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# **Champions: Franklin Earns First Section Soccer Title**



The Franklin High School Wildcats made history, winning the Division 1 Sac-Joaquin Section Championships, by defeating the Davis Senior High School Devils at Cosumnes River College on Saturday, March 1.

### Story and photos by Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - When the Franklin High School Boys Soccer team set out for the 2024-25 season, they had one lofty mission in mind: win a California Interscholastic Federation Section Championship. Well,

accomplished. The Franklin High School Wildcats made his-

tory after earning their first CIF Section Championship after defeating Davis Senior High School under the bright lights at Cosumnes River College Saturday evening in a tight 1-0 contest.

"We as a program his-

well, getting into the playoffs, but running into good teams," third-year head coach Jacob Schanning said. "But this year, we have a very special group and the group from the very beginning was able to come together and gel, and we were able to ask the players to commit and give everything that they had."

feather in the cap during what has become a historic season for the Wildcats. The boys entered the section playoffs after finishing first place in the Delta League with a 11-1 record, which earned them the No. 1 seed in the Division 1 playoffs.

The Wildcats soundly defeated their first-round

Capitol Creatives, **Black Screen Productions Spotlight** Young Voices

## **By Pia Manez** Franklin High School, SacSchoolBeat

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Capitol Creatives, a talent agency based in Sacramento, serves to elevate local artists by using the region as an artistic innovation hub for nurturing local talent.

One recent event, the agency's "Come Correct" party, helped bring awareness to small creators seeking to gain more spotlight and attention to their work. This New Year's party was just one of many events that Capitol Creatives and BLK Productions have planned to boost local artists.

Aaron Cameron, founder and president of Capitol Creatives, said the company is open to any type of artists who are looking to expand their career.

"For my past event, models gained experience walking a stage for an abnormal type of fashion show," Cameron said. "They put their own styling skills to the test and took a chance at going out on that catwalk." Cameron said all kinds of performers get experience in his shows. "Musical performers are gaining performance experience and spreading awareness to their music, which is an entirely different industry that requires a separate set of marketing skills," he said. "Photographers get experience shooting in a low light setting and expand their network and portfolio." Cameron said transitioning into a talent agency from a nonprofit was not easy. "We took a bit of a hiatus for a couple months to recoup and redefine what it is we're doing exactly, and something like this brought us closer as a team and magnetized others towards us as well," Cameron said. The Come Correct party sparked several new opportunities for the company and different artists. "For our first-ever fashion show and event of 2025, it was a big success because everyone loved how intimate the setting was," Cameron said. "The crowd, though smaller, was still lively enough to make it enjoyable, and we had loads of positive feedback on social media and from

mission torically have done pretty

The win was just another

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Monterey Trail's Vocal Ensemble Group kicked off the event by singing the Black National Anthem.

# Story and photos by Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Black History Month went out with a bang at Monterey Trail High School as the school hosted its Black History Extravaganza on Feb. 28.

Monterey Trail High School Principal Lara Ricks said the annual event is hosted by the Black Student Union, an organization for African-American students. She said that this

yearly event is often held on the last Friday of February.

Ricks said that she loved how the event had a community feel and was a way for people to learn about the community resources while celebrating.

"I love the fact that we have community partners and resources and that everybody can have the community feel to not only learn about the resources but also celebrate black excellence and community," Ricks

said. "Sometimes we end up dancing together, which is always fun."

Zeaux Bayone, program educator for the Elk Grove Unified School District's Educational Equity team and adviser for the district Black Student Union, said although the event was geared toward Black History Month, it was also "to pilot Black History Year" so that the union doesn't just highlight black history in February, but year-round.

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# Age, Disability-Friendly Action Plan Launched

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is taking a significant step toward ensuring a more livable and accessible future for its aging and disabled residents.

By 2030, one-fourth of Sacramento County's population will be 60 or older, and approximately 200,000 residents currently live with a disability.

In response to these growing needs, the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services has launched the Local Age and Disability-Friendly Action Plan (LADAP), a comprehensive initiative shaped by years of advocacy and community input. Sacramento County is proud to partner with the California Department of Aging and AARP's Age-Friendly Network of States and Communities to achieve this goal.

On Feb. 25, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors formally adopted the Local Age and Disability-Friendly Action Plan resolution, reinforcing the county's commitment to improving access to essential resources for older adults and people with disabilities. This plan aligns with the

five bold goals of California's Master Plan for Aging.

The first goal is Housing for All Stages and Ages which is ensuring accessible and affordable housing options for residents of all ages. The second goal is Health Reimagined that is expanding healthcare access and wellness programs tailored to older and disabled adults.

The third goal is Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation, which is fostering community connections and reducing social isolation.

The fourth goal is Caregiving That

Works, which means strengthening support for caregivers and long-term care services.

The fifth and final goal is Affording Aging, which is addressing economic challenges that impact aging residents.

Sacramento County will celebrate the launch of the Local Age and Disability-Friendly Action Plan from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 17 at the Sacramento State Union Ballroom, 6000 J St. All Sacramento County residents are invited to attend, with registration open until room capacity is reached.

Register on Eventbrite.com. For more information, visit the Master Plan for Aging website at mpa.aging.ca.gov.

# Capitol Creatives, Black Screen Productions Spotlight Young Voices

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everyone in the show."

After the event, Cameron said, multiple people were interested in his company.

"People are excited for us and want to work with us in the near and far future," he said. "A couple people actually want to sign with us immediately."

Cameron said there are many more events coming up, including a portrait slam meet-up and a donation fashion show this month, another fashion show in the summer and a second-annual Top Notch event and a tiny desk concert for musicians and spoken-word artists later in the year.

One performer and model who participated in the Come Correct party, Demetrius Turner, heard about the event through Capitol Creatives and his roommate, who also appeared as a performer and model for the show.

Turner said he was excited about the whole event.

"The company put out a few polls in regards to anyone who would be interested in performing or modeling in the show, so I reached out to him and got me a spot as one of the models in the show," Turner said.

In addition to being a model, Turner and his roommate, Nick Tran, were both asked to perform a song they wrote.

"Then, because my roommate falls in the show as a performer, I found out about that and was asked to perform our song," Turner said. "I was thinking, 'We should definitely perform,' so I heard about that and was excited to be more involved in the show."

Turner said performing in front of a crowd helped him improve his act and work on his stage presence.

"I've been making music for about six or seven years now, but not every opportunity pops up," he said. "When I found out that my roommate was going to be performing and he wanted to do our song together, I thought it was perfect and just what we needed. It helped getting live practice by getting in front of people, working on stage presence, working on mic control, breath control and all of that going into play, which made me excited for the next step."

Turner added that the event allowed him to grow as both a performer and as a model.

"Everytime I perform, it helps me become more comfortable being in front of a crowd," he said. "I know it can be nerve wracking at times to perform in front of people you don't know, but once you're always doing it, it starts to become a lot of fun. It's helped me become more of myself on stage."

Another participant in the show, Lyla Yip, is a young aspiring commercial model who has been modeling for about a year. After being part of the event, she said it not only gave her a chance to put herself out there more, she also learned a lot.

"Career-wise, I learned that I need to be able to stay calm at all times," Yip said. "From observing the way the event went and what they provided, it allowed me to be more aware of what I need to work on whether it's doing my own makeup or providing our own items.'

Yip said she is willing to work with Capitol Creatives and Black Screen Productions again because of their outstanding work ethic.

"I loved the energy that they provided and how detailed the information was since they continued to communicate with the models/artists and keep us updated if anything were to change," Yip said. "I feel like in this industry, communication can be lacking because there's so many people, however, this wasn't the case at all, so I'm very happy with the outcome"

For Yip, the next step of her career would be to sign with an agency.

"With that, I would be able to gain more opportunities for commercial modeling," Yip said. "I could always find commercial gigs - however, there's only so much I can know and do with my limited connections, so I hope that within this year, I can get an agency that will provide me with networking."

Caleb Bass, an 18-yearold intern at Black Screen Productions, is a lead photographer and videographer who has worked with the production company since he was 14.

"I came in here very young, and it was basically



This photo shows the New Year's "Come Correct" party/ fashion show by Capitol Creatives. Photo courtesy of Capitol Creatives

my stepping stone for photography," he said.

The production company helped him with career expansion and gaining more film experience.

"I've always liked taking pictures, but Black Screen told me that I can also do video," he said. "Video is like one of the hardest things to actually learn, but they helped me along the way. I have much respect and love for them – it's a very good place for content creation and multimedia."

Bass said he appreciates the agency's role in his early career and recommends it to others.

"It (offers) a showcase to people that haven't shown their face out to other agencies," Bass said, "a kind of their stepping stone to show your face more to go and network other events as well."

Pia Manez is a Franklin High School student and a Sacramento School Beat reporter. The Student Education Reporter program is funded by the Sacramento County Office of Education. Each student works with a writing coach throughout the year. The program's goal is to increase media coverage of Sacramento County schools and districts to benefit the students, the parents and educators. ★





# **Tickets Now on Sale for California Capital Airshow with Blue Angels**

## California Capital Airshow News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The 2025 California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, returns to Mather Airport on March 22 and 23.

A limited quantity of tickets are now on sale for this highly-anticipated event, which is headlined by the world-renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron.

Gates to the Airshow will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. Each day will feature four hours of non-stop flying performances from noon to 4 p.m. Performers include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II, U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper and C-17 Globemaster III demonstration teams, Tucker's Air Patrol, vintage World War II aircraft and more.

The event also offers miles of exhibits, aircraft displays and entertainment on the ground.

"With the Blue Angels headlining for the first time since 2019, this year's Airshow promises to be an unforgettable experience for aviation fans of all ages," said Darcy Brewer, executive director of the California Capital Airshow. "Our team has worked tirelessly to create an event that showcases the awe-inspiring power of flight, and we can't wait to welcome everyone for a weekend with amazing performances and family fun."

The event offers several ticket types, with a range of experiences and accommodations. General Admission tickets for the 2025 Airshow includes free parking and event admission for up to six children (ages 15 and under).

New this year is an exclusive event entrance and venue for all attendees with upgraded tickets. Guests will have access to food trucks and upgraded restrooms dedicated to upgraded ticket holders. The Airshow has several tiers of ticketed experiences, including the Capital Club, Flight Line Club and Mather Club, which offer a range of benefits such as shaded seating, complimentary beverages, buffet lunch and prime views of the aerial performances. Returning this year is The Hangar experience, which includes unlimited craft beer and spirits from the City of Rancho Cordova's Barrel District and wine from Starfield Vineyards.

For those seeking a more premium experience, First Class, a brand-new offering for 2025, includes exclusive access to VIP amenities, a pilot meet-and-greet, and premium food and drink options.

Tickets are now available for purchase online. With the popularity of the Blue Angels and limited availability for all ticket types, fans are encouraged to buy



The 2025 California Capital Airshow will be headlined by the world-renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron. Photo courtesy of the California Capital Airshow

early. Tickets will not be sold at the event gates.

Special thanks also to California Capital Airshow sponsors: Modern Aviation, SMUD, Verizon, Keurig Dr. Pepper, Donaghy Sales, Monster Energy, Thunder Valley, UPS, Five Star Bank, Teichert, Atlas Disposal and Golden 1 Credit Union.

For more information about tickets, pricing and packages, visit online californiacapitalairshow.com.

# High School Hosts Black History Extravaganza

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Bayone said that the Black Student Union operates across the Elk Grove School Unified School District. According to Bayone, who said she started the first elementary school program, 46 Black Student Union programs in the district now are "running from K to 12."

"We are trying to educate our students, staff and community on making these events year-long," Bayone said. "We do more things like this at public schools. It encourages community and also provides times for us to be together to celebrate our excellence."

The celebration was held inside the school's cafeteria. Various tables for vendors were set up, along with the cafeteria tables having tablecloths with the red, green and yellow color schemes to coincide with the event's motif. The event kicked off with the school's Vocal Ensemble Group singing the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice."

The event included a bingo game that involved mentioning black celebrities and black movies, as well as attendees

socializing.

Black Student Union president and Monterey Trail senior Taj Louis said that he was a member of the club throughout all four years at the school. He said that Monterey Trail's union is the only group in the district to hold the event and win five different awards. Some of the previously won awards were for "Best Club President" and "Best Club Vice President" and they were given by the Cosumnes Community Service District president.

Louis noted that the help-load for this year's event had changed with the



Black Student Union president and Monterey Trail senior Taj Louis gives the introductory speech.

six members of the student council, along with the advisers, helping with the organization as opposed to the 20 people that helped in the previous year.

"With that said, it was a lot on our shoulders as we do have a lot of things going on outside of school," Louis said. "In

spite of that, the turnout was good, even though we had a rocky start."

Union vice president and Monterey Trail senior Lailani Lewis said that with her, and Louis, graduating this year, they are looking to other student council members to help pick up the baton.



Black Student Union vice president and Monterey Trail senior Lailani Lewis introduces the bingo game activity.

"I think it's a good way to end our high school years on," Lewis said. "It allowed us to get together one more time as a club before we all go our separate ways."



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# CITY OF ELK GROVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The City of Elk Grove is seeking applications to fill one vacancy position on the Historic Preservation Committee.



Living Trust Attorney **Robert "Jeff" Busch** 

8476 Sheldon Road, Elk Grove, CA



Qualifications. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside in the City of Elk ELK GROVE Grove and be registered to vote in the City of Elk Grove. Members may not be an officer

or employee of the City. The members of the Historic Preservation Committee shall include persons who have demonstrated special interests, competence, experience, or knowledge in historic preservation. Though not a requirement, prospective applicants with professional background in the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, planning, pre-historic and historic archeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation and landscape architecture or related disciplines such as urban planning, American studies, American civilization, or cultural geography are encouraged to apply. (Note: This is a non-paid, volunteer position.)

Historic Preservation. The City of Elk Grove has a rich heritage depicted in numerous California State Landmarks and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Elk Grove's Historic Preservation Ordinance provides for the identification, designation, protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of historic resources including buildings, structures, objects, sites, districts, and cultural landscapes within the city that reflect special elements of the city's heritage and cultural diversity. The ordinance can be accessed online under Title 7 at: http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/ElkGrove/

The Historic Preservation Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove.

Appointment and Term. The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall make all appointments to the Historic Preservation Committee; 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, Elk Grove, California 95758 and are posted on the City's website at https:// www.elkgrovecity.org/commissions-and-committees/vacanciesappointment-opportunities. Applications may be mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to the Office of the City Clerk.

The deadline to submit an application is April 2, 2025 or until such time as sufficient applications have been received.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk (916) 478-2286 Dated: March 7, 2025

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# **MEETING MINDERS**

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

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

**The Elk Grove Planning Commission** has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

**The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors** has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third 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 and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person at the Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

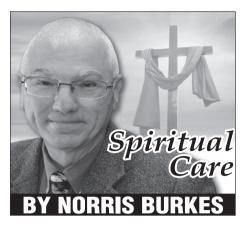
Members of the public can also view it by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www. EGUSD.net.

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

The Florin Resource Conservation District Board, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application.

To access them, visit www.egwd.org.  $\star$ 

# God's Not finished With This Chaplain, Yet



When a reader once left a voicemail suggesting that I wasn't worthy of my chaplain title, I shrugged. That's OK, I thought, I've heard that before.

The worst occasion happened during my USAF deployment to Saudi Arabia in 1999. That's when my supervisor, Col. Mike Bradshaw, told me I wasn't being promoted to the rank of Major.

"You'll be reconsidered next year," he promised. "But trust me," he added in his signature truism, "it's really a 'onechance-mistake-Air-Force.' You won't remain active duty."

So, I guess it was appropriate that a few mornings later, I walked into the chapel men's room to evacuate the constipation of my disappointment. Before entering the stall, I followed military tradition and tucked my hat into the beltline at the small of my back.

Before taking my place on the porcelain throne, I noticed the toilet brand name, "Norris." I shrugged. It fit the "career" I was having.

I stayed for much longer than I should have. I didn't want to go to the office. How was I supposed to be a supportive chaplain to the deployed troops when I felt so low?

Finally, however, I stood to do my "paperwork." As I discarded the paper into the receptacle, I noticed that some careless fool had ditched his hat in my toilet.

First, I wondered, why hadn't I previously noticed this?

But my second and more sober observation was that this fool's hat had a Christian cross affixed on it. That fool was me! I had no choice but to go to the chapel office and ask our NCOIC (office manager) for a new hat. As I unfolded my story, Master Sgt. Steve Carothers folded his 6-foot-5-inch frame in half, overcome with near stroke-inducing laughter.

He then made a comical demand. "If you want me to give you a new hat, you are going to have to give me just one good reason why I should overlook such a blame fool mistake as that."

"Well," I admitted, "there are some foolish officers in this Air Force who seem like they operate with a head full of crap."

He shook his head with large, agreeable nods.

"But" I said, "don't you think it takes a really good officer like me to admit that he has a hat full of crap?"

Hearing my logic, he dropped to the floor, hysterically beating the tile with his fist.

"I give up, Chaplain," he declared. "You got your new hat."

The Bible says in James 5:16, "Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed."

I confessed my mistake—my sin—and got a new hat. But better than that, I got a new ministry.

For you see, despite my sinking feeling that my career was flushed in the crapper of chaplain careerism, I had a creatively hysterical moment in which I emailed my "hat-full" story to a Florida friend, a newspaper editor named Tom Clifford. Tom thought it was riotously funny but too inappropriate for a newspaper.

Still, he saw through my "crap," and 10 months later, he invited me to begin this syndicated newspaper column.

Col. Bradshaw had asked me to trust him. Trust is best left to God, not man. Now, almost 25 years after the famous toilet week, I look back over a long and rewarding career as a healthcare chaplain. Better yet, I managed to finish a career

Better yet, I managed to finish a career in uniform. In 2002, I transferred to the California Air National Guard and was twice promoted, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2014.

# **RELIGION NEWS**

# 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.

mation, visit www. FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

For more infor-

## Chabad of Elk Grove 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.

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

# Community and Church Events at Elk Grove

## Presbyterian Church Community Events:

Our Jazz & Blues Concerts resumed on March 2 with Jazz music by Claudette Stone. The next Concert will be April 6 and will feature blues music by Charlie Wade. The May 4 concert will feature Sinatra music by Larry Ski. These 4 p.m. concerts are held the first Sunday of every month through November. Singer/songwriter

Scotty Inman has performed many times in our area, and he will return to District 56 in the fall. His music is remarkable, with messages of faith, family and life. Come enjoy his music at the concert on November 14, 2025. To reserve your seats: itickets. com/events/481804. A portion of the proceeds will go to several charities: One Thousand Schools, Chicks in Crisis, EG Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down.

Upcoming Sermon Topics – Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced these sermon topics:

March 16: "The Wrong Side of God's Will"

March 23: "God's Foolish Patience"

March 30: "Coming to

Our Senses"

April 6: "Private Blessings, Public expectations"

April 13: "Not What Was Expected"

April 20: "Called by Our Name"

On Ash Wednesday we held a Drive-Through Imposition of Ashes (12-1 p.m.) and are now looking forward to Easter, April 20 – "He Has Risen!"

Please Join Us

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 a.m. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Boulevard. We have open Communion the first Sunday of the month. For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elk-

grovepres@gmail.com.

# 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@ gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

I almost cried looking at my hat in the flusher. Was God using a metaphor to tell me that my chaplain career was in the toilet? If so, was the military my only path of ministry? Or were there other ministry venues? I wasn't sure. So, now I know that if I ever meet up with Col. Bradshaw again, I'd like to tell him one thing: "Trust me, God's still not finished with me."

This column was excerpted from my book "Thriving Beyond Surviving." ★





St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 7595 Center Parkway Sacramento, CA 95823 Pastor Rob Williamson 916-421-5039 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Website: slelca.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Stlukesac Stream Online via YouTube: @st.lukeslutheranchurch7590 All are welcome in this place! Join us at **Light of the Valley Lutheran Church** in Elk Grove, where faith and community come together.

Join us for our Sunday services!

# **Sunday Worship Services**

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# **ABOUT TOWN**

# Shamrockin' Saturday Night -Family Dance March 8

The Cosumnes Community Service District is hosting a community family dance themed after St. Patrick's Day from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex, 9014 Bruceville Road.

The event will include a dance party and feature a DJ playing family-friendly songs and a photo booth for family members to snap photos.

Tickets are \$15 per person for anyone 3 and over.

Details and registration at cosumnescsd. gov/391/Family-Dance.

# **Elk Grove Lions Club Community Breakfast March 8**

The Elk Grove Lions club is serving up all-you-can-eat pancakes, with a side of scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, and fruit at the Albiani Recreation Center starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 8.

The event is open to the public, with tickets running \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

# **The Creative Space Market: Cherry Blossom March 29**

The Creative Space is hosting its Cherry Blossom event at Old Town Plaza in Elk Grove, CA on March 29. The intent is to celebrate cherry blossom and everything that represent the occasion. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and admission is free.

"Cherry blossoms are deeply rooted in cultural and seasonal significance, particularly in Japan, where they symbolize the fleeting nature of life due to their short blooming period. The flowers grow in clusters, often covering entire branches, creating a fluffy, cloud-like effect when in full bloom. As the blossoms fall, they drift to the ground like soft, colorful snow, adding to their poetic charm."

# **Running of the Elk March 30**

The 14th annual Running of the Elk, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, will kick off on March 30. The race will start at District56, at 8230 Civic Center Dr. at 8:30 a.m., preceded by a kids fun run at 8 a.m. Packets and registration are available for pick up at 7 a.m., and the day prior at

Fleet Feet Elk Grove from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is stroller friendly.

All participants will receive a moisture-wicking t-shirt, a commemorative acrylic finisher medal, post-race entertainment, pancakes and free photo downloads. Participants can also enjoy games and vendor booths.

More information and registration is available at runningoftheelk.com

# Widowed Persons Activities

March 7, 10 a.m. – Pinochle at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

March 12, Noon - No-host lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

March 14, 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940. A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPSC.

Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you

are interested in membership.

# **American Legion Post 233**

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

We invite veterans and spouses to join us the first Saturday of each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast at 9 am at Mimi's Cafe

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128.

# **Other Veterans Meetings Listed**

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 am., 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00760 Amy S Irvine, 9684 Philta Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cape Consulting" 9684 Philta Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4, 2025

Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 CAPE 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00525 Suzanne Arechiga, 6513 Springridge Way, Elk Grove, Ca

95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Multifaceted Organized/ STEAM Punk Innovations" 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2025

Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 STEAM 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00526

Jon D Gronich, 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Consultant Concierge/Infinite Potential" 8801 Mohamed Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2025

Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 INFINITE 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00280 Frost N Taste LLC, 4316 Hummingbird Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pinkberry" 7405 Laguna Boulevard, Suite #160, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2025

Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 PINK 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00804

Bookkeeping and Abel Consulting Services Inc., 8980 Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "Abel Name(s) Business Services and Consulting" 8980 Bradshaw Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 5, 2025

Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 ABEL 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00725 JHP Electric Inc, 9110 Union Park Way, Suite #109, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JHP Electric & Solar" 9110 Union Park Way, Suite #109, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 4,

2025 Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 JHP 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00647 Lawrence Vang, 10770 W Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove, Cap City Trim Clinic LLC, 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 100A, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cap City Trim Clinic" 9075 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 100A, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 18, 2025 Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025

CAP 3-21-25 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-01144 Jeshmeen Singh, 9224 Trout Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business Name(s) "Enchanted Haven Travels," 9224 Trout Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 18, 2025 Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025

HAVEN 3-21-25 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-00886 Vibnox LLC, 5650 Whitelock Parkway, Suite 130 #2, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Arth Oaks Ventures" 8595 Sona Way, Elk Grove, Ca 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 7, 2025

Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 ARTH 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01224 Tyler John Wing, 3744 Grand Point Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wings Auto Detailing" 3744 Grand Point Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2025

Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 WINGS 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01058 Rangi Trans Carrier Inc, 8663 Jenrose Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rangi Trans Carrier" 8663 Jenrose Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 14, 2025

Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 RANGI 3-21-25

# FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-01168 Drums & Flats Inc., 29 Walnut Meadow Lane, Danville, CA 94506 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wingstop" 8694 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 3, Elk Grove, CA 94524. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 19, 2025

Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 WING 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01289 John Patrick Lindsey, 9609 Cramer Cove Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lollybarktopia" 9609 Cramer Cove Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 24, 2025

Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 NEW 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01437 Tawnee Russell, PO Box 1932, Twain Harte, CA 95383 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phoenix Therapeutic Services" 9920 Sorrentino Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2025 Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

PHOENIX 3-28-25

### ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV025859

Jonathan Xander Lopez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonathan Xander Lopez to Jonathan Salazar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 17, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 SALAZAR 3-7:25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV025848

Lizbeth Lopez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lizbeth Lopez to Lizbeth Salazar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 2025, 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: December 17, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 LIZBETH 3-7-25

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV002555

Jude Laurence Tchir has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jude Laurence Tchir to Jude Lachlan Zaring.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 2025, 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: January 31, 2025

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court

Khalid Waris Niazi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 27, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 NIAZI 3-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV024423

Abdul Wasi Niazi & Lida Niazi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Wajed Niazi to

Imad Wajid Niazi. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 17, 2025, 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: November 27, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Curreirs Court

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LIEN SALE 3/17/25 9AM AT 10148 IRON ROCK WAY, SACRAMENTO 20 TOYOTA LIC# 8SZT173 CA VIN# 5TDZZRAH0LS017775 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 3-7-25

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLENNA RUTH TABOR CASE NO. 25-PR000634

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Glenna Ruth Tabor, Glenna Ruth Easterly.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Barbara Tabor Hockensmith, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Barbara Tabor Hockensmith be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before

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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 decedent, 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 de-livery 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 Petitioner is: Barbara Tabor Hockensmith, 7001 Folsom Auburn Road, Folsom, CA 95630 Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 2025 3-21-25 TABOR

# SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 24BBCV00024 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Bianca Santamaria, Estate of Christopher Reyes, Christopher Reyes, ABA Law Group. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY

PLAINTIFF: Hani Mammo, an individual.

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CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pure Water, Time Pho Boba" 8119 Scottsdale Drive, Suite A/B, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 31, 2025

Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 TIME 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01097 LOLLY 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06840 Matthew James Alves, 9916 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "New Age Detail" 9916 Colony Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2024 Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 JUDE 3-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV024426

Abdul Wasi Niazi & Lida Niazi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Wares Niazi to

# ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/Ps) up to but no later than **APRIL 2, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. PST. for:** 

### RFQ/P# 797-24/25 Intersession/Summer Education & Enrichment Programs One Week & 30-Day Camps

The RFQ/P must be obtained, submitted, and received electronically online through the EGUSD online Bonfire Procurement Portal at: https://egusd.bonfirehub.com

RFQ/Ps will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20112 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Kirsten Garcia, at kgarcia@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia Purchasing Supervisor Elk Grove Unified School District

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Bid# 794-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Hamburger Bun, Site-to-Site Delivery

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn 10 3-14-25

TRUSTEE SALE

OF NOTICE TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-943678-CL Order No.: FIN-22009618 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UN-DER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/24/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPER-TY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEED-ING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAW-YER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state

# NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the *Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School, Paving 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 *Thursday, March 27, 2025*, 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 **\$100 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** 

It is mandatory that all General Contractors (GCs) and Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Subcontractors who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the District. 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. 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. Pre-qualification application packages are available by contacting the Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove CA 95624, via telephone at (916) 686-7711, or via email at facilitiesbids@egusd.net.

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on *Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 10:30 a.m.* at *Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School, 8140 Caymus Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829.* 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 involves pavement overlay and striping of the asphalt play area. Approximately 52,000 sf of AC and 1,000 sf on concrete. 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. This project has a goal of 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) participation per the State Allocation Board requirements. 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

BY: Michael Bean Senior Construction Manager Elk Grove Unified School District

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### TRUSTEE SALE

or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union. or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust. interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT Hung DUE. Trustor(s): Huynh, a single man Recorded: 9/30/2015 as Instrument No. XXX in Book 20150930 Page 0154 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 4/15/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale:

At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Court-house, 720 9th Street, Sacramento. CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other \$369,295.25 charges: The oorted property address 6600 CASTRO VERDE purported is: WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757 Assessor's Parcel No.: 132-1270-066-0000 132-1270-066 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property vou should understand lien. 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 re-

sources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY **ÓWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-943678-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction

pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buver." 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 vou 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 619-645-7711, or visit this internet website http:// www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-943678-CL to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may gualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OC-

CUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE **POST-SALE** OVER BID-DERS: For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-22-943678-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: http://www. qualityloan.com. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login http://www.gualityloan. to: com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUÀLITY LOAN SER-VICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-22-943678-CL IDS Publish #0236945 3/7/2025

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# City of Elk Grove INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that electronic bids will be received at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids prior to 2:00 p.m. local time (01:59:59 – according to the PlanetBids official Bid clock) on **Thursday, March 27, 2025** for furnishing all labor, materials, tax, transportation, equipment and services necessary for the:

### 2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT – SLURRY SEAL AND PAVEMENT RESURFACING (WPR025)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

### **Description of Work:**

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: placing slurry seal, micro-surfacing, two-layer treatment system, adjusting utility frames and covers, and re-strip various streets throughout the City. (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$4,640,053

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

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

### **Construction License:**

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering and/or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

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

Robert French, Project Manager, City of Elk Grove, Public Works Department Telephone: (916) 478-3648 or electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids

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# **CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING THE ELK GROVE ZONING MAP FOR THE DUNISCH GPA, REZONE, AND MAP PROJECT (PLNG22-047) (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS: 116-0050-010, -011, -013,

-027, -030, -031, AND -034). The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the City of Elk Grove Zoning Map for the Dunisch GPA, Rezone, and Map Project (PLNG22-047) as described in Exhibit A (on file in the Office of the City Clerk). Introduced February 12, 2025; Adopted February 26, 2025; Effective March 28, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, March 7, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; **email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org** 

### Elk Grove Citizen 3-7-2025

# **CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 06-2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18-2001 AND AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2000-2 TO ADJUST STIPEND PAID, REVISE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT, AND REMOVE REFERENCE TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE SECTIONS REGARDING THE CITY OF ELK GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION. The purpose of this Ordinance is to set the per meeting stipend at \$100 to be paid to each Planning Commissioner for each regular or special Planning Commission meeting attended, and to amend other portions of Ordinance No. 2000-2 to revise the method of appointment to conform to current state law and the Elk Grove Municipal Code, and to remove reference to Sacramento County Code sections regarding the City of Elk Grove Planning Commission; all other provisions of Ordinance No. 2000-2 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) shall remain unaltered and in full force and effect. Introduced February 26, 2025; to be adopted March 12, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, March 7, 2025

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### For Obtaining Bid Documents, Contact:

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

Plans, specifications and other bid documents may be examined and/or obtained at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, Public Works Department, located on the second floor of 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. A copy of the bid documents may be obtained at the City Hall upon request and payment of \$15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of \$20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Bidders may also view and download the plans, specifications, and other bid documents at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. Any Addendum shall only be issued electronically at the City of Elk Grove Vendor Portal through PlanetBids. In person requests for Addendum shall not be accepted by the City during the pandemic.

By:

Date: February 19, 2025

Christina Castro, PE Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 2-28 and 3-7-2025

# NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT

# NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Posted: February 20, 2025

Pursuant to Government Code 6061 and Education Code 5092

On December 18, 2024 Elk Grove Unified School District Board Member, Gina Jamerson, for Trustee Area 4, resigned creating a vacancy on the Board of Education.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education has appointed Delia Baulwin to assume the Trustee Area 4 vacant seat on the Board.

The date for the provisional appointment of Delia Baulwin to the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education was February 13, 2025.

Unless a petition containing a sufficient number of signatures calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code 5091 is filed in the Office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of this provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment on March 15, 2025.

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# NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Laguna Self Storage located at 3000 Dwight Rd Elk Grove CA 95758 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via **www.bid13.com** on 3/27/2025 at 10:00 AM. Jermaine/ Dorothy Hill; Joe Molina. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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# **CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING THE OLD TOWN SPECIAL PLANNING AREA RELATIVE TO BARS, BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND BREW PUBS. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Old Town Special Planning Area Design Standards and Guidelines to increase the number of conditional use permits allowed for bars, breweries, wineries, and brew pubs from three to six. Introduced February 12, 2025; Adopted February 26, 2025; Effective March 28, 2025. AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, ROBLES, BREWER, SPEASE, SUEN; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, March 7, 2025 A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; **email cityclerk@elkgrovecity.org** 

Elk Grove Citizen 3-7-2025

### 2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT – ADA AND CONCRETE REPAIRS (WPR025)

Bids submitted after the time specified will not be accepted.

### Description of Work:

The proposed work shall be performed in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents and shall consist of the following: installation of a storm drain, pedestrian push button assembly and posts, and reconstruction of existing concrete curb ramps and sidewalks at various locations throughout the City (Work).

The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for the work is \$1,135,707.

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

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

### **Construction License:**

Bidder must possess a current valid Class "A" General Engineering, Class "C-8" Concrete, and/or Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's Licenses issued by the State of California.

### Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Agreement Requirements:

This Project is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Hire and Community Workforce Training Program and the City's Community Workforce Training Agreement (CWTA). A copy of the CWTA and a summary of its requirements (CWTA Summary) is attached to this solicitation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor acknowledges that they have read and understand all the requirements, terms, and conditions of the CWTA, and have included all costs associated with compliance with the CWTA in its bid.

In accordance with the CWTA, the Contractor and all listed subcontractors must execute Addendum A to the CWTA ("Agreement to be Bound") and provide a copy of the executed document to the City before the contract can be awarded. Each subcontractor for Work covered by the CWTA listed on the bid, hired in anticipation of the bid, after the time of bid or after contract award must also execute Addendum A to the CWTA. No subcontractor shall perform Work prior to executing Addendum A and providing a copy of the executed document to the City.

Contractor must include the provisions of this section, as well as a copy of the CWTA, in every subcontract for Work covered by the CWTA.

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Date: February 19, 2025

Christina Castro, PE Capital Program Division Manager

Elk Grove Citizen 2-28 and 3-7-2025

# CITY OF ELK GROVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION**



The City of Elk Grove encourages residents to apply to fill one (1) voting member vacancy on the Diversity and Inclusion Commission.

GROVE <u>Qualifications</u>: Each member of the Commission shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, reside in the City of

Elk Grove, and be registered to vote. A member may not be an officer or employee of the City of Elk Grove.

**Specific Tasks or Objectives:** The Diversity and Inclusion Commission will: 1) Serve as a resource for City government and the community by providing information, education, and communication that facilitates a better understanding and celebrates our differences, providing education regarding the community's overall diversity; 2) Engage the community as Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors to solicit feedback and information and assist the City in supporting and working with all areas of government and the community to eliminate and prevent all forms of discrimination, hate or bias; and 3) provide recommendations and information to the City Council that would identify opportunities to address issues of diversity, promote diversity programs, and/or provide guidance to create a more equitable, accessible, safe, welcoming and inclusive government and community. *(Note: This is a non-paid, volunteer position.)* 

**Appointment and Term.** The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall make all appointments to the Diversity and Inclusion Commission; member appointments will be reviewed by the Mayor and City Council annually.

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove.

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

The deadline to submit an application is April 2, 2025 or until such time as sufficient applications have been received.

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, jlindgren@elkgrovecity.org (916) 478-2286 Published: March 7, 2025



# Details You Should Share With An Insurance Adjuster After A Car Crash

Immediately after a car crash, you will almost always get a call from the other party's insurance adjuster. They are likely to tell you they are just gathering information regarding any possible auto insurance claims in relation to your recent crash. They sound friendly and eager to help. Keep in mind insurance adjusters work for the insurance company. Adjusters are looking for reasons and ways to minimize the amount they may have to pay you. It's in your best interest to have your attorney talk to them. If you insist on talking to them, be very careful about what you say to this highly trained professional.

When an insurance adjuster calls, remain calm and polite. While you may be angry or stressed days after the crash it's in your best interest to be as a cooperative and as reasonable as possible with the adjuster. Be sure to gather the adjuster's name, contact details like time and date of the call, and who the insurance company is. Write these down so you can reach them in case you have concerns down the road. Stick to only the most basic facts. Provide only your name, contact information, location and date of the crash, and what car you were driving. It is your right to decline further details. You have the right to refuse to answer the adjuster's questions or to consult with a car accident lawyer first.

Keep the call as brief and to the point as possible. Give only short answers and end the conversation after a few basic questions have been answered. **Tell them you can't discuss much on the phone and that you prefer to discuss further at a more appropriate time.** Note the questions they ask along with your answers. It doesn't have to be verbatim. Never agree to the call being recording under any circumstances. There is no law that requires a recording and it's never in your best interest. Do not give more than basic details. Avoid giving a narrative of the car accident and even decline yes-orno questions that pertain to how the crash happened. Do not tell the adjuster anything about your injuries. The reality is your injuries may be greater than you think.

Of course, don't settle without speaking to a lawyer. The primary goal of an insurance adjuster is to get an early settlement. Their initial offer is often a "lowball" offer that may seem like a lot of money but in reality is less than you may deserve to compensate you for your injuries.

WE CAN HELP! The Law Offices of Guenard & Bozarth represent injured people. Our office is located at 8830 Elk Grove Blvd. in the heart of Elk Grove. (916) 249-3638



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City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

# 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 *Franklin High School, Roofing 2025 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 *Thursday, March 27, 2025,* at which time bids will be opened.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025** 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:

Additions to Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 16.81 (City of Elk Grove East Franklin Facilities Fee), Chapter 16.82 (City of Elk Grove Laguna Ridge Park Fee), Chapter 16.89 (Affordable Housing Fee for Non Residential Development), and Chapter 16.95 (Development Impact Fees).

The proposed action includes additions to the following chapters of the Elk Grove Municipal Code: Chapter 16.81 (City of Elk Grove East Franklin Facilities Fee), Chapter 16.82 (City of Elk Grove Laguna Ridge Park Fee), Chapter 16.89 (Affordable Housing Fee for Non Residential Development), and Chapter 16.95 (Development Impact Fees), to add the definition of designated outdoor area and to add a section regarding fee exemptions related to designated outdoor areas.

The City of Elk Grove has historically charged development impact fees on any outdoor dining area associated with a non-residential business whose primary purpose is the serving of customers related to a restaurant, brewery, or winery or similar type of establishment. The City wants to attract and support these local businesses, and would like to exempt the outdoor dining areas of these businesses from the City's development impact fees.

# Refunds on Impact Fees Paid on Designated Outdoor Areas

The proposed action will also include refunds to (i) business owners who paid development impact fees on the designated outdoor area of their business since 2020 which are still in business, or (ii) to property owners who paid development impact fees for a designated outdoor area on behalf of a tenant since 2020.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Renee Daguman, (916) 478-2203, or to the office of Finance, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

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

Dated/Published: February 28, 2025 and March 7, 2025

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.

Elk Grove Citizen 2-28 and 3-7-2025



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, March 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.* at the *Franklin High School, 6400 Whitelock Parkway, 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, and are **recommended** to provide their own personal protection equipment as appropriate.

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 applies 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 3-7 and 3-14-2025

# 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 *Sierra Enterprise Elementary School, Exterior Painting 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, March 25, 2025,* 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, March 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.*, starting at *Sierra Enterprise Elementary School, 9115 Fruitridge Rd, Sacramento, CA 95826.* 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 consists of exterior painting of the entire campus, including all interior and exterior doors, excluding bricks. This project requires a *Class C-33* license.

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# **Police Release Footage of Officer-Involved Shooting**

### By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** -The Elk Grove Police Department released footage last week detailing a police chase that ended with an officer fatally shooting a man in early February after the man allegedly fired at least three shots at officers and rammed his vehicle into two police cars.

The man, identified as 22-year-old Jonnie Bartholomew, died after he was shot at the end of a high-speed chase throughout Sacramento on Feb. 1. A passenger in the vehicle was not harmed and was taken into custody by law enforcement.

The Elk Grove Police Department has not released the name of the officer who fired the fatal shot.

The video, released by Elk Grove Police, shows the incident and is detailed with maps showing the route of the chase, police body camera and dashcam footage.

Police say the incident began around 11:45 p.m. when Bartholomew refused to stop after an officer tried to conduct a traffic stop near Spengler and Auberry drives.

The vehicle, a Ford Explorer, driven by Bartholomew did not have license plates, according to the video.

According to the video, Bartholomew ran through multiple stop signs during the pursuit.

The police officer followed Bartholomew into a neighborhood near Florin High School and was later joined by another officer.

The video shows Bartholomew allegedly firing at the Elk Grove Police patrol vehicle behind him, and multiple times at a Sacramento County sheriff's deputy patrol car, hitting the vehicle, according to police and images shared during the video.

Bartholomew then jumped onto Highway 99, reaching speeds of around 100 mph before taking the 47th Avenue exit and turning into oncoming traffic on Franklin Boulevard, according to police.

An Elk Grove officer was then able to stop Bartholomew's vehicle with a PIT maneuver as Bartholomew tried to make a U-turn at 68th Street and Lemon Hill Avenue in south Sacramento.

The video shows Bartholomew attempting to drive again, but then crashing into a police SUV. The video shows an officer calling for Bartholomew to place his hands in the air before shooting multiple times at the suspect, alongside another officer.

A second Elk Grove officer exited his patrol car and also fired at the suspect. The footage of the second officer is slightly obscured by the police vehicle due to the officer's body-worn camera falling off his vest and onto the ground as he is leaving his vehicle, according to police.

In total about 15 shots could be heard in the video, fired from both the driver's and passenger's sides of the police cruiser. As officers pulled Bartholomew from the vehicle, a handgun fell to the ground and was recovered, according to police. Officers attempted to provide medical assistance, but Bartholomew died at the scene. Department is investigating the shooting because it happened in Sacramento city limits.

The case will also be reviewed by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. The Elk Grove Police Department is conducting its own investigation to determine if their officers compiled with department policy.

It was the first officer-involved shooting for Elk Grove Police in two years. In February 2023, three Elk Grove Police Department officers wounded a man suspected of killing a Rancho Cordova woman following a vehicle pursuit.

The Sacramento Police

# Elk Grove Accepting Nominees for Veteran and Public Safety Street Naming Program

# By MPG Staff

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** -The city of Elk Grove is accepting nominations of outstanding individuals for consideration for its Veteran and Public Safety Street Naming Program.

The program was created to recognize the number of

Elk Grove residents who have served the community and the country.

"By naming a street in their honor, we hope to promote public awareness of the individual and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions," the city wrote on its website.

Eligible military candidates include those who served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. Eligible candidates also must be considered veterans. Eligible public safety personnel include police officers and firefighters that served in Elk Grove as well as personnel who died in the line of duty, although the latter is not a requirement. They also must have once resided in Elk Grove during their lifetime.

Military veterans must also have been honorably discharged, and police or fire personnel may not have been terminated for cause from employment.

The nominees must be deceased, though they do not need to have died while serving.

Lastly, family members must not object to the nomination of their relatives, and any family member who issues an objection prior to the naming of the

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street will invalidate that nomination form.

All questions can be directed to the Public Works Department or emailed to streetsign@ elkgrovecity.org. You can also call 916-687-3005. Nominations can be completed online at elkgrovecity.org.

# **POLICE LOGS**

# Feb. 24

1:32 a.m., Waterman Road/Dino Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Lawrence Mitchell, 44; and Stephen Hurndon, 50, on identity theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

10:35 a.m., Barrymore Drive/Underhill Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Joe Flores, 50, on warrant charges.

1 p.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Theodore Neher, 64, on burglary charges.

4:38 p.m., 8800 block of Fallbright Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Lawrence Tillman, 54, on warrant charges.

7:58 p.m., 7400 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Mesafent Elias, 24; and Rajan Rahul, 21, on burglary, resisting arrest, evading a police officer, possession of cocaine or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

10:13 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove

10:55 a.m., Old Creek Drive/Feather Creek Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Ernesto Galvan-Aviles, 38, on DUI/drug charges.

5:17 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Victoria Gonzalez, 35, on violation of a restraining order charges.

6:03 p.m., 8300 block of Eastleigh Court, Elk Grove Police arrested Kimberlie Wright, 61, on corporal injury to a domestic partner and resisting arrest charges.

6:15 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Raul Alcala, 48, on felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm, possession of ammunition by a felon and violation of restraining order charges.

11:36 p.m., Waterman Road/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Robert Blank, 55, on DUI charges.

# Feb. 28

# View Artwork from Elk Grove

At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove/. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to 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.

# Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

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, more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org/ workshop.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. 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, please visit ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org or call (916) 685-5992.

# Call for Artists at 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.

For more information, please visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cleveland Smith, 68, on trespassing charges.

11:19 p.m., Power Inn Road/Auberry Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Karina Diaz, 33, on possession of tear gas, possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

### Feb. 25

6:49 a.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Kenneth Sloan, 61, on trespassing charges.

5:09 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Josy Simon, 50, on DUI/drug charges.

7:16 p.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard,Elk Grove Police arrested Cleveland Smith, 68, on trespassing charges.

## Feb. 26

1:28 p.m., Bruceville Road/Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Lopez, 33, on carrying a loaded firearm, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, possessing a controlled substance while carrying an operable firearm and possession of methamphetamine charges.

3 p.m., Grant Line Road/ Sheldon Woods Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Emilio Sanchez, 23; and Willie Williams, 18, on reckless evasion, driving without owner's consent, hit and run/non-injury, evading arrest and receiving a stolen vehicle charges.

### Feb. 27

12:55 a.m., 8300 block of Power Inn Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Jorge Ibarra, 29, on possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant charges.

9:56 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Augustine Wolo, 31, on trespassing charges. 3:30 p.m., 6200 block of Di Lusso Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Tomas Jauregui, 31, on public intoxication charges.

6:58 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Michael Stanko, 52, on trespassing charges.

# March 1

7:53 a.m., 5900 block of Radmere Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested James Bauder, 58, on warrant charges.

8:43 a.m., Promenade Parkway/ Kammerer Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Gilberto Correa, 41, on possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

1:31 p.m., 6900 block of Castro Verde Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Amish Chand, 31, on assault with a deadly weapon, damaging a communication device, vandalism and resisting arrest charges.

6:17 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/ Silverberry Avenue,Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 15, on driving without owner's consent, reckless evasion, evading by driving opposite of traffic, receiving a stolen vehicle and evading arrest charges.

8:42 p.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jose Amezcua Franco, 37, on DUI/drug charges.

# March 2

3:39 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Henry McNeil, 28, on corporal injury to a domestic partner charges.

11:05 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Andrew Henson, 29, on domestic battery charges.

4:43 p.m., 100 block of Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Phoc Duong, 50, on trespassing and warrant charges. ★



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Breaking news, the Sacramento Kings can win games against playoff quality teams without all-world center Domantas Sabonis. It happened Saturday night in Houston Texas against a playoff bound Rockets team, as iron man Sabonis grabbed his right hamstring and was forced to leave the game only two minutes into the action.

Not to be esoteric, but intended for every fan and pundit to understand, this team even short-handed can make the playoffs. Yes, I said playoffs, not playin.

Even with the news that Sabonis will be sidelined for 2-3 weeks, every fan should find the positive where it takes you. With Sabonis resting his ailing hamstring, players such as Keon Ellis, Trey Lyles, and hopefully Markelle Fultz, will get much more court action, and Fultz in particular needs more time getting used to his new teammates.

I'm excited to see the athleticism and deft ball handling that Fultz brings to the hardwood, and without question Malik Monk needs time without the ball. Monk is getting exhausted handling the ball every possession, and he is leading the team in turnovers nearly every night. This comes from trying to do too much, and I love the effort Malik brings every game. No one gives more, but he is more comfortable in the role as a 2 guard, and with either Devin Carter or Markelle Fultz on the court, Malik can assume his former role.

Not to be overlooked as the Kings have put together a 3-game winning streak, is the work of big man Jonas Valanciunas. Jonas looks like the NBA starter he's always been and will fill the void left by Sabonis as he nurses his hamstring over the next half dozen games.

Valanciunas is an excellent rebounder and has a low post game that is second to none. He gets criticism for his defense, but I believe he is a more than capable team defender, and he accepts a challenge well. Without question the acquisition of Jonas Valanciunas was bound to pay dividends, and Sacramento is about to see what this quality NBA center can do.

While pundits criticized the trade that brought Zach Lavine to the Kings from

Chicago, all that Zach has done is play better and better with every game. The initial jitters that led to poor 3-point shooting has been replaced by stellar knock-down 3's, that ignite the home crowd and show naysayers that this former NBA all-star can make a difference every night.

This is exactly the type of team Sacramento fans have been hoping to see for years. A team that can take any team to the wire every night, and as this newly assembled group has found time together, they are looking like a bonified playoff contender.

Just percentage points ahead of the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference standings, Monday night's game looms large.

The Kings occupy the No. 9 spot in the standings but are amazingly only a halfgame out of the No. 6 spot. Five quality teams are vying for No. 6, but the Kings are finding their collective stride at just the right moment. Tested they will be as they enter American Airlines arena and face Kyrie Irving and Klay Thompson.

If ever in a frenetic season it is time for optimism, that time is now! It should come from every corner, and regardless of what occurs against the Mavericks and the Nuggets on Wednesday night in Denver, everyone should be looking forward to Friday night's contest against the visiting San Antonio Spurs.

Much has been said about the back story of DeAaron Fox leaving the Kings, and for one night that needs to take hiatus. When DeAaron is introduced as a member of the opposing team, every fan needs to get on their feet and put their hands together. What Fox did for the Sacramento Kings in nearly eight seasons is legendary, and without question No. 5 will have his jersey retired someday.

Stand up Kings fans, because the best is truly yet to come! It's a great time to be a Sacramento Kings fan, so remember the glass is half full, and the playoffs are right around the corner!

All the best! Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

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# **Social Security Matters** *Should I Wait until Age 70 to Claim Social Security?*



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am a married woman, at my full retirement age, and the primary earner in my marriage. How do I know if I should take my Social Security now or wait till 70? I will lose quite a bit if I take it now. How will it affect my taxes if I take it now while still working a full-time job? **Signed: Undecided** 

Dear Undecided: As vou apparently already know, waiting until you are 70 to claim Social Security will result in you getting your maximum possible monthly SS retirement benefit. After your full retirement age, you get about 8% more each year you delay claiming up to age 70. But deciding exactly when to claim should consider both your financial needs and, importantly, your life expectancy. If you don't urgently need the money

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now and your life expectancy is at least "average," then waiting until age 70 to claim is usually the right choice. But if you urgently need the money, or your life expectancy is less than average (mid-80s for a woman your current age), then claiming before age 70 is usually prudent.

Regarding taxation, Social Security benefits may be taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status. If you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income (including your work income) exceeds \$32,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income is over \$44,000, then up to 85% of your SS benefits becomes taxable income (the thresholds are lower for those who file as a single). So, your full-time work income will likely affect how much of your Social Security benefits are subject to income tax by the IRS.

In the end, only you can decide when you should claim Social Security. Taxation of benefits may be a factor to consider since you are still working full time (thus more of your SS benefits will be taxable). But waiting longer to claim results in a higher benefit for the rest of your life (your SS retirement benefit will be .667% more for each month you delay, up to age 70). If the "rest of your life" is a long time and you don't urgently need the money, waiting is often the right choice. If not, claiming earlier may be wiser.

If you want to get a more personalized estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest you use the tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/ life-expectancy-calculator/.

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# Lacking the Capacity to Store Water That Atmospheric Rivers Dump on the State



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

President Donald Trump is obsessed with how California manages its water supply, demanding changes as one price of giving the state billions of dollars in aid to cope with Southern California's deadly and destructive wildfires.

However, Trump's specific complaints are not grounded in hydrologic or managerial reality — such as his insistence that a lack of water from Northern California was a factor in either the fires' eruption or the firefighting efforts. Hydrants dried up largely because systems were designed to deal with individual structure fires, not widespread wildfires involving thousands of buildings.

That said, there's much to criticize in how California, once a global leader in largescale water management, has faltered. Population growth and evolving agricultural practices have increased demand, while federal and state environmental laws, judicial decisions, political foot-dragging and climate change have restricted supply.

One major failing has been a slow response to an obvious need for more water storage — either in reservoirs or underground aquifers to capture winter rains and spring snowmelts as a buffer for dry years. if California's overall water supply from rain and snow storms doesn't decline, wet and dry cycles have become more intense, and more precipitation is coming as rain instead of snow. Thus the natural reservoirs of snowpacks in the Sierra and other mountain ranges are becoming less dependable, increasing the need for supplemental storage.

California's most recent experiences — two wet winters that defied some forecasts — underscore the need.

A new report from the Public Policy Institute of California points out that the atmospheric rivers that dropped immense quantities of rain and snow on the state this month, following a very dry January, did not result in substantial new storage in the state's major reservoirs.

"Rather than storing all the water they can, during the winter reservoir operators are required to maintain enough space in their reservoirs to capture high inflows and reduce the risk of flooding downstream," PPIC researchers Jeffrey Mount and Greg Gartrell wrote.

"When the February storms arrived, the surge of water into the state's two largest reservoirs — Shasta and Oroville — quickly filled the flood reserve space. Because the winter flood season is far from over, dam operators had no choice but to let the water go to make space for possible future floods.

"And they let go a lot of water. Between February 1 and 18, those two reservoirs alone released more than 2 million acre-feet of water into the Sacramento and Feather Rivers to maintain An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons and 2 million-acre feet equates to more than half of Oroville's capacity, or about 20% of what Californians consume each year for non-agricultural purposes.

Overall, Mount and Gartrell calculated, 5.1 million acre-feet of water flowed into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from storm runoff and reservoir releases during that period in February. Just 4% of it could be diverted into storage because of insufficient capacity and operational mandates.

Even a relatively tiny increase in storage capacity could pay huge dividends when wet winters such as this evolve into periods of drought. Had the long-proposed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley existed, it could have banked as much as 1.5 million acre-feet of that excess flow.

California's water managers acknowledge the need for more storage to take advantage of high-precipitation winters such as this one, but clearing all of the legal and financial hurdles and actually building it take decades. Sites, first proposed seven decades ago, is just now beginning to appear feasible.

The hydrological reality of California's water supply is changing faster than our willingness to deal with it. The outcome of that disparity is perilous.

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# **Barajas Signs Loan Deal with D.C. United Soccer**

# By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** -After his short stint in Guadalajara with Mexican powerhouse Chivas, Fidel Barajas signed a loan deal to join Major League Soccer side D.C. United.

Barajas, who attended Elk Grove Charter High School according to his player biography with United Soccer League club Charleston Battery, will be on loan through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend it to Dec. 31, 2025.

"Fidel is a promising young talent with a high-ceiling for development at only 18-years old," Ally Mackay, D.C. United



Sacramento native Fidel Barajas poses for his new team, D.C. United. The club announced the signing of the 18-year-old on Feb. 26. Image courtesy of D.C. United

General Manager and Chief Soccer Officer, said.

A product of Sacramento Republic and San Jose Earthquakes youth system, Barajas made his professional debut for the Battery at the 16 years old. In 33 appearances with the Battery, he scored four goals while winning the 2023 USL Championship Young Player of the Year.

On the international stage, Barajas first represented the United States at the youth level in five matches before choosing to represent Mexico. In November 2023, Barajas represented the Mexican National Team at the under-17 level at the FIFA World Cup and went on to score a goal for his team.

It was around the time of the U-17 World Cup that there were rumors online circulating that Barajas

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was generating a lot of interest from European clubs, but just a few months later, in January 2024, Barajas inked a deal with MLS's Real Salt Lake where he would make 17 appearances. In July of the same year, he signed with Chivas of Liga MX.

He mostly played with the youth squads, as he only made five appearances for Chivas before being loaned out to make his return to the MLS.

At the time of publication, Barajas has yet to make his D.C United debut but was on the bench for their match on March 1 against the Chicago Fire.

# **Champions: Franklin Earns First Section Soccer Title**



Senior midfielder and co-team captain Mason Reyes (5) scored the defining goal of the game off a set piece in the first half of the matchup against the Devils on Saturday, March 1.

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opponents, the Mountain House Mustangs, 6-0 on Feb. 19. They then edged out the Pleasant Grove Eagles in a 2-0 victory on Feb. 21 before defeating the Turlock Bulldogs 5-2 in double overtime.



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Editor's Note: All-League results can be found at EGCitizen.com.

# ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Delta

League winter sports have largely concluded and the lone local team taking home a section championship was the Franklin boys soccer team, but not without other teams giving us some highlights.

In girls' basketball, the Monterey Trail Mustangs thrived in their first season back in the Delta League, stampeding their way to a league championship with a pristine 12-0 record.

The Mustangs were powered by the efforts of junior Dalis Blackshire who averaged 13.8 points per game for a total of 206 points, junior Jameise Stigler with 136 rebounds and senior Alia Wilson with 62 assists.

Despite their perfect league record and entering the playoffs as the No. 8 seed, they were eliminated in the first round, the same fate as the second place Pleasant Grove Eagles and the third Laguna Creek Cardinals; both finished with a 9-3 record in the Delta League. The Delta League leaders for points per game were junior Caitlin Subejano of the Cosumnes Oaks Wolfpack with 21.8 for 568 total points, leader in rebounds was junior Casey McCoy of the Cardinals with 237 and leader in assists was junior Kate Meyers of the Eagles with 117. In boys' basketball, the Mustangs also were champions in their first season back in the Delta, but shared a piece of the top slot with co-champions, the Sheldon Huskies. Both teams finished with an 11-1 record, handing each other their sole loses of the season. Freshman Devaughn Dorrough put himself on the map with the Mustangs, putting up 16.9 points per game for a total of 445 points, 248 rebounds and 44 assists. He was named by Sports Illustrated as the sixth best freshman basketball prospect in the nation. As for the Huskies leaders, senior Chadwick Johnson averaged 11.8 points per game for a total of 331 points and senior Julien Hoang led the team in rebounds with 133. The Huskies, Elk Grove Thundering Herd and Bradshaw Christian Pride would fall in the first round of playoffs, although all in different brackets, while the Mustangs and Franklin

Wildcats fell in the quarterfinals of the playoffs in the Division I bracket.

The Mustangs were selected as the No. 15 seed in the CIF State Boys Basketball Tournament on Sunday, March 2.

The points leader of the Delta League was junior Aiden Rollins of the Wildcats with 624 for an average of 20.8 per game, while Dorrough led in rebounds and his teammate Derron White, senior, led in assists with 160.

On the pitch, the Delta league was paced by the dominance of the Wildcats in both boys and girls soccer with both teams winning the Delta League for the first time in school history, which culminated in a section championship for the boys.

The girls team was co-champions with the Pleasant Grove Eagles; both went 9-2-1.

Senior Mara Cochon led the Wildcats in goals and assists with nine while the Eagles' leading scorer was junior Adalynn Alley with 13.Senior Monica Palafox led the team in assists with seven..

double overtime.

The wins set the stage for their matchup against the No. 2-seed Davis Senior High School Devils, a former league opponent, on Saturday. No matter the outcome, the Wildcats were heading to the NorCal Regional Championship tournament but were adamant not to head into that next stage of the postseason on a loss.

Schanning noted that a lot of the players were returns from the 2023-24 season that ended with a 3-1 loss in the first round of the playoffs against Central Valley High School, which left a lasting impression on the players heading into the current season.

"My message to them coming into the playoffs was that none of you have ever won a playoff game," Schanning said. "Let's just start with one playoff game and see what you can do and what can happen from there."

Senior midfielder and co-team captain Mason Reyes scored the defining goal, sinking a set piece with 14:35 left in the first half to score what ultimately would become the game-winning goal.

Schanning didn't understate the importance of the kick, noting that the team has struggled with set pieces throughout the season, but Reyes was able to come through when it mattered the most for the Wildcats.

Reyes chalked up the pivotal kick to a season of hard work. He called the team "special," while touting the team's chemistry throughout the season.

"All of this hard work has been leading up to this one day," Reyes said. "We finally capitalized on it and made history."

The tides seemingly changed in the second half. Davis was able to keep staunch pressure on the Wildcats, with a heavy attack keeping Franklin on the defensive.

Wildcats goalkeeper Alejandro Flores didn't get as much action as sophomore Lucas Waelbrock, who was called in for the second half to protect the goal, making two pivotal

Head coach Jason Schanning, center, led the Wildcats to their first section championship, following a 11-1 record and first-place finish in the Delta League.



The team was looking to avenge a first-round loss against Central Valley High School last year, by earning a section championship in 2025.

saves to keep the Wildcats up by a score at the 17-minute mark.

Schanning credited Flores for his performance in the first half, as well as several "big saves" throughout the season, before turning his attention to Waelbrock for his steadfast defense in the second half.

"When we had our hands on the fire, and we had to kind of see that through, he made the saves that we needed," Schanning said. "Every championship game, every final, the winning goalie is going to have to make some big-time saves, especially when the time winds down and the pressure mounts, and he stepped up to the challenge."

The stops earned Waelbrock the distinction of "Man of the Match" from Schanning to a round of applause from his teammates.

"It means everything," Waelbrock said. "A lot of people dream about

this moment and it just feels great to be able to come here and to come up big."

On Sunday, March 2 the Wildcats were awarded the number No. 2 seed in the NorCal Regional Soccer Championships. They played against Bellarmine College Prep, the No. 7 seed, after press time. Franklin is also the first Elk Grove boys soccer team to qualify for NorCal Regionals.

Despite the team following through with the goal they set for themselves at the start of the season, Schanning said the team can't "fall into the trap" of becoming complacent as the regional tournament begins.

"Regionals is great; I am looking forward to the opportunity, but for us, we set out trying to win the section and we achieved that tonight and that is something that these players will be able to take with them for the rest of their lives." The Wildcats would fall in the first round while the Eagles fell in the semifinal round in a penalty shootout to just miss reaching the section championship game.

The third-place team of the Delta League also made it far in the playoffs, but in the Division II bracket as the Wolfpack fell as the No. 11 seed in the semifinals, coming up just short of reaching the section championship.

Senior Jalana Kimber led the Delta League in goals with 19 while senior Mia Buijten also led the league in assists with 11.

Outside of the Delta League, the boys' and girls' soccer team of the Pride made a deep playoff run with the girls falling in the semifinals while the boys came up just short of a section championship.

The boys soccer team of the Huskies and the Eagles also participated in the Division I bracket where they were both eliminated in the quarterfinals. The Eagles fell to the eventual champions, the Wildcats.

The leader in goals and assists of the Delta League was senior Julian Sevilla of the Eagles with 22 and 16.

At the time of publication, wrestling is still ongoing while the section champion of boys soccer, the Wildcats, will continue on to the 2025 CIF NorCal Boys Soccer Championship tournament.

# **UC Davis Offers Doctor of Nursing Program**

# University of California, Davis News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** -The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at the University of California, Davis has earned accreditation for its Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia degree program by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

This significant milestone marks the first Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia program within the University of California system and only the sixth of its kind in California. The program is set to welcome its inaugural cohort of students in June.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia program is an integrated, full-time, three-year curriculum designed to equip experienced critical-care registered nurses with the knowledge and hands-on training required to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

The program blends rigorous online coursework with in-person simulation training and extensive clinical experience, ensuring students receive a comprehensive and immersive education.

"Earning COA accreditation validates the quality of our curriculum and faculty and highlights the caliber of the dedicated and supportive staff here at the School of Nursing," said Program Director Jakkarin "Jake" Sareerak. "As a new program, we prioritized hiring the highest caliber of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists faculty, many of whom have served in program administrator



University of California, Davis has earned accreditation for its Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia program, the first of its kind within the University of California system. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

roles and bring extensive experience in both education and clinical practice."

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists programs have transitioned from the master's degree to the Doctor of Nursing Practice level to better prepare clinicians for the increased complexity of patient care and to equip them with advanced leadership and quality improvement skills. This change, supported by accrediting bodies, ensures that Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are ready to meet modern health care challenges and effectively lead interdisciplinary teams.

Applicants must hold either a bachelor's degree in nursing science or an equivalent major or a bachelor's degree in another specialty in addition to a Master of Science in Nursing or an equivalent graduate degree.

Graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia program will be fully prepared to take on leadership roles in anesthesia care, Sareerak said, which addresses critical gaps in health care access across California.

# Addressing the Shortage

The demand for anesthesia providers continues to outpace supply nationwide. The American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology reports that by 2033, the anesthesiology workforce could experience a shortage of approximately 12,500 providers. That is further exacerbated in California's rural and underserved areas.

With 40-million residents, the state has a growing need for anesthesia services, especially as its aging population requires more procedures. In addition, non-operating-room anesthesia sites are increasing due to technological advancements, which require more anesthesia care beyond traditional surgical settings.

By expanding nurse anesthesia education, the School of Nursing is actively addressing this workforce challenge and strengthening the future of anesthesia care in California.

"With the growing shortage of anesthesiologists and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists across the nation, this program is poised to help bridge the gap by preparing highly-skilled nurse anesthetists to serve diverse patient populations," said Dean Stephen Cavanagh.

UC Davis Health is also

meeting this need head-on by partnering with the School of Nursing through its expansion efforts. A key milestone in this expansion is the integration of the 48X Complex as part of the program's primary clinical training site.

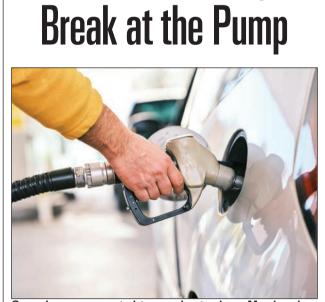
Expected to open for patients in July, the four-story, 268,228-square-foot complex will feature 14 operating rooms. The large facility is ideal for presenting learning opportunities for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist students and addressing the shortage of ambulatory operating room capacity at the main hospital.

"This initiative will provide invaluable hands-on experience for future Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists while ensuring a steady pipeline of highly trained anesthesia providers within UC Davis Health. We hope to retain many of the graduates which will help us reinforce our commitment to delivering safe, high-quality anesthesia services and shaping the future of health care excellence," said Kimberly Beres, the health system's chief nurse anesthetist.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice -Nurse Anesthesia program is the latest offering from the Top 25 15-year-old nursing school. The school already offers a popular Doctor of Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner program that is helping to fulfill California's shortage of primary care providers, along with master's degrees in nursing, physician assistant studies, a Doctor of Philosophy program and a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate program.

# California Comment on Latest Small Business Optimism Index





**Drivers See a Slight** 

Overall, small business owners remain optimistic regarding future business conditions but uncertainty is on the rise. Photo by Gustavo Fring Pexels

## National Federation of Independent Business News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** -Small business optimism across the nation fell a bit in January but for the third consecutive month, came in higher than its 51-year average, according to the release Feb. 11 of the monthly Small Business Optimism Index by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

"Prior to this nice three-month stretch, the Small Business Optimism Index went 34 consecutive months below its 51-year average," said John Kabateck, state director for National Federation of Independent Business in California. "What we could be witnessing is a possible rebound for all sectors of the economy. A rebound that could get some serious traction with the right state and federal policies. A possible rebound that could just as easily be undercut by the wrong ones."

The National Federation of Independent Business's legislative agenda for California can be read at nfib.com/news-article/nfib-announces-legislative-agenda-for-california. For National Federation of Independent Business's congressional agenda, visit nfib.com/news-article/ nfib-to-congress-advance-the-small-business-growth-agenda.

The National Federation of Independent Business's monthly Small Business Optimism Index is the gold standard measurement of America's small business economy. Used by the Federal Reserve, Congressional leaders, administration officials and state legislatures throughout the nation, it's regarded as the bellwether on the health and welfare of the Main Street enterprises that employ half of all workers, generate more net new jobs than large corporations, and gave most of us the first start in our working life.

The Optimism Index (aka Small Business Economic Trends report) is a national snapshot of the National Federation of Independent Business member, small-business owners not broken down by state. The typical National Federation of Independent Business member employs between one and nine people and reports gross sales of about \$500,000 a year.

"Overall, small business owners remain optimistic regarding future business conditions but uncertainty is on the rise. Hiring challenges continue to frustrate Main Street owners as they struggle to find qualified workers to fill their many open positions. Meanwhile, fewer plan capital investments as they prepare for the months ahead," said National Federation of Independent Business chief economist Bill Dunkelberg.

### Highlights from the Latest Small Business Optimism Index

The net percent of owners expecting the economy to improve fell five points from December to a net 47% (seasonally adjusted).

Thirty-five percent (seasonally adjusted) of all owners reported job openings they could not fill in the current period, unchanged from December.

Twenty percent (seasonally adjusted) plan capital outlays in the next six months, down seven points from December.

A net 3% of owners reported that their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts (down one point). The last time it was this low was June 2022.

A net 0% (seasonally adjusted) of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, down six points from December's highest reading since December 2021.

Gas prices are expected to remain steady as March arrives and routine seasonal maintenance wraps up. Photo by Engin Akyurt Pexels

AAA Northen California News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - With winter nearly in the rearview, temperatures warmed up while gas prices cooled down. Last week, gas prices dropped by three cents, bringing the national average to \$3.12 per gallon.

Gas prices are expected to remain steady as March arrives and routine seasonal maintenance wraps up.

On Feb. 27, California drivers saw an average price of \$4.81, a three-cent drop from two weeks ago.

Fuel prices throughout the state on Feb. 27 included San Francisco at \$5.05, Oakland at \$4.98, San Jose at \$4.91, Sacramento at \$4.95, Fresno at \$4.82 and Stockton at \$4.77.

Regarding the Oil Market Dynamics, at the close of the Feb. 26 formal trading session, the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) rose \$2.54 to settle at \$80.04 a barrel. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported that crude oil inventories decreased by 2 million barrels from the previous week. At 412.7 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 6% below the five-year average for this time of year.

A quick analysis of gas stats shows that the nation'sTop 10 most expensive gasoline markets are California (\$4.81), Hawaii (\$4.54), Washington (\$4.14), Nevada (\$3.84), Oregon (\$3.76), Alaska (\$3.46), Arizona (\$3.40), Pennsylvania (\$3.33), Washington, D.C. (\$3.25) and Illinois (\$3.24).

The nation's Top 10 least expensive gasoline markets are Mississippi (\$2.67), Texas (\$2.69), Oklahoma (\$2.73), Kentucky (\$2.74), Louisiana (\$2.76), Arkansas (\$2.78), Alabama (\$2.78), South Carolina (\$2.79), North Carolina (\$2.80) and Tennessee (\$2.80).

Taking a glance at the electricity stats in the nation shows that the Top 10 most expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are Hawaii (55 cents), West Virginia (47 cents), Montana (45 cents), Idaho (42 cents), Arkansas (42 cents), New Hampshire (42 cents), Tennessee (42 cents), Kentucky (41 cents), Alaska (41 cents) and South Carolina (41 cents).

The nation's Top 10 least expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are Kansas (22 cents), Nebraska (24 cents), Maryland (25 cents), Missouri (25 cents), Delaware (28 cents), Iowa (28 cents), Texas (29 cents), Michigan (29 cents), Utah (29 cents) and North Dakota (30 cents).