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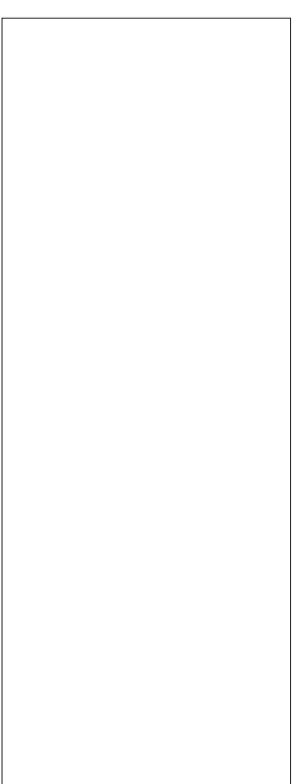
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## City Settles Second Oak Rose Lawsuit



An illustration shows the rejected proposal for the Oak Rose Apartments in Old Town Elk Grove. Under a tentative settlement, the development will be moved to a different part of the city. Image courtesy of city of Elk Grove

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The city of Elk Grove has reached a settlement in a state lawsuit stemming from the city's rejection of the proposed Oak Rose Apartments. As part of the settlement, the city has agreed to meet certain reporting requirements, pay the state's legal costs and find a location for new affordable housing. The agreement brings a close to the remaining lawsuit related to the project, more than a year after it was filed by California Attorney General Rob Bonta,

Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state Department of Housing and Community Development. The dispute between city and state began in July 2022, when Elk Grove City Council voted against approving Oak Rose Apartments, which would have brought 66 affordable housing units to Old Town Elk Grove, along with supportive services for residents. The state and the developer, Excelerate Housing Group, responded by filing separate lawsuits against the city of Elk Grove. They accused the city of applying its building code inconsistently. City

Council cited Oak Rose's inclusion of ground-floor residential units in their rejection but the lawsuits pointed to an earlier Old Town development that got approval despite also having ground-floor residential. Relatedly, under California Senate Bill (SB) 35, affordable housing projects must be given an expedited review process if they meet "objective" zoning and design standards laid out ahead of time by a city. Excelerate's lawsuit settled earlier this year. In a statement on Sept. 4, Bonta said exceptions must not be made in state

housing laws. "This settlement reflects what I've said all along: California's housing laws are not optional. Local governments that violate our laws to deny affordable housing opportunities to Californians will be held accountable," Bonta said. "While I am pleased that this is now behind us, and that Elk Grove ultimately approved even more homes for those most in need, the city's refusal to do the right thing over and over again cannot be swept under the rug." The attorney general continued that, with the state's ongoing

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Young Musical Mayhem Productions performers sing during a previous presentation of "Newsies." Photo courtesy of Musical Mayhem Productions

## Broadway Comes Back to Elk Grove

**By Nan Mahon**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Musical Mayhem Productions (MMP) is once again recreating some of America's favorite theater shows for Elk Grove audiences. The sweet fantasy of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and the improbable comedy "Sister Act" will entrance those who love live theater. "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented by students ages 6 through 12 years old on Sept. 13 and 14 in the Consumnes Oaks High School Performing Arts Theater. Evening shows are at 7 with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. "Sister Act" stars advanced students ages 13 through 19 in the Sheldon High School Performing Arts Theater on Sept. 27 and 28 and again on Oct. 5 and 6. Evening shows are at 7 and Sunday matinee is 2 p.m. Tickets for both productions are available at [www.mmpkids.com/tickets](http://www.mmpkids.com/tickets).

Musical Mayhem Productions is a nonprofit performing arts organization for students ages 4 through 19. Since its inception in 2012, when the co-founders Anne-Marie Pringle and Bryce McDill decided to take a chance on such an uncertain project, the idea has flourished. They have now grown out of their original building and into a larger facility. They currently have 130 students just in the Master Academy and 50 in the Apprentice Academy producing 20 shows a year. In addition they have 1,400 cast members performing in shows throughout the year in numerous venues. Musical Mayhem Productions has garnered a wall full of awards. For outstanding acting, directing, costuming and choreography, Musical Mayhem Productions has been named Best Of in numerous Elly Awards and was presented The Iris Award for Performing Arts from the City of Elk Grove Arts Commission. The organization has been recognized nationally at the Junior Theater Festival and is a pilot company for new musicals not yet released

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## Planners OK Tree Removal for Medical Offices

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove Planning Commission signed off on three projects at its Sept. 5 regular meeting: a medical office park, an RV storage project and industrial warehouses. A major element of the design review for the proposed Allen Ranch Medical Buildings was the decision to cut down dozens of trees on the site.

Located on the east side of Laguna Springs Drive, 350 feet south of Elk Grove Boulevard, the development will consist of seven one-story medical buildings, ranging in size from 4,200 square feet to 20,000 square feet. The buildings would have about 65,700 square feet of floor space total. Construction will involve the removal of 56 live oak and valley oak trees, which are designated as "trees of local importance." Thirty-one of the removals are due to the site layout, and 25 are for health and public safety reasons. "Many of the oak trees on the site are in significantly compromised health," senior planner Sarah Kirchgessner said, citing an arborist report on the site. "And the applicant did place a priority on retaining trees that have the best opportunity



The Elk Grove Planning Commission considered the projects marked above during its Sept. 5 regular meeting. Created with Datawrapper • Map by Matthew Malone

to thrive in the post-development condition." Kirchgessner said that there are existing trees along Laguna Springs Drive and that the project will bring 76 new trees. Commissioners Oscar O'con and Sandra Poole, and Commission Chair Suman Singha said they had concerns about the tree removals but they were reassured by the information from staff. "I'm glad to see the normal mitigation requirements and the fact that 76 new trees are being planted as replacement. ... I mean, I understand they're not going to be trees of local importance but they will be trees at the end of the day," Singha said. "So

that's what you're looking at, is making sure there's enough greenery in the city." Poole commended city staff and the applicant for their diligence "to try to save as many trees as possible." The item passed with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Juan Fernandez was absent. The commission approved a conditional use permit for a planned M2 Waterman RV Storage project east of Elk Grove Blvd. In a 4-0 vote, the commission also agreed to divide the parcel where the project will be located into seven pieces. Consisting of a 1,650-square-foot office building, two canopies and 302 covered

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# Gallagher Criticizes Undemocratic End of Session

**Assembly Republican News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Sept. 9, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) demanded answers from the Assembly Rules Committee in the wake of several parliamentary violations that crushed debate and caused chaos at the end of the 2024 legislative session.

In the final hours of the session, Democrats illegally amended the Assembly's rules to limit debate on bills

to just 30 seconds per person and refused to recognize multiple Republican lawmakers attempting to speak on behalf of their constituents.

Additionally, Democrats repeatedly and improperly ignored motions to permanently adjourn the special session convened to take up Gov. Newsom's gas storage mandate proposal.

"A vital part of a thriving democracy is fair and equitable debate. The people of California didn't get that this year," said Gallagher. "Californians deserve

an investigation into the unlawful and undemocratic actions taken by the supermajority that silenced Republican voices and stamped out important discussions. We're elected to provide a voice for our constituents - if Democrats continue to run the Assembly as chaotically and unfairly as they did, that can't happen. Our constituents deserve answers."

On top of Democrats' actions to silence Republican lawmakers, poor time management and political squabbles led to a frantic rush to consider dozens of bills in

the final minutes of the legislative session.

Despite spending hours on ceremonies and speeches, adjourning early the night before, and not convening until 2:30 p.m. on the final day, legislators crammed through bills with little to no debate while multiple other proposals failed to meet the midnight deadline for passage.

View Gallagher's letter at <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ysjjs94vcs0bjkg12isc5/Request-to-Investigate-Floor-Actions.pdf?rlkey=5z2fwdk4fgxo406jflb6f-084p&e=1&dl=0>.



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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



# City Settles 2nd Oak Rose Suit

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homelessness crisis, local governments have “a legal and moral responsibility” to work with the state to provide housing.

In its own statement, the city of Elk Grove emphasized its investments in affordable housing.

“Today’s settlement announcement underscores Elk Grove’s continued commitment to the development of all forms of affordable housing and its focus on putting its resources towards its housing goals. Since 2004, Elk Grove has provided \$78 million in funding for affordable housing projects in Elk Grove, including transitional housing and permanent supportive housing,” the city said.

It called for the state to collaborate more with local governments, saying that “Elk Grove is proud of the role it has played as a leader in the development of affordable housing in the region. The City is hopeful that in the future the State will work more collaboratively with cities

to partner in the development of affordable housing rather than use precious resources in the pursuit of unnecessary litigation.”

Newsom criticized the city’s rejection of Oak Rose.

“We can’t solve California’s homelessness crisis without creating new housing and supportive services,” Newsom said. “Elk Grove is not immune to this challenge, and the city’s decision to block these efforts — wasting valuable time and resources — is especially shameful. We expect Elk Grove to follow the law — continued refusal will not be tolerated.”

In addition to paying \$150,000 to cover the state’s legal expenses, for a five-year period the city has agreed to provide the Department of Housing and Community Development with a copy of any application to build affordable housing, as well as submit monthly reports on the progress of proposed affordable housing projects. For that same

period, if the city rejects a project that includes affordable housing, it will have to explain how the decision is consistent with its “obligation to ...combat historic patterns of segregation and foster more inclusive communities.”

Elk Grove must also identify a new site for low-income housing with equivalent development capacity to the original location. The site will be in an area of the city with the highest economic, educational and health outcomes.

This new location is separate from an affordable development provided for in the settlement with Excelerate. Coral Blossom Apartments, planned for a parcel on Elk Grove-Florin Road, south of Calvine Road, will comprise 66 units for people at risk of homelessness.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission recently allowed Coral Blossom to proceed over objections from nearby residents and business owners, citing SB 35 and the state’s litigation. ★

Football season has begun, but make no mistake about it, basketball fans are eagerly anticipating the upcoming camp and preseason for the Sacramento Kings.

This year’s team will take on a decidedly offensive look, as they have added a perennial 20 points per game with DeMar DeRozan to their already potent offense.

Last season with the Bulls, DeRozan averaged 24 points per game, but he has exceeded 27 points per game twice in his already legendary career. This bodes well for the hometown team, as three-point shooters like Keegan Murray, Malik Monk, and De’Aaron Fox will undoubtedly get better looks, as defenders try to control the frenetic mid-range game of DeMar DeRozan.

The Kings can actually put 5 scorers on the court at the same time, and although Keon Ellis is known for his ferocious defense, his offensive game has come to life as well. We saw a man among boys in the NBA summer league, as Keon did pretty much what he wanted as he scored at will against the newcomers and younger players in the league.

Keon’s experience from last year, particularly as a starter, will in all likelihood lead to a standout year in the upcoming campaign.

Starters for the Kings that we can already pencil in include Domantas Sabonis, De’Aaron Fox, Keegan Murray, and of course the standout offseason acquisition of DeMar DeRozan. That leaves one spot to be filled, and everyone seems to be coming up with their own personal favorite. The leading candidates are Malik Monk, Keon Ellis, and Kevin Huerter who is returning from a shoulder injury that cut short his 2023/2024 season.

Huerter and Ellis are accustomed to starting, but Malik Monk has made it known that he would like to transition from the 6th man position to the starting lineup.

The unknown quotient is coach Mike Brown who has a difficult decision to make. Hopefully he will give each of the three an opportunity to start in preseason games, but the preseason is short, and the body of work will be minimal to make a decision.

There are those for whom it’s not who starts but who finishes, but I respond by

saying, starting is a place of pride, and I’ve yet to meet the player that would rather come off the bench than start a game.

Trey Lyles has never gotten the love from coach Brown that Keon Ellis receives, and I contend that Trey has acquitted himself well, and to the point that his name should be in the conversation. When Trey plays alongside Sabonis the Kings present a much more formidable front line, and Lyles could be the missing ingredient the Kings need to give Domantas the wingman he needs to help clean the boards.

The truth is, whether Huerter, Monk, Ellis, or Lyles, all four of these players represent quality NBA talent, and Brown has some notable ballers to make his final selection.

All that said, the bench will be strong this year, and if Alex Len can take just one more step, I believe this 1st round draft choice from 2013 could finally live up to the potential that so many pundits believed that he had when originally drafted.

I like Len’s game, and his effort is unquestionable. He acquits himself well when Sabonis needs a breather, and if he can take that next step, I can see moments when he and Sabonis are on the court together.

If I haven’t yet mentioned your favorite player, dark horses like Colby Jones, Jordan McLaughlin, Boogie Ellis, or newcomers Orlando Robinson and Isaiah Crawford are waiting in the wings to make their presence known.

Just as Keon Ellis emerged last season, one of these players is waiting to show the Sacramento Kings fans that they deserve some accolades, and it will surprise me if I’m not surprised by one of the aforementioned candidates.

Let’s not forget that we haven’t even mentioned Kings’ top draft choice Devin Carter, and although he is scheduled to miss the first half of the upcoming season, Devin no doubt will be eagerly awaiting his opportunity to show the Sacramento fans why this 22-year-old was drafted #13 overall.

Get ready Kings fans, for a season that will rival any you’ve seen so far, and as always if you have comments, please send them to [vgarriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgarriskingsfan@gmail.com).

All the best! ★

# Planners OK Tree Removal for Medical Offices

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and uncovered RV parking stalls, the project will take up one of the newly created parcels. It will run from Charolais Way in the north and Wayne Heintz Street in the south. No use has been proposed for the other six parcels, five of which sit between Waterman and the RV project; the seventh is on the south side of Wayne Heintz.

The commission voted 4-0 to approve a major design review of two industrial warehouse buildings east of the intersection of Elkmont and Iron Rock ways. The applicant requested minor deviations from city building code, slightly reducing the number of parking spots and widening the spacing of landscaped islands in

the parking lot. Associate planner Joseph Daguman said the adjustments would improve the site’s usability. The warehouses and associated offices will take up about 42,300 square feet on a 2.8-acre lot.

Daguman noted that the applicant had updated its design to add canopies requested by the city; city staff recommended deleting a related condition of approval from the design review.

Representing the applicant, consultant Jim Gillum agreed with the condition’s removal.

The Development Services director said the commission’s regular meetings on Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 will probably be canceled due to a lack of agenda items. ★

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**MEMORIAL**

**JOHN HULL • 10/4/1954 - 9/4/2024**

John Hull, 69, of Elk Grove, California, passed away on September 4th, 2024. Born on October 4, 1954 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he was a kind and devoted husband to Marcia and a loving father to Sylvia, Joel and Max.

John was a hard-working and dedicated. He spent 30 years working in broadcast journalism with the local news stations and newspapers in which he lived and in Christian radio where he was known for his voice and desire to share truth. John then went on to teach for over 15 years both at Luther Burbank High School and Cosumnes River College, sharing his many years of experience in the journalism and media fields. Despite his many responsibilities, he always made time for his family and his passions.

John was often known for his selflessness, desire to help and having a genuine interest in those he met. He had a great sense of humor with a contagious laugh. He was well known for his original words, phrases and songs that his friends, family and students still repeat to this day. He left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

John loved sports. He was actively involved in coaching his sons’ teams when they were young and reporting on the Elk Grove-area high school sporting events during his time writing for the Elk Grove Citizen newspaper. His favorite was golf, passing on his passion to his children and grandchildren.

More than sports, John loved Jesus. He passionately served alongside his wife at Sacramento First Church of the Nazarene, where he led Bible studies, played the oboe in the worship band, and served those in the community around the church. His desire was to make Jesus known to others, which he did until his last breath.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia, children Sylvia Osorno (Jack Osorno), Joel Hull (Carlee Hull), Max Hull, his grandchildren Seth Osorno, Olivia Osorno, Cora Osorno, Walker Hull and Andee Hull, his mother, Shirley Hull, his sister, Julie Hull, as well as many friends and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 11:00am at Sacramento First Church of the Nazarene (1820 28th Street, Sacramento). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacramento First Church of the Nazarene.

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# Broadway Comes Back to Elk Grove

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Musical Mayhem Productions offers plays not just in its hometown of Elk Grove but in theaters in Sacramento and the surrounding region. Registered auditions are open to young theater hopefuls and not limited to academy members.

"By the end of October, 500 kids will have performed in eight plays,"

said Edie Sabia, Musical Mayhem Productions volunteer outreach spokesperson.

Although the organization is primarily a musical theater, Musical Mayhem Productions students are taught the basics of vocal and dance disciplines as well as backstage skills such as costume and set design.

"During their time working in theater, students

learn teamwork, discipline, work ethic and gain confidence," said Sabia, who has grandchildren in the program. "It is an alternative to sports programs."

Musical Mayhem Productions is good for the Elk Grove economy, Sabia said, because parents and family members from other areas bring their children to classes and to the shows. Many come from Stockton, Carmichael,



Young actors starred in "Shrek," a previous presentation from Musical Mayhem Productions. Photo courtesy of Musical Mayhem Productions

West Sacramento and neighboring cities.

restaurants while they are here," she said.

about Musical Mayhem Productions, visit [mayhemproductions.com](http://mayhemproductions.com).

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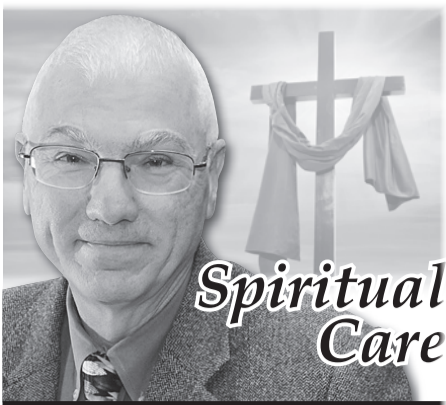
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# Don't Tell it to the Chaplain



*Spiritual Care*

**BY NORRIS BURKES**

Last year I wrote a book called, "Tell It to the Chaplain." If you've seen it, then you're likely wondering why this headline makes the opposite request.

My title refers to certain phrases people use that cause me to jokingly reply, "Don't ever say that to a chaplain."

When they cock their head in search of an explanation, I tell them that I'm a retired healthcare chaplain and I may inject a totally different meaning into common sayings.

For instance, I once asked my photo-journalism professor if he could stay after class to explain my new camera.

"I really can't," he said, "I'm on my way out."

"Please don't say that to a chaplain," I replied. "'On the way out' means you're going to meet God."

"No – no. I have a faculty meeting," he said. "And God's not often there."

On another day, I ran breathlessly to an airline gate, only to be told by the agent,

"They've already departed."

Ouch. Don't say that to a chaplain. "Departed" describes someone who has taken flight to their celestial destination. At some point, chaplains call these folks the "dearly departed."

On a different occasion, my neighbors described how they moved out of the city into our forested lake community in the California foothills.

"It just feels like we're in a better place now," the husband blurted.

I winced at "a better place" since the phrase most often describes the afterlife.

In another example, I was walking with my friend Roger through a sports stadium when he abruptly stopped at a concession stand to buy a Pepsi.

"Keep walking," he said, "Meet me on the other side."

Of course, I knew he was simply asking me to meet him at our seats on the other side of the stadium.

But as a chaplain, he should have known that I'd make a heavenly inference that we'd not meet again until we got to the "Other Side."

Finally, I once stood on the banks of the Jordan River as our Israeli tour guide pointed toward the land "just beyond the river."

I nudged my wife and said, "I wish he wouldn't say that."

I started humming the refrain to Fanny Crosby's hymn, "Near the Cross."

"In the cross, in the cross,

Be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find

Rest beyond the river."

Becky groaned, recognizing this as one of my favorite fragments.

I jest with these phrases because I love puns, but I also appreciate them as a comforting way to remember the three people I've lost in the past four years.

My brother, the one I called "Brotherman," died of COVID in December 2020. He was so full of conspiracy

theories that he wasn't contented in this world, so I really do feel a sense of comfort knowing he's very much "in a better place."

And, as you know, I lost my mother last month. I thank all of you who sent me

numerous messages and cards.

But most reassuring is how I still hear the notes of her operatic voice singing those Crosby hymns. "Near the Cross" was among her favorites, and I take consolation believing she's found her "rest beyond the river."

However, my most difficult loss came four years ago this month, when I lost my life-long best friend, Roger Williams. On the last day I saw him, we sat on his couch, shoulder to shoulder, the same way we'd stood for 45 years.

As we said our temporary goodbyes, I held his cooling hand and laid my head on his shoulder. Then, in between my sobs, I told him that I'd see him "on the other side."

"That's OK, Norris," he said. "It'll be all right." Soon he was asleep. Four days later, Roger died at 63 years of age.

So, sometimes all I have left to say is "See you, Mom. See you, Roger. See ya, Brotherman. I'll meet you all "in a better place," "on the other side" just "beyond the river."

*For an autographed copy of "Tell It To The Chaplain," order on my website or send a \$20 check to 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. (\$70 will get you all four books.)*

*Email comments to comment@thechaplain.net or by text or voicemail to (843) 608-9715.* ★

## RELIGION NEWS

### Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom from the issues (hurts, hang-ups, and habits) controlling your life. Meetings are held weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grace Church, located at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs Restaurant.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 a.m. For more information call (916) 714-3444 or email: office@gracechurch.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

### Chabad of Elk Grove's Weekly Torah Classes

Local community members are invited to attend free 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 leads the discussion. 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.

### Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church MUSIC EVENTS

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR continues the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm. On Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band will perform.

Scotty Inman will return to Elk Grove on Nov. 15 for an evening concert of worship and fellowship. Joining Scotty will be

the Herb Henry Family, California's First Family of Gospel Music, and Faith Valley. Tickets are \$25 with assigned seating. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit several charities – One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down. For tickets: itickets.com/events/479656.

The concert will be held at The Center at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Come early before the concert starts and listen to the musical talents of Chan Louie and enjoy some refreshments. Doors open at 6 pm and the concert starts at 7 pm.

### UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics: Sept. 15 – "Holding On To What We Do Not Understand"; Sept. 22 – "Still Not Getting It"; and Sept. 29 – "What Does It Take to Belong?"

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

### St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw Road..

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

The church's office hours are Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00. For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321. ★

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# ABOUT TOWN

## Local Pioneer History Talk on Sept. 16

Elk Grove Historical Society's monthly speaker series continues on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m., with a talk from David Lema on the Edgingtons and the Springsteds, two of Elk Grove's pioneer families.

Lema is chair of the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation, whose goal is to preserve the personal and family stories of the Elk Grove area.

The free, hourlong presentation will take place at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. For more information, visit [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com).

## Elk Grove Community Band Concert Sept. 16

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Fall Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The Sept. 16 theme is "The Olympic Spirit."

The band's future concerts are Oct. 28, Dec. 16, Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025.

Learn more at [elkgrovecommunityband.org](http://elkgrovecommunityband.org).

## After-Hours Business Mixer Sept. 17

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce will hold its After-Hours Business Mixer on Sept. 17, co-hosted by BMO Bank and Town Planner Calendar.

The networking event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at BMO Bank (7500 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 100). Attendance is free for chamber members, and \$15 for nonmembers.

## Chamber Seeks Citizen of the Year Nominations

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce is inviting nominations for 2024 Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes an Elk Grove resident who "has rendered outstanding volunteer service directly to the greater Elk Grove Community."

A nominee must be a resident of the Elk Grove area, be an individual or a couple,

be alive at the time of nomination, and must not be campaigning for political office at the time of nomination.

To submit a nomination, fill out the form found at [bit.ly/3X4p0Zq](http://bit.ly/3X4p0Zq) (case sensitive) and send it, along with a signed letter of recommendation, to the chamber.

Submissions are accepted by mail at Citizen of the Year Committee, C/O Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624. Email is [chamber@elkgroveca.com](mailto:chamber@elkgroveca.com), and fax is 916-691-3810. The deadline is Sept. 18.

## POW-MIA Ceremony Sept. 21

The Veterans Organizations in the City of Elk Grove, in partnership with the Cosumnes Community Service District and the City of Elk Grove, are proud to hold a special ceremony to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the community is invited to our POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove 95757. Veterans Lawn/Flagpoles @ 11 a.m. with refreshments to follow.

## Empty Bowls Fundraiser Sept. 21

The Interfaith Council of Elk Grove invites the community to its Empty Bowls fundraiser, to benefit Al Misbaah Food Bank and Elk Grove Food Bank Services.

The fundraiser, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, aims to help counter the many faces of hunger in the community.

Participants will select a hand-crafted ceramic bowl created by Elk Grove Unified high school students and fill it with masterful soup creations donated by the Elk Grove area's finest restaurants. All you can eat, with salad, rolls and dessert included.

Tickets are \$30, and children 5 and under are free. Good Shepherd is at 9539 Racquet Court in Elk Grove. Visit [bit.ly/EGEmptybowls2024](http://bit.ly/EGEmptybowls2024) for tickets.

## Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for September

Sept. 13 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Sept. 16 - noon - Mahjonnig at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116

Calle Entrada. Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

Sept. 18 - 10 a.m. - Meet at Big Lots to rideshare to a tour of Sutter's Fort (admission \$5) with lunch to follow. Contact is Myra at 916-838-7509.

Sept. 19 - 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.

Sept. 20 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

Sept. 24 - 5 p.m. - Dinner at Brickhouse, 9027 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Susie at 916-798-0007.

Sept. 25 - 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.

Sept. 26 - noon - No-host Lunch & Bunco at Round Table, 8795 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 27 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

## Weekend in Greece Food Fest Sept. 23-24

The annual Weekend in Greece food festival will take place Sept. 23 and 24 at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (9165 Peets St.)

The event will run 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the 23rd, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 24th. Greek dishes, drinks and pastries will be on offer, and visitors can also enjoy live music, dancing, vendors and church tours. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit [weekendingreece.org](http://weekendingreece.org) or call 916-683-3443.

## Wilton Bingo Played Monthly

Wilton Bingo is the first Saturday of each month in the Wilton Community Center at the corner of Colony Road and Dillard Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 10 games.

Unfortunately, the Taco Girl truck will not be there in September; our usual fare will still be available for sale. Our Good Neighbor table is still happening, so if you can donate a quality used item, it would be appreciated.

All proceeds go to two non-profits: The local Park Council and the Wilton History Group.

Any questions: call Lorraine Robinson,

916-212-8896.

## 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 [jbvespers@gmail.com](mailto:jbvespers@gmail.com) or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476.

Upcoming acts are: Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band (blues); and Nov. 3, Beth Duncan (jazz).

## Legion Baseball Team Fundraiser Set for Sept. 27

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 will host a fundraiser Sept. 27 in support of its new Legion Baseball Team.

The funds generated by this event will be used to purchase equipment, to pay for umpires, tournament entry fees and Legion insurance, among other costs to support the team.

The event, from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Civic Center at District 56, will include a Bratwurst Dinner; beer, wine and spirits; live music by Nina Kuhl; casino (3-card poker, poker and blackjack-21.5); raffles and gift baskets.

Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets, go to [post233.americanlegionelkgrove.com](http://post233.americanlegionelkgrove.com); click on website; click on Post 233; click on Fundraiser.

## Veterans Meetings Listed

American Legion Post 233, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Social Breakfast 1st Saturday each month, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, Laguna Blvd. and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99).

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Marine Corps League: 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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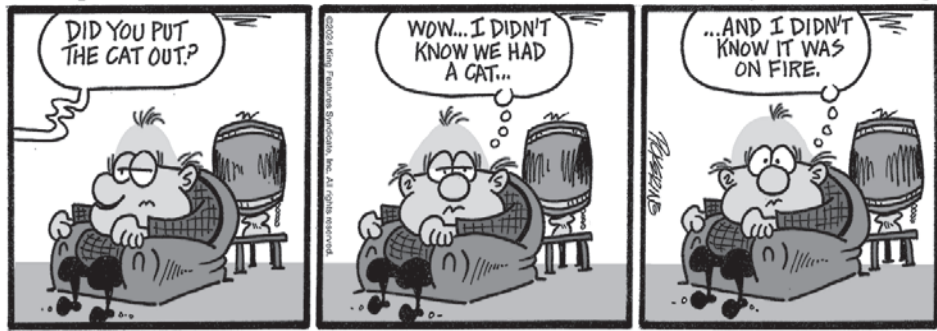
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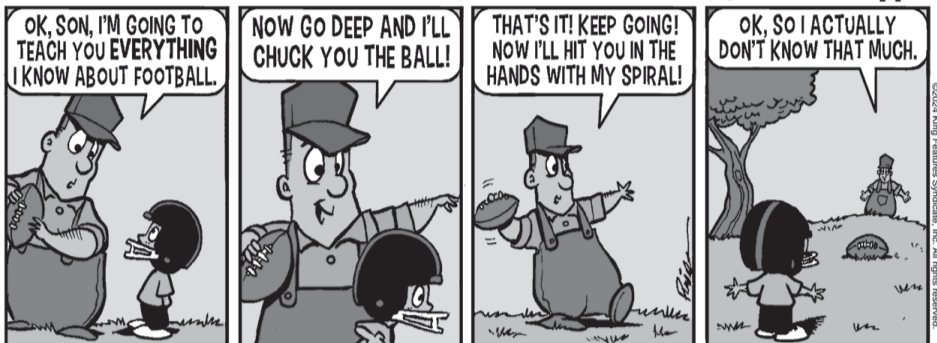
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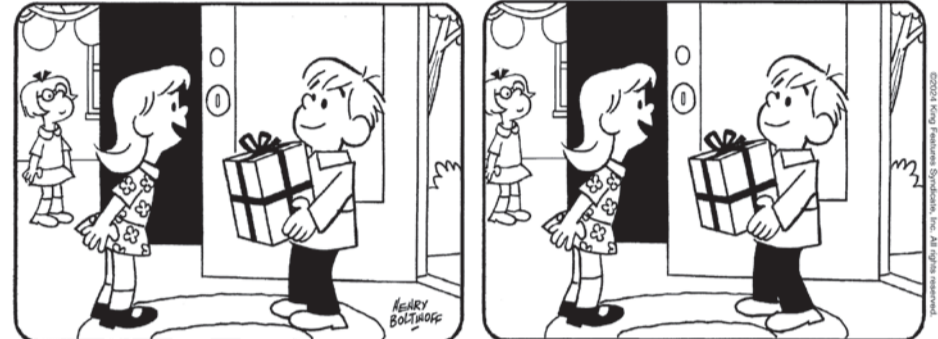
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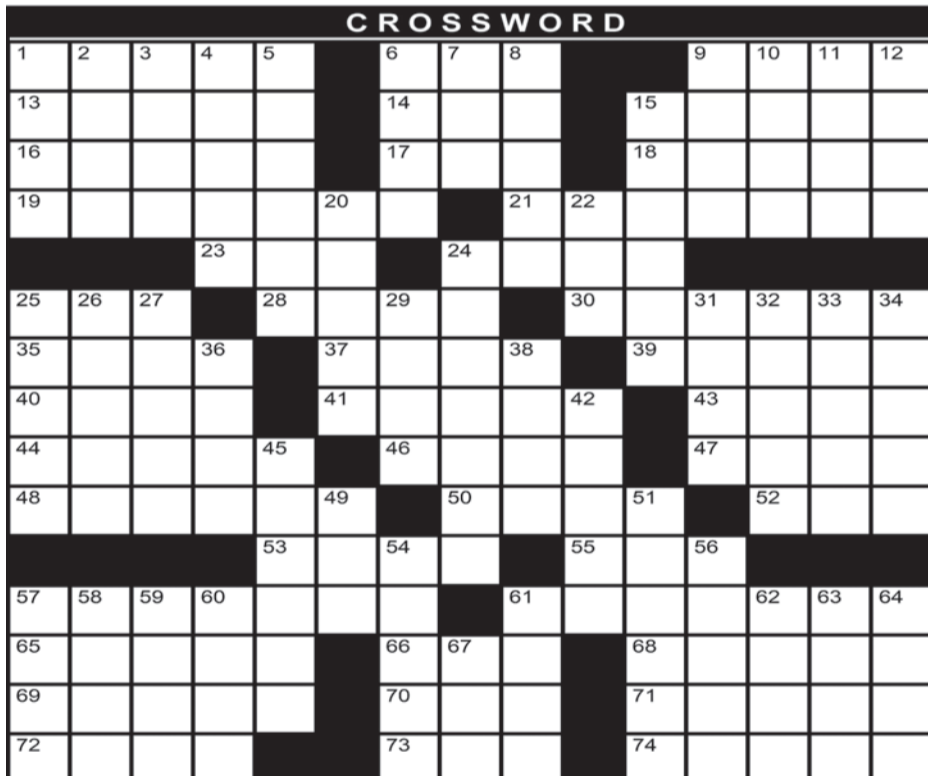
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# Eagles Soar Over Tigers to Remain Undefeated

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Pleasant Grove Eagles are soaring high. Head coach Josh Crabtree and his squad are undefeated and have yet to surrender a single point this season after their 40-0 win over the Tokay Tigers at home.

Before the matchup, the National Anthem included a fly-over thanks to the father of senior wide receiver Cody Nydegger, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, to kick off the Eagles' homecoming game.

With the Tigers taking on newly added Delta League opponent the Laguna Creek Cardinals the previous week for a losing score of 62-40, Crabtree said he told his team that looking at MaxPreps doesn't tell the whole story of that team.

"I've been ringing bells, sounding alarms all week with my guys like, 'Hey, don't think that MaxPreps tells the whole story of that team.' They got some good football players, they got a good coaching staff and to be honest with you, I was concerned coming into this game," Crabtree said.

Coming into this game, the Eagles' senior quarterback Cole Davis was the leader in passing yards in the whole CIF Sac-Joaquin Section with a total of 554 yards, good for 26 completions on 34 attempts and five touchdowns, according



Mason Hanner gets the tackle on the Tokay Tigers' first drive of the game. The Pleasant Grove Eagles shut out their opponent by a score of 40-0 at their home field at Sheldon High School on Sept. 6. Photo by Alejandro Barron

to MaxPreps.

Not only are the Eagles a threat in the air on offense, but senior running back Bobby Mitchell is also an offensive threat. The previous week against the Lodi Flames, he had three touchdowns on a total of 14 carries as he rushed for a total of 82 yards.

"I brought them up in my first year as the head football coach here two years ago; they were sophomores, and they've paid their dues," Crabtree said. "It's fun for me to watch them flourish and have success. It makes it easier to call plays when you don't have to hide one, run the ball or throw the ball. It's a great situation for us."

Not only does Crabtree praise the results on the field, but he described both Davis and Mitchell as unselfish and great leaders.

The Eagles got downfield with Davis connecting with his receivers and Mitchell's running game to culminate in a touchdown for Mitchell, the first of two he would have along with a total of 141 yards rushing on 12 carries.

With no hesitation, Crabtree went for the two-point conversion to put them up 8-0, the first of two conversions from senior Jacob Beals, which would later give them a 16-0 lead.

"He's (Beals) a tough

kid to tackle, so they had bodies there but he's a slippery kid, so we like the numbers advantage and we took it twice and those are big-momentum plays," Crabtree said. "When you look up at the scoreboard and it says 16-0 as opposed to 14, it's two points, but psychologically, it's bigger than that."

The offense kept piling on as Davis would go on to throw for 170 yards with two touchdowns to receivers Nydegger and senior Jack Maddox to go on to put 40 points on the board.

The Tigers could not put anything together offensively due to the Eagles' lockdown defense for their third straight shutout of the

young season.

"We've been on a run where we've had some good play and some good luck," Crabtree said. "Shutouts are rare and to have three in a row is a credit to the kids. It's a credit to my defensive staff. I love looking at a zero underneath an opponent's name."

Standouts on defense for Crabtree on the night were Maddox Ali, an All-League player for the Eagles last season, and Roman Patterson.

This year marks 24 years of coaching for Crabtree, who said this is one of the best group he's ever coached.

"I've coached teams that

had six or seven scholarship kids on it, I coached at the college level for a while, but this group of kids are just amazing kids," Crabtree said.

There's one game left in the Eagles' schedule before they begin their Delta League schedule, and they'll be looking to adjust as they allowed too many penalties against the Tigers, Crabtree said.

"We had a bunch of penalties tonight which were out of character for us. There's a lot of little things and we were fortunate that we had a bit of a lead, but we can't continue to do that so there's plenty for us to work on," Crabtree said.

The Eagles didn't align properly a couple of times on defense and there was a delay of game among other things that even erased some touchdowns off the board due to penalties.

The last opponent for the Eagles before league play is the Lincoln Trojans, who are currently 1-2 overall this season. The Eagles will travel to Stockton for what Crabtree said will be a big challenge for them.

"They bring a ton of talent to the table. Their running back could be the best running back in the whole section so it's going to be a huge challenge for us," Crabtree said.

"That coaching staff does a good job and they have tons of athletes. Their quarterback can run and throw." ★

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SUPPLEMENT NO. 54  
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FOR THE JAIN ESTATES AND HERITAGE HILL DRIVE MAP PROJECTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on the Engineer's Report and a supplement thereto prepared and filed in connection with proposed street maintenance assessments on property identified in the report as supplemented. The City has mailed a notice to each affected property owner specifying the amount of the proposed assessment on the owner's property. At the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all protests.

Dated / Published: September 6, 2024 and September 13, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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The City will consider the proposed issuance of bonds by the Elk Grove Finance Authority for the purpose of providing financing for a portion of the costs of infrastructure improvements for the City on behalf of its Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Laguna Ridge).

At the public hearing, the City will determine whether there are significant public benefits to citizens of the City from such proposed financing, including a more efficient delivery of City services to residential and commercial development and demonstrable savings in effective interest rate, bond preparation, bond underwriting and bond issuance costs (in accordance with Section 6586 of the California Government Code). 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.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Kara Taylor-Seeman, Finance Manager, at (916) 627-3410.

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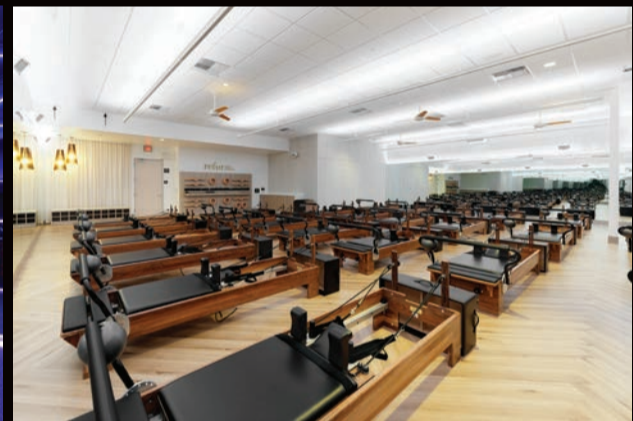
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# Saluting Labor: SouthEast Connector Paves Path to Opportunity

By Derek Minnema, Executive Director Capital Southeast Connector JPA



While the Capital SouthEast Connector will make travel safer and greatly improve traffic flows on local highways, it also has enormous social benefits as a ladder of career opportunities.

“This project creates opportunities and pathways for second-chance individuals,” said Laborers Local 185 Business Manager Doyle Radford Jr. during a recent event. “People who don’t typically get opportunities will get a chance to work in the trades and learn valuable skills to improve their lives.”

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This expressway project stands as a testament to how public infrastructure can create equitable opportunities for individuals and enhance the region’s quality of life. By providing jobs and opening doors for career-seeking individuals, the Connector is building pathways to better lives.

The laborers who bring these projects to life do so with skill, dedication, muscle and sweat. Their work is about more than just laying asphalt and concrete; it is about creating opportunities, enhancing safety, and producing economic prosperity.

According to a 2022 economic study, the

completed Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway will generate \$1.8 billion of increased regional economic output, and \$770 million of new labor

income. It will save commuters between \$500 million and \$1.5 billion in travel time over 20 years compared to using current roadways.

The Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway is a shining example of what can be achieved through collaboration, determination, and hard work.

The project’s importance was highlighted recently when it received a \$25 million federal RAISE grant. The RAISE program—Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity—recognizes projects that contribute to evenhanded outcomes, especially for communities that have historically

been underserved.

The RAISE funds will be used to reconstruct a section of Grant Line Road and correct deadly curves and elevations that obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Longstanding drainage issues that currently cause flooding and hinder first responders during emergencies will also be fixed.

From an environmental standpoint, the SouthEast Connector Expressway has been designed from its inception to avoid negative environmental impacts where possible, and the modern design will eliminate many negative environmental impacts from the roadway’s current structure.

In partnership with the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, the project is designed to ensure the long-term viability of area plant and wildlife species while

preserving agricultural and ranch land.

When completed, the Capital SouthEast Connector will reduce greenhouse gases, pollutant emissions, vehicle miles traveled, and regional congestion. The project has obtained environmental permits and has agreed to purchase lands to replace impacted agricultural land or vernal pools.

From every perspective, the Capital SouthEast Connector is a winning proposition. Your support is vital to the project’s successful completion. To express your support or if you have questions, please email us at ConnectorSupport@saccounty.gov.

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## What Everybody Ought to Know...

# About Transportation and Traffic in Sacramento County

### Why Are We Publishing This Information

The Capital SouthEast Connector is the largest and most significant road project in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, but its value to the region is often unknown to residents.

The Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (the agency responsible for designing and building the expressway) hopes to change that through a series of ads appearing over the next several weeks. The ads will explore the Connector’s history and future, its financing, its challenges, and its successes.

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specifically to construct a new expressway connecting I-5 and Hwy 99 in the Elk Grove area to Hwy 50 in El Dorado County, now known as the Capital SouthEast Connector. Since the vote, the tax has generated about \$2 billion. To date, the Capital SouthEast Connector has received about \$58 million of those funds, which were paired with federal and state funds to complete 11 miles of the 34-mile project.

**Q Where have the transportation tax funds not allocated to the Capital SouthEast Connector been used?**

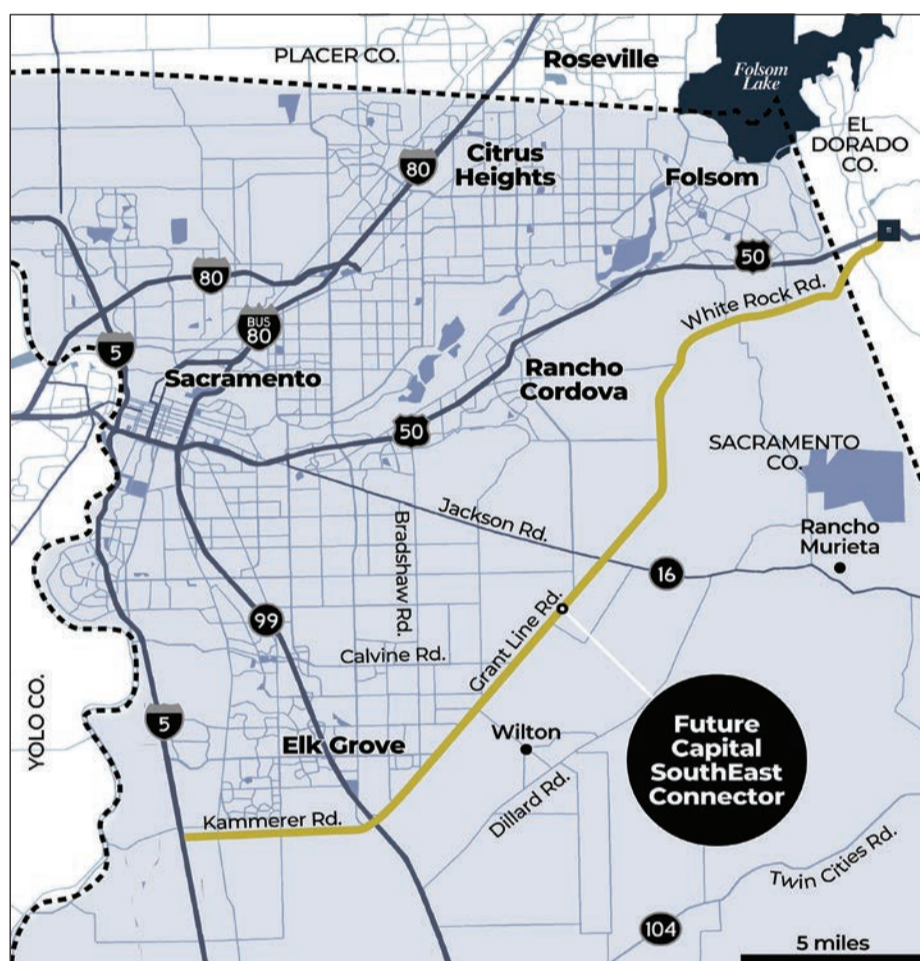
**A** The transportation sales tax funds are allocated according to a formula voters approved when they approved the tax. The largest single recipient of the funds since the tax began is the Regional Transit Authority (38%, amounting to \$709 million) for operating and maintaining light rail and bus services; and providing transportation options to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Street and road maintenance projects have received 29.4%, amounting to \$545.5 million. Overall, capital improvement projects have received 20.4%, amounting to \$377.4 million. The rest of the funds went to smaller projects, and less than ¼ of one percent is spent on program administration.

**Q What has the Sacramento Area Council of Governments’ role been in the Capital SouthEast**

particularly Hwy 50, and from fewer toxic fumes spewing from thousands of vehicles stuck in traffic. Southeastern Sacramento County residents will have a safe new route to avoid Hwy 50 congestion and bypass downtown traffic. Businesses, companies, farmers, and ranchers will also be able to receive supplies and send products to market more safely and quickly. Most importantly, the modernized roadway will be safe to travel, unlike current conditions that endanger lives.

**Q Who approved building the SouthEast Connector Expressway?**

**A** In 2004, by a 3-1 margin, voters agreed to tax themselves for 30 years for transportation maintenance, road improvements, mass transit, mobility for seniors and people with disabilities, and



Map showing the location of the future Capital SouthEast Connector

**Q What is the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway?**

**A** The planned Connector is an expressway that will link Interstate 5 and Highway 99 near Elk Grove to Highway 50 in El Dorado County. The new expressway will relieve congestion by directing commuter and commercial traffic around the city on a safe expressway. Travelers to and from areas south of Sacramento will no longer need to go through the city to get to their destinations. The Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway also features a parallel bike and pedestrian trail.

**Q Who will benefit from the SouthEast Connector Expressway when completed?**

**A** The entire region will benefit from reduced congestion on area highways,

## Connector’s White Rock Road Improvement



**Connector’s construction.**

**A** The Capital SouthEast Connector is part of the “Sacramento Blueprint,” adopted over 20 years ago by SACOG’s board of directors and still consulted today. The Blueprint’s goal is to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve the region’s quality of life. It was SACOG’s idea to create the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority to manage the design and construction of the expressway. Over the years, SACOG has been mostly supportive of efforts to advance the project, and SACOG recently determined that constructing a segment of the project was the region’s number one transportation priority, greatly enhancing a successful project application for federal funding.

**Q What environmental impacts will the SouthEast Connector Expressway create, and how will they be mitigated?**

**A** Like any road project, the Capital SouthEast Connector will affect the environment during and after construction, but all federal, state, and local regulations to protect the environment are being followed. After construction, the environment will be greatly enhanced due to a design that controls and channels damaging groundwater that currently floods the roadway and adjacent lands. The Connector Joint Powers Authority is a member of the South Sacramento Conservation Agency (SCCA) that oversees compliance with

the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan and its rules for road construction. The Connector project has obtained environmental permits and has also agreed to purchase lands to replace impacted agricultural land or vernal pools in accordance with the conservation plan’s vision.

**Q How will the Capital SouthEast Connector affect bike and pedestrian traffic in the area?**

**A** Bicyclists and pedestrians who currently face grave danger will be able to avoid traffic entirely by using a paved, Class 1 bike trail that will be built separate from the expressway along its entire length. The bike trail is designed to enable residents to walk or ride their bikes to visit friends in neighboring communities; or peddle to work, local restaurants, stores, parks,

and entertainment venues; or simply to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

**Q How can residents support construction of the Capital SouthEast Connector?**

**A** Your support is vital to our successfully applying for funds to complete the project. Telling your local, state, and federal elected representatives that you support the project is very helpful. You can also learn more about the project or sign up for our newsletter on our website at www.connectorjpa.com. Alternatively, you can use the QR code on this page, visit our Instagram page at www.instagram.com/connectorjpa or our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@SouthEast-connectorexpressway Please send questions or comments to ConnectorSupport@saccounty.gov.

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