Art Workshops for Adults at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

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Register Now For Upcoming Classes:

Plein Air Watercolor with David Peterson – March 30, 2024

Building Multimedia Collages with Terri Bianco – April 19, 2024

Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – May 25, 2024

Portrait Drawing with Andrea Morris – April 20, 2024

Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – March 23, 2024

To sign up for classes and learn more, please visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshops.

A Seat at the Table Books

This bookstore is hosting these ongoing events at their bookstore: every

Wednesday, 4:30-5 p.m., Reading Circle Storytime with Samantha Tucey; every Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m., Family Storytime; every Saturday, 10:45-11:15 a.m., Mindfulness Drop-in Group with the store's co-owner Ryan; every first Friday, 5:30-6 p.m., Aloha Friday Storytime with Sergio; every first Friday, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Poetry Night, admission is \$15, which includes a \$10 voucher for anything in the store, suitable for ages 16 or older.

A Seat at the Table Books is at 9257 Laguna Springs Drive. For information, visit ASeatAtTheTableBooks.org or call (916) 538-3482.

View Artwork from Elk Grove

At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide hensive inventory of art pieces and art events in Elk Grove. If you know of a piece or event that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org. ★

POLICE LOGS

Friday, March 29

10:34 a.m., 9200 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested two unidentified 13-year-olds on vandalism and conspiracy charges.

1:32 p.m., Rainbow Creek/Misty Springs Court: Elk Grove Police arrested Ricardo Prieto, 29, on public intoxication and warrant charges. Prieto was wanted on charges of driving with a suspended license, driving without proof of insurance, hit-and-run, DUI, and false ID, according to jail records.

2:45 p.m., Elkmont Way/Iron Rock Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Donavon Davis, 25, on unlawful tear gas possession and probation violation charges.

3:11 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Jones, 51, on domestic battery charges.

3:41 p.m., 8500 block of Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Rodney Harmon, 52, on warrant charges and charges of receiving a stolen vehicle.

8:28 p.m., confidential

location: Elk Grove Police arrested Joshua Jundt, 29, on domestic battery charges.

11:32 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Ileana Duna, 23, on warrant charges.

Saturday, March 30

1:54 a.m., 6700 block of Sao Tiago Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Deshawn Rash, 33, on charges of DUI, ignition interlock device violation, and driving with an open container of alcohol or cannabis.

11:52 a.m., 2900 block of Cornelius Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Lacy Hansen, 33, on trespassing charges.

1:57 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Christopher Jones, 40, on domestic battery charges.

4:11 p.m., 9100 block of Bader Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Eric Prasad, 29, on controlled substance possession charges.

10:39 p.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested

James Williams, 43, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle, drug paraphernalia and meth possession, and unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle.

Sunday, March 31

1:20 a.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/Four Seasons Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Mohammad Amiri, 21, on charges of participating in a speed contest.

4:45 a.m., 8900 block of Grant Line Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Mateo Gutierrez, 19, on DUI charges.

1:10 p.m., 9200 block of Locust Street: Elk Grove police arrested Zachary Rasor, 28, on controlled substance possession charges.

6:51 p.m., Gruwell Way/Waterman Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Lilyanna Curtis, 22, on vandalism charges.

Monday, April 1

3:29 a.m., Kammerer Road/Rau Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Gilberto

Gomez, 51, on DUI charges.

1:18 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Benjamin Vogt, 37, on domestic battery charges.

2 p.m., 4900 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Nicholas Edberg, 36, on charges of grand theft and theft of lost property.

6:49 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Simon Jackson, 36, on charges of corporal injury to an intimate partner, assault to cause great bodily injury, and vandalism.

11:51 p.m., 9600 block of Crisswell Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 17-year-old on charges of battery, and sedative or benzodiazepine possession.

Tuesday, April 2

7:41 a.m., 9100 block of Union Park Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Ashley McElroy, 36, on warrant charges, and charges of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia

and meth possession.

11:05 a.m., Sheldon Road/Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Hudson, 40, on warrant charges.

11:19 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Nicole Phares, 34, on restraining order violation charges.

7:14 p.m., 8500 block of Felton Crest Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Pamela Montez, 59, on charges of assault to cause great bodily injury.

9:32 p.m., 5500 block of Adobe Spring Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Robinson, 39, on trespassing and contempt of court charges.

10:55 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Ashley Davis, 30, on domestic battery charges.

Wednesday, April 3

2:14 a.m., 9000 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Kue Cha, 48, on DUI charges.

2:29 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove

Police arrested Christopher Coleman, 57, on meth possession and warrant charges. Coleman was wanted on narcotics and meth possession charges, according to jail records.

5:46 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Shorelake Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Tyler West, 20, on underage DUI charges.

12:52 p.m., Auto Passage Drive/Auto City Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Glen Blackmon, 31, on warrant charges.

5:39 p.m., 8000 block of Orchard Loop Lane: Elk Grove Police arrested Quashaun Jones, 32, on warrant charges and charges of concealed weapon possession, carrying a loaded firearm and altering a firearm's identification information.

5:53 p.m., Promenade Parkway/Bilby Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Saul Navarro, 39, on warrant charges. Navarro was wanted on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, according to jail records. ★

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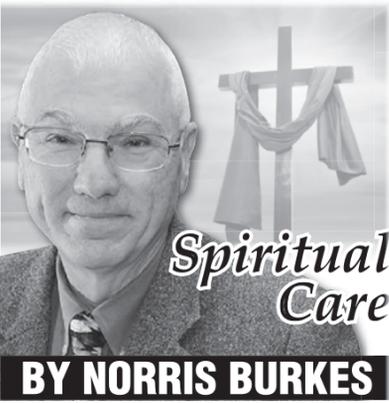
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Don't Gamble with Faith



Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

winning odds are similar to getting struck by lightning on your birthday two years in a row.

Truthfully, you really shouldn't take gambling advice from a chaplain. Unless it's "Don't gamble!"

But the whole lotto game provides some analogy for the way folks choose the right kind of faith.

Why is it that we sometimes think faith is all about luck?

We seek out the nearest weeping statue and drive hundreds of miles to light a candle. We say a prayer and hope a god in a good mood hears it.

Sometimes we search for faith like we are playing scratch cards. We scratch at the deep questions of faith, hoping to come up with a win.

Still others rely on some lucky combination that their grandfather passed along to them. "My granddaddy prayed for my grandmother inside that church, and she was healed, so I guess it's a winner."

Yet, still others rely on the big-spin approach and take the one they land on. Others see faith like picking the right card out of a newly shuffled deck.

And some play faith the way they play a bluffing poker hand, refusing to let anyone see the cards of doubt they hold.

The problem with these approaches is they produce a routine of losing, much like those who return each night to the same casino only to lose again.

The faith choice made with these methods usually ends up discarded, much like a Lotto ticket on a gas-station driveway.

Faith has little to do with winning or losing. Faith is too important to treat with the same glibness we use to choose our winning numbers. Perhaps it's more about investing in who we are, not about gambling on what we never had.

Maybe faith comes about when we invest in the search. We find it inspired by the conversations, the discussions, the questions, and the debates that we have with others. In fact, I believe God prefers honest "searchers" or "questioners," even when they challenge him directly, even when they are unflattering.

Jesus suggested faith might well be something compared to a mustard seed. A mustard seed is the tiniest of seeds,

yet in ratio, it grows into one of the biggest plants. Faith starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of people and produces not a personal profit, but a powerful and personal transformation.

Well, all this talk about winning the lottery made me wonder what might happen if I actually bought a ticket. I mean, if I ever bought just one, what might happen?

I may never know.

But if you do happen to win with my divine numbers, please remember my favorite charity – Chispa Project. I think it's fair to say that any gift can be an investment in faith.

Announcement:

Make a sure bet on education. I'm returning to

Honduras in June to help Chispa Project create six new libraries, reach 4,000+ more students and 200 teachers. Your donations are needed to buy 9,000 new books. Send donations to 10556 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. Email comment@thechaplain.net or message at (843) 608-9715. www.thechaplain.net. ★

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RELIGION NEWS

Events and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

JAZZ and BLUES HOUR: May – No concert (see below). June 2nd, Pinkie Rideau will be presenting Blues for your enjoyment.

On May 5th, Diane Sakakihara and Elk Grove Presbyterian Church will be bringing the Triumphant Quartet to Elk Grove for the 5th year. Mark your calendar as the program starts at 3pm (doors open at 2pm) for a wonderful performance by this renowned group. Your \$25 ticket will reserve your seat for this great concert. www.itickets.com/events/476208. A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to several charities. This concert will be held at the Center at District 56. For more info contact Diane at (916) 479-3578, or diane@hardinghallinc.com.

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics in April and May: Apr 14th – "What's the Proof?"; Apr 21st – "Listen to the Right Shepherd"; Apr 28th – "Radical Attachment Creates Radical Fruit"; May 5th – "Loved into Service"; May 12th – "Trusting Beyond Our Knowing"; May 19th – "Spirit Filled for a Purpose"; May 26th – "Doxology or Dogma?"

Rev. Deter McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big

Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Spring Fling at Point Pleasant UMC, April 13

Ladies Fellowship will host a Spring Fling fundraiser on Saturday April 13th at Point Pleasant United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall (3329 Point Pleasant Road).

A soup luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a craft and bake sale. Proceeds will help fund the restoration of the Historic Buscher House in Point Pleasant. Tickets are on sale now for \$7 each.

For information or to reserve tickets, call 916-684-2033.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

Community members are invited to the Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove. Sunday School and nursery services are available.

For more information, visit www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org

Chabad of Elk Grove's Weekly Torah classes

Local community members are invited to attend weekly Torah classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove. Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in

Jewish History," will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner is leading the discussion. Classes are free.

For location, call (917) 724-4443.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass schedule

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass.

Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays. They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The church's office hours are Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00.

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321.

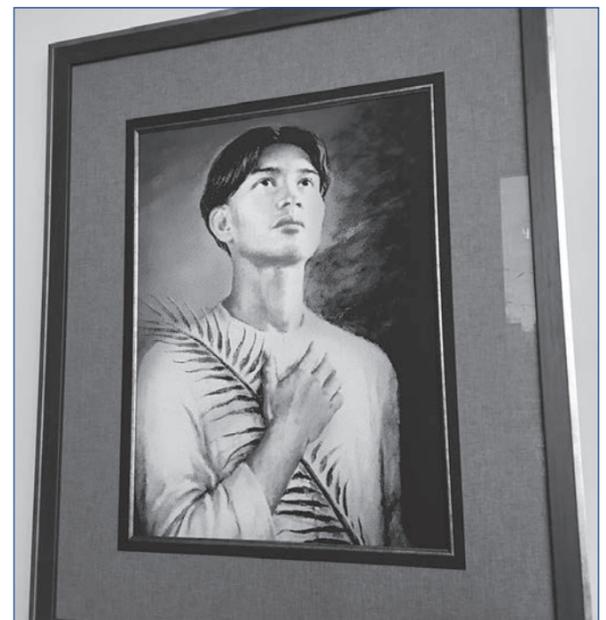
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church is at 8700 Bradshaw Road.

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Good Shepherd Displays San Pedro Calungsod Image



An image of San Pedro Calungsod. Photo courtesy of the Filipino Community Leadership Group at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Submitted by the Filipino Community Leadership Group at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - A framed image of San Pedro Calungsod is now on display on the Narthex wall as you enter Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The framed image was blessed during the Mass for Calungsod on April 2, his feast day, at Good Shepherd.

The description placed at the side of the image reads:

"As the patron of Filipino youth, San Pedro Calungsod's 17-year-old image shows today's youths that a saint can look like them.

He became a Catholic martyr who, as a teenager, was killed while doing missionary work.

Pope John Paul II declared, "In the face of imminent danger, Pedro would not forsake Father Diego, but as a 'good soldier of Christ' preferred to die at the missionary's side."

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Places of Worship

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MEETING MINDERS

Community members can watch these meetings online and submit public comments for the officials to review.

The Elk Grove City Council has its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.

A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's

website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. It governs the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system.

The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees will have its next meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2024, beginning at

6 p.m. This meeting will be held in-person at the Cosumnes Community Services District headquarters, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net.

Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube channel, "ElkGroveUnified."

The Florin Resource Conservation District Board, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online

meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application. To access them, visit the district's website, www.egwd.org.

The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District Board has in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They meet at their district office, 8540 Elk Grove Blvd. Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

For agendas, visit www.EGCCD.com. ★

Homeless Outreach and Safe Stay Report 2023

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Board of Supervisors, at its March 26 meeting, received a report on outreach and engagement efforts to address homelessness in the unincorporated County and Regional Parkway System. In its March 12 meeting, the Board received an update about the Homeless Services Partnership Agreement between the County and the City of Sacramento.

The County of Sacramento (County) is the primary entity responsible for providing homeless outreach services to unincorporated areas and the Parkway System. The County's approach to outreach services is multifaceted with teams dedicated to:

- Proactive outreach to County-identified priority encampments
- Response driven needs from Sheriff, Rangers, and other County partners
- Maintaining consistent outreach 'office hours' distributed throughout suburban areas and the Parkway system

County funded outreach teams employ a 'case carrying' approach in which they provide on-going engagement focused on resolving a person's experience of unsheltered homelessness. The case carrying approach may result in dozens of interactions with one person over the course of several months to ensure they are receiving the services they need. Services outreach teams' offerings include (not limited to):

- Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing through Coordinated Access System (CAS)
- Referrals and linkages to community resources
- Securing vital documents
- Transportation support
- Access to basic needs supplies

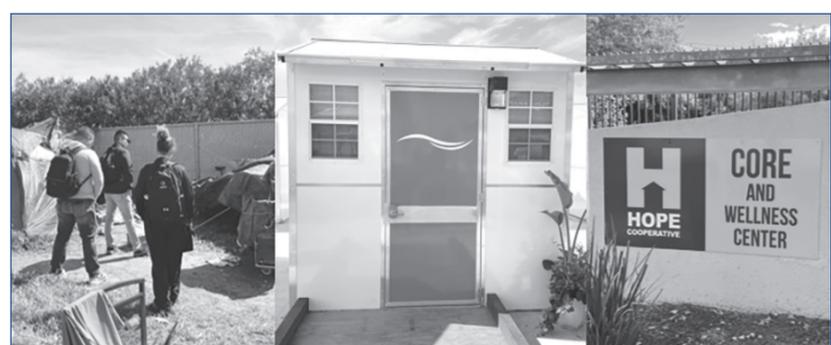
The case-carrying method may result in less people served over the course of the year, but with a higher rate of positive outcomes. With the goal of ending homelessness for each person served, this method has proven to be more effective than volume alone.

The outreach team also created "Drop-In hours" that are held at the same

location, on the same day and time in each geographic region to ensure that individuals can access services when they're ready. Community Health Workers hold these 2-hour sessions in easily accessible community locations to let any community refer someone so that individuals in crisis have consistent access to navigation services.

Outreach By the Numbers: Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2023

- 55 encampments in unincorporated County and American River Parkway (ARP)
 - 16 consistent drop-in locations
 - 1,284 unduplicated individuals enrolled into County programs
 - 34,948 services provided (average of 27 services per client)
- Services include:
- Shelter assessments and placements
 - Connections to community resources
 - Securing vital documents
 - Basic needs supplies
 - Transportation assistance
- 350 individuals transitioned out of unsheltered homelessness (35% of clients)



The Board of Supervisors, at its March 26 meeting, received a report on outreach and engagement efforts to address homelessness in the unincorporated County and Regional Parkway System. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

- Permanent Housing 11%
- Temporary Housing 2%
- Shelter/Interim Housing 22%

Behavioral Health Services

The Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART) uses a phased approach to help encampment residents enroll in needed behavioral health services and support. In the initial phase, they develop rapport and trust over time. The timeline for these phases can be weeks or years. The team's ultimate goal is to reach enrollment phase so that encampment residents will consent to and can obtain the behavioral services they need.

351 individuals enrolled

- Outpatient Services: 236
- Full Service Partnership (FSP): 30
- Substance Use and Prevention Treatment (SUPT): 85
- 210 individuals linked to a program and received their first service*
- Outpatient Services: 123
- Full Service Partnership (FSP): 27
- Substance Use and Prevention Treatment (SUPT): 60

*Individuals who are enrolled in services may have been screened during a previous reporting period or by another program

Florin Road Safe Stay Community Update

The County opened its

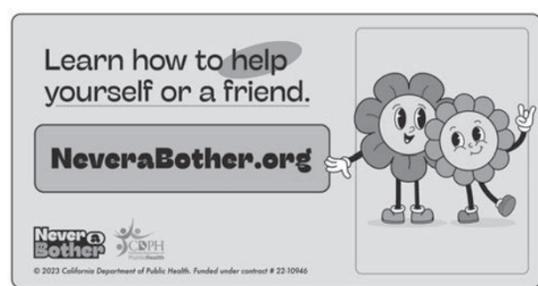
first sleeping cabin community, named a "Safe Stay Community" in August of 2023. The County contracted with City Net, a community-based non-profit, as the program's operator.

The Florin Safe Stay is a temporary shelter with lower-barrier entry for our unhoused community members. This site operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week with sleeping accommodations for up to 125 individuals. For more about what the County of Sacramento is doing to address homelessness, visit the Department of Homeless Services and Housing website: schs.sac-county.gov/pages/default.aspx. ★

State Offers Campaign to Prevent Suicide

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"Never a Bother" campaign, certain factors can overlap to increase this risk, due to heightened levels of adversity, negative social conditions, and/or decreases in protective factors.

Those factors include youth who are American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latinx and African-American/Black; live in rural communities; experience mental health



The "Never a Bother" campaign logo. Photo courtesy of NeverABother.org

challenges; and/or are impacted by the foster care system.

The "Never a Bother" campaign resonates with youth, according to the Department of Public Health, as it validates their feelings of not wanting to be a burden to others. It speaks to their need to know that they are never a bother, that no problem is too small and that it is important to check in with one another before, during

and after a crisis.

According to the "Never a Bother" campaign: "If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide, you are not alone. Call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Trained professionals can reconnect you with your reasons to keep going and show you ways to cope with difficult days."

Support resources are at NeverABother.org. ★

Zoo Concepts Move From Planning to Council

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It was explained that the Green Corridor is where visitors will experience animals, so visitors will always be brought back to it as they move around. The site would be set up like a mall with two anchors at each end. The zoo is left from the entry where the California display will be the first site seen. Education on how the animals are cared for would be to the right of the entry. A rubber-wheeled independent train to transport visitors is to be developed.

Most of the public comments were positive and made by individuals who are active in

the supportive community of the Sacramento Zoo and zoo animal work and education.

Some comments questioned the parking lot planned to the side of the zoo in front of a dedicated greensward for an adjacent residential neighborhood. It was originally to have been a soccer playing field, and one resident complained that "they were being thrown under the bus."

Another resident requested that the parking lot fencing be changed out to a wall conforming in continuity to the wall style of the home development.

This matter will be picked up at the City

Council meeting on April 10 (6 to 10 p.m.).

Commissioner George Murphey, often appearing the most broadly scrutinizing member in reviewing submissions, was celebrated for his 17 years service to the commission in his final meeting. Murphey was presented with a plaque, and members of staff and each commissioner contributed independent personal memories of interacting with him, along with a compilation of one-word descriptions of him, which emphasized his kindness in mentoring Planning Commission members and staff. ★



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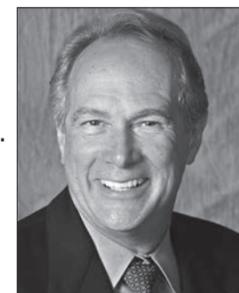
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Chamber Events in April

The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce has the following events scheduled in April:

April 16, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Non-Profits Mixer at Christopher Cellars, 9654 Bradshaw Road. Attendance free for chamber members, \$15 for nonmembers. More information at bit.ly/4cHt-Lze (case sensitive).

April 17, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Virtual workshop on proposal writing. Hosted on Zoom by SMUD’s Alexia Hughes. Register at bit.ly/4aFzaoF.

April 18, 11 a.m. – Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Sagepoint Intensive Outpatient Program, 3137 Dwight Road, Suite 600.

Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for April

The Widowed Persons Social Club (WPSC) will host the following activities in April. Attendees can join up to three gatherings before joining the club. For information, contact Bonnie Dale at (916) 422-1522.

April 12 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Geri at 916-698-1940. April 19 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

April 24 - 1 p.m. - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Merrylynn at 916-549-4264.

April 25 - noon - no-host Lunch and Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

April 26 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove

Blvd. Contact is Geri at 916-698-1940. April 30 - 5 p.m. - Dinner at Joy City, 2745 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Joyce at 916-896-0831.

May 2 - noon no-host Lunch and Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

May 3 - 10 a.m. Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

May 4 - 10:30 Coffee Gathering at Peets Cofee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

May 6 - 10:30 MA - WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 16 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

May 6 - noon - Lunch at Loving Hut, 8355 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Barbara at 916-516-6009.

May 8 - noon - no-host Lunch folowed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike’s, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

May 9 - noon - General Meeting at Valey Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., \$35 includes lunch. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance by calling Pat at 916-802-4524.

May 10 - 10 a.m. Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Geri at 916-698-1940.

May 17 - 10 a.m. Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

May 20 - 11:30 a.m. - Mahjong at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 16 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

May 2 - 1 p.m. - Book

Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected.

Contact is Merrylynn at 916-549-4264.

May 23 - noon - no-host Lunch and Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

May 24 - 10 a.m. Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Geri at 916-698-1940.

May 28 - 5 p.m. - Dinner at Joy City, 2745 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Joyce at 916-896-0831.

May 31- noon - Bingo at Oaks Mobile Home Park Club House, 16 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Buy-in of \$20 includes lunch and Bingo Cards. Contacts are Deanna at 916-760-7474 and Pat at 916-802-4524.

A widowed person may attend up to three events before joining WPSC. Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Jazz and Blues Hour Held Monthly

The monthly Jazz and Blues Hour concert series will bring various bands and musicians to Elk Grove Presbyterian Church (8153 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 50) on first Sundays through November. Performances start at 4 p.m., and attendees are asked to make a \$10 donation at the door. For more information, email jbvspers@gmail.com or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476.

Upcoming acts are: May, no concert; June 2, Pinkie Rideau (blues); July 7, Tressa Gaye’s Twisted Jazz; Aug. 4, Julie and the Jukes (blues); Sept. 1, Gary Mendoza Trio (jazz); Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues

Band (blues); and Nov. 3, Beth Duncan (jazz).

EG Writers Guild Spring Seminar April 13

Elk Grove Writers Guild will host its spring seminar on April 13 at Elk Grove Community Center (8230 Civic Center Drive, Suite 140). The program starts at noon with check-in and a pizza lunch. At 1:15 p.m., Gini Grossenbacher will teach on the topic, “Exploring Deep Point of View: Fiction and Memoirs.” Find more information about Grossenbacher at ginigrossenbacher.com.

Registration costs \$35. To register, visit egweg.org/spring. For questions or comments, email loyholder77@gmail.com.

Historical Society Tea May 11

The Elk Grove Historical Society announces that tickets are now available for their annual Mother’s Day Spring Tea, “Victorian Era Courtship.” The event takes place on May 11, noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased on our website, elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com, or from our gift shop, eghistory.org. But hurry because the tickets are selling quickly. Please come in your best outfit and Victorian hat to Heritage Garden at 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

Garden Club slates Pre-Mother’s Day plant sale

The River Valley Garden Club would like to thank the communities of Wilton, Sloughhouse, and Rancho Murieta for their continued support of our club’s projects and activities. Your support of our Garden Stroll in May 2023 allowed the

club to award three scholarships to outstanding community college students, and five grants to exceptional community organizations and nonprofits. The club will host a Garden Stroll every other year during the years ending in an odd number, the next one to be in 2025. During years ending in an even number, the club will host a spectacular plant sale on the Saturday before Mother’s Day. This year that date will be Saturday, May 11. We look forward to seeing you there.

American Legion Post 233 Invites Veterans

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

Our next meeting will be held April 25th, 2024.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour from 6-7 pm. The veterans’ general meeting starts at 7 pm.

Veterans’ spouses are welcome to join the Elk Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets in another room from 7-8 pm in the same location. For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

We also invite veterans and spouses to join us each month on the first Saturday for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast.

Our next Saturday breakfast will be held Apr 6th at 9:00 am at Mimi’s Cafe on the corner of Laguna Blvd

and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99). We hope to see you there.

Elk Grove American Legion Baseball

Under the Pillar of Americanism, American Legion Baseball was established in 1926. The leadership of the American Legion’s Elk Grove Post 233 is sponsoring the return of American Legion Baseball to the Elk Grove area for 2024. The players come from the high school age group (ages 13-19). The season runs from the end of the high school season with hopefully a shot at the National Championship in early August after regional qualification.

We are committed to growing the game in the Elk Grove area and providing our young men with the opportunity to compete in a sport they love and a chance to represent the Elk Grove area community.

We will be developing a highly competitive American Legion Baseball team from the Elk Grove area that is accessible to our regions high school players with minimal cost to the players.

We will play other American Legion teams with two to three games a week starting the first week of June through the week of July 10th.

We are committed to growing the game in the Elk Grove area and providing our young men with the opportunity to compete in a sport they love and a chance to represent the Elk Grove area community.

For more information, please contact Dennis Barksdale, Baseball Program General Manager, 916-207-9026, dcb@claybar.com. ★

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GUROLOGY 4-12-24

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Catherine Marie Sackett, 9346 Newfound Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Happy Day Gymagery" 9346 Newfound Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2024
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Diedre Nilmeier, 5101 Marble Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Designated Designer Branding" 5101 Marble Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01351
Vincent Flores-Poon, 8911 Wood Lily Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kapture King 360" 8911 Wood Lily Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 22, 2024
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KAPTURE 4-19-24

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Amanda Chan, 2911 Atterbury Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "King's Sweet Treats" 2911 Atterbury Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2024
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KINGS 4-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01786
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004812

Nehad Abdelmohsen El Nozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozhi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nehad Abdelmohsen El Nozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozahi aka Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozhi to Nehad Abdelmohsen Elnozahi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 13, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
ELNOZAH 4-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005169

Janelle Roxanne Madison Harmon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Janelle Roxanne Madison Harmon to Roxanna Lillie Madison Fox.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 19, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
HARMON 4-19-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005906

Robert Thomas Ericksen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Megan Allie Ericksen to Jordan Bryant Engelhart Ericksen. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 27, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
ERICKSEN 4-26-24

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV002313 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Erika Orr, an individual, and does 1 through 10, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: HelloTech, Inc., a Delaware Corporation. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of CA-County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Celina C. Kirchner, Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP, 15260 Ventura Boulevard, 20th Floor, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, 818-444-4500. Date: (Fecha) 7/19/2023 Clerk (Secretario) Jackie Meraz, Deputy (Adjunto) Publish: March 22, 29,

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-19-873390-AB Order No.: DEF-507194 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Eileen Argel, a married woman as her sole and separate property Recorded: 9/27/2006 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20060927 Page 0880 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 4/19/2024 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$682,772.33 The purported property address is: 9771 HELENITE CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624-4464 Assessor's Parcel No.: 134-0870-007-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership

of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 855 238-5118 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-19-873390-AB. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855 238-5118, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-19-873390-AB to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 855 238-5118 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. TS No.: CA-19-873390-AB IDSPub #0201470 3/29/2024 4/5/2024 4/12/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 4-12-24

TS No. CA-23-968264-SH Order No.: 230490671-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/9/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): LOUISE ANN R. LIMJAP, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 6/16/2005 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20050616 Page 2253 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 5/28/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$402,727.88 The purported property address is: 9499 WINDRIFT LN, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 Assessor's Parcel No.: 119-1440-066-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed

of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-968264-SH. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. TS No.: CA-23-968264-SH IDS Pub #0201548 3/29/2024 4/5/2024 4/12/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 4-12-2024

APN: 132-0850-031-0000 TS No: CA08001147-23-1 TO No: 230439677-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 26, 2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 25, 2024 at 01:30 PM, at the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the

sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 3, 2008 as Instrument No., in Book 20080403, on Page 0023 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by SHUMILLA AZHAR, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9646 COUNTRY FALLS LANE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-8348 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$51,136.51 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001147-23-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest

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bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001147-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: March 21, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001147-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 101119, Pub Dates: 3/29/2024, 4/5/2024, 4/12/2024 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 4-12-2024

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-971643-CL Order No.: FIN-23008759 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/3/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Sundra Jones Recorded: 10/9/2007 as Instrument No. in Book 20071009 Page 1556 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 5/14/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and oth-

er charges: \$240,542.84 The purported property address is: 8645 PERIWINKLE CIR, ELK GROVE, CA 95624-1479 Assessor's Parcel No.: 121-0570-044 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-971643-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-280-2832, or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-971643-CL to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE

OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 FOR NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-23-971643-CL IDSPub #0201641 Publish: 4/12/2024 4/19/2024 4/26/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 4-26-2024

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST TITLE ORDER NUMBER: P-615392 LOAN: SINGH & DHANDA FILE: PFI-231974 A.P.N.: 132-0092-017-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/04/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: HUNG VAN HUYNH, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded 12/08/2020 as Instrument No. 202012081939 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 12/19/2023 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 202312190592 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 05/02/2024 At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 at 02:00 PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust.

The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10749 STATE HIGHWAY 160, HOOD, CA 95639 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$316,936.98 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this

case PFI-231974. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-231974 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 03/25/2024 PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP045819 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE) Publish: 04/12/2024, 04/19/2024, 04/26/2024 Elk Grove Citizen 4-26-24 T.S. No. 23-67276 APN: 134-0322-018-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or

savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: DONALD J PALM, AN UNMARRIED Man duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 10/4/2006, in Book 20061004, Page 1473, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 5/14/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$83,859.90 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9940 DAVIS ROADWILTON, CALIFORNIA 95693 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N #: 134-0322-018-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 32 CONCERNING STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 1, ZONE 5-AC (LAGUNA RIDGE AREA) FOR THE BACKER – LILLY AT POPPY MEADOWS PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests. Dated / Published: April 5, 2024 and April 12, 2024

JASON LINDGREN CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

WIRELESS FACILITY UTILITY SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS (PLNG24-006) – ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT:

The Project consists of an amendment to Section 23.94.050.A.7 of the City's Municipal Code (part of Title 23 of the Code, which is referred to as the Zoning Code) to require 10 feet of clearance between a wireless antenna and any power lines when the wireless antenna is not integrated with a utility tower or facility. Existing code requires 10 feet of horizontal separation. The revision would delete the word "horizontal" from the Code, thereby requiring a uniform 10-foot separation, measured as a radius around the utility line.

The Planning Commission reviewed this matter at its regular meeting on March 21, 2024, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the City Council

LOCATION: Citywide APNS: Citywide ZONING: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL: The proposed Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15183, 15301 and 15303.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Christopher Jordan, AICP, (916) 478-2222, or to the office of Development Services – Planning, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

This meeting notice is provided pursuant to Section 23.14.040 of Title 23 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.

Dated/Published: April 12, 2024

JASON LINDGREN CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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MELLO-ROOS TAX REDUCTION NOTICE

SENIOR CITIZENS / DISABLED PERSONS LIVING IN THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

In 1987 and 1998, voters in Elk Grove Unified School District approved bond measures to help finance school facilities. By approving these measures, the voters authorized District administrators to sell bonds and agreed to a Mello-Roos special property tax assessment for repayment of the bond debt. Residents who are at least 65 years old or fully disabled may receive a 70% reduction to the Mello-Roos tax on their residence.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE REDUCTION

Eligible persons may apply for a Senior Citizen/Disabled Person Tax Reduction, which would reduce the Mello-Roos school tax by 70% if:

- The applicant provides evidence that he/she is at least 65 years of age (by June 30th) or fully disabled as defined by the State Controller's Office.
No school-age children lived in the residence during the previous 24 months.

The reduction is allowed only for the applicant's residence; all other properties are subject to the full tax.

If the applicant rents his or her home or resides in a mobile home park, the landlord/owner must certify that the amount of the tax reduction will be passed along to the applicant.

THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE MELLO-ROOS TAX REDUCTION IS APRIL 15, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2024

Applications and qualification details for the Senior Citizen or Disabled Person Tax Reduction are available online:

https://www.egusd.net/Departments/Facilities-and-Planning/index.html Telephone: (916) 686-7562 E-mail: schooltax@egusd.net

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Galt Vice-Mayor Lozano to Run for CSD Seat

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano announced on April 6 that he is running for the Division 1 seat on the Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) board of directors. Lozano said he wants to provide a voice representing Galt on the board.

Cosumnes Community Services District's Division 1 seat, which includes Galt and eastern Elk Grove, is up for election this year. Lozano said Director Gil Albani, the current District 1 representative, plans to retire after 20 years on the board.

If Lozano is elected, he would be returning to the Cosumnes Community Services District. He served for eight years before winning a Galt City Council seat in 2018.

Since his departure, Lozano said, no directors have been Galt residents. With the introduction of by-division elections in 2022, in which only residents of a given division vote for that division's representative, the Division 1 election is the only one in which Galt residents have a say at the ballot box.

"I really think it's important that that board



Galt Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano stands outside Cosumnes Fire Department Station 45 in Galt as he announces his candidacy for Cosumnes Community Services District Division 1. Photos courtesy of Rich Lozano

have representation from the Galt community and I've always believed that," Lozano said in an April 8 interview.

Lozano pointed to a broad range of support, including endorsements from Albani, Cosumnes Community Services District Director Angela Spease and CSD Board President Jim Luttrell, as well as from Galt City Councilmember Kevin Papineau, Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, the three most

recently retired Cosumnes fire chiefs and Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522.

Choosing to run for the Cosumnes Community Services District board "wasn't an easy decision for me because I absolutely love being on the council," Lozano told the Citizen. "I love the city and doing what I can for city services for residents here."

The vice-mayor listed public-safety measures among his accomplishments on City Council,



Galt Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano, center, is joined by supporters, including Cosumnes Community Services District board members, members of Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522, members of Galt and Elk Grove planning commissions and Galt City Council Member Kevin Papineau (third from left).

particularly body-worn cameras, a new drone program and license plate readers for Galt Police Department. He also cited transparency improvements in the city's finances.

Lozano said he conditioned his candidacy on the support of his wife and children and on Albani's blessing.

"He has fully endorsed my campaign," Lozano said of Albani.

Through the Cosumnes Fire Department, Cosumnes Community

Services District provides fire and ambulance services for Galt, Elk Grove and surrounding areas. In addition, Cosumnes Community Services District operates parks and recreation in Elk Grove.

"My thoughts on the fire service here in Galt: I think they're tremendous," Lozano said. "I think that we couldn't get any better fire service than we get here. Could we tweak a couple things? Maybe."

He said that call volume is "at a good level" at

Galt's fire stations and that he wants to maintain that level as residential areas in the city build out.

Additionally, Lozano said he wanted to look at options for addressing concerns about service west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks in Galt. Some residents have voiced worries that passing trains might delay emergency responses.

Lozano said he would bring knowledge he gained in his time on City Council, especially an understanding of police department operations and of the funding options available for cities, to Cosumnes Community Services District. He also highlighted the importance of gathering constituent feedback.

Lozano spoke about the responses he has received in the days after his announcement.

"The amount of support that I've received in terms of people willing to get behind my campaign has been tremendous," Lozano said.

The formal candidate filing period for the November General Election opens July 15. Prospective candidates will have until Aug. 9 to file with Sacramento County.

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TRUSTEE SALE

on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and,

if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-67276. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this

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auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 23-67276 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider

contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 4/3/2024 ZBS Law, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court

or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 39845
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City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

LAGUNA CREEK TRAIL AND WEST STOCKTON BLVD. MULTI MODAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ELK GROVE TRAIL GAP CLOSURE PROJECT (WAM009) (FEDERAL PROJECT: STPL-5479(068))

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: clearing and grubbing, tree removals, earthwork, drainage facilities, new asphalt path, curb ramps, Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon, crack sealing, pavement repairs, micro-surfacing, traffic signs, striping, and markings, erosion control, landscaping, and other related elements.

The Laguna Creek Trail and West Stockton Blvd. Multi Modal Improvements Project includes resurfacing approximately 2,800 feet of Class I multi-use trail parallel and south of West Stockton Blvd. and will replace 34 non-compliant ADA curb ramps, installing detectable warning surfaces at commercial driveways along Lewis Stein Road. The Project includes a pedestrian crossing with a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) along West Stockton Blvd.

The Elk Grove Trail Gap Closure Project includes construction of a new Class 1 Bikeway along the south side of Elk Grove Creek and addition of bicycle lanes along Laguna Springs Drive. (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$2,636,000.

In order to bid on or to be listed on the bid proposal for this Public Works Project all Contractors and subcontractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and be qualified to perform Public Work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code. Unregistered Contractors may still submit bids provided the bid is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by either Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code and all Contractors including subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform Public Work pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5 at the time the bid is submitted. DIR registration is not required on Projects that do not exceed \$25,000, which are for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or for public works projects for maintenance when \$15,000 or less.

Construction License:

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

Pre-Bid:

This Project does not have a Pre-Bid meeting scheduled.

For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:

Michael, Karoly, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 662-3204 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Kim Marlan, Administrative Assistant, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3315 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$10.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$15.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By: _____ Date: _____
Christina Castro, PE
Capital Program Division Manager
Elk Grove Citizen 4-5 and 4-12-2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 10:00 a.m. local time (09:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Thursday, May 2, 2024** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE (OM2403)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: maintenance of the City's traffic signals and streetlights. This Work includes programmed and reactive maintenance, emergency Work, and any extra Work related to traffic signals and streetlight maintenance (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the Total Bid Price is \$289,080 (basis for award). Bid Alternate A shall not be used to determine low bid.

Bidder shall have current standing as a City approved pre-qualified Bidder prior to submitting a bid for this Project. Bidders that submit a Bid without being pre-qualified shall have their Bid deemed non-responsive.

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Construction License:

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering and/or Class "C-10" Electrical Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

For Pre-Bid Information and Information Pertaining to the Construction Plans and Specifications, Contact:

Ron Faulk, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 627-3203 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

Whitney Yann, Administrative Analyst I, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department
Telephone: (916) 687-3062 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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By: _____ Date: March 25, 2024
Jeffrey R. Werner, PE
Public Works Director
Elk Grove Citizen 4-12 and 4-19-2024

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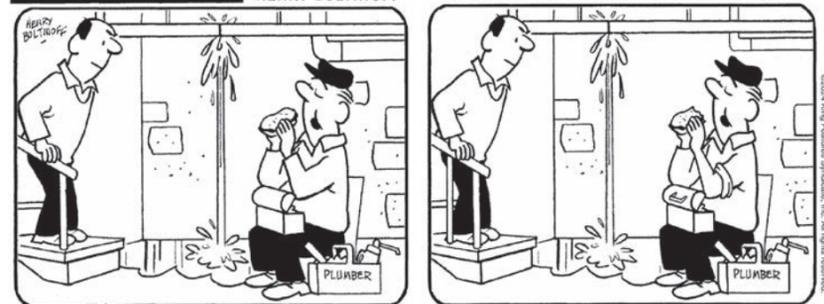


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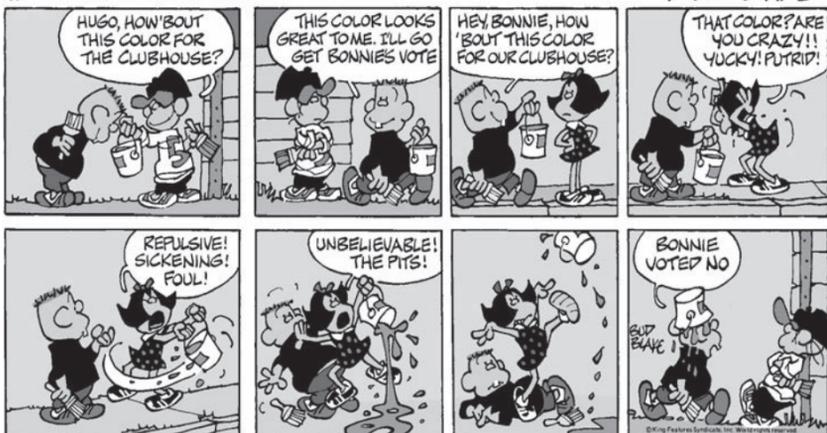


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SMUD's Shine Program Invests \$580,000 in Local Projects

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Twenty-nine local non-profit organizations will benefit from more than \$580,000 in funding from SMUD's annual Shine program. The Shine program, now in its 7th year, is supporting nonprofit programs that engage communities across SMUD's service area in an equitable transition to a clean energy future.

This year's projects will increase access to clean energy/STEM education and support environmental justice and equity, zero carbon workforce development, habitat restoration and increased tree canopy, energy efficiency and electrification for nonprofits, inclusive economic development, youth entrepreneur development and job readiness programs and trainings for under-resourced community members.

"SMUD's vision for a clean energy future is about much more than transforming our power plants, it's about equitably transforming the communities we serve," said SMUD CEO and General Manager

Paul Lau.

"The Clean PowerCity movement empowers our region's households, businesses and diverse communities to help us reach and deliver our ambitious 2030 Zero Carbon Plan.

From clean energy outreach and STEM lessons in classrooms, to neighborhood revitalization projects, workforce training in under-resourced communities and new apprentices, SMUD's Shine program harnesses the determination and vision of local nonprofits, regional partners and the communities we serve and supports them in making meaningful change that will benefit the entire region for generations to come."

This year, 112 community members participated in program education sessions, 148 community members participated in technical assistance sessions and 84 organizations moved forward and submitted applications in the competitive award process.

Per Shine requirements, SMUD's investments are matched by the recipient for maximum impact.

The 29 selected



Local nonprofit leaders gather to celebrate SMUD's 7th Annual Shine Awards. Photo courtesy of SMUD

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Huskies, Eagles Provide 10-Inning Nail-Biter

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - It's not often you get a 10-inning nail biter between two forces in the Delta such as the Sheldon Huskies and the Pleasant Grove Eagles, much less a freshman tossing 9.1 innings, allowing no runs and 19 strikeouts for a Husky 3-2 win to move to 3-0 in league.

The game's outcome changed drastically with the constant calling of illegal pitches on the pitcher who started this game, Kwinci Brown, for the Huskies, which as a result pitched .2 innings and gave way to freshman Micah Kennedy.

ballgame for the Eagles came while Brown was still pitching, thanks to aggressive baserunning from Shealynn Stinson, who led off the game for the Eagles with a walk.

Stinson reached second following a groundout when Riley Bigley hit a ground ball that tipped off the first baseman's glove and rolled to the second baseman, which was then picked up and thrown to first for the out which allowed Stinson to score from second.

"That's something we work a lot on is being aggressive on the bases and that's an example why on taking two bases on a groundball instead of one and we scored the only run



Micah Kennedy prepares to start an inning, as she went on to pitch 9.1 innings with 19 strikeouts and only allowing two hits in the Sheldon Huskies away league matchup at Pleasant Grove High School on April 3. Photos by Alejandro Barron

for 10 innings," Cherry said.

The next batter following the run, Brown got to a 3-0 count after being called on back-to-back-to-back illegal pitches and Kennedy entered the game.

What followed was nothing short of dominance, which included her racking up 19 strikeouts.

"She moves the ball really well," Huskies head

coach Mary Jo Truesdale said. "She's just so focused, she spins the ball and she's a competitor and we call our bullpen 'bulldogs' now because that's what they're becoming as both Kwinci and Micah don't want to lose and it doesn't matter that they're a freshman and sophomore they just want to compete at the highest level."

Kennedy's counterpart,



Micah Kennedy hit a ground-rule double in the 6th inning of the Sheldon Huskies matchup against the Pleasant Grove Eagles on April 3.

Madeline Lawson, matched her for most of the ballgame as she tossed 10 innings and only allowed four hits but came up on the losing side of things.

In a 10-inning game, head coach Brian Cherry described his team and his starting pitcher as tough to be able to stay in the game for so long.

"To go 10 innings in a 1-1 game is taxing mentally," Cherry. "It takes a lot to pitch that much and I hate to see it to be honest

when you're pitching staff is down to one so it's tough but she (Lawson) has a lot of grit and fight.

In the second inning, Kennedy led off the inning with a walk for the Huskies and had Kayla Leone come in to run as a courtesy for the pitcher when she later reached third and Reyna Ozuna hit a ground ball that was ruled as an error on the first baseman according to MaxPreps led to an RBI and a 1-1 tie game. ★

High School Athletes Join With Special-Ed Students

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - High school athletics receive support from parents, students and media with athletes getting cheered on for all the buckets, late buzzer beaters and more, but what about those who might not have that same opportunity?

Well, the Unified Basketball League allows special education students to be paired up with general-education athletes on co-ed teams so they can know what it feels like to be on the court.

"I think the toughest thing is we get a ton of support for our general-ed teams at our basketball, football, softball or baseball games and some of our main supporters are students with special needs and they never get to have that feeling of making a last-minute shot or making a basket in general and to give them this opportunity through this is the best part," Laguna Creek teacher and football coach Ryan Nill said.

Laguna Creek, Elk Grove, Valley, Monterey Trail and Franklin schools have been participating in



Ari Post puts up a shot during the Franklin Wildcats versus Valley Vikings matchup in the semifinals of the Unified Basketball League Tournament at Laguna Creek High School on April 5.

individual games that culminated on April 5 with the first Elk Grove Unified School District's Unified Basketball League championship tournament at Laguna Creek.

Nill brought this idea forward because of a prior experience in another school district.

"One of my biggest motivations, when I came to Laguna to teach, was to bring the Special Olympics that I did in Soledad Unified School District out in Monterey County and bring it here," Nill said. "We started with track and field and then we had a Unified Basketball interest



The Franklin Wildcats pose with their championship trophy after defeating the Laguna Creek Cardinals in the championship game of the Unified Basketball League Tournament at Laguna Creek High School on April 5. Photos by Alejandro Barron

from both Elk Grove and our side (Laguna Creek) and Special Olympics introduced us to the Unified Basketball League and we picked up from there."

One of the athletes who competed in this inaugural tournament included Ari Post, a sophomore student from Franklin High School, who enjoyed her time on the court and was a fan favorite as the crowd erupted with every bucket she scored.

"Running and a pizza party," Post said enthusiastically when asked what her favorite part of the tournament was. "And having all my family and supporters."

"It has been a lot of work to organize this league," according to Nill, but it has been received "with a ton of support" and he hopes to expand this event to the whole school district and beyond.

"We really want to grow it to the other four schools in the district next year. There's five of us that competed this year and once we get all nine schools I think we'll even grow it out to start competing with other leagues as well," Nill said.

One of the tournament's head coaches included Franklin High School teacher and head varsity basketball coach Ken Manfredi, who describes this league and

tournament as a phenomenal experience.

"It's impressive to see how well organized the league was so as we continue to play games, it was very motivating for us to get some ideas for next year, like the great school spirit Laguna had and Elk Grove as well with the gym packed, the band and cheerleaders there," Manfredi said.

"We're really excited to provide the opportunity to be in the league again next year."

The Franklin Wildcats took the inaugural tournament win, but as Manfredi said, the biggest trophy was the smiles on all these athletes' faces. ★

Little Leaguers Celebrate 75th Anniversary

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove Youth Baseball celebrated its 75th anniversary last Sunday with picture day and a hit-a-thon with all the teams of the current season at Jan Rau Community Park.

The event began at 8 a.m. last Sunday with pictures and the hit-a-thon with vendors and local food trucks selling food and jump houses for children to play.

At 11:30 a.m., festivities continued with the parade onto Field 2 of Rau Park, which included every team across all age groups of the league where a couple of speakers spoke about the 75th anniversary, including Elk Grove Youth Baseball board member Curtis Hoffstot.

"This isn't only about Elk Grove Youth Baseball but about Elk Grove in general," Hoffstot said. "This is one of the most special leagues in probably all of America and definitely in California."

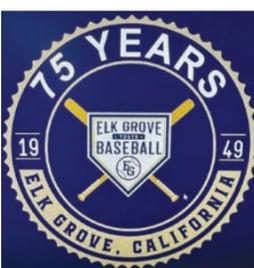
of the league sponsors, which a majority are local, that helped put on this special event as it allows the league to have event funding, help with equipment and maintain the fields.

As a native of the Washington D.C. area, Hoffstot said that he thought his local league was special until he moved to Elk Grove and realized "baseball is life" here. Many players started in baseball through Elk Grove Youth Baseball.

All the players and coaches on Elk Grove Youth Baseball teams for the current spring 2024 season gathered during the parade at Jan Rau Community Park on April 8. Photo by Alejandro Barron

One of these players is a former big leaguer who is an Elk Grove High School and Cosumnes River College alumni, David Freitas who now coaches his children in Elk Grove Youth Baseball.

"I want to say for all of the kids that when I was here playing, I still



Elk Grove Youth Baseball celebrated its 75th anniversary on April 7 at Jan Rau Community Park. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Youth Baseball

remember when I was 12 and under with how much fun I was having and enjoying playing the game of baseball with how much it teaches you about life," Freitas said.

Freitas described coaching both his children as some of the most fun times he has had in baseball. Freitas is coaching them in the same league where he got his start that put him on a path to later reach the major leagues.

Another speaker during this 75-year anniversary league celebration included Elk Grove Vice-Mayor and District 2 City Councilmember Rod



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Brewer, who was rocking a cream-colored Homestead Grays jersey of the Negro League.

"This is a great example of community with all these businesses supporting our kids, the board that's here is working hard every day for our kids and that's just a great example of what we can do when we're working closely together," Brewer said.

Brewer spoke about Jan Rau, who he described as a strong community leader for Elk Grove and thanked her for paving the

way for Elk Grove parks, such as Rau Park that Elk Grove Youth Baseball uses as home diamond for their season. Cosumnes Community Services District board member Peter Sakaris also thanked the Rau family for donating the land on which Rau Park is on so that children can enjoy playing on the baseball diamond.

Sakaris also took the time to recognize parents who bring their children out to participate in Elk Grove Youth Baseball.

"One of the most

important people that are out here today are you, the parents," Sakaris said. "It is your dedication and time put into this event and to the league so you all deserve a big round of applause."

After ceremonial first pitches from Brewer, Rau and Sakaris, young athletes continued with their hit-a-thon, face painting, local food trucks, bounce houses and the love for baseball continuing to grow through Elk Grove Youth Baseball. ★