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Each participant received a custom wellness bag filled with items to support their journey—leashes, training treats, journals, essential oils, and stress-reduction tools tailored for veterans. Photos courtesy of Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue

**Stars and Stripes Dog
Rescue News Release**

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - "I didn't just train my dog; I found my peace," said one of the veterans, as her dog nestled beside her.

That sentiment echoed throughout the inaugural Battle Buddy Pilot Program, hosted by Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue, which wrapped this month with resounding success.

After months of planning, the program brought together veterans and their dogs in a powerful journey of healing, connection, and growth, leaving both ends of the leash stronger, calmer and more confident.



Held outdoors in local parks, the program's guided sessions taught basic obedience, emotional support techniques, and wellness practices that benefit both human and dog.

The Healing through Battle Buddies initiative is a no-cost, community-centered pilot designed to help veterans bond with their own dogs in a supportive, therapeutic environment.

Serving Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks and Orangevale, the program addresses

invisible wounds, Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression and isolation; through the loyal companionship of dogs.

"Many veterans already have a dog at home that brings them comfort," said Susan Aimes, founder and executive director of Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue. "But they may not know how to channel that bond into something deeper and more therapeutic. That's where this program steps in."

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SacRT Launches Transit Connect

**Sacramento Regional
Transit News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) recently launched the Transit Connect app, a new regional fare payment system that gives riders a faster, easier and more flexible way to pay for transit.

Riders can purchase and activate tickets anytime, using their smartphone's Transit Connect app, eliminating the need for cash, paper tickets and ticket machines.

Transit Connect's first phase launches with SacRT's full-fare mobile ticketing only. Discount fare options and Yobus fare products are scheduled to be added in early November. This first phase introduces mobile ticketing, along with rider-friendly features such as stored value wallet to load funds directly in the app and group ticketing to purchase multiple fares at once.

Future upgrades will expand the Transit Connect app to include additional transit partner integrations and add exciting new features, such as scan-to-pay for faster boarding, fare capping so you don't pay more than the daily max and the ability to load cash at fare vending machines and convenience stores.

"SacRT is proud to launch the Transit Connect app, which will make it easier than ever for people to travel throughout the Sacramento region," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "Our riders deserve a seamless, modern experience that makes it easier to connect to the entire region, and the Transit Connect app provides exactly that."

Powered by Masabi, a global leader in mobile fare payment solutions, the Transit Connect app lays the groundwork for a seamless and unified transit payment system for the Sacramento region.

"Mobile ticketing is transforming public transit worldwide by putting convenience and simplicity first," said Masabi CEO Brian Zanghi. "We're excited to partner with SacRT to deliver Transit Connect, helping riders across the Sacramento region access a modern and connected experience."

To use the Transit Connect app, riders show their activated ticket to a bus operator or fare inspector. For riders currently using Connect Card (including state workers), full integration is expected as part of phase two in 2026.

The Transit Connect app is available for download in the App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit sacrt.com/transitconnect. ★

Lost, Found and Returned

Local Kayaker behind 'American River Lost & Found'

By Idaly Valencia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Going to the river to beat the heat is a summertime tradition for many Sacramento-area residents. Whether rafting, canoeing or swimming, local waterways attract crowds looking to have a fun way to cool off.

But losing a wallet, phone or any personal belonging to the river can quickly end the fun.

For Sacramento native Karl Bly, recovering those lost items has become a mission that is part compassion, part hobby. He takes requests from individuals searching for belongings and posts daily online in hopes of reuniting items to the owners.

"It's such a fun addiction to find things out in the river,



Karl Bly is a Sacramento native and kayaker who runs a local popular Facebook page called American River Lost & Found. Photos courtesy of American River Lost & Found

and then it just adds so much more when you continue to search and find the owners," Bly said. "It's a whole new level of adventure."

Bly's connection to the American River goes back to 1972, when his family moved to Carmichael. He was 5 years old, Bly said,

when he started kayaking and snorkeling.

"My dad would get our whole family out on the

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McWilliams Shown Love by Community

By Carol Feineman

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - It was a love fest Sept. 30 as scores of Fair Oaks residents and friends honored Janet and Warren McWilliams' almost 70 years of community leadership during a Lifetime of Service Celebration at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse.

The couple, married 68 years, is affectionately known as Mr. and Mrs. Fair Oaks.

"You can't get involved in Fair Oaks stuff without running into the McWilliams," said State Sen. Roger Niello. "They carry community activism to a high degree. We're lucky to have them here."

And Keith Walter, who emceed and helped organize the event, had similar sentiments.

"My wife and I moved here 14 years ago. It's hard to imagine what we would have done without them. They adopted us and introduced us to our volunteering here," Walter said. "They were great mentors."

The Sept. 30 celebration included a dinner buffet, joint resolution by State Senator Roger Niello and State Assemblyman Josh Hoover, celebratory remarks by community leaders, and warm and appreciative greetings by attendees to the beloved couple throughout the night.

According to event attendees, the McWilliams have been outstanding volunteers, philanthropists and role models.

Warren McWilliams was the assistant Fair Oaks postmaster and a dedicated Fair Oaks Rotary Club member and president in 1987. He was also the Fair Oaks Historical Society president multiple times and Janet McWilliam was equally supportive of the historical society and documented local history stories.

A teacher/reading specialist at San Juan Unified School District, Janet McWilliams was a devoted Fair Oaks Inner Wheel Club member and president, and a Woman's



Janet and Warren McWilliams heard nonstop praise for their almost seven decades of service to Fair Oaks during the Sept 30 celebration. Photo courtesy of Lynda McWilliams

Thursday Club leader.

The McWilliams co-founded the Fair Oaks Foundation for Leisure and the Arts, which funds and supports community arts and cultural programs. They started Concerts in the Park for the Fair Oaks Centennial Celebration in 1995, an event still enjoyed today. Active in the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce, they served several times as Fair Oaks Christmas Parade grand marshals.

The McWilliams were also founding members of the friendship-based Society of the Rising Moon, a group that Niello's and Hoover's resolution stated "brought joy to many local residents." The resolution also stated that the McWilliams have generously donated to the Fair Oaks Rotary Club, Inner Wheel Club



The Sept. 30 "Lifetime of Service Celebration" event celebrated the outstanding contributions of Janet and Warren McWilliams. Photo by Carol Feineman

of Fair Oaks and Fair Oaks Theatre Festival and provided support for the local amphitheater's renovations.

Their caregiver, Wesley Gaston, acknowledged the community's love for the McWilliams.

"They mean a lot to me; they

mean a lot to the community," said Gaston, whose grandparents were close friends with the McWilliams.

Bud Beebe, with the Fair Oaks Historical Society, said that the McWilliams have been "wonderful supporters of the historical society and all aspects of Fair Oaks."

"(The event was) notable not only because they have done so much for the Fair Oaks Community," Beebe said, "but also because this was chosen to be the very first event held in the long awaited refurbished Fair Oaks Clubhouse. Such an iconic setting for such an honored Fair Oaks couple."

Walter was just as pleased with the Sept. 30 Lifetime of Service Celebration honoring the McWilliams.

"For me, the McWilliams' evening was pure joy," Walter said, "a beautiful reminder of the impact one family can have on a whole community."

As for the guests of honor, they were humbled and gracious about the large number of attendees at the celebration.

"I'm overwhelmed," Janet McWilliams said before the speeches began.

And Warren McWilliams said, "Oh, my God. I don't understand why they did it."

When it was suggested that they were being honored for all their years helping the Fair Oaks community flourish, Warren McWilliams said, "Fair Oaks is the most wonderful place in the world. It's home."

It was also a proud night for the couple's son, Warren McWilliams III, DDS, who said that the Oct. 30 celebration "was a prime example of how things ought to be."

"You give your entire life to the charity of your town, you should be recognized. If there were more people like my parents in this world, we would be living in a much better world," he said after the event. "My parents are living examples of how to live your life. Life should not be as complicated as so many of us make it. Do unto others as you would like others to do unto you. My parents are shining examples of how we all should live. To see them celebrated in public was a wonderful experience that I will not soon forget." ★

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Board Shares Excitement for Village Park Grand Opening

By Shaunna Boyd

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - The Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) Board of Directors issued a proclamation at its Sept. 17 meeting in honor of long-time Fair Oaks residents Janet and Warren McWilliams.

Both have spent more than 30 years supporting the local community through participation in local organizations and service clubs, including the Fair Oaks Historical Society, Fair Oaks Theatre Festival, Fair Oaks Rotary, Inner Wheel and more.

District Director Ralph Carhart read the proclamation and stated that both Janet and Warren McWilliams have “devoted themselves as volunteers, leaders and champions of Fair Oaks, exemplifying the rare and enduring commitment to service and passion for civic engagement.”

Following the proclamation, Arts and Entertainment Director Jen Schuler presented an update about the opening of Village Park, with a grand opening celebration scheduled from Oct. 9 to Oct. 12.

According to Schuler, the opening is a “big milestone for the community” and the beginning of a “new era.”

The updated parks and the new Fair Oaks Performing Arts Center will serve as a “cultural hub for arts and entertainment,” as well as a space for the community to gather and connect, said Schuler.

After the grand opening weekend, events and programming are scheduled throughout the rest of the year and, Schuler said, events are already scheduling into 2026. The district launched the Fair Oaks Performing Arts Center website at FairOaksArts.org where the schedule of upcoming shows can be viewed and tickets purchased.

“I am just so proud and pleased to see the amount of events and lineups we have, and it looks substantial in a way that



The Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District Board of Directors continue to express excitement for the upcoming opening of the Fair Oaks Performing Arts Center. Photo courtesy of Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District

I think is just exciting,” said director Raymond James Irwin.

Echoed John O’Farrell, vice chair, “I’m very excited about where we’re going with this whole thing.”

Director Darren Mounts reflected on the process of knocking on doors back in 2018 to get Measure J passed.

“I’m just very excited for everything to come to fruition here,” Mounts said.

District Administrator Mike Aho said the preliminary inspections in the Village were on track.

The next Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15. With the reopening



Events and programming are already scheduled at the new performing arts center through the end of this year and into 2026. Photo courtesy of Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District

of facilities in the Village, the Village Hall, the lower level Clubhouse at 7997 California Ave. ★

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Lost, Found and Returned

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river,” Bly said. “He would go scuba diving in the river looking for things and I would follow his air bubbles around in a canoe.”

At 10, Bly found a pair of cut-off shorts with a wallet and a California Highway Patrol badge inside.

“I still remember his name, Blaine Pectol,” Bly recalled.

Without social media, Bly relied on the yellow pages to track down the officer. After a few calls, Bly reached the right family.

“It was exciting for me to go through that whole process as a young kid and ultimately returning a wallet to a CHP officer made me feel I was an important part of the community,” Bly said.

From then on, Bly said, he made it a point to return anything with a name attached that he found while diving. When Bly joined social media in 2010, it gave him a way to share his discoveries with friends and he gained a reputation for finding lost items in the river.

One day, friends alerted him to a lost kayak posted in a community group. The next morning, Bly said, he went out and located it in just 10 minutes. That moment became the turning point for launching the American River Lost & Found Facebook page in 2018.

The page has since grown to more than 36,000 followers, with members who actively help by sharing posts and commenting.

The most common finds, Bly said, are sunglasses with hundreds, if not thousands, each year. Phones are the most valuable frequent recovery, with 178 phones returned so far in 2025.

Bly has also retrieved unusual items, such as three prosthetic legs.

“Social media is just invaluable to get something like that returned,” Bly said.

Some of Bly’s finds are more whimsical. A recent request led Bly to recover a lost mermaid tail, which he successfully returned to its owner.



One of Karl Bly’s more unique finds, a mermaid tail, was returned to its owner in August. Photos courtesy of American River Lost & Found

But other items that seem ordinary often hold deep personal meaning, a part of Bly’s work that stands out to him.

He recalled returning a sticker-covered water bottle that had been lost for a year. Each sticker represented a trip that the owner and his girlfriend had taken together, starting with the one where he first told her he loved her.

“Every place they went all over the world, they put these stickers on it; it was kind of a history of their relationship,” Bly said. “Little stories like that are so common. People thought their things were gone forever, things very meaningful to them and not worth much to anyone else.”

Bly holds onto items that might take longer to claim but clothing left unclaimed after about a week is washed and donated.

Summer is Bly’s busiest season, when he receives requests daily. In the winter, Bly explained, far fewer people are out on the water, so there are fewer items to be lost. Most of his work is along the American River and

Lake Natoma, where Bly has even had other local divers assist.

“It’s just a fun hobby to go out and find things,” Bly said. “And it’s so much better when you can hand something back to somebody and have them in tears, ‘Oh my God, I can’t believe I got this back.’”

Outside of diving and kayaking, Bly manages rental properties, which gives him more free time after a more than 20-year career in various entrepreneurial ventures. In his later years, Bly joked, he has been “flexing his time,” allowing him to dedicate more hours to the hobby.

For river-goers, Bly’s top tip is simple: “Number one, if you’re bringing something valuable in water, make sure it floats.” He also recommends phone protectors, securing bags in kayaks or canoes and straps for prescription glasses.

Bly documents his days on the river with photos and videos, focusing on wholesome or funny interactions for his social media page.

But his work goes beyond returning lost items. He regularly picks up trash, helps stranded rafters and identifies safety hazards. “Since I’m getting these messages daily during summer of where people are wiping out and losing their stuff, I also have kind of an overview of where the dangerous spots are,” Bly said.

About two years ago, Bly noticed a pipe crossing the river that was causing wipe-outs. He posted about it online, and after a local news outlet published a story, the pipe was removed.

“Found out it was a decommissioned pipe. A few months later, I got a message from the lawyers saying, ‘We want to let you know that we will be removing that pipe because of your activism,’” Bly said.

At times, Bly’s work can take a more serious turn.

“I spend so much time on the river, I wind up helping people in one way, shape or form or another almost every time I’m out there,” Bly said. “I’ve been in those situations many, many times.”

Bly noted that he and other divers have occasionally assisted in recovery efforts for drowning victims.

“We’ve actually attached buoys to drowning victims in the river so the Sac Metro Fire Department can come in, pull up the buoy to the rope and continue recovery,” Bly said. “Since we know the river so well and know where all these little spots are, knowledge and skill come in handy sometimes when it’s needed.”

Despite the dangers, Bly keeps his page positive. Bly said his efforts have had a “radiating effect,” inspiring others to hand him lost items or join in the search, creating a sense of comradery along the American River.

To learn more about Bly and to see his daily finds, visit the American River Lost & Found page at @ARKayaker on Facebook. ★

Healing Together

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support techniques and wellness practices that benefit both the human and the dog. The curriculum focused on mutual trust, positive reinforcement and mental wellness strategies designed to extend beyond the training field.

Unlike traditional service dog models, this veteran-driven approach empowers participants to be their own trainers, building self-reliance, emotional awareness and a deeper understanding of their dog’s cues.

Veterans engaged in obstacle training, calming techniques and structured exercises. By the end, both handlers and dogs showed remarkable progress through reduced anxiety, improved responsiveness and a renewed sense of confidence.

Each participant received a custom wellness bag filled with items to support their journey: leashes, training treats, journals, essential oils and stress-reduction tools tailored for veterans.

A heartfelt moment came when Orangevale residents Nancy and Judy donated handmade dog blankets to every team. Their gift added a personal touch,

reminding veterans that their community stands behind them.

“It wasn’t just about training; it was about learning to breathe, to connect and to grow together,” shared one veteran.

Another added, “The wellness piece really hit home. I left feeling like I had tools to manage stress and a stronger bond with my dog.”

With overwhelmingly positive feedback, Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue plans to expand the Battle Buddy Program in the coming year. They’re actively seeking support from local businesses, veteran groups and donors to sustain and grow the mission.

“We believe that healing is strongest when it happens together, veteran and dog, side by side,” said Aimes. “The pilot confirmed what we’ve always known: when we invest in the wellness of both, the results are life-changing.”

If you are a veteran who could benefit from this program or know someone who might, reach out to

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They aid in feeling good. Laughter is a great distractor. Good for the body and good for the mind and soul. It's great to find humor in life. Watch some good old fashion comedies. They seem to calm the day.

1. DEVELOP GOALS. It is the beginning of moving forward. The question is how? By developing goals, maybe as simple as getting up in the morning and making breakfast is a good thing. Vita begins with developing simple goals and writing them down. When completed she pats herself on the back and moves on towards other daily goals. Then move on to weekly goals, monthly ones, even yearly goals. The goals must be realistic and achievable.

5. MUSIC. Enjoying music is a mind changer. It releases the feel good hormones (endorphins) as well. Listening to music helps us relax. Be it through playing an instrument, listening to music, singing a song, even listening to crickets as they sing their nightly lullaby.

2. BECOMING POSITIVE. Develop a positive attitude. Start with words like I can. Leave the can't out of your vocabulary. "I can't" creates a negative attitude. Remember to be realistic with this approach. Focus on the good things and be grateful. Approach life with positive affirmation and become proactive instead of reactive.

6. RELAXATION. Learning to relax your body is also important. Vita tends to relax when she focuses on relaxation techniques either through yoga, mindfulness, and other modalities such as meditation.

3. FOCUS. Learning to focus on other things is really important. It can be laughter, music, relaxation. Meditation, enjoying animals, exercise, hobbies, even eating right.

7. ENJOYING ANIMALS OR PETS. It has been documented that animals can be very therapeutic. They take the focus off of ourselves. They can make us laugh and actually petting an animal like a dog or cat makes us feel better.

4. LAUGHTER. Laughter reduces three stress hormones known as cortisol, epinephrine, and dopamine and releases the feel good hormones known as endorphins.

8. EXERCISE. Exercise either through physical therapy or just taking a simple walk is a way to relax and even reset the body to feel better.

9. HOBBIES AND CREATIVITY. Find things that you like to do. Whether it's reading a book or painting a picture, there are so many creative outlets. Vita was interested in acting, so she got involved in theatre as well as making commercials. What about photography which can be fulfilling? There is something for everyone.

Check out Vita at www.vitanavigatingchange.com and her book *Got Pain? Now What?* **FIND OUT!** ★



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County Public Health Officer to Retire

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

Longstanding Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Officer Dr. Olivia Kasirye will retire next March after more than two decades of service.

“Leading Sacramento County Public Health has been an extraordinary privilege,” said Kasirye. “I am most grateful for all of you. This community has shown strength and commitment to protecting each other during all the good times and in the face of many challenging times as well. That and the remarkable team at Sacramento County Public Health are what inspires me every day.”

Kasirye began her Sacramento County career in 2004 as a senior physician manager, then served as El Dorado County’s health officer from 2009 to 2012 before returning to Sacramento in 2012 to lead Sacramento County Public Health.

Kasirye set five priorities when she entered the role, all of which continue to define Sacramento County Public



Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Sacramento County’s Public Health Officer since 2012, will retire next March. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Health’s work today. Those priorities are to strengthen disease response, reduce health disparities, confront the opioid epidemic, build a resilient workforce and achieve public health accreditation

The five priorities were advanced with lasting impact. Sacramento County achieved national public health accreditation last November. Sacramento

County Public Health built new equity and nursing units, expanded partnerships to improve birth outcomes and launched campaigns to prevent opioid overdoses among youth under her direction.

“Dr. Kasirye has been a compassionate and dedicated leader for Sacramento County,” said Sacramento County Supervisor and Board Chair Phil Serna.

“She guided us through unprecedented exigencies with rigor, significantly advanced health equity and safeguarded our most vulnerable residents. She leaves an enduring legacy.”

Colleagues describe Kasirye as a graceful leader who people love working with. Kasirye inspires loyalty not only through her expertise but through an irreplaceable

warmth and kindness she shows every day at work.

Many staff say her ability to connect with people on a personal level sets her apart as a uniquely beloved leader in county government.

“Dr. Kasirye’s leadership has meant stability and trust for Sacramento County,” said Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. “We owe her a great deal for getting us through the pandemic. She led with transparency and put the health of the community first. We are grateful for her service.”

Kasirye leaves behind a legacy of strong partnerships, forward-thinking strategies and a public health system better prepared for the future. She will work with Department of Health Services Director Tim Lutz over the next several months to guide the transition and help identify the next health officer.

“Dr. Kasirye has been an exceptional leader,” said County Executive David Villanueva. “She built strong teams and responded decisively to complex public health challenges. We deeply appreciate her decades of service.” ★

Code Enforcement Increases Penalties, Strengthens Community Safety

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

Sacramento County Code Enforcement saw major success in its 2025 efforts to crack down on illegal fireworks, issuing more than twice as many penalties as the previous year despite receiving fewer complaints.

From mid-June through July, Code Enforcement received 774 complaints about illegal fireworks, a 26% decrease from 2024. Even with fewer reports, the division issued 72

penalties, up 112% from the year before.

Officers also sent 189 warning letters and completed more than 840 follow-ups with residents, nearly doubling community engagement from 2024.

A key factor in this success was a new emphasis on gathering stronger evidence from residents. By working directly with complainants, Code Enforcement was able to turn previously unactionable complaints into enforceable cases.

Technology also played a major role. In



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partnership with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Code Enforcement used drones to identify violators in real time. Drone operations

alone led to nearly one-third of all penalties issued.

“These results show that collaboration, technology, and community involvement make a real difference in reducing

illegal fireworks,” said Taylor Parker, Senior Code Enforcement officer. “Every penalty issued sends a clear message: fireworks are dangerous, and those who use them illegally will be held accountable.”

Code Enforcement will continue working with county partners to expand drone coverage, improve evidence collection and strengthen public education ahead of the 2026 fireworks season. ★

Public Authority Office Moves



A new exterior drop box is available so that members of the public can turn in their forms after hours. There are currently signs at both the former (3700 Branch Center Road) and new (9300 Tech Center Drive, Suite 100) location to assist the public with the transition. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County’s Public Authority office recently moved to a new location. The new office is located at 9300 Tech Center Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento.

The Public Counter hours continue to be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and forms can be picked up or dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A new exterior drop box is available so that the public can turn in their forms after hours. There are currently signs at both the former (3700 Branch Center Road) and new location to assist the public with the transition.

The Public Authority assists recipients and providers with the In-Home Supportive Services Program. You can learn more about the services provided by visiting the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority website at pubauth.saccounty.net.

For any questions regarding the new location or general inquiries about the Public Authority office, call 916-874-2888 or email HHS-PA@Saccounty.gov. ★

Feedback Wanted Amidst Behavioral Health Services Act Transition

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

As the cooler temperatures set in and we transition from summer to fall, new transitions are happening within the Sacramento County Department of Health Services. The county is preparing for the rollout of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), a major shift in how behavioral health programs are structured, overseen and funded, which will take effect next July.

In 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1, replacing the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) with the Behavioral Health Services Act. This shift brings significant changes to how behavioral health services are planned, delivered and funded.

While the Behavioral Health Services Act introduces structural

changes, it does not increase funding; instead, it reorganizes how funds are allocated and prioritized. Changes include streamlining services to reduce duplication and build a more connected and effective system of care, directing resources to those with the most significant mental health and substance use challenges, as well as defining specific outcomes and reporting on progress.

Over the past few months, the county has launched a two-phase Community Planning Process where residents can share their thoughts on what’s working in the current system and where improvements are needed. These conversations will inform the Integrated Plan and ensure it reflects the voices and experiences of the people it’s meant to serve. Phase one is wrapping up with a community survey, which closes on Oct. 6. Residents are

encouraged to share their input.

Another change that comes with Behavioral Health Services Act is the creation of the Sacramento County Behavioral Health Commission. The commission advises the County Board of Supervisors and Department of Health Services on behavioral health policy, programs and services. It also provides a forum for community members to share input and stay engaged in local behavioral health planning.

The Behavioral Health Commission holds a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. The in-person location is 7001-A East Pkwy., Conference Room 1 in Sacramento. To learn more about the Behavioral Health Services Act, the commission or take the survey, visit the website at dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS. ★

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The California Department of Social Services has announced that magnetic stripe EBT cards are set to expire by Oct. 25. To keep your benefits safe and secure, California Department of Social Services mailed new EBT cards with chip and tap technology to all cardholders.

The cardholder’s benefits and PIN will automatically transfer to the new card. Once the new card is activated, the old one will be turned off.

Sacramento County recommends activating the new chip-enabled card when it is received. EBT cardholders can request a new card using

the ebtEDGE mobile app.

Call the EBT Customer Service Center at 1-877-328-9677 to request a new card.

Visit your county office if your new card hasn’t arrived. Wait times might be long, so plan accordingly. If no action is taken, magnetic stripe-only EBT cards can still be used until a chip and tap card has been activated or up to 180 days after the new chip and tap EBT card is issued, whichever comes first.

For further assistance, call EBT’s customer service center at 1-877-328-9677 or visit the EBT Client Website for updates.

For more information, visit the Department of Human Assistance website at ha.saccounty.gov. ★

New EBT Cards Being Mailed

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The offseason is over, and your Sacramento Kings are undefeated. It's that time of the year for effervescent optimism, and it has a contagious effect.

Time to be a little kid again and dream that your home team can win the first championship in Sacramento Kings history.

Is that a strong likelihood? The basketball pundits will tell you no, and emphatically no. Local media seems to have a Debbie downer attitude as it relates to the Kings playoff chances, let alone an actual championship.

I choose to focus on what I know is doable and ever likely, with the assembled group of ballers we have that will grace the confines of Golden One Arena on Oct. 8. The Kings face Utah Jazz in their first preseason game of the 2025/2026 campaign.

I will be sitting behind the Kings bench like a kid in a candy store, ready to greet newcomer Dennis Schroder with open arms, and hopes that Dennis will get a warm Sacramento welcome. Schroder has received few accolades as he joins this year's squad, but I believe he could make Sacramento his home for years to come.

As a mentor, Schroder offers a great opportunity for both Nique Clifford and Devin Carter to see how an NBA point guard plays both ends of the court, and Dennis skills as a teacher and veteran NBA ball distributor portends to be an invaluable asset.

Little used Doug McDermott managed to acquire a fan club last season, as he electrified the crowd with his deft 3-point shooting, and it remains to be seen if Doug Christie can translate McDermotts ability to shoot from long range into wins.

Domantas Sabonis returns as the shining star, and his dominance is undeniable. The perennial rebounding champion of the NBA holds down the block like no other center in Sacramento Kings history, and the 2025/2026 season should be more of the same.

Sabonis brings a nightly double-double to the table and an attitude of optimism that translates into team chemistry. If there was a statistic for helping fallen players to their feet, Domantas would win the award going away, and that comes with an effervescent smile that lights up the court.

If ever there is a player that deserves 100% fan support, it is Sacramento's own

Domantas Sabonis, and my advice to fans is to enjoy this magnetic big man while you can.

As Wednesday approaches with no recent acquisitions, the starting five appears to be Domantas Sabonis, Dennis Schroder, DeMar DeRozan, Zach Lavine and Keegan Murray.

That represents a lot of scoring power, what remains to be seen is how Doug Christie can accomplish a flow that will return the Kings to the high-powered scoring machine that led the NBA in scoring just 3 short seasons ago. That cannot be done by the starters alone, so Christie's use of his bench will be a needed ingredient.

Malik Monk appears to be more comfortable in the 6th man role, and he could become a catalyst of prosperity on both ends.

Likewise, Devin Carter showed flashes of brilliance last season, with his defensive skills, and playing alongside Keon Ellis, this tandem could wreak havoc on opposing offensives.

A looming question is whether Doug Christie will abandon his staccato substitution style, in favor of one that allows players to understand better their roles. Knowing that you can expect to play every game and understand how many minutes it's likely you'll play can help in fomenting a more formidable NBA bench.

Will 2025/2026 be a coming out party for Isaac Jones? It should be, as he adds length while helping support Sabonis on the boards, and provides a scoring punch with a nice touch around the rim that can translate into easy baskets.

It is no secret that many teams approached the Kings regarding Keon Ellis and Keegan Murray. I give credit to G.M. Scott Perry for realizing what he has in these talented youngsters and keeping them in this year's squad.

If you're not excited Kings fans, it's time to let your hair down and howl! Get a little crazy and dream the dream!

The first 10 games of the regular season are brutal, and if our hometown boys can acquit themselves admirably, fans may be in for a season to remember!

All the best and enjoy!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgarrisriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

When Will My Disability Become My Regular Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I hope you can answer this question. I'm currently receiving Social Security Disability benefits, and I will be turning 65 in February 2026. I'm confused as to how Social Security Disability transitions to regular Social Security, and when. I assume it's age 65 but maybe it's my retirement date? Also, does the amount remain the same or will it change? I'm not working. I've been on SSDI for about 15 years. Thank you.

Signed: Disabled Senior
Dear Disabled Senior: If you are collecting Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, those SSDI benefits

will automatically convert to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit when you reach your SS full retirement age (FRA) which, in your case, is age 67. For information, FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on your year of birth, and the full retirement age for everyone born in 1960 or later is age 67.

The change from SSDI to your regular Social Security benefit will be transparent to you because your monthly benefit amount will remain the same. SSDI benefits were originally awarded to you based upon your full retirement age entitlement when you applied for SSDI (even though you hadn't yet reached your FRA when you went on SSDI). Thus, the monthly benefit amount will not change because it is based on your lifetime earnings record, from before you became disabled.

FYI, although age 65 was once Social Security's "retirement

age," full retirement age for Social Security today is based on the year you were born. So, your SSDI benefit will automatically switch to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit as soon as you reach age 67. Essentially, the only thing that will change is the Social Security Trust Fund from which your benefits will be paid.

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For Those Hoping to Be California's Next Governor, The Clock is Ticking



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last half-century or so, California has had six elections for governor when the office was being vacated.

Understandably, such incumbent-free elections to run the nation's most populous and economically powerful state have drawn serious candidates, mostly holders of other high-profile offices who declared themselves as soon as decorum would allow.

When, for example, Republican Ronald Reagan's two terms as governor were ending in 1974, the Democratic secretary of state, Jerry Brown, narrowly defeated the Republican state controller, Houston Flournoy.

This bit of political history is offered because the end of Gavin Newsom's governorship is approaching rapidly. In scarcely a year, California voters will choose a new governor. The June 2 primary, which will determine the two finalists, is just eight months away.

Yet the field of would-be governors remains very unsettled.

For months voters, political media and potential campaign financiers waited for former Vice President Kamala Harris to decide whether, after losing the presidency to Donald Trump, she would seek the governorship.

Harris finally said no, with a rather odd remark: "I don't want to go back in the system. I think it's broken." She may have been referring to national politics, but since the issue was California's governorship, she could also have been implying the state was broken after many years of dominance by her Democratic Party.

Harris' decision, whatever her motives, did not settle the question about who will be running for governor next year. There are declared candidates, of course, but none scores very high in preliminary polling.

Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis had been one of the first to declare her candidacy but shortly after Harris announced her decision, Kounalakis dropped out, opting instead to run for state treasurer.

With those two out of the picture, former Congresswoman Katie Porter became the frontrunner, more or less by default, but with underwhelming support — 17% in a poll by UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, released in late August. Her standing may have reflected nothing more than name recognition from her losing campaign for U.S. senator last year.

This week Toni Atkins, former president pro tem of the state Senate, also ended her campaign, saying she could see no pathway to victory. A few other Democrats remain, most notably former Biden administration official and state Attorney General Xavier Becerra and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Mostly, however, we are seeing just preliminary

skirmishing among those still in the race, because we're still waiting to see who else might run.

After the departure of Harris and Kounalakis, another name popped up in media speculation: U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla.

It's difficult to understand why Padilla, who holds one of the nation's most coveted political offices and could remain in the Senate for the rest of his life, would want to seek no more than eight years as governor.

Does he really want to deal with California's plethora of infinitely difficult, unresolved issues, such as homelessness, housing shortages, water supply uncertainty, economic stagnation and, perhaps trickiest of all, a chronic multibillion-dollar budget deficit?

Were Padilla to give up his Senate seat for the governorship, as Republican Pete Wilson did in 1990, the only logical motive would be civic duty — he thinks California needs him to weather its crises.

Meanwhile, we're waiting for another potential candidate, Rick Caruso, to also declare intentions. The very wealthy Los Angeles businessman ran a credible but unsuccessful race for mayor of his city after switching his party identification from Republican to Democrat and could draw support from moderate voters and interest groups of both parties. He says he's weighing a race.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★



Mississippi, Not California, is the Education Future

A miracle defies the laws of nature. This is why "the Mississippi Miracle," the sobriquet for the extraordinary gains that students in the Gulf state have made in reading in recent years, is a misnomer.

There's nothing miraculous about a state that adopts phonics and that sets high standards for its kids to get better results in reading instruction. This, to the contrary, is a predictable outcome, and a replicable one, as other Southern states that have taken up similar policies have shown.

Mississippi went from 49th in fourth-grade reading results on the National Assessment about a decade ago to 9th in 2024. Its low-income children are ranked first in the nation. It's Black kids are number three in the nation and it's Hispanic kids number one. Overall, when adjusted for socioeconomic and demographics, Mississippi has the best fourth-grade results in the nation.

The derisive cliché was always, "Thank God for Mississippi," since it could be trusted to save other states from coming in 50th in various metrics. Now, the phrase can be used with sincerity and admiration, since the state recognized and did something about its literacy crisis.

In 2011, about four out

of five fourth graders in Mississippi weren't proficient in reading. In 2013, the state passed a reform to require teachers to understand the science of reading (basically, phonics), to deploy literacy coaches to schools, to identify students struggling to read early, and to hold back students in third grade who weren't ready to advance.

Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana have now done much the same, and have also made gains. The original source of all this was a 2002 reading law in Florida that boosted student achievement in the Sunshine State.

In a piece headlined "Illiteracy is a policy choice" at the website The Argument, Kelsey Piper makes the case that it would be irresponsible and wrong to ignore the lesson of Mississippi and the Southern states.

She notes that Mississippi outperforms her native California, even though the Golden State is richer and spends substantially more on education per pupil. More than half of Black fourth graders in Mississippi are at or above basic level, while only 28% of Black fourth graders in California are.

It may be galling for Blue States that have prided themselves on their commitment to education and looked down on the South to have to acknowledge that Mississippi, of all places, has figured out a model for the nation, but it is imperative all the same.

"We have been spending lots of money on schools," Piper writes of Blue States, "but we have not been willing to muster the polit-

ical will and effort necessary to hold those schools accountable for results and adopt teaching practices that actually work."

The so-called reading wars between the whole-language approach and phonics was won, on the merits, by phonics long ago. Yet, ineffectual methods hung around even though they'd been discredited. This is why it's so important to get teachers to embrace research-based reading instruction.

There must also be high expectations, rigorously enforced. This is what the Mississippi third-grade retention policy is about. If a teacher and a parent know that a child is going to be held back, they will do all they can to get that child to basic proficiency. Research in Florida shows that getting held back not only helps the academic performance of the students who are retained, but their younger siblings as well.

With reading scores nationally sliding the wrong way, especially for the bottom 10% of students, Mississippi and the other Southern states offer a beacon of hope. Their example shows that, no, it's not impossible to teach children, and no, it's not very costly. It's a good sign that even California just passed a phonics bill.

It's fully within our power, so long as we insist on the basics, to give kids a skill absolutely essential to their development and their futures. No miracles necessary.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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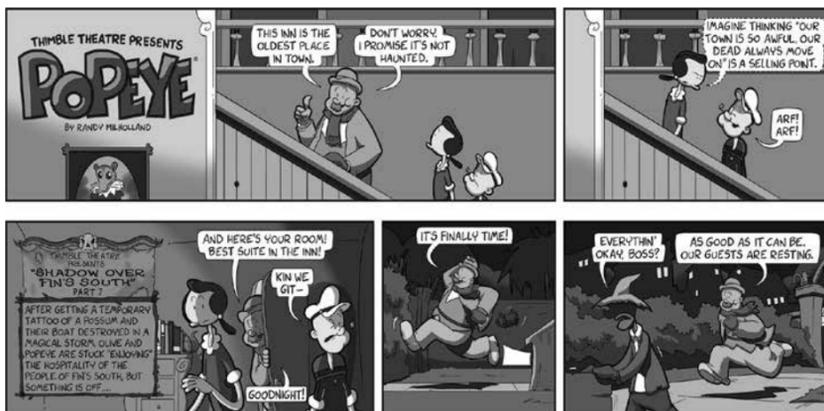
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Sacramento Choral Society Celebrates 30th Anniversary Season

Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra announced its milestone 30th season of choral-orchestral excellence, promising audiences an unforgettable lineup of concerts, world-class soloists and a journey through powerful repertoire.

Under the direction of Dr. Donald Kendrick, music director and conductor, the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra will present four major performances during the 2025–26 concert season.

This winter, the professional orchestra is excited to perform “Stained Glass: Music of the Spheres” on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Vivaldi, Mozart and Whitburn, and “Home for the Holidays” on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. featuring holiday classics.

This spring, see Dvořák’s “Requiem” on Saturday, March 7 at 3 p.m. and Beethoven’s “9th Symphony – a monumental collaboration with the Sacramento Philharmonic &



The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra has announced its 30th anniversary season with four upcoming performances at the historic Memorial Auditorium and SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra

Opera,” on Saturday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets for Beethoven’s 9th are available exclusively through the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera website

at sacramentochoral.org.

“As we celebrate this milestone anniversary season, we are committed to presenting concerts that move and inspire our audiences,” said Kendrick.

“Our large chorus, professional orchestra and world-class soloists will deliver an extraordinary season from the intimacy and sparkle of Stained Glass to the joy of Home for the Holidays,

the profound power of Dvořák’s ‘Requiem’ and the electrifying grandeur of Beethoven’s ‘9th Symphony.’”

Celebrate 30 years of music-making with Sacramento’s largest choral-orchestral ensemble, performing live in some of the region’s most iconic venues, including the historic Memorial Auditorium and the state-of-the-art SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center.

The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra proudly offers one-of-a-kind performances, new traditions for families and friends and the opportunity to support local arts and artists.

To purchase tickets online visit sacramentochoral.org.

Ticket prices range from \$40 for general admission and \$50 to \$66 for reserved seating. Students will receive 50 percent off all ticket prices. Group rate discounts are available for 10 or more tickets. Save on online ticket fees by calling the Memorial Auditorium/SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center Box Office directly at 916-808-5181 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. ★

County Launches New Property Tax System



Sacramento County’s new tax system, TaxSys, is now live. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After three years of planning and development, Sacramento County has launched a modern property tax system that replaced a decades-old platform responsible for collecting and distributing more than \$3.1 billion in annual tax revenue for the county, school districts, cities and special districts.

The new system, known as TaxSys, is now live. Property owners will see the change on their secured tax bills.

Sacramento County is mailing 498,576 secured tax bills, which are payable beginning Nov. 1. These tax bills are only mailed once per year; however, property owners can pay their bills in two installments. These updated bills are available on the Department of Finance’s website.

The previous system, first designed in 1980, became increasingly complex and outdated over the

years. It relied on numerous programs, more than 25 ancillary systems and more than 25 different data sources. Replacing this patchwork of technology was critical to improving efficiency, accuracy and customer service.

“This is a once-in-a-generation upgrade,” said Sacramento County Director of Finance Chad Rinde. “Not only are we replacing aging technology with a modern system but we are making the property-tax process more efficient, more secure and more user-friendly for our residents.”

Benefits of the new system for property owners include electronic billing, meaning residents can opt for paperless billing, cutting down on waste.

Improved customer interactions can be expected due to one fully integrated database, allowing staff to quickly research complex cases, print corrected bills on demand and more efficiently resolve issues.

Tax bills will be condensed and easier to read.

Additionally, residents can pay online with e-checks at no cost, receive receipts instantly, and view recent bills and payment history in one place. Overpayments will be processed more quickly, reducing delays for property owners.

Property owners with delinquent tax accounts can set up standardized payment plans online without visiting county offices.

The new system also brings stronger information security, including regular vendor-provided updates and reduces human error by automating manual processes that previously required retyping, transferring and reconciling information across multiple databases.

With TaxSys, Sacramento County is not only modernizing its technology but also enhancing transparency, security and convenience for property owners.

If you own property and have not received a tax bill by Oct. 15, you can obtain tax bill copies, property tax information and payment stubs at the Tax Collector’s website at finance.sac-county.gov.

California Revenue and Taxation Code 2610.5 states that “Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of the liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment.” ★

County Warns EBT Cardholders about Fake Mobile App



The official FIS ebtEDGE Mobile App allows users to easily view their SNAP or TANF benefits. A fraudulent app mimics the official app and attempts to charge users fees for weekly or lifetime access. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Social Services has alerted counties to a fake mobile application that is targeting Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cardholders.

The app, called “Ebt edge – food stamps,” is currently listed in the Apple iOS App Store and

mimics the official FIS ebtEDGE Mobile App but is not legitimate.

The fraudulent app attempts to charge users a \$4.99 weekly fee or \$60 for lifetime access. California EBT cardholders should know that the state will never charge fees to access or manage their benefits.

Cardholders are strongly advised to download and use only the official, state-supported

FIS ebtEDGE app to protect their benefits and personal information. (FIS stands for Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., which manages the electronic benefits transfer system for the California Department of Social Services.)

For questions or assistance EBT cardholders can contact the customer service number on the back of their EBT card or visit ebt-edge.com. ★

SCOE Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent of Education Services



Navdeep Purewal has been appointed as Sacramento County Office of Education’s Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools David W. Gordon has announced a leadership change at the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). Navdeep Purewal, Ed.D., has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

“I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Navdeep Purewal as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services,” said Superintendent Gordon. “Dr. Purewal

has been a driving force behind our work to expand California’s Community Schools Partnership Program in the Capital Region, and her leadership reflects the very priorities set forth by our Board. With a proven record of advancing equity, strengthening student support and fostering community engagement, she brings the vision and experience needed to continue building opportunities for every student to thrive.”

Purewal most recently led the Sacramento County Office of Education’s California Community Schools Partnership Program Capitol Area Regional Transformational Assistance Center (R-TAC). She previously served as Chief of Learning Services for the Alameda County Office of Education, where she oversaw curriculum, instruction, and multiple student support initiatives and launched the state-wide Community Schools Partnership Program’s Transformational Assistance Center.

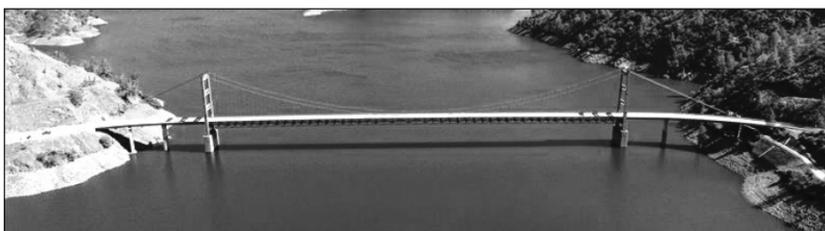
“I am honored to serve

in this new role and continue advancing the Sacramento County Office of Education’s mission to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive,” Purewal said. “By working in partnership with our districts, educators and families, we can strengthen equity-driven practices that create inclusive learning environments and prepare all students for success in school, career and life.”

A strong advocate for educational equity, Purewal brings a passion for ensuring every student has access to a high-quality education. She succeeds Channa Pitt, Ph.D., in this leadership role.

Purewal holds a Doctor of Education in Learning and Instruction from the University of San Francisco, a Master of Arts in Education from Pepperdine University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of California, Riverside. She also earned a California Professional Administrative Services Credential. ★

Grants Available to Protect Waterways



The application process is simple and straightforward, making it easy for schools and organizations to submit their proposals. Courtesy photo

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR) is offering grants of up to \$2,500 to support school and community projects that help protect or improve creeks and rivers in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

For more than 20 years, the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources has funded a wide range of grant projects, including creek and river clean-up events, installation of eco-friendly landscaping,

field trips to learn about Sacramento’s watershed, water quality monitoring projects and pollution prevention campaigns.

The application process is simple and straightforward, making it easy for schools and organizations to submit their proposals.

To learn more about eligibility, requirements or to download the grant application, visit the Department of Water Resources website at waterresources.sac-county.gov.

The deadline to apply for these grants is Oct. 17. ★

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By Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond

It's no surprise that the unincorporated parts of Sacramento County have some of the worst roads in the state. As the supervisor who represents nearly half of the county's 600,000 unincorporated residents, I know it impacts all of you much more than residents who live in one of the seven cities in the county.

On Sept. 3, during the Board of Supervisors' final 2025-2026 budget hearing, I proposed using \$10 million in county general fund dollars to supplement our existing road maintenance funds. I'm happy that two of my colleagues supported this allocation, demonstrating a strong, continued investment in

our roads in the unincorporated county.

For most people, roads are the primary thing they associate with local government, and it's unacceptable when taxpayers have to endure crumbling asphalt and potholes. Since taking office, I have made it a top priority to get more funding for our local roads. Although Sacramento County receives some dedicated funding from gas taxes (SB 1) and our existing local transportation sales tax measure (Measure A), it is not nearly enough to decrease or even maintain our \$1.4 billion backlog in roadway maintenance. That's why I've been fighting for several years to pull down more state and federal transportation funding and dedicate local discretionary funds to fixing our roads.

State and federal funds are typically awarded through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) by competing with all the county and city governments in our region. By working with Sacramento Area Council of Governments and our Sacramento County Department of

Transportation (DOT), I have been able to get more of these funds dedicated to Sacramento County instead of having to compete for them regionally. This provides a crucial level of certainty for our transportation funding. I'm also extremely proud of the work I've done with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to dedicate tens of millions of our local County General Fund dollars over the last several years to supplement other funding sources for road maintenance.

For the first time in decades, Sacramento County has made positive headway toward reducing our massive road repair backlog. The \$10 million infusion approved at our final budget meeting will ensure we continue to make progress.

Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond represents the 3rd District, which includes the urban unincorporated communities of Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms and North Highlands. District 3 also includes the College-Glen and Campus Commons neighborhoods in the City of Sacramento. ★

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