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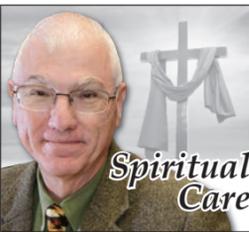
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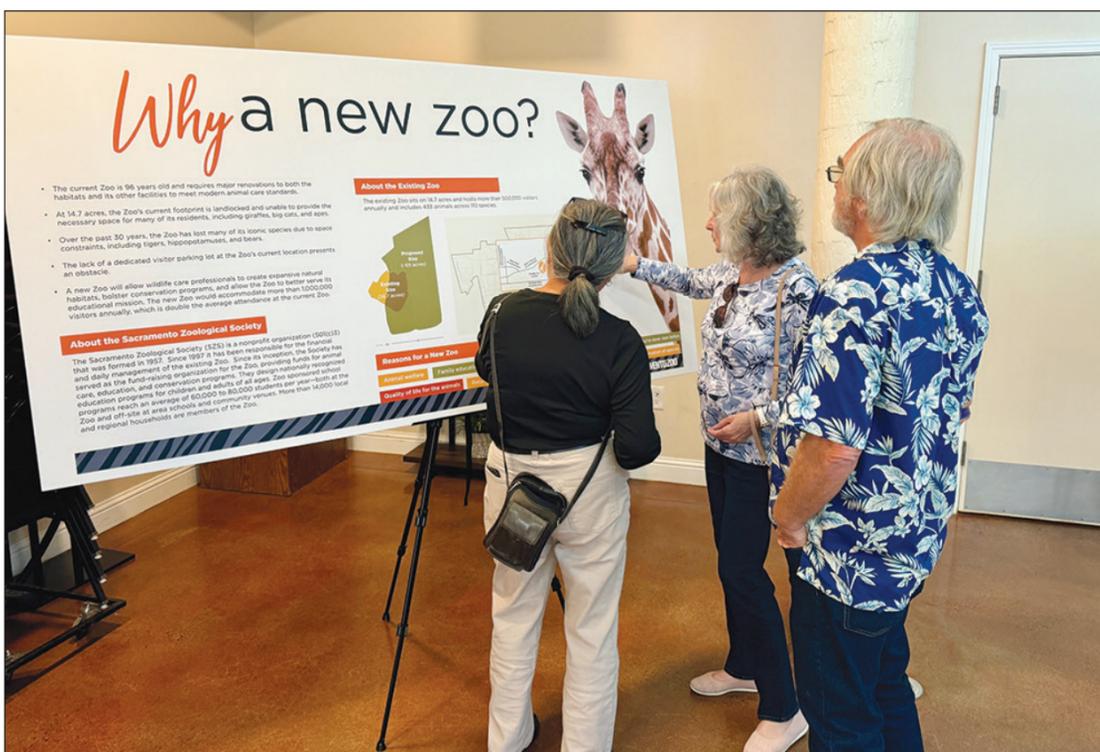
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## Zoo Makes Case for Elk Grove Move



Visitors at the Sacramento Zoo's Happy Hour event read about why the zoo is advocating for a move to a new, larger location in Elk Grove. Photos by Matthew Malone



An okapi, a relative of giraffes, explores its enclosure on April 18. Okapis and primates called geladas would feature prominently at the zoo's potential Elk Grove location.

**By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Looking to make its case for a move down to Elk Grove as a crucial City Council hearing approaches, the Sacramento Zoo hosted an information session April 18 and invited Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce members.

The April 18 info session was incorporated into the zoo's Happy Hour, a 21-plus after-hours event that it hosts in spring and summer. Poster boards set up in a meeting room showed the zoo's proposed plans for the space in south Elk Grove under consideration as its new home. Zoo staff explained the concepts for

visitors.

Under the proposal, the zoo would build out the parcel north of Kammerer Road in four phases.

The first phase would "focus on the core Zoo," according to the materials shown at the happy hour, "including the entry and giraffe lodge, animal care, the savanna, and iconic species including lion, cheetah, gelada, and okapi."

Phase 1 can be split in two, depending on funding; the full phase is estimated to cost \$258 million in on-site work, plus \$44 million in off-site improvements.

Lesley Kirrene, the zoo's director of institutional advancement and

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## General Plan Defines Noise Levels

**By Sharon Pearce**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Members of the Elk Grove Planning Commission sought guidance from senior planner Sarah Kirchgessner about the General Plan noise standards at its April 18 meeting.

First, "noise" was defined as "unwanted sound."

Kirchgessner said that sound is measured in decibels (dB), a relative unit of measurement equal to one tenth of a bel (B). The maximum allowable exterior noise in decibels for the city should be no more than 60 decibels and no more than 45 decibels for interior noise, according to Kirchgessner.

The residential standard is measured in Ldn (Day Night Average Sound), which is the average for the noise over a 24-hour period. Leq (equivalent continuous sound level) is the code representing a typical worst-case hour. Some areas along busy streets tested out at 70 decibels. If noise is sited adjacent to a higher noise measure or a residential setting with sensitive receptors, the city will require a noise study.

"Noise control" means managing excessive or offensive noise detrimental to public welfare, which would be a public nuisance. The establishment of maximum permissible noise levels "will serve the peace of local inhabitants," Kirchgessner said.

Currently set in the plan is that daytime acceptable decibels are 50 to 55, and at night, 40 to 45, with a defined location set for place of measurement. Interior noise levels are measured at set locations, too, Kirchgessner said.

Noise standards can have exemptions. Parks and playgrounds, common railroad sounds, solid waste collection noise and residential property maintenance are exempt to noise levels from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Prohibited noise includes construction sounds between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. as well as other noises from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. This includes public service noise, exclusive of barking complaints. There are prohibitions on public nuisance noise that is unusual and disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. Factors as to time of day and other ambient noises are included.

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## Scholarship Foundation Honors Bounty Sponsors



Ella Snobar, left, recipient of the Dr 'A' Adreani's Leadership/Mentor Memorial Scholarship, poses for a photo with her mother, Victoria Timingham, right, and Marcia Adreani. Adreani's husband, Arnold Adreani, was principal of Joseph Kerr Middle School. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Gearing up for its annual presentation of scholarships to high-achieving local students, Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation (EGRSF) held a party to thank the sponsors for its Bounty on the

Boulevard fundraiser. The reception on April 28 at Boulevard Bistro gave sponsors and foundation members an opportunity to chat and enjoy good food.

The Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation also hosted its Spotlight on Scholarships award ceremony for scholarship recipients on May 2. Look

for coverage in the May 10 issue of the Citizen.

Rebecca Davis, an Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation vice-president, said the foundation offered 160 scholarships this year, ranging in amount from \$1,000 to \$15,000.

Davis said the foundation's goal is to encourage

local youth to seek higher education without taking on debt. Scholarships are available for college as well as trade and technical schools.

Many scholarships also specify an area of study, such as the Walt Davis Automotive Scholarship, which gives \$2,000 to a

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# Elk Grove Selects Development Partner for Project Elevate

Story by Shaunna Boyd

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - At the April 24 meeting, the Elk Grove City Council considered a resolution authorizing a Letter of Intent with CenterCal Acquisitions, LLC for Project Elevate, which would develop approximately 20 city-owned acres into a mixed-use district.

Many years of planning has gone into creating the Project Elevate vision of an urban district with dining, shopping, entertainment, residential and public gathering spaces. A team of consultants completed a plan for the property that was approved by City Council in 2020. The parcel was then designated as surplus property so it could be sold to a private developer, which also triggered a 15% affordable housing requirement at the new development.

An initial agreement with Hines development firm fell through last year when the firm said it could not feasibly proceed with the agreed design and timeline. So a request was sent out for new developer proposals. After review by city staff and City Council's ad hoc committee, CenterCal Acquisitions was recommended as the best development partner to manifest the city's vision for Project Elevate.

The review found that CenterCal has demonstrated success in creating mixed-use projects and has the passion and commitment to make this vision a reality. Staff also touted CenterCal's strong financial and retail relationships, and the full-service operational services offered for their properties.

CenterCal's vice president of Pacific Northwest Development, Scott Bohrer, said he sees a "sense of pride in this community, a sense of incredible civic engagement ... and a real passion and excitement for the future of Elk Grove."

Bohrer said that he and the entire CenterCal team are excited to be a part of that.

The company was founded 20 years ago, "and in that time, they have completed more than 20 projects, building "a reputation for delivering properties that are unique, that are relevant to the

communities that they serve" and that become "the heart of that community, a place of civic pride," said Bohrer.

CenterCal's plan is to make Project Elevate a hub for the city of Elk Grove, with the project centered around a half-acre town square concept. The public space will be surrounded with experiences such as dining, shopping, entertainment and fitness opportunities. Bohrer said the goal is to bring people out and encourage them to gather together. CenterCal is looking forward to getting input from the community about what types of amenities they would like to see, such as water fountains, amphitheatre seating, and seasonal and holiday events.

Bohrer said that their proposal is not as dense as the city's original vision, but they want to ensure their plan can be delivered now. In the future, Bohrer said, there will be the potential to change surface parking lots in the development into multi-level parking structures so that other surface lots could be used to expand the housing and retail spaces.

If the Letter of Intent is approved by City Council, then CenterCal and the city will enter into a 180-day negotiation period. During that time, the property will be appraised for current fair market value (estimated at approximately \$4 million) and a purchase price will be determined. CenterCal and the city will share the cost of completing the conceptual planning on the project (with a \$250,000 cap for the city's half) and negotiate the terms of the purchase agreement.

After the purchase agreement is finalized, it would come back to City Council for approval (after the conclusion of the 180 days, likely in October). Escrow would take between 12 and 18 months, during which CenterCal would secure all necessary building permits and entitlements. Construction would begin within one year of closing, with various options for the developer to extend closing if they need to delay the start of construction within one to five years, at increasing costs to pay for those options.

The agreement would include a clause



An artistic rendering shows the vision for a central town square at the heart of the mixed-use district developed through Project Elevate. Images courtesy of City of Elk Grove.



An aerial rendering shows the various building heights planned for dining, retail, apartments, and hotels.

allowing the city the right to buy back the property, including any improvements, if the developer is not making an effort to move the project forward.

During Public Comment, Elk Grove resident Sharon Anderson said the city has beautiful sunrises and sunsets, so she suggested that the project should include some sort of rooftop dining and seating to enjoy those views.

Councilmember Darren Suen thanked staff and the developer for their time and effort on this project, and he thanked the community for creating an environment that would welcome this type of development.

"There's so much demand here in Elk Grove for people to go out and have a good time ... to have an experience," Suen said this developer was a "perfect partner," offering a high level of operational details, handling landscaping, maintenance, cleaning, management and event

programming.

Vice Mayor Rod Brewer said, "It takes a while to create an environment of excitement. It takes perseverance to keep the machine going even when it looks like all is lost." He said that despite the setback when the first developer fell through, staff had the necessary focus to "stay on the road to seek the right solutions." After the long wait, he said, Project Elevate will be "something special for the city."

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said she was very pleased with the proposal and the vision: "This is going to be the heart of our city ... a new downtown" that will "ultimately be the crown jewel of Elk Grove and a shining example for the region as well."

The Council voted unanimously and enthusiastically to approve the Letter of Intent to move forward with CenterCal.

The next meeting of the Elk Grove City Council is scheduled for May 8. ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### CSD Treatment of Western Festival Upsetting

*Editor's note: Letters to the editor represent the opinions of their writers. They do not represent the views of the Elk Grove Citizen or its staff, and their publication is not an endorsement of their content.*

Editor:

I sent this letter to the CSD (Community Services District) board members.

The Elk Grove Western Festival board is made up of volunteers, none of us are getting paid. Elk Grove as a community does not deserve the cancellation of this event that has been going on for over 60 years.

We need the CSD to help us finish putting this event together, not shutting it down.

Our insurance company has been working with the CSD the past week to get the wording correct, so it makes no sense for

the CSD administration to do this to the Elk Grove community.

The way the Western Festival board has been treated this year has been very upsetting. We get deadlines for new paperwork that we have never had in the past.

Is this CSD board a representation of the people of Elk Grove or are they just puppets of their administration?

I'm also on the Strauss Festival board, I started and keep the Red, White and Blue fireworks show going, I put on the Veterans Parade, and I put on the Holiday of Lights Parade.

I am appalled at the email that your administration sent out to the Elk Grove community today over a signature on the insurance paperwork.

Think about what this does to this community and the parade.

— Lynden King  
Elk Grove

## Scholarship Foundation Honors Bounty Sponsors

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student entering an automotive technician training program at Cosumnes River College (CRC).

"If you go to CRC and you've got to buy tools and things, that money will pay for that. It's everything from books to tuition to food to computers to whatever a student may need," Davis told the Citizen.

Davis said she appreciated the support of the foundation's sponsors and donors, adding that she went to college on scholarships.

"That was my goal is to give back, and make sure that students can progress," Davis said.

Coming up on June 2 is the foundation's major fundraising event, Bounty on the Boulevard. The

event at District56 features local wineries and breweries and a four-course meal made with local ingredients. The sponsor party at Boulevard Bistro honored the sponsors who make Bounty on the Boulevard possible.

Bounty on the Boulevard sponsors are Bank of Stockton, city of Elk Grove, Jackson Properties, K & A Spease Foundation, Kim Smith, Point Quest Education, Raley's Supermarkets, Realty Roundup, Republic Services, Sheldon Wine Shop, Sky River Casino and Wells Fargo.

The money raised from Bounty on the Boulevard ensures that all funds Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation receives from donors can go to scholarships, said

Natasha Moore, a foundation vice president.

"I think (Bounty on the Boulevard) is just a great opportunity for us to all come together in support of one cause that we're all excited about and proud of, and it gives us the chance to celebrate," Moore said.

She added that the scholarships are meant to help students see "that college is an option."

"What students tell us is that that support and that scholarship reminds them that the community cares and that the community is behind them," Moore said.

For more about the Foundation and Bounty on the Boulevard or to donate, visit [elkgrovesf.org](http://elkgrovesf.org). Tickets for Bounty on the Boulevard cost \$150. ★

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# Centenarian Receives Key to The City

By Shaunna Boyd

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The City of Elk Grove recently honored Eola Bates with a Key to the City, one of the city's highest honors.

Bates celebrated her 103rd birthday on April 20, surrounded by family and friends at a celebration at the Antioch Progressive Baptist Church, where Councilmember Darren Suen presented her with the Key to the City.

Bates lives with grandchildren in Elk Grove, and she loves to paint and read novels. ★



Councilmember Darren Suen presented Elk Grove resident Eola Bates with a Key to the City in honor of her 103rd birthday.



Eola Bates celebrated her 103rd birthday on April 20, surrounded by friends and family. Photos courtesy of the City of Elk Grove.

# Zoo Makes Case for Elk Grove Move

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marketing, told the Citizen that the zoo struggles to meet modern wildlife care standards at its current location, which she said is too small and has old infrastructure.

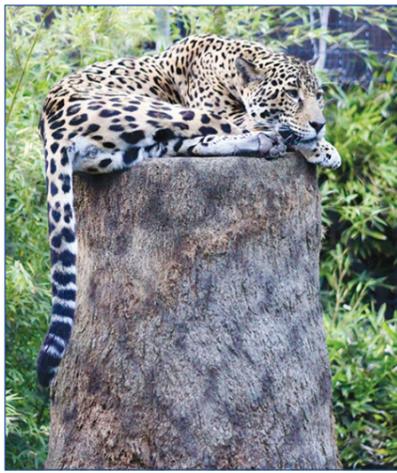
"We had to send to other zoos a lot of our megafauna, bears and chimpanzees and tigers and a lot of animals that we just don't have the space for. And that'll continue to happen if this little zoo stays where it is and doesn't move," Kirrene said. "Pretty much, soon, we'd have reptiles and birds."

The proposed location is about 65 acres, more than four times larger than the current footprint of 14.7 acres. Phase 1 of construction would fill in about 30 acres of the new site.

The construction's initial phases would focus on the Giraffe Lodge and a restaurant at the site's southwest end, according to Kirrene.

The restaurant would open to the public before the rest of the zoo and stay open after hours once the zoo is built, allowing patrons to watch giraffes in a savanna environment and get a preview of the facility.

The relocated zoo would draw ideas from multiple other zoos, particularly some in Europe, Kirrene said. It would have a more "naturalistic" appearance, with multiple species living in shared areas, and barriers and paths hidden from



Sasha the jaguar rests on a tree stump at the Sacramento Zoo.

view.

"Animals will be front and center here," Kirrene said.

Elk Grove City Council is set to consider giving final approval to the project at its May 8 regular meeting, and the zoo appealed to Happy Hour visitors to support it by attending the May 8 meeting, submitting comment to city officials or signing on to a letter of support.

"A zoo is not only a place for entertainment and recreation but also serves as an educational resource for children and adults alike. It provides an opportunity for individuals to learn about various animal



Attendees at the Sacramento Zoo Happy Hour watch giraffes on April 18. Photos by Matthew Malone

species, their habitats, and the importance of environmentalism and conservation efforts," the letter of support stated, also saying that a zoo would boost economic growth and make Elk Grove the first U.S. city "to build a new zoo from the ground up in more than 30 years."

When the Planning Commission met on April 4 and ultimately recommended that City Council approve the project, it received more than 200 written public comments.

Members of the chamber who attended said they wanted to gather information on the zoo's plans but they declined to comment on the idea of a move to Elk Grove, noting that the chamber has not taken a formal position. They praised the Happy Hour series, which features live music, food and alcoholic beverages, as a way of broadening the zoo's appeal beyond children.

Board member Amy Labowitch, who

previously worked with the zoo, said a representative explained the effects of the zoo's lack of space.

"Zoos aren't just for looking at animals. Their basic purpose is preservation and restabilization and all of these other things that zoos are supposed to be doing. And can they do it here?" Labowitch said.

Sacramento business owner Jeff Hallsten described longtime connections to the zoo, having brought his children to the zoo when they were young and serving as a board member. His daughter works at the zoo as a primate zookeeper. Hallsten commented in favor of the move before the Planning Commission and said he planned to appear before City Council as well.

"Personally, for me, I'm all in on this thing," Hallsten told the Citizen, adding that the current location is too small. "Elk Grove basically stepped up and did what Sacramento didn't have the vision to do. ... I can't imagine why a municipality wouldn't want to promote something like the zoo and there's an infrastructure cost but the cost is so minimal for all the return, which is both financial and cultural, and the city would have a zoo."

For more information about the zoo proposal, visit the city of Elk Grove's webpage at bit.ly/4baHQDK (case sensitive). The May 8 City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. at Elk Grove Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way. The agenda and meeting materials will be posted at least 72 hours beforehand at elkgrovecity.org/city-council/council-meetings. ★

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Musical Mayhem Productions members perform at Festival of the Arts. The group's education director, Kelly Cullity, is in the background.



Laguna Creek High School students do a pottery demonstration. Photos by Emanuel Espinoza



Erin Martinelli is the board president of the Elk Grove Arts Center.



Festival-goers visit some of the 40 organizations presenting at Old Town Plaza.



Lacy Leanne paints a portrait of MMA fighter Valentina Shevchenko.

# Festival of the Arts Includes 40 Artists

By Emanuel Espinoza

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - For the third year in a row, Elk Grove hosted the Festival of the Arts at the Old Town Plaza on April 27.

Many attendees were there to look at various forms of art, including painting, photography, literature, sculpting and live music. One booth was devoted to tie-dye, with the artist displaying and selling clothes of that style.

Laguna Creek High School had a booth devoted to pottery demonstrations.

Darci Robertson, event organizer and Elk Grove Fine Arts Center gallery manager, said that this event is held the last weekend of April in Old Town Plaza, and it has expanded the last two years.

The annual event had 40 artists this year. "I think it's great that it's bringing out a lot of people in Elk Grove who enjoy art," Robertson said. "I feel like attendance has gotten greater and that it's a very popular event."

Erin Martinelli, artist and board president for the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, said that this event was organized by the art center.

"We're so happy to have different high schools and kids involved, as well as other organizations like the writers' guild and the local wineries definitely showcasing the best of Elk Grove," Martinelli said.

Sacramento artist Lacy Leanne, working on a portrait painting at her booth, specializes in charcoal portraits of people and animals in black and white and is branching out into mixed-media style with acrylic paint and a charcoal overlay.

Leanne started painting two years ago, and this event was the second art festival she has participated in within the past couple of months.

Some authors displayed their books and promoted their nonprofit organization, the Elk Grove Writers Guild, which formed in 2019.

Writers Guild President Loy Holder said that the Festival of the Arts had various forms of art, whether it's visual, music and writing, including literary writing.

Musical Mayhem Productions showcased the vocal talents of youth who performed at the festival.

Kelly Cullity, Musical Mayhem Productions education director, said, "It's great that Elk Grove prioritized the arts in a way that allows the space for different art organizations to come together and showcase what they do."

"We are an organization that produces more than 20 youth musicals a year," Cullity said.

"Our kids perform in musicals all year long. They are very accustomed to performing." ★

# Local Therapy Provider Moves to New Elk Grove Site

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - SagePoint Intensive Outpatient Program held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new location on April 18, marking an expansion of the Elk Grove company's services for individuals confronting mental-health or substance-use disorders.

SagePoint owner Caroline Bentley thanked the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event, for its support of small businesses.

Bentley, a licensed marriage and family therapist, told attendees that SagePoint operates in the middle of the continuum of behavioral health care. Behavioral health treatment can be divided into three general levels of care. The highest level is inpatient or residential care, in which patients spend 24 hours a day under supervision; at the lower levels of outpatient care, patients live independently and might see a therapist once a week.

"We're kind of that mid-level, where we're offering nine hours of treatment per week," Bentley said. "So it's three hours a day, three days a week, so people get a lot of great structure and care and support but they can still maintain family commitments, they can go to school, they can go to work. They can fit it into their daily lives."



SagePoint owner Caroline Bentley cuts the ribbon on her business's new location on Dwight Road. She is joined by Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce members. Photos by Matthew Malone

SagePoint's patients could transition out of inpatient treatment or increase the intensity of their outpatient treatment after finding they need more support.

With the new, larger space at 3137 Dwight Road, Suite 600, in Elk Grove, SagePoint has expanded its services. In addition to its existing treatment for substance-use disorders, the company now offers treatment for mental health. Currently, it works with clients 18 and older; Bentley said it accepts most insurance, except Kaiser Permanente.

Audrey Nelson, an associate marriage and family therapist at SagePoint, said the additional service is "really, really exciting."

"I think any time you move buildings and expand, it just becomes so much more real. ... It's just been such a testament

to her hard work to be able to expand," Nelson said. "It means this model is successful and she's poured her heart into it, and so it's just been really exciting to see that come to fruition for her."

The new building has two separate rooms to host group therapy sessions for mental health and substance abuse.

Bentley said in an interview that the rooms are designed to avoid feeling like "a big, sterile hospital setting." Clients sit on wooden armchairs, each with a pillow and blanket; decorations include potted plants and wall art.

"I wanted it to feel like a little less institutionalized care. I wanted it to feel like people were coming in, and this is their living room and cozy here," Bentley said.

Nelson explained the benefits that SagePoint sees in holding group

therapy sessions, with new patients joining on a rolling basis and other patients "graduating" to lower-level treatment.

"The groups get really close. (There's) such a healing component to therapy when you feel like you're really not alone."

Some patients have found the chance to interact in person with a group of familiar people helpful as they recover from COVID-19 pandemic isolation, Nelson said, noting that participants spend session breaks socializing with each other.

"This group is so connected that it's been so fun to watch everyone migrate outside and still choose to be with one another, after coming in the first day and saying that they've felt really isolated for numerous years. It has been to me the most special part of working in a group setting, just seeing people get their



SagePoint Intensive Outpatient Program owner Caroline Bentley (center) poses for a photo with her husband, Lee Nedler, left, and Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Audrey Nelson.



Shown is the room where SagePoint conducts its substance-use disorder group therapy.



An individual-therapy room at SagePoint's new location.

confidence back," Nelson said.

SagePoint has been in business for about two years, and Bentley said the business's name represents the goal she has in mind for clients. "Sage" to me represents wisdom. I think of the sage person that is wise and traveled on the journey of life and has gained experiences and insights," Bentley said. "Point" is related to the company's

philosophy that clients "know what's best for them, and we're going to help them access that."

"So it's kind of like coming back to the center point within them that holds all the wisdom that actually does the healing for them," Bentley said.

For more information about SagePoint Intensive Outpatient Program, visit its website, [sagepointvip.com](http://sagepointvip.com), or call 916-896-1061 for a free consultation. ★

# ARTS CALENDAR

## Elk Grove Artists Inc. (EGA)

Each month, Elk Grove Artists Inc. engages established and recognized guest artists who conduct workshops, presentations, demos, critiques and more, often sharing stories and experiences that inspire their creativity.

To sign up for workshop notices, call (916) 715-3749 or (916) 591-7446, or visit [elkgroveartists@att.net](http://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](http://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:

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

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new

technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

At the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center you can find art workshops for adults in a variety of mediums and techniques.

We periodically offer workshops for younger people, dependent upon the instructor and type of class. If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. (*Availability of these classes can change at any time*)

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Beginning Acrylic with Andrea Morris – May 25, 2024

To sign up for classes and learn more, please visit [elkgrovefineartscenter.org/workshops](http://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 more information, visit [aseatatthetablebooks.org/](http://aseatatthetablebooks.org/) or call (916) 538-3482.

## View Artwork from Elk Grove

At [webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/](http://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](mailto:lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org). ★

# City's General Plan Defines Noise Levels

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Code enforcement is responsible for enforcing noise complaints, such as from animals measured for a consistent period of 10 minutes within a 30-minute period. No designated periods were set out. One commissioner said the graphics showed 26 complaints in 2022, asking what enforcement staff did in response. The answer was those complaints came under the Animal Services purview. An Elk Grove enforcement officer expanded on the answer, saying most complaints relate to construction workers starting early.

Information was presented on exterior sensitive noise, plus noise measured for a range of hours. Kirchgessner's report indicated 68 decibels was likely and

daytime as 55 and nighttime as 45. There are reasons for exemptions, Kirchgessner noted.

Standards cover general noise equipment as well.

The decibel is 45 for an office building. Transportation noise is also covered in the code. Future noise probability must consider walls or a noise study might be required. Noise review is included in most projects, according to Kirchgessner.

In other news, a resolution was adopted that makes G & C Auto Body, an auto-body and auto paint service business in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district at 9919 Kent St., exempt from CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) guidelines, and the Planning Commission

approved a conditional use permit. An approximately 374-square-foot patio cover at the rear of the existing building is to be used as a car wash area for vehicles being serviced, but no other exterior improvements were proposed. The ownership, part of the Crozar Family Foundation, has an existing CEQA exemption.

The Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending that City Council find the proposed 2024 to 2029 Capital Improvement Program is not a project coming under CEQA guidelines and finding it to be consistent with the City of Elk Grove's General Plan.

It was set out that fees under it are discretionary. Five programs in it are

alternative transportation and roads, i.e., trails and bike paths; community enhancement via landscape, lighting; plazas and parks; drainage such as flood control, stormwater quality and conveyance; facilities, covering new as well as repair and maintenance; and transportation such as pavement resurfacing, traffic control and traditional transportation projects.

The Planning Commission's findings, many already in the General Plan, will go to City Council on May 22 and an annual budget to be presented for adoption at the City Council meeting on June 12.

City Council meetings start at 6 p.m. at 8400 Laguna Palms Way.

New member Varinder Singh was welcomed to the Planning Commission. ★



## DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?

### Why Every Rider Needs Motorcycle Insurance

With Summer approaching we are going to see more motorcycles on the road. Some riders find riding their motorcycle to be an exhilarating experience which offers a sense of freedom and others prefer the economy and being able to get through traffic easily. Like any other form of transportation, riding a motorcycle comes with inherent risks. Safety should always be a rider's top priority and having motorcycle insurance in California can provide a crucial financial safety net in case of an accident.

Everyone who gets in or on a vehicle is at risk for a motor vehicle crash. The potential stakes for motorcycle riders are even higher. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says only 3% of all vehicles registered in the United States are motorcycles. Compare that 3% rate with 15% of all fatal accidents annually involve motorcycles. The riders who survive a crash often suffer injuries that involve a long recovery or even permanent disabilities. The disproportionate risks highlight the importance of having motorcycle insurance.

California Insurance Code 11580.1b makes it compulsory for every vehicle owner to have insurance coverage in the event they end up in an accident. The minimum insurance required under the law is:

- Injury or death of one person in an accident: \$15,000;
- Injury or death of more than one person in an accident: \$30,000; and
- Damage to property of another person: \$5,000.

Although \$15,000 may seem like a lot of money, it's important to keep in mind that most injuries sustained in motorcycle accidents are typically serious ones that require expensive and long-term medical treatments. \$15,000 quickly maxes out, leaving a seriously injured motorcycle accident victim still facing staggering medical bills.

Unfortunately, not everyone follows the law and far too many vehicles drive on California roads without proper insurance. Although the state may penalize uninsured drivers, that won't help the injured victim after they've been hurt. Buying insurance above the minimum is like buying Peace of Mind.

Many policies offer additional coverage options, like: Collision and Comprehensive: This covers damage to your motorcycle in case of an accident (collision) or other unforeseen events like theft or vandalism (comprehensive). Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage: This protects you in situations where the at-fault driver has no insurance or not enough to cover your damages. When you invest in a comprehensive motorcycle insurance policy, you're giving yourself far greater peace of mind. You can ride with the knowledge that in case of an accident, you'll have the financial resources to recover and get back on the road.

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## CITY OF ELK GROVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



CITY OF ELK GROVE

The City of Elk Grove is seeking applications to fill a vacancy on the Disability Advisory Committee. Applicants must have an interest in the City and disability issues. The Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

**Qualifications.** Applicants must be 18 years or older and reside within the City of Elk Grove. The

Committee shall include members drawn from persons with disabilities or their immediate families, persons from organizations serving or representing persons with disabilities, and persons with interest and/or knowledge about disability issues and who have a broad community perspective. At least three of the members shall be persons with a disability, currently the committee meets this requirement, the vacancy position does not require an applicant to have a disability. (Note: This is a non-paid, volunteer position.)

### Disability Advisory Committee Specific Tasks and Objectives

The scope of the Disability Advisory Committee is as follows:

- Review the accessibility of services, programs, facilities and/or employment of City departments, and advise the City Council accordingly;
- Review relevant City policies, guidelines, procedures, reports and state or federal legislation to advise the City Council accordingly;
- Act as a liaison to community groups, governmental agencies, and individuals in addressing disability issues related to the City of Elk Grove, however, the committee shall not proactively seek out persons, community groups, governmental agencies or issues unrelated to those brought to its attention by staff, and the committee shall not act as a hearing or an appeals board; and
- Review and make recommendations to the City Council with regard to legislative policy.

The Disability Advisory Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove.

**Appointment and Term.** Appointment will be made by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council; member appointments will be reviewed by the Mayor and City Council annually.

**APPLICATIONS:** A Fact Sheet and application are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, California 95758 and are posted on the City's website at <https://www.elkgrovecity.org/commissions-and-committees/vacancies-appointment-opportunities>. Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, or emailed to [cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org).

The deadline to submit an application is June 5, 2024 or until such time as sufficient applications have been received.

If you require the application in an accessible format please contact Jim Ramsey, at 916-478-2250, [jramsey@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:jramsey@elkgrovecity.org), TTY/TDD: 1-888-435-6092 or the California Relay Service 711.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk  
(916) 478-2286  
Dated / published: May 3, 2024

# POLICE LOGS

**Friday, April 19**

1:27 p.m., Calvine Road/Auberry Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Bill Chac, 53, on meth and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

2:03 p.m., Highway 99/Grant Line Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Reina Melendez, 41, on drug paraphernalia and controlled substance possession, and warrant charges.

7:30 p.m., Center Parkway/Calvine Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Johnny Phan, 39, on resisting arrest and vehicle window obstruction charges.

8:15 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Emara Mayfield Walton, 23, on battery charges.

**Saturday, April 20**

10:13 p.m., Bond Road/Terra Linda Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Ryan Gentil, 31, on DUI charges.

4:15 p.m., 9600 block of Sutton Pointe Court: Elk Grove Police arrested

Patricio Espinoz, 61, on battery charges.

11:35 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Hai Tran, 61, on warrant charges.

11:36 p.m., 8500 block of Bond Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathon Reeves, 54, on DUI and driving without a license charges.

**Sunday, April 21**

2:01 a.m., Laguna Star Drive/White Star Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Raul Mendoza, 33, on DUI charges.

5:37 a.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Laguna Star Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Alice Neufi, 46, on charges of DUI, driving without proof of insurance, and driving on the wrong side of the road.

6:09 p.m., Blackberry Way/Silverberry Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Travis Knight, 34, on warrant charges.

9:02 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Rene Gutierrez, 47, on restraining order

violation charges.

11:45 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Neosho Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Tek Korotania, 43, on DUI charges.

**Monday, April 22**

12:37 a.m., 7300 block of Bilby Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Tiana Garcia, 30, on warrant charges.

11:13 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Mohibullah Naebkhail, 77, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and corporal injury to an intimate partner.

10:40 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Tek Korotania, 43, on charges of domestic battery, child endangerment and criminal threats.

**Tuesday, April 23**

2:49 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Santiago Lopez, 23, on charges of grand theft, resisting arrest, burglary tool possession, and shoplifting.

4:02 p.m., 8100 block of

Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Fernando Cruz, 46, on robbery charges.

6:41 p.m., 8700 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Amber Talamantes, 37, and Nicolas Santos, 35, on grand theft and conspiracy charges.

9:38 p.m., Bruceville Road/Center Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Atranji Joran, 25, on warrant charges.

**Wednesday, April 24**

12:32 a.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested Aenoy Chaleumy, 43, on charges of felon possession of a firearm, concealed weapon possession, burglary tool possession, identity theft, meth and drug paraphernalia possession, meth transportation or sale, and controlled substance possession while armed.

1 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Jessica Sanchez,

35, on theft of lost property charges.

5:26 p.m., 10600 block of Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Tyrone Jones, 30, on warrant charges. Jones was wanted on charges of rape and performing a lewd act on a child younger than 14 years old, according to jail records.

6:28 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Laguna Lake Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Okoro Oghenetega, 32, on drug paraphernalia possession charges.

9:52 p.m., Highway 99/Grant Line Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Gina Cruz, 54, and Mari Ramos, 40, on receiving a stolen vehicle and warrant charges.

**Thursday, April 25**

2:26 a.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/Sierra Street: Elk Grove Police arrested Dustin Payne, 40, on charges of meth and drug paraphernalia possession and burglary tool possession.

9:41 a.m., 4700 block of

Coppola Circle: Elk Grove Police arrested Kamal Singh, 46, on charges of robbery, elder abuse, battery and damaging a communication device to prevent help.

1 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Jermaine Hill, 35, on restraining order violation charges.

2:53 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Albert Ramirez, 48, on domestic battery charges.

4:33 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Mark Torres, 44, on domestic battery and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

6:57 p.m., 9100 East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Tou Lo, 46, on drug paraphernalia possession charges.

11:04 p.m., 7000 Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Hezekiah Brazelton-Trillo, 21, and Jayvon Evans, 21, on warrant charges. Evans was wanted on illegal firearm transfer charges, according to jail records. ★

# 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](http://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](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

**The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors** has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays 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](http://www.CosumnesCSD.gov) and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

**The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. This meeting is 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](http://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](http://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. Find agendas at [www.EGCCD.com](http://www.EGCCD.com). ★

## MEMORIAL

**KAY ELIZABETH (STOKES) MOSHER • 8/24/1948 – 4/26/2024**

Kay Elizabeth (Stokes) Mosher, 75, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and devoted wife, passed away on April 26, 2024. Kay was born on August 24, 1948 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the daughter of James C. and Jean E. Stokes.

Kay grew up in Blair, Nebraska and graduated with the class of 1966 from Blair Senior High School. She began her career with the Mutual of Omaha in Omaha, NE. Kay came to California for a position with The Farm Credit Bureau in San Francisco. When Farm Credit moved their headquarters to Sacramento, Kay moved with the company. Shortly after she met William (Bill) Mosher, a cattle rancher from Sloughhouse, whom she married and became a ranchers wife. In 1980, Kay gave birth to their only child Melanie, who was their pride and joy. Kay devoted her life to giving Melanie the best life a girl could ask for. They were not only mother and daughter- they were truly best friends.

Kay and Bill were blessed with two wonderful grandchildren. She was the most devoted grandmother and absolutely adored her little Maddie and Billy. She was such integral part of their lives. Her love for her grandchildren was evident in everything that she did. Kay attended every school event, supported every sports game and made every milestone special.

Kay is survived by her only daughter, Melanie Mosher Siesser (Jeff); her grandchildren Madelyn



and William Baiz; two sisters, Mary Jean Rahlfs (Mick) and Diane Byers (Mike); her special friend, Dale Wilson; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by William Mosher, her loving husband of 39 years; her parents James and Jean Stokes; and her in-laws, William Sr. and Melba Mosher.

The family would like to express a very special gratitude to Dawid, her exceptional caregiver, who helped her through the final months of her life with compassion and joy.

A visitation will be held from 5pm to 8pm Thursday May 9, 2024, at East Lawn Funeral Home, 9189 Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove. Funeral Services will be held at 11a.m. Friday, May 10, 2024, at Rancho Murieta Community Church, 14670 Cantova Way, Rancho Murieta. Funeral can be viewed via live-stream at [rmchurch.org](http://rmchurch.org). Flowers may be sent to East Lawn Funeral Home. A private family burial will be held at 9 a.m on Friday, May 10, 2024.

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# ABOUT TOWN

## Gardeners of the Grove May 7 Meeting

The Gardeners of the Grove will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 7.

Our speaker will be Kathy Morrison, Master Gardener, journalist and co-author of the gardening blog Sacramento Digs Gardening.

Kathy will be advising us on how NOT to plant tomatoes.

The meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. (Entrance is on the Elk Grove Blvd. side.) Social time starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Padilla apadilla0511@gmail.com.

## LCHS Band Spring Shred Day

It's time to get those important papers together to be shredded! Laguna Creek High School Band and Guard is holding a Sprin Shred Event! Help the Band and Guard earn money by bringing your personal/commercial papers to their Spring Shred Day from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11.

Location: Laguna Creek High School, 9050 Vicino Drive, Elk Grove, 95758. The school is located off Big Horn and close to Bruceville.

Shredding will be done by Viking Shred, a local company. Please come early as once the shredding company's trucks are full, the event is over. Each truck holds 30 tons, but this event is popular!

In addition, batteries (AA, AAA, C and D along with old cellphone and phone batteries) will be collected and be recycled through the

Elk Grove recycling center.

This is a fundraiser. The Band Boosters are asking for a \$5 donation per box of shredding and a \$1-\$5 donation for household batteries (depending on amount recycled). The money will be used to repair the Band's many elderly instruments and to buy equipment for guard.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheron Morris (treasurer@thelchs-band.org or 916-715-9003, texting OK).

## Caregiver Coffee May 18

Local caregivers are invited to a support group at the Elk Grove United Methodist Church (8986 Elk Grove Blvd.). This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m., the third Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Patsy at 916-479-1149.

## Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for May

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.

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 Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

May 6 - 10:30 a.m. - 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 followed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

May 9 - noon - General Meeting at Valley 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.

Please 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).

## 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 May 4th 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.

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



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**Spiritual Care**

Do you know anyone whose last name appropriately describes them? Such names are called an aptonym because their name "aptly" matches their job or personality in a humorous or ironic way.

During the years I served as an Air Force chaplain, I knew a few chaplains fittingly named. For instance, Chaplain Grace was a Universalist minister whose theology extended grace to all. And Chaplain Love was a caring and popular Catholic priest.

But it was 2nd Lieutenant Friend, who tried a little too hard to become his aptonym, that really made an impression. I met him 35 years ago when I began my career as a 1st Lieutenant.

He was a "Chaplain Candidate," a seminary student, who is granted the rank of 2nd Lieutenant for a 90-day trial period. The program provides on-the-job orientation for potential chaplains.

# What's in a Name?

"Just try it," candidates are told by recruiters. "You can quit anytime without further commitment."

But if candidates don't show the aptitude, the USAF can jettison the "butter bar" with little cause. In other words, the candidate can be "fired." (The single gold bar of the 2nd Lieutenant rank resembles a butter bar.)

During his short summer stay, Friend was given the opportunity to preach in the chapel, make ministry visits on a busy flight line (airport) and make hospital calls to sick airmen.

Friend made his aptonym known all over base, introducing himself as a "Friend of Jesus." He was, as vets say, "Living the Dream."

Yet with all his responsibilities, he sought more recognition.

One summer day, he approached our boss with a question.

"Is there a way I can earn a medal while I'm here?"

"No, we don't give out medals to candidates," said our Senior Chaplain, a full-bird colonel (the rank below general).

The request must have sounded a bit self-centered because the boss asked his chapel staff for feedback on Friend.

"He told me that parishioners think he's the best chaplain on base," I said, "and they wish he was preaching every Sunday."

Our staff priest volunteered that Friend had interrupted flight line staff meetings with his tardiness.

Finally, the chaplain assistants chimed in. "He thinks chaplains should be able to carry guns like other officers."

"I'll talk to him about that," our boss said. "He should know that the Geneva Convention classifies chaplains as non-combatants so we can neither train with, nor carry, weapons." (Chaplain Assistants remain armed in combat zones to protect their chaplains.)

Sadly, I'm not sure Friend got clarity about the weapons training prohibition. That's because one day, he returned to the chapel office with a blue-yellow-green ribbon on his chest.

"What's that for?" I asked.

"It's a Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon," Friend boasted. "I stopped by the range, and they invited me to qualify."

Before I could respond, the boss belittled from his office.

"Lieutenant Friend! Get in here."

I don't know what our boss said. Perhaps he quoted Jesus' words in Luke 14:11, "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled. ..." Or maybe he made his point with James 4:10, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

I can't say, but I do know the boss

delivered some not-so-friendly-fire on the candidate's written evaluation. Sometimes the best spiritual lessons don't come in lectures.

A few weeks later, the colonel brought that eval to the Base Headquarters for the commander's signature.

"Is this report true?" the base commander asked. "Did your candidate really say and do all this?"

"Yes, but I think he deserves another chance next summer," said our boss, always full of grace.

"Not on my base," said the commander.

And with that final word, our chaplain office became ...

Wait for it.

You know I'm going to say it.

Our chapel office became forever Friend-less.

Epilogue – Fifteen years later, I was scolded for nearly the same thing as I helped security cops on a training mission load their magazines with blanks. Fortunately, I was a commissioned chaplain, not a candidate.

*Send email to comment@thechaplain.net or voicemail at (843) 608-9715 or 10556 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. Order my latest book "Tell It To the Chaplain" by sending \$20 to same address or online at www.thechaplain.net.* ★

## 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.

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This concert will be held at the Center at District 56. For more info contact Diane at (916) 479-3578, or [diane@hardinghal-linc.com](mailto:diane@hardinghal-linc.com).

**Upcoming Sermon Topics:** Rev. Dexter

McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics in May: 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 [elkgrove-pres@gmail.com](mailto:elkgrove-pres@gmail.com).

**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. 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](http://www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org)

**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](http://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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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Light Body Toning 8:30 am       | Gentle Yoga 8:30 am           | Cardio Moves 8:30 am            | Gentle Yoga 8:30 am                      | Standing Pilates 8:30 am                |
| Chair Exercise 9:00 am          | Knit & Crochet 9:30 am        | Brain & Body 8:30 am            | Chair Exercise 9:00 am                   | Quilting 8:30 am                        |
| Women's Talk Group 10:00 am     | Men's Talk Group 9:30 am      | Grief Group 3rd Wed NEW 8:30 am | Open Artist Studio 9:00 am               | Chair Exercise 9:00 am                  |
| Chair Exercise 10:00 am         | Zumba Gold 10:00 am           | Chair Exercise 9:00 am          | Open Games 9:00 am                       | Mahjong 9:30 am                         |
| Standing Pilates 10:00 am       | Guitar Workshop 11:00 am      | Chair Exercise 10:00 am         | Zumba Gold 10:00 am                      | Chair Exercise 10:00 am                 |
| Open Games 10:00 am             | Zumba Chair 11:30 am          | Tai Chi 10:00 am                | Beginning Spanish 10:30 am               | Parkinson's Caregivers 3rd Fri 10:15 am |
| Aerobics 11:30 am               | Sign Language 12:30 pm        | Alzheimer's 1st Wed 10:00 am    | Ham It Up 11:30 am                       | Bingo 12:00 pm                          |
| Core & Strength 11:30 am        | Mahjong 1:00 pm               | Parkinson's 3rd Wed 10:30 am    | Light Body Toning 11:30 am               | Bridge 1:00 pm                          |
| Beg Western Line Dance 1:00 pm  | Hawaiian Hula 1:00 pm         | Ukulele 10:30 am                | Intermediate Spanish 12:00 pm            |   |
| Bridge 1:00 pm                  | Line Dance All Levels 2:00 pm | Beginning Guitar 11:00 am       | Scrabble 12:00 pm                        |   |
| Writers Group 1:00 pm           | Genealogy 2:00 pm             | Book Group 2nd Wed 11:00 am     | Rock Painting 1st & 3rd Thur 1:00 pm     |   |
| Intermediate Hatha Yoga 1:30 pm | Mindfulness 2:00 pm           | Jazz Dance 11:00 am             | Get Artsy w/Renee 2nd & 4th Thur 1:00 pm |   |
|                                 |                               | Aerobics 11:30 am               | Men's Talk Group 1:00 pm                 |   |
|                                 |                               | Chair Yoga 12:15 pm             | Adu Western Line Dance 2:30 pm           |   |
|                                 |                               | Zumba Chair 12:30 pm            |  |   |
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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.48.020 SPEED LIMITS, TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN THE CITY.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 10.48.020 Speed Limits to establish speed limits on Bond Road, Bruceville Road, Calvine Road, Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Florin Road, and Whitelock Parkway pursuant to the findings of the respective Engineering and Traffic Surveys (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) and recommendations of the City's Traffic Engineer. Introduced April 24, 2024; to be adopted May 8, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, May 3, 2024  
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email [cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org)

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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 05-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 95) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.19.010.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2024-059 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 95. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, May 3, 2024  
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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 03-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 23.94.050 REGARDING SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES FOR THE WIRELESS FACILITY UTILITY SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS PROJECT NO: PLNG24-006.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the separation requirements for wireless telecommunication facilities from overhead electrical utility lines as described in Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 23.94.050 A.7. Introduced April 24, 2024; to be adopted May 8, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, May 3, 2024  
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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 06-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.06 FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO DANGEROUS FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT (CEQA EXEMPT).** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 17.06 Fireworks Violations related to dangerous fireworks enforcement, as described in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) of this Ordinance. Introduced April 24, 2024; to be adopted May 8, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, May 3, 2024  
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**CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 04-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN TERRITORY ANNEXED TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 73) AND AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.18.010.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the special tax at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in Resolution No. 2024-057 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on the parcels in Annexation No. 73. Introduced April 24, 2024; to be adopted May 8, 2024. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

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**City of Elk Grove – City Council  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONCERNING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2 ASSESSMENTS  
ANNEXATION NO. 66 INTO STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE ZONE 2  
FOR THE STAYBRIDGE SUITES AMENDMENT  
AND TEGAN ESTATES PROJECTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, June 12, 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 prepared and filed in connection with proposed Storm Water Drainage Fee Zone 2 assessments on properties identified in the resolution of intent adopted on April 24, 2024. 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: May 3, 2024 and May 10, 2024

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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**ORDINANCE NO. 24-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-3 (CITY OF ELK GROVE – TELOS GREENS)**

**WHEREAS**, on February 23, 2024, this Board of Directors (the "Board") of the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "Authority"), adopted Resolution No. 24-054 (the "Resolution of Intention") related to the formation of California Municipal Finance Authority Community Facilities District No. 2024-3 (City of Elk Grove – Telos Greens) (the "CFD"), pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, sections 53311, *et. seq.*, of the California Government Code (the "Act"), to finance the acquisition and construction of certain facilities;

**WHEREAS**, notice was published as required by the Act relative to the intention of this Board to form the CFD, to provide for certain facilities and to incur bonded indebtedness for the CFD in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000;

**WHEREAS**, this Board has held noticed public hearings as required by the Act relative to (i) the determination to proceed with the formation of the CFD and the rate and method of apportionment of the special tax to be levied within the CFD to finance a portion of the costs of the facilities and (ii) the issuance of not to exceed \$8,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for the CFD;

**WHEREAS**, at said hearing all persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the CFD and the levy of said special taxes were heard, substantial evidence was presented and considered by this Board and a full and fair hearing was held;

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the hearing, this Board adopted Resolution No. 24-124 (the "Resolution of Formation") forming the CFD, Resolution No. 24-125 (the "Resolution of Necessity") determining necessity to incur bonded indebtedness for the CFD, and Resolution No. 24-126, calling an election for the CFD, which resolutions defined the public facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Facilities"), established the CFD, authorized the levy of a special tax with the CFD, determined the necessity to incur bonded indebtedness in the CFD and called an election within the CFD on the propositions of incurring indebtedness, levying a special tax, and establishing an appropriations limit within the CFD; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2024, a special election was held within the CFD at which the eligible landowner-electors approved such propositions by the two-thirds vote required by the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**, as follows:

**Section 1.** By the passage of this Ordinance this Board hereby authorizes and levies special taxes within the CFD pursuant to the Act, in accordance with the rate and method of apportionment of the Special Tax (the "Rate and Method") set forth as an exhibit to the Resolution of Formation, which Resolution of Formation is by this reference incorporated herein, and as such Rate and Method may be amended in accordance with its terms. The special taxes are hereby authorized to be levied commencing in fiscal year 2023-24 and in each fiscal year thereafter until payment in full of any bonds issued by the Authority for the CFD (the "Bonds") or such longer period provided in the Rate and Method, as contemplated by the Resolution of Formation and the Resolution of Necessity, and all costs of administering the CFD.

**Section 2.** The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine or cause to be determined the specific special tax rate and amount to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each parcel of real property within the CFD, in the manner and as provided in the Rate and Method.

**Section 3.** Except as provided in the Rate and Method, properties or entities of the State of California, federal or local governments shall be exempt from any levy of the special taxes unless specifically provided otherwise in the Rate and Method. In no event shall the special taxes be levied on any parcel within the CFD in excess of the maximum tax specified in the Rate and Method.

**Section 4.** All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided for in the Act and in the Resolution of Formation including, but not limited to, the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, the replenishment of the reserve fund for the Bonds, the payment of the costs of the Facilities, as applicable according to the Rate and Method, the payment of the costs of the Authority in administering the CFD, and the costs of collecting and administering the special tax.

**Section 5.** The special taxes shall be collected in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* taxes are collected and shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for *ad valorem* taxes; provided, however, that this Board may provide for other appropriate methods of collection by resolution of this Board. In addition, the provisions of Section 53356.1 of the Act shall apply to delinquent special tax payments. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the auditor/tax collector of the County of Sacramento in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax, so that the special tax shall be included on the secured property tax roll of the County of Sacramento for each fiscal year, as needed, until the Bonds are paid in full or such longer period of time provided in the Rate and Method.

**Section 6.** If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, or if the special tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the CFD, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special tax to the remaining parcels within the CFD shall not be affected.

**Section 7.** An Authorized Signatory shall sign this Ordinance and the Secretary shall cause the same to be published within 15 days after its passage at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the Authority.

**Section 8.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of final passage.

**INTRODUCED** by the California Municipal Finance Authority on April 5, 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the California Municipal Finance Authority this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES:** McCarthy, Grisham (Alt.), McClure (Alt.), Tanner (Alt.)

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Adams, De Foor, Moreno, Alexander

5/3/24 **CNS-3809136#**

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**City of Elk Grove – City Council  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY  
TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2006-1  
(MAINTENANCE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 96  
FOR THE STAYBRIDGE SUITES AMENDMENT PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on April 24, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 2024-049, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain maintenance services, all pursuant to the provisions of the MelloRoos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code. The resolution describes the territory to be annexed, specifies the type of services to be financed, and describes the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax. No change in the tax levied in the existing CFD is proposed. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the City Council has fixed **Wednesday, June 12, 2024**, at the hour of **6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of the territory or the levying of the special taxes will be heard.

Dated / Published: May 3, 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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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01786  
Ryan Williamson, 3443 Lake Terrace Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Window Wonders" 3443 Lake Terrace Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024  
Publish: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024  
WINDOW 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02709  
Lindsey Lea Arndt, 8756 Rubystone Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Cookie Jar 2" 9748 Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 10, 2024  
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024  
COOKIE 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02778  
David DaSilva and Daniel DaSilva, 11426 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "D & D Farms" 11426 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 12, 2024  
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024  
FARMS 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02457  
Open Community Foundation, 1501 Wilson Boulevard Suite 1050, Arlington, VA 22209 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Openjoy" 1501 Wilson Boulevard Suite 1050, Arlington, VA 22209. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 29, 2024  
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024  
OPENJOY 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02604  
Christine N. Lee DMD A Professional Dental Corp, 9381 East Stockton Boulevard Suite 120, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Family Smile Center" 9381 East Stockton Boulevard Suite 120, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2024  
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024  
FAMILY 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02694  
Dianne Marie Gasca and Salvador Gasca, 1100 Wallington Drive, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gasca's Concrete Pumping" 1100 Wallington Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2024  
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024  
GASCAS 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02342  
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  
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024  
KINGS 5-24-24

## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV004451  
Billy Joe Lara has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Billy Joe Lara to Joseph Billy Lara.  
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 5, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024  
LARA 5-10-24

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF THEODORA V. MARCELO CASE NO. 24PR001164  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Theodora V. Marcelo.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kimberly V. Marcelo, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Kimberly V. Marcelo be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived

notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 30, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Anthony M. Despotos, 3414 Brookside Road, Suite 300, Stockton, CA 95219; 209-518-2000  
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 2024  
MARCELO 5-17-24

## TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 132334-5 Loan No. 1092394-LV1 Title Order No. 95313802 APN 132-2090-014-0000 TRA No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/21/2018. 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. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): PA HOUA XIONG AND YEE VANG Deed of Trust: recorded on 08/28/2018 as Document No. 201808280599 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 05/09/2024 at 02:00 PM Trustee's Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: LOT 14, AS SHOWN ON "SUB-DIVISION NO 04-764 02B, THE GROVE AT LAGUNA RIDGE VILLAGE 2B", FILED FOR RECORD DECEMBER 20, 2006 IN BOOK 361 OF MAPS, MAP NO 5, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, BUT WITH NO RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY 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: 7904 MAISS WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757. 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, 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 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, to-wit: \$72,851.95 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132334-5. 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. IF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY CONTAINS FROM ONE TO FOUR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY: 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 132334-5 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. Date: 04/08/2024 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com LAUREN MEYER, VICE PRESIDENT MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0459104 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE)  
Publish: 04/19/2024, 04/26/2024, 05/03/2024  
Elk Grove Citizen 5-3-2024

APN: 132-1860-118-0000 TS No.: 22-05078CA TSG Order No.: 220686401-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 29, 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded March 30, 2007 as Book No.: 20070330 Page No.: 2064 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Crystal Bing Ho, an unmarried woman, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: May 10, 2024 Sale Time: 2:00 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 File No.:22-05078CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5012 Ocean Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95757. 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 in an "AS IS" condition, 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 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, to-wit: \$271,975.53 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 22-05078CA. 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 22-05078CA 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. File No.:22-05078CA 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. For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. Dated: March 22, 2024 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0458395 To: CITIZEN (ELK GROVE)  
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T.S. No.: 2022-00564-CA A.P.N.:121-0550-004-0000 Property Address: 8449 COLD WATER CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.  
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED  
注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다  
NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO  
TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP  
LUU Y: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/29/2005. 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. Trustor: Robert S. Humphrey and Patricia T. Humphrey, Husband and Wife, J/T Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC  
Deed of Trust Recorded 01/03/2006 as Instrument No. --- in book 20060103, page1502 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 05/30/2024 at 01:30 PM  
Place of Sale: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 418,738.15  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: 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 as:  
More fully described in said Deed of Trust.  
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8449 COLD WATER CT, ELK GROVE, CA 95624  
A.P.N.: 121-0550-004-0000  
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.  
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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, 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 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: \$ 418,738.15.  
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.  
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.  
The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S 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 on this 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2022-00564-CA. 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 OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (877)-518-5700, or visit this internet website https://www.realtybid.com/, using the file number assigned to this case 2022-00564-CA 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. Date: April 15, 2024 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the Roofing at ELOP Portables project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until 2:30 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of \$25 per set. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at the Annex at Franklin Blvd, 4011 Franklin Hood Rd, Elk Grove, CA 95757. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves the installation of new roof systems per specifications and details. This project requires a Class C-39 license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements apply to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California
BY: Michael Bean, Senior Construction Manager, Elk Grove Unified School District
Elk Grove Citizen 4-26 and 5-3-2024

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the William Daylor High School, Hardcourt Remediation project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until 3:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of \$50 per set. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list, so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m. at the William Daylor High School, 6131 Orange Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. The District's Representative and Architect will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project consists of removal and replacement of approximately 0.55 acres of existing asphalt. Project includes demolition, erosion control, along with restriping of the fire lane and two basketball courts, as shown within the Improvement Plans, and per the geotechnical report. This project requires a Class A or B license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, California
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR: Ready To Bake Pizza, Food and Nutrition Services
BID#: 786-23/24
OPEN: May 16, 2024
TIME: 2:00 P.M. Standard

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, (District) County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive up to and not later than 2:00 P.M. Standard, May 16, 2024, sealed BIDs for Ready To Bake Pizza, Food and Nutrition Services and that such BIDs shall be opened at the Purchasing & Warehouse Department, Student Support Center, 8431 Gerber Road, Sacramento, CA 95828, on the above date at the stated time.

Please return your original BID along with an electronic copy on a flash/thumb drive in a sealed envelope with the BID number and the date and time of BID opening.

Each BID must conform and be responsive to this invitation; the information for bidders, specifications, and all other documents comprising the pertinent award documents, and submitted on the printed forms provided by the District.

All inquiries regarding this BID must be submitted in writing to Kirsten Garcia, Supervisor, Purchasing & Warehouse at kgarcia@egusd.net no later than 2:00 P.M. Standard, May 9, 2024.

Kirsten Garcia, Supervisor
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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 22, 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:

The City Council will consider the Written Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 regarding service charges to be collected in the Laguna West Service Area (formerly County Service Area No. 5) and the annual service charges to be levied. Service charges are for street sweeping, road maintenance, drainage services, and administration costs. Staff is recommending that Service charges adjust as shown in the table below:

Table with 6 columns: Service Type, FY 2023-24 Service Charge, FY 2024-25 Service Charge, Increase/(Decrease) in Service Charge, Maximum Service Charge, Multiplier. Rows include Single Family Residential, Other Properties That Benefit From All Services, Non Street Sweeping/Road Maintenance Parcels.

Information regarding this item (including a copy of the Written Report) may be obtained by contacting Vijay Maisuria at (916) 627-3452. 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.

Published/Dated: May 3, 2024 and May 10, 2024
Jason Lindgren, CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE
Elk Grove Citizen 5-3 - 5-10-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Notice is hereby given that all contractors required to pre-qualify for Elk Grove Unified School District ("District") projects must adhere to the following procedures, submit the following documentation and information at least annually, with quarterly certifications or updates, and must be found by the District on a quarterly basis to pre-qualify, as a condition of bidding the District project during any quarterly period. The District is required to have a pre-qualification process pursuant to applicable California law (in particular Public Contracts Code sections 20111.5 and 20111.6) for any projects projected to cost \$1,000,000 or more. Any General Contractors (GCs) and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Subcontractors bidding on projects projected to cost \$1,000,000 or more are required to participate in the District's pre-qualification process. MEP is defined as subcontractors holding the following license classifications: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46. Pre-qualification application packages are available on our website at http://www.egusd.net/about/divisions-departments/business-services-and-facilities/facilities-and-planning/, www.egusdplans.com, or via email at facilitiesbids@egusd.net

It is mandatory that all GCs and MEP Subs who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District. No bid will be accepted from a GC that has failed to comply with these requirements, or submits a bid that lists MEP Subs that have failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid on a project as a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5, no contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations.

The pre-qualification packet includes, in part, a questionnaire and financial statement, to be verified under oath. The District will use the information and documentation required herein, as the basis for rating contractors in respect to the size and scope of contracts upon which each contractor is qualified to bid. The District reserves the right to check other sources available. The District's decision will be based, in part, on its uniform rating system, including, among other things, objective evaluation criteria and references.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the District in determining bidder responsibility prior to the submission of bids and to aid the District in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude the District from a post-bid consideration and determination on a specific project of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness. Contractors are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of pre-qualification status well in advance of the bid process.

If the bidder, within the last calendar year, has submitted to the District a completed Pre-Qualification Application and the District has determined that the bidder is prequalified, the bidder must submit a Quarterly Update in each calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in which the initial Pre-Qualification Application was filed, certifying that nothing has changed in the interim period to make the Pre-Qualification Application materially untrue, inaccurate or misleading. If the bidder has been deemed prequalified by the District within the last calendar year but has failed to submit a Quarterly Update in order to maintain pre-qualification, the bidder will be automatically disqualified and must submit a full Pre-Qualification Application in order to be considered for pre-qualification.

The pre-qualification packages should be sealed, marked "CONFIDENTIAL PREQUALIFICATION", and delivered to: Facilities and Planning Department, Elk Grove Unified School District, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, CA 95624, Attention: Pre-Qualification, by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2024.

The questionnaire answers and financial statements included in the pre-qualification packages submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All such information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although the contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of any applicable appeal. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a contractor becomes inaccurate, the contractor must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

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by Jeff Pickering



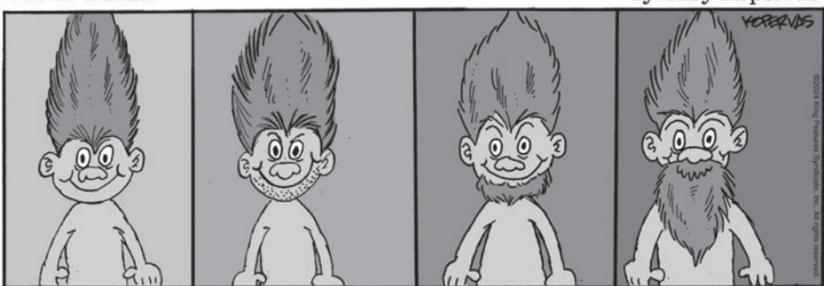
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by Dave T. Phipps



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by Gary Kopervas

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Differences: 1. Can is larger. 2. Brush has no paint on it. 3. Rail is lower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Steve is different. 6. Ear is larger.

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  - Very angry
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  - \*Vostok I pilot
  - Spring water resort
  - Talcum powder ingredient
  - Muted order
  - Sports award
  - Doled out, as in soup
  - Future atty.'s exam
  - Engage for service
  - In all sincerity
  - \*\_\_\_ Premiering, director of "Exodus"
  - Petri dish jellies
  - DDS exam
  - Gordon Gekko: "\_\_\_ is good"
  - Barbershop sound
  - Bread pocket
  - Rumor
  - Whiskey straight, e.g.
  - Cubby hole
  - One-horse carriage
  - \*#29 Down invasion coordinator
  - \*TV's Tony Nelson's "dream"
  - \*#8 1/2" and "La Dolce Vita" director
  - Lake scum
  - Toothpaste type
  - Baited
  - Thorny
  - Angry
  - Last eight in college basketball
  - Kill
  - Lamentable
  - Bob Marley, e.g.

- DOWN**
- \*\_\_\_ Alpert & Tijuana Brass
  - Last word over walkie-talkie
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  - Written corrections
  - Chef's guide
  - \*\_\_\_ A Sketch toy, launched in 1960
  - \*Just one of "My Three"
  - Polynesian kingdom
  - Prefix with trooper or legal
  - Resembling wings
  - Abominable humanoid
  - \*#57 Across actress
  - Large feline (2 words)
  - The Obamas' daughter
  - \*"A Man for \_\_\_ Seasons" movie
  - Political repression
  - Nordic gl hwein
  - \*\_\_\_ Turf
  - Man behind Windows
  - \*Bay of \_\_\_ Invasion
  - \*"Turn on, tune in, \_\_\_ out"
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- 56.** Spurious wing
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- 58.** Twelfth month of Jewish year
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# Local Gymnasts Competing in National Championships

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Several local gymnasts who train at Elevate Gymnastics Academy in Elk Grove will be traveling to Daytona Beach, Fla., to compete in the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships from May 9-12.

The four gymnasts include Ryan Jacobsen, Jacob Miguelino, Luke Rodriguez and Matthew Zeigler, who are competing at Level 10, the highest level in the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympics program, although many hardships came with this journey.

"I think this year was a little bit different than last year because this time there were a lot of injuries that I was facing and I could tell from the entire team that it was a rough year because of injuries and all of us suffering from our own battles," Miguelino said.

Every gymnast mentioned injuries as part of this journey toward Nationals, including Boys' Team Head Coach Ron Howard.

"This was an interesting group because they were a really young group from what I've had in the past and they went through a lot of growing, physically,

and that made it really difficult," Howard said.

All these athletes have qualified for Nationals in past years and spoke about how their past experiences will help them this time around. One, Jacobsen, qualified to Nationals for the fourth time in his junior career and is an Air Force Academy commit.

"All the experiences I've had are going to help me to have fun this year because the first year is nerve-wracking, but this year I'm just going to have fun and hopefully be a good role model for my teammates," Jacobsen said.

As for Zeigler, he said his past experiences at Nationals will help him enjoy this time around and to give everything he has. This is the last meet so there's no harm in going all out.

The owner of Elevate is Rodriguez's mother, so he was set on a path toward gymnastics at an early age by her, a collegiate competitor at Cal State Fullerton.

"I got put into it immediately, so I've been here (Elevate) my entire life," Rodriguez said. "This is what I want to do when I'm older, so I want to keep growing my gymnastics skills and knowledge."

Each gymnast shared their experience on how

Elevate has helped them reach Nationals this year, with Rodriguez sharing his praise for his coach, Howard.

"Well, we have Ron, our coach, who's amazing and very encouraging but will get on all of us to make sure we're working our hardest so we can get to our best abilities and they're helping us with what we're really passionate about," Rodriguez said.

Zeigler said that he is happy and honored to be able to go to Elevate almost every day to work with those he calls some of the most talented and dedicated people in the country.

As far as expectations go, each of these gymnasts shared different answers but all hope to do well on the national stage.

"This year is really special to me because I'm coming back from an injury, so it's really cool to come back and make it this year," Jacobsen said.

Miguelino is hoping to make it to day two at Nationals, to medal or even win some events, while Rodriguez wants to do good at the events that he excels at like floor and vault.

Zeigler hopes to go far in Nationals because he said he wouldn't mind spending as many days as possible at Daytona Beach.



Matthew Zeigler, left, Jacob Miguelino, Luke Rodriguez and Ryan Jacobsen pose at Elevate Gymnastics Academy on April 23. This is ahead of their trip to the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships in Daytona Beach, Fla. Photos by Alejandro Barron



In the bottom row, from left to right: DJ Madeiros, Isaiah Le, Arsenii Yanovsky, Anthony Bongcaron, Vince Zakar, Martin Levine and Caiden Gilbrecht pose at Elevate Gymnastics Academy on April 23. These gymnasts competed at USA Gymnastics' Men's Development Western Championships from April 26-28.

"I'm hoping to have a good time, hopefully make the second day and since it's in Daytona Beach, Fla., so I wouldn't mind spending a couple of extra days there," Zeigler said.

On top of the gymnasts that Elevate will be sending to Nationals, they also had athletes participate in the USA Gymnastics Men's Development Western Championships

from April 26-28.

These gymnasts include DJ Madeiros, Isaiah Le, Arsenii Yanovsky, Anthony Bongcaron, Vince Zakar, Martin Levine and Caiden Gilbrecht, who were in Chandler, Ariz., this past weekend representing Elevate. Nelli Rothfuss and Micahlynn Eastman are also Western National qualifiers.

As for the boys heading

to Nationals, training will begin at the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships on May 7, and competitions begin on May 9 at 8:45 a.m. EST.

Details on live streaming of the competitions are still to come, but for more information, visit usagym.org/events/2024-mens-development-program-national-championships/. ★

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# Hawks Baseball Moves Ahead to Playoffs vs. Butte

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - With a 6-3 win over the Sierra Wolverines, the Cosumnes River Hawks conclude their regular season with an overall record of 19-20 ahead of their CCCAA NorCal Regional matchup as the No. 21 seed against the No. 4 seed Butte Roadrunners.

The road wasn't easy, as the Hawks went on an 11-game losing streak in March but bounced back by winning their last three series and seven of their last nine games.

"We had an 11-game losing streak midway through the year along with guys getting hurt, and they're starting to get healthy again, but you have to get hot at the right time, which is at the end of the year, and I think these guys are starting to believe they can actually do something," Hawks head coach Don Mico said.

For the second

consecutive year, the Hawks will travel to the Roadrunners in the first round of playoffs. The Hawks swept them by scores of 3-2 in both games last year.

Through the adversity of the 11-game losing streak, Mico said a few players stood out by keeping their level of play up. These included Grafton Shorts, Griffin Harrison, Korey Williams and Chase Christenson.

The Hawks had many players injured but are getting back to 100%, which helped them be successful down the stretch, Mico said.

"Getting guys like Cameron Orr healthy and A.J. Santamaria, Ben Perneti coming back with Perneti starting to pitch again, so we're getting all these guys back healthy, so we'll see," Mico said.

The keys to a deep playoff run for the Hawks will be pitching, Mico said, and he pointed out sophomore

pitcher Tyler Lamperti, and potentially Anthony Disantis if he's healthy, along with bullpen arms needing to step up.

As far as adjustments go, Mico would like to see better at-bats from his hitters ahead of the playoffs because they get themselves out so they can put teams on their heels, Mico said.

One of the pitchers who Mico said can be key toward a deep playoff run, Anthony Disantis, said the Hawks will be OK through this playoff run so long as they execute.

"There's always things to improve on but I think if we keep hitting our spots when pitching, play good defense and do what we're doing when hitting we'll be OK in playoffs," Disantis said.

Although Mico has a young team, he has a lot of experience as a head coach in the CCCAA playoffs and knows exactly what to tell his team, he said.



Sophomore pitcher Anthony Disantis delivers a pitch during the Cosumnes River College Hawks' win against the Sierra College Wolverines. Disantis would pitch 2.1 innings and did not allow a run as he earned the save to secure the win for the Hawks. Photo by Alejandro Barron

"Take it one pitch at a time, win every inning, play defense, throw strikes, put the ball in play, run the bases aggressively and intelligently and have good team spirit, and I think they're starting to understand that," Mico said.

He said the Arizona Diamondbacks' unexpected push to the World Series last year is good inspiration for his players to be able to win the Hawks their first State Championship since 2012.

Although with a young team, several sophomores weighed in with how their playoff experience last year will help them against the Roadrunners again.

"Knowing what you're coming into with the physicality of the game, because it's going to be more intense and more pressure,

but it's only pressure that you create," sophomore infielder Grafton Shorts said.

For Disantis, he said that his playoff experience from last year will help him a lot due to the pressure that comes with playoffs, so this will help him and the rest of the sophomores for the Hawks.

Despite the tough stretch through March with the losing streak, Shorts said he's looking forward to playoff baseball due to the high stakes involved.

"It's definitely fun to be able to play more baseball because that's what we're out here to do, and now it's at an even higher stake so it's going to be even more fun," Shorts said.

For Mico, he said it feels good to get into the playoffs with it being such a

trying and weird year for him.

"This has been a tough year for me with my health not being the best, so this has been a trying year especially because I've never lost 11 games in a row in my career," Mico said.

Mico noted this new era of baseball players, some of whom don't like to be looked at eye-to-eye or don't like the volume of his voice.

He said he hopes they know he's just trying to coach them and that they can buy into that heading into playoffs.

The Hawks are set to face the Roadrunners on May 3 and 4 beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. on Saturday and, if needed, a game three that same day at 2 p.m. ★

# Hawks' 10 Sophomores Bolster Softball Team

By Ryan Lorenz

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sophomores for Cosumnes River College's softball team might have stepped on their home field for the last time as they defeated Santa Rosa 8-1 on April 23.

The Hawks' 10 sophomores helped bolster the team to a 10-game winning streak, 33-7 overall record and 20-4 conference record.

"We had a great team this season and the nice thing is we were able to play all of our sophomores today," Cosumnes River College softball head coach Kristy Schroeder said.

Sophomore shortstop Malia Babasa had the first run of the game after freshman infielder Brooke Hanson hit a single in the bottom of the first.

"I feed off everybody's energy," Babasa said. "I love the team, I love the whole chemistry, especially going into playoffs with this type of energy is good."

Energy is what Babasa is known for on the Hawks. She makes big plays and is the heartbeat of the team offensively.

"She leads her team in almost every offensive category," Schroeder said. "When she gets on early, it takes the pressure off of our pitchers, takes the pressure off our defense."

Babasa ended her regular season career with 32 runs, 20 RBIs, a batting average of .427 and 24 stolen bases.

Sophomore outfielder and pitcher Anjalina Dahdouh showed up for the home crowd with two runs.

Dahdouh hit her first double of the season in the bottom of the second and got sophomore outfielder Sarah Babby home. Babasa returned the favor by hitting a



Cosumnes River College sophomore pitcher Tatiana Blas allowed six hits and a run in the Hawks' final game of the regular season. The team will face Monterey Peninsula at home at 2 p.m. Friday for their first game of their playoff series. Photo by Ryan Lorenz

single that got Dahdouh home.

In the bottom of the fifth, Dahdouh was walked and then stole second. Sophomore outfielder Jenifer Bowen hit one down the middle and Dahdouh showed her dual athleticism as a Hawks soccer team member.

"I just ran as fast as I could, to be honest," Dahdouh said. "I just put my head down and just run. That's what I'm good for. I play soccer, too, so I'm pretty fast."

Sophomore pitcher Tatiana Blas showed why she leads the California Community College Athletic Association in strikeouts in her final game of the regular season with the Hawks by allowing one run.

"I really liked that there was a really packed house," Blas said. "It made it

more fun, a lot more energy. I didn't feel as much pressure, actually. It was a nice break to have a lot of people with me."

Blas allowed six hits and a run. Santa Rosa's run came in the top of the fourth from sophomore infielder Nataya Brown hitting a line drive deep right and sending home teammate sophomore outfielder Mallory O'Keefe.

"I try to face every game like it's really good competition," Blas said. "I try to make sure that I'm in a good mindset and that our team is kind of going through it together."

The score was 3-1 but Blas finished the fourth, pitched a perfect inning in the fifth and allowed three hits for the rest of the

game.

"When you get that many automatic outs and the defense doesn't have to play ball, it really takes a lot of pressure off the team," Schroeder said. "We are going to miss her ability to strike people out."

The starting pitcher ended the regular season with 11 shutouts, 204 strikeouts and allowed a batting average of .178 in 24 games.

The Hawks hope to continue their run at 2 p.m. Friday as they start their playoff series against Monterey Peninsula at home.

"We're supportive, selfless and competitive, so hopefully that will take us far in the playoffs," Schroeder said. ★

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# Martin Vega: From Mexico to Florin Panthers Ace

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Florin Panthers' current left-handed ace, Martin Vega, was destined to thrive in baseball ... at least that's what his dad said the second he realized his son was a lefty.

"He was a year old and it was the first time we let him eat by himself instead of spoon-feeding him, and he reached for the spoon with his left hand," Margarito Vega said.

Another telling sign was when Margarito, an avid soccer player, placed him as a goalkeeper for the first time and Martin would block shots with a swinging motion as if he had a bat in his hand, he said.

Martin Vega was born in Sacramento with his twin brother, Emanuel, on April 25, 2005, to Mexican-born parents.

After about a year and a half of living in the U.S., Martin said his family returned home in Mexico to a town on the outskirts of Salamanca, Guanajuato, called La Luz.

He's known by his family and friends as "La Pulga," or the flea, with many not knowing his real name.

"We had gone to a party and there was a clown there named 'Pulga' and my sister had said I looked like that clown, and ever since then that nickname stuck with me," Martin

said.

His love for baseball started with his family, although his dad played soccer and Martin's uncles and cousins played baseball.

While he was growing up, his dad said that he had a good strike zone but would always try to keep him working hard, as he said there will always be someone better so he shouldn't think he's the best.

In 2021, Martin came back to the United States with his father, after spending most of his life in Mexico, for educational purposes and to attend Florin High School.

He would start high school as a sophomore, and at first Martin struggled with his English.

"At first everything was different and little by little I got used to it," Martin said. "I came here with the mentality that I needed to study and learn English, but it was one of the most difficult things I faced when I first got to school."

Martin said he had no idea there was a baseball team at Florin, but he noticed one day that there were other people playing catch, so the next day he and his brother brought their gloves to play.

Those who saw them playing catch approached them to ask them if they wanted to join the baseball team.

In his first year at Florin, Martin met head coach Bill Kapp, who had just become the head coach of the baseball team and athletic director.

"His sophomore year I took over the program and he was out there for fall ball and you can tell already he was a pretty good ballplayer and it started from there, but we've grown a lot together," Kapp said.

Kapp said that at first Martin was struggling with his grades as he was learning English and earning a 2.0 GPA, but now he has over a 3.0 because he wants to make sure he's eligible to play baseball.

As for his performance on the diamond, Martin has a total 3.38 ERA, 12-10 record and 189 strikeouts across 141.2 innings pitched since his first season in 2022.

Both Kapp and Martin were part of the 2022 squad that ended Florin's long playoff drought, which began long before MaxPreps kept records of high school seasons.

Given the circumstances of Martin's journey — coming from Mexico, learning English and now thriving as Florin's established ace — Kapp said his story should be turned into a movie.

"This would be a great story with a kid who came from Mexico, who worked really hard, his mom is in



**Martin Vega on the mound against the Galt Warriors, where Vega pitched a complete game. He allowed four hits, no runs surrendered and struck out 10 batters in the Florin Panthers' 10-0 win on April 22.** Photos by Alejandro Barron

Mexico and his dad is here; he struggled in school then suddenly became a good student and now he's our ace on the mound," Kapp said.

Over the years, Martin has become more mature, Kapp said. With the number of Spanish-speaking students there are at Florin, Martin will go out on his own to the junior varsity baseball team to give them pointers, which is one reason he was named a captain this year.

Martin brings what Kapp describes as "the Mexican style of baseball" with his grit and hard-working attitude to the Florin diamond, where he will never make excuses when it comes to taking the field.

"Over there, baseball is played more aggressive, more competitive and with a lot of pressure from the crowd, so I'm already used to that even with people screaming at me from the dugout, so I've already lived through that and I used it to my advantage



**Bill Kapp, baseball head coach and athletic director of the Florin Panthers, coaches third base with pitcher Martin Vega on third at Galt High School on April 22.**

since I won't lose focus," Martin said.

As far as Martin's future, he wants to play college baseball but said his ability to speak English leaves him with mixed feelings. "The language barrier is a disadvantage for me to be able to go to college," Martin said.

Regardless, if he doesn't continue to play baseball, he hopes to continue studying and become fluent in English.

Kapp, who believes Martin should be the Greater Sacramento League player of the year,

said Martin's future is what he wants, but the coach knows that he can play college baseball and can be successful.

This is arguably Martin's best season yet, as he currently has a 5-3 record, a 1.38 ERA in 50.2 innings pitched while also hitting .435 with 28 RBIs and two home runs, according to MaxPreps. The Panthers are 9-0 in the GSL.

At the time of publication, Martin is chasing the single-season strikeout record at Florin, which is 96 by Daryl Grant in 1995. ★

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