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O'Con Is New Planning Commission Chair



Outgoing Chair Juan Fernandez, left, passes the gavel to newly appointed Chair Oscar O'Con at the May 7 Planning Commission meeting.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - At its May 7 meeting, the Planning Commission appointed Oscar O'Con as chair and Varinder Singh as vice chair following a nearly four-month break in meetings.

The commission, which last met Jan. 15, reconvened to review two items: a conditional use permit for the Old Town Courtyard event venue and adoption of the city's Climate Compass sustainability initiative into the General Plan.

The first public hearing focused on

a conditional use permit for the Old Town Courtyard, located at 9120 Elk Grove Blvd. behind HomeGrown Inc. Microgreens and Farmer's Market in Old Town Elk Grove.

The courtyard sits adjacent to a two-story commercial building on the property. A secondary one-story structure, previously used as a salon and spa in 2011, has since been converted into the current event venue.

Approval of the permit allows the courtyard to host weddings, birthday parties, meetings and other special events with up to 60 guests. City staff said the property owner submitted the application after receiving a code

enforcement complaint in October 2025 regarding loud music and events being hosted without a permit.

The permit also allows amplified music during scheduled events generally held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and occasionally from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Live bands will not be permitted under the approval.

During public comment, Monica Tucker spoke on behalf of applicant and local business owner Lynette Wall, saying the venue provides a unique community gathering space for intimate events and wellness-focused activities such as yoga sessions

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Council OKs Business Camera Usage, ADA Compliance Programs



By John McCallum

ELK GROVE CA, (MPG) - The City Council unanimously approved resolutions at its May 13 meeting adopting the integration of business surveillance cameras into the city Police Department's camera system, along with a new funding program for businesses wishing to provide additional coverage, and a new program providing funding to help small businesses upgrade and meet American With Disabilities Act access requirements.

The Police Department launched its Community Sentinel Program in fall 2024 after a one-year pilot program proved successful in assisting officers with business crime. The program enables businesses to share their live exterior surveillance camera footage with the Elk Grove Police Department's Real Time Information Center (RTIC).

The program is voluntary, at no cost to the business and used only with exterior camera feeds. Businesses must sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the department on camera usage, with owners retaining control and access, data retention settings and camera use permission.

"There is no outside access by anyone other than the Elk Grove Police Department," RTIC manager Andrea Cortez told council.

Cortez added the camera feeds are only called up if an active crime has been reported or another call for service has occurred at the business. Since its inception, the program has been utilized by six Elk Grove businesses including the Elk Grove Auto Mall, Ridge Shopping Center, the city's homeless shelter at Calvary Christian Church and Sun Grove Church.

City information indicates the pilot program has led to more than 700 theft reports documented by those businesses, with 63% resulting in an arrest. One of those was an individual arrested for theft at Ulta and Sephora who police believe has been involved in approximately \$3,000 of retail theft in Elk Grove and much more in the region.

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Mixer Celebrates a Night to Give Back



Five organizations were recognized during the Life & Libations mixer "A Night to Celebrate Those Who Give Back" in April at Raw Sushi Bar and Lounge, including Sacramento-area nonprofits Bereavement Network Resources of Sacramento, God is Good Series, Miracle University, IYT (Improve Your Tomorrow) and Her Health First. Photo by Stainless Stills Media Company

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Local nonprofit organizations and community advocates were recognized in April during "A Night to Celebrate Those Who Give Back," an event hosted by Life & Libations at Raw Sushi Bar and Lounge, 8280 Elk Grove Blvd.

The gathering highlighted

organizations dedicated to serving the community while also giving local nonprofits an opportunity to network and build connections. The mixer was presented through Life & Libations, a monthly mixer group focused on supporting growth for community organizations through genuine and thoughtful connections.

Five organizations were honored

during the event: Bereavement Network Resources of Sacramento, God is Good Series, Miracle University, IYT (Improve Your Tomorrow) and Her Health First. Representatives from each organization received certificates of recognition and shared information about the work they provide

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City Announces Trail Closures through June 12



The city announced that there will be maintenance throughout its trail network, which will include overnight closures, starting now through June 12. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Do you use Elk Grove’s trail network? If so, you’ll want to read this.

Weekday trail maintenance is under way at various locations throughout the city through June 12. This work is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

and includes repairs, crack sealing and seal coating to improve long-term trail conditions.

During work hours, affected trail sections will be temporarily closed to public access and will reopen in sections as each phase of work is completed.

Overnight closures will be required during the seal coat phase from June 9 to 12.

Trails impacted include Elk Grove Creek East Side Trail from Laguna Boulevard to East Stockton Boulevard and Emerald Vista Drive; Elk Grove Creek West Side Trail from Laguna Boulevard to Oneto Park; Coop Trail, starting at the intersection of Franklin High Road

and Coop Road to Gilliam Drive; and Machado Ranch Trail at the intersection of Franklin High Road and Machado Ranch Drive to Prada Court.

We appreciate your patience as these improvements are completed and hope you will enjoy the benefits of a smoother trail surface at the conclusion of this work. Until then, residents should plan ahead and use alternate routes when these closures are in place. ★

Mixer Celebrates a Night to Give Back

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throughout the Sacramento region.

Among those recognized was God is Good Series, founded by Ranyl McNealey. The platform promotes the message “God is Good” through social media videos and apparel including shirts, sweaters, tank tops and hoodies sporting the phrase.

McNealey said it felt meaningful to have his work recognized during the event and praised organizers for creating an inclusive space for local entrepreneurs and nonprofits.

“They recognize each voice with respect and with honor,” McNealey said.

Bereavement Network Resources of Sacramento was represented by board member Kayla Freyja and President Elizabeth Cantu. The nonprofit has served Yolo, El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento counties for 42 years by providing grief support resources for individuals coping with the loss of a spouse, child, relative or pet.

“It’s been an honor to receive recognition from our community and to be able to amplify more goals on what we’re trying to do,” Freyja said.

She added that the organization has consistently received support when connecting with groups throughout the Sacramento region.

“It’s been very cool moment to see the community in action,” she said.

Her Health First also shared information about its work supporting African American women through pregnancy and postpartum care. Denise Powel, a pregnancy coach with the organization, said the program works to improve access to healthcare systems while promoting positive birthing experiences through



Ranyl McNealey of God is Good Series pictured during his speech at the “A Night to Celebrate Those Who Give Back,” mixer hosted by Life & Libations.



Dr. Kadir Raja, founder of Miracle University, gives a speech about his nonprofit’s mission during the “A Night to Celebrate Those Who Give Back” April mixer.

pregnancy support, home follow-ups and postpartum services.

Powel said the Sacramento County-based program is free and available regardless of income through a lottery-based enrollment process.

She added that events like the mixer are valuable because they allow organizations to connect with one another while sharing resources that can better help each other serve the community.

“I’m really enjoying learning about all the other programs that are out there, and



Life & Libations organizers Shavonna Andrews and Jason Flowers stand with Bereavement Network Resources of Sacramento President Elizabeth Cantu, center left, and board member Kayla Freyja, center right, after its nonprofit received a certificate of recognition during the April mixer. Photos by Stainless Stills Media Company

I really like it because it helps me with my clients,” Powel said.

Another organization recognized during the evening was Miracle University, a nonprofit focused on a county-wide effort to reduce the student dropout rate.

Founder Dr. Kadir Raja said the organization works to ensure students graduate and pursue college or career pathways through community service opportunities and real-world experience with local businesses.

Raja said he appreciated the opportunity to participate in an event that both recognizes nonprofits and raises awareness about their missions.

The event was organized by Life & Libations founders Jason Flowers and Shavonna Andrews, who said the evening was created to honor organizations dedicated to community service while also helping them build “genuine and

meaningful connections.”

Flowers said the event was originally launched three years ago as a kickoff to the annual Big Day of Giving campaign.

“When we started it three years ago, we wanted to have a kickoff for Big Day of Giving (May 7), so this is the start of it,” Flowers said.

Flowers said the networking group has continued to grow through relationships built both at the mixers and within the broader community. He added that organizers have received encouraging feedback from nonprofits that have benefited from the connections formed during the events.

“It’s humbling to hear how much they’re getting out of this... it was something that we wanted to give back to them, offering the opportunity to the connections they have been making to take their nonprofit to the next level.” ★

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Zachariah Wooden’s Campaign for Affordability

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Republican candidate Zachariah Wooden said his 2026 campaign for California’s Congressional District 7 is driven by his firsthand experience with the state’s rising cost of living and a desire to bring what he called a “fresher perspective” to Washington ahead of the June 2 primary election.

A Woodbridge resident and student at California State University, Sacramento, Wooden is among the candidates seeking to represent the district, which spans portions of Sacramento and San Joaquin counties and includes the cities of Elk Grove, Galt and Lodi.

Wooden said his background includes public service and housing policy work. He currently serves on the Woodbridge Municipal Advisory Council, where he acts as a liaison between residents and San Joaquin County officials on local issues. He was appointed to the council in 2023.

“It’s incredibly local,” Wooden said of the role. “When the county makes decisions, ultimately we’re helping advise the county on what the Woodbridge (community) would like to see in those decisions, and then vice versa... informing residents what those decisions mean for them on a local basis.”

He also works as an executive assistant for New Genesis Housing Development, an affordable housing nonprofit serving the greater Central Valley. Wooden, who said he is currently preparing to enter his final year at Sacramento State, also serves in a higher education advocacy role as a member of the university’s Associated Students body.

Wooden said those experiences have shaped his understanding of District 7’s diverse populations, which now include urban, suburban and rural communities with varying needs following redistricting under Proposition 50.

“My age allows me to take a fresher, perhaps even bolder, take in terms of what policies could be done to better represent the district as a whole,” Wooden said. “That’s why I’m running, not only because of a fresher perspective, but also because



Zachariah Wooden, Republican candidate for California’s 7th Congressional District, recently outlined the key priorities driving his campaign as the youngest candidate in the race ahead of the June 2 primary election. Photo courtesy of Zachariah Wooden

of a more well-grounded perspective.”

Affordability, particularly related to housing and infrastructure development, is a central focus of Wooden’s campaign. He said representatives in Congress should work to reduce delays in housing, energy and infrastructure projects to help lower costs for California residents.

“A lot of it has to do with the time it takes to get projects done,” Wooden said. “One of the most common complaints that you hear about any infrastructure project is that it takes too long for the project to actually have a positive impact.”

“That ties back to housing; that ties back to infrastructure; that ties back to energy,” Wooden added. “All of that really has to be about cutting out the middleman.”

Wooden said that, if elected to represent District 7 in Congress, he would support streamlining federal permitting and planning processes to reduce project costs and speed up transportation and water infrastructure improvements.

Public safety is spotlighted as another key issue in Wooden’s campaign, he said. Drawing from his work on the municipal advisory council, he pointed to concerns about human trafficking and crime along major transportation corridors such as Interstate 5 and Highway 99.

“We have to give public safety the tools they need to encounter these issues,” Wooden said. “A lot of these arterial networks are being used for trafficking... I believe that the role of a congressperson

should be providing that funding for those tools to be used.”

Wooden also emphasized the importance of government accountability as one of his political priorities, noting Congress should be more adamant about investigating waste and fraud in federal spending.

“Every tax dollar that’s wasted through waste and fraud has to be accounted for,” he said.

“We have to follow where the dollar goes, and if the dollar actually had an impact or an outcome that was intended when the dollar was sent there in the first place,” Wooden added, noting areas such as healthcare infrastructure spending as reference to that need for accountability.

Among the several issues discussed during the interview, Wooden repeatedly emphasized the cost of living as the district’s most pressing concern, saying it is closely tied to many of the other challenges residents face.

“Cost of living has to be the top priority; that’s the issue that animated the 2024 presidential election and for good reason,” he said.

Wooden also emphasized the need to expand domestic energy production, create pathways to homeownership for residents starting out their life or meeting benchmarks and strengthening job opportunities to help those in the district achieve the “American Dream.”

For voters in the region, Wooden said he hopes they recognize that his background in public service, housing policy work, commuting to attend college and entering the workforce as a younger candidate offers a perspective that differs from the more established politicians in this congressional race.

“There’s only really one candidate that is actively experiencing it, and that’s myself,” Wooden said, referring specifically to the cost of living in California and District 7.

“I’m on the front line of dealing with these issues, but I have the experience of engaging with these issues on the policy level,” he said. “I’m informed, I’m experienced and I’m ready to represent this district.”

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in Old Town.

“...as a community member, when I first went to her place, I feel in love with it; I feel in love with the area and thought, ‘This is amazing for Elk Grove,’” Tucker said.

Commissioners unanimously approved the permit before moving on to a presentation about the city’s Climate Compass initiative.

Carrie Whitlock, the city’s strategic planning and innovation program manager, said the document presented at the meeting was the finalized version of the initial draft first introduced to the commission in August 2025.

Staff recommended adoption of the finalized “Climate Compass: A Plan for Implementing Elk Grove’s Climate, Sustainability and Resilience Goals” document, which Whitlock said “provides a roadmap for



From left are commissioners Sandra Poole, Juan Fernandez, Vice Chair Varinder Singh and Chair Oscar O’Con.

the city to achieve state recommended targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions...”

Whitlock said the initiative also outlines strategies for adapting to climate change while meeting sustainability and weather resilience goals. The final document was developed

through community and stakeholder input, she said, which will help with the continued shaping of future greenhouse gas reduction efforts.

Major components of the plan include reducing energy consumption in buildings, lowering transportation emissions,

decreasing exposure to extreme heat and mitigating the “urban heat island effect.” The initiative also focuses on promoting a circular economy (reduce, reuse and recycle approach to resources), supporting green businesses and maintaining community outreach through education

and public communication efforts.

Commissioner Sandra Poole asked Whitlock whether actions at the federal level could impact implementation of the Climate Compass initiative. Whitlock said it remains unclear because several state lawsuits challenging federal actions are still pending.

“It’s very difficult to say which way things will play out at the moment,” Whitlock said. “Right now, we are still assuming that any of those state actions are in place because we don’t know that they are going to be different.”

Outgoing Chair Juan Fernandez, who presided over his final meeting as chair, also asked about the city’s plans to address the urban heat island effect.

Whitlock said several strategies included in the Climate Compass are backed by a Caltrans grant awarded to the city last year. Those efforts include a “heat-resilient transportation system implementation plan” focused on cooling

transportation corridors such as sidewalks, roadways, bus stops, parking lots and trails.

She said the city plans to begin implementing cooling measures by next June through cool pavements, roofs and walls, as well as additional tree shading.

Fernandez also asked about the timeline for transitioning police and city fleet vehicles to zero-emission models. Whitlock said the transition remains ongoing, with nine city vehicles converted so far and additional vehicles expected to transition each year.

During public comment, Eugene Lee, who said he represents the city on the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC), voiced support for adopting the Climate Compass. Lee referred to the initiative as the city’s “local navigator” for meeting environmental sustainability benchmarks.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Climate Compass into the city’s General Plan. ★

ARTS CALENDAR

RELIGION NEWS

Studio Collection Featured

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center presents two featured artist collections in May with Kim Brownell and Andrea Morris. In Brownell’s collection, discover the playful spirit, creative journey, and teaching philosophy behind The Wacky Doodle Quilter. Morris’ collection is titled “The Attic of Man’s Heart.” Each heart carries its own story and life path, revealing its deepest thoughts and emotions. Daily experiences, small moments, and the surrounding beauty all leave a lasting impression on us. Details at elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

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View Artwork from Elk Grove

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News Release**

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Where are the Election Results?

View the Election Results Schedule so you know when to expect the next update. View the schedule: elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/june-2--2026-statewide-direct-primary-election--election-results.html#gsc.tab=0.

Curious about what we still have left? Check out the What's Left to Process page at elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/what-is



After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, the work continues as we diligently process, verify and ensure all eligible ballots are counted. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office

left-to-count.html#gsc.tab=0 to see the work that continues.

What Happens After Election Day?

Did you know? Depending on the type of election, we have between 28 and 30 days to certify the election. After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, the work continues as we diligently process, verify and ensure all eligible ballots are counted. Accuracy takes time.

The Official Canvass: Division 15, Chapter 4.

In this phase we audit and account for all ballots that were issued, voted, and those that were not used. This phase includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

Reconcile the number of ballots counted, spoiled, canceled or invalidated due to identifying marks, over-votes, or as

otherwise provided by statute, with the number of votes recorded, including VBM and provisional ballots, by the vote counting system.

Process and count any valid VBM ballots not included in the semi-final election results. These VBM ballots are returned on Election Day to our office, at a Vote Center, to an Official Ballot Drop Box location or timely via USPS.

Receive, confirm, and process Signature Verification Statements.

Count any valid write-in votes. Duplicate any damaged ballots, if necessary.

Reporting final results to the governing board and the Secretary of State, as required.

Conduct the 1% Manual Tally: Division 15, Chapter 4, Article 5.

The 1% manual tally process

validates the tabulation of ballots generated by the electronic voting equipment before certifying election results. Precincts utilized for the 1% manual tally are selected at random by the elections official. For each contest not included in the 1% manual tally, an additional voting precinct with that contest will be selected and tallied. Coming Soon.

Process Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) ballots: California Code of Regulation. Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 1, Article 3.5.

CVR extends the existing 15-day registration deadline in California to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote provisionally 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. Voters that are not registered must be processed using CVR.

Certify the Election: Division

15, Chapter 4, Article 6.; Division 17.

Once the Official Canvass is complete, we will sign a certificate to certify the election results.

Election materials shall be sealed and retained for 22 months from the date of the election for federal elections and six months from the date of the election for local elections.

Recounts: California Code of Regulation. Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 8.

After we certify the election results, any voter may request for a recount within five (5) calendar days. For more information about recounts, visit: elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/recounts.html#gsc.tab=0.

For more information about the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election, visit: elections.saccounty.gov/#gsc.tab=0. ★

Remote Accessible Voting Available in Sacramento County

**Sacramento County Voter
Registration and Elections Office
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voters can request and receive access to the Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system. The County of Sacramento has selected Democracy Live to provide this service. The RAVBM system allows voters to download and mark their correct ballot privately and independently using their own assistive technology, print their marked ballot and mail it to the Elections Office to be counted.

Watch the video on the RAVBM system at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54-Xbg5Nbg4>.

All registered voters in Sacramento County are eligible to use this system

pursuant to California Elections Code section 3016.7.

When
Access the service anytime, day or night, starting 29 days before an election.

How
Go online and enter your information in My Voter Portal to obtain your correct ballot. Visit: myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter.

Voters can vote on any computer with internet access and a printer. Email vbm@saccounty.gov or call (916) 875-6155 for help with the RAVBM system.

Practice On Our Demo Site

Voters can now practice using a DEMO version of the RAVBM system. This DEMO site simulates the

RAVBM voting experience, allowing voters to learn how to navigate and use the system in preparation for a real election. Voters can select their language and font size preferences in the top right corner, read and watch instructions on how to mark a ballot, and practice marking and printing a DEMO ballot.

Note: This DEMO version of the RAVBM system is for demonstration purposes only and cannot be used to submit an Official Ballot.

Visit: sites.omniballot.us/06067/demo/app/home?pid=2.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

The County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department has a long-standing commitment to work with voters with

disabilities to help them exercise their right to vote. Voters are encouraged to contact the Voter Registration and Elections Office at 916-875-6451 or voterinfo@saccounty.gov with specific requests for assistance. ★



VOTE EARLY!

AVOID LINES

June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Vote Early and Vote by Mail

All voters will be mailed a ballot

• Ballots will begin to arrive the week of May 4

You can return your ballot

• By Mail

• At an Official Ballot Drop Box

• At a Vote Center (starting May 23)

You can find a full list of Official Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations in your County Voter Information Guide or online at www.elections.saccounty.gov

Vote Early! Vote by Mail.

My Voter Portal (MVP)

• Check your registration status

• View your political party preference

• Update your language preference if other than English

• Track your Vote by Mail status

• Access your Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Ballot

• Locate Official Ballot Drop Boxes or Vote Centers near you

• View your voting history

Scan the QR code or visit myvoterportal.saccounty.gov

Visit www.elections.saccounty.gov or call toll-free (800) 762-8019

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



How About Ja Morant?

As the June 23 NBA draft approaches, what realistic possibilities are the Sacramento Kings franchise confronted with?

Everyone already knows Sacramento dropped to the 7th overall pick, and although that was disappointing it was not the negative that many Kings fans envisioned it to be. At No. 7 this draft class will have a quality player for Sacramento to add to their roster.

The real question is, will it be a guard as everyone seems to believe it will be? Not necessarily and here is why.

For some time now talk throughout the NBA is the disposition of one Ja Morant. A highly talented point guard that can do it all, but in the past has shown flashes of true immaturity, to the point that the Memphis Grizzlies have all but given up on him.

Twice suspended for his penchant of displaying firearms on social media, Ja has had to learn the hard way. First, suspended for eight games and then again when he didn't learn his lesson for 25 games the second time.

Can Memphis problem child become something the Sacramento Kings have long been looking for? The possibility is real, and if that possibility becomes reality, this 2nd overall pick in the 2019 draft could become an instant game changer in the Kings lineup.

The question is, can Sacramento satisfy the appetite of the Grizzlies, and will the Sacramento fan base come to the realization that everyone deserves a second chance. Many will say he's already gotten that chance and blown it, but he's been with only one organization, and every once in a blue moon, the grass is really greener on the other side.

What a Ja Morant would mean to the Sacramento Kings is opening the floor like never before. Trying to stop his drives to the basket is like trying to rope a whirling dervish.

Morant is almost impossible to guard one-on-one, and that means when other teams double team him, someone is wide open.

Players like Zach Lavine, Keegan Murray and DeMar DeRozan should be licking their lips with the possibilities.

We haven't even talked about the future hall-of-famer Russell Westbrook who might

just be the mentor Ja Morant could benefit from.

There are few point guards in the NBA that can give DeAaron Fox a run for his money when it comes to pure speed, but Ja Morant is right there with him.

How would Domantas Sabonis benefit from this speedster one should ask? Another player with excellent mentoring skills, Domantas, is a nightly example of how to play the game, and if anything, I see his scoring average go up if Morant joins this team.

So. Is this pie in the sky or does this troubled 26-year-old stand a chance at joining the Kings organization? It's real if Scott Perry wants it to be real, and as they say, the proofs in the pudding.

Currently, the kings have an abundance of point guards, and with the exception of an aging Russell Westbrook, Sacramento does not have an NBA quality starting point guard.

That is not to disparage Nique Clifford or Devin Carter who have shown flashes, but the Kings need a floor leader now, and not a point guard project.

Ja Morant, if through with his prior nonsense, could be the comeback player of the year, and be a reclamation project for the Kings that says, we finally got it right!

I don't expect every Kings fan to agree with my assessment, but I'm for accelerating what is being called a complete rebuild with a much faster version that doesn't send all of our players to parts unknown.

No question, Domantas Sabonis is high on Scott Perry's list as a candidate for trade options, and I do not want to see that happen.

Look instead to resigning Russell Westbrook for perhaps his last season is a stellar NBA career, and perhaps team him with the bad boy of the NBA in Ja Morant.

I have said many times before that this team is steeped in NBA talent, but questionable coaching and torrid injuries decimated the process last year.

Let's finally assess the talent we have and actually coach it. Maybe teach pros who to shoot free throws.

Like Rosy the Riveter said, we can do it! *All the best Kings fans and keep the faith!***All the best!** ★

Newsom's Tightfisted Final Budget Faces a Rough Reception in the Legislature



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Since the turn of the century, California's state budget has been plagued by a boom-and-bust syndrome rooted in its lopsided revenue system and a lack of political discipline.

The budget became increasingly dependent on taxes paid by the state's most affluent residents, whose incomes increasingly came from investments rather than salaries.

Thus state revenues would often spike upwards, only to level off or decline. But governors and legislators would make new spending commitments during the spikes that would become liabilities during the downturns.

It was dubbed "volatility" and it reached an apex four years ago when Gov. Gavin Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, having decided that a post-pandemic revenue spike would be permanent.

His administration later acknowledged a \$165 billion error in a four-year revenue projection. But in the meantime he and the Legislature had raised spending, creating deficits that totaled \$125 billion over four years, according to the Legislative Analyst Office. The deficits were papered over with a series of short-term fixes, including loans and accounting gimmicks.

On Thursday, Newsom

unveiled a revised version of his final budget and, without saying so, indicated he had learned a hard lesson about managing volatility.

Although the state is seeing a new tax spike and his budget sees a \$16.5 billion increase in revenues over three years, Newsom's \$349.4 billion 2026-27 budget takes a cautious approach. He says it would not only erase the structural deficit of the past four years, but it would guarantee that his successor would have a balanced first year budget for 2027-28.

"We're cutting deficits but not cutting corners," Newsom said.

The \$246.6 billion general fund portion of the budget relies not only on new revenues, including a \$3.6 billion boost from several relatively minor tax increases, to be balanced, but it is indirectly helped by big reductions in federal aid for healthcare.

Newsom devoted the first minutes of his budget presentation to bragging about California's \$4-trillion-plus economy, saying "we simply have no peers." He also trolled those with "California derangement syndrome" and denounced President Donald Trump as corrupt and incompetent.

However Trump's tightened eligibility for federally subsidized healthcare that could affect hundreds of thousands of Californians also has the effect of reducing the state's healthcare spending, thus helping Newsom draft a balanced budget.

He could have backfilled the lost federal funds, but that probably would have required him to propose a major tax increase of some

kind, which, as a likely 2028 presidential candidate, he is unwilling to do.

However his attitude on healthcare and taxes places Newsom at odds with advocates for poor Californians who would be affected and their allies in the Legislature, many of whom want a tax increase.

Graham Knaus, CEO of the California State Association of Counties, immediately declared that "the governor is proposing to do to counties what he accuses the president of doing to California."

Chris Hoene, of the left-leaning California Budget & Policy Center, which has been beating the drums for tax increases, said, "The governor promoted California's economic dominance while, in the same breath, making it more difficult for Californians with low incomes to access healthcare by reinstating harmful Medi-Cal asset limits, expanding work requirements and increasing Medi-Cal premiums for certain immigrants."

With just a few months remaining in his governorship, Newsom's ability to bend the Legislature to his will is fading, so the question his new budget poses is whether legislators will go along. Or will they insist that the new holes in the state's safety net be plugged and support raising taxes to pay for it?

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. ★

Social Security Matters

Social Security's "First Year Rule" and Withdrawing from SS



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 63 years old, and about to apply for my Social Security benefits. I am self-employed but only working part time. I know about Social Security's annual earnings limit but recently I learned I must also be concerned about a monthly earnings limit of \$2,040. My questions are:

1) How do I find out if I will be subject to a monthly earning limit of \$2,040 per month? I thought it was only evaluated annually.

2) If I choose to cancel Social Security within the first year or after, what are the penalties? Would I have to pay them back for the whole amount for the whole time that they paid me? Which makes no sense, since I have been paid into SS since I was 13 years old.

Can you help me understand this? **Signed: Claiming Early and Still Working**

Dear Claiming Early: It can get tricky if you are still working after claiming your Social Security before your SS full retirement age (FRA), especially during your first year collecting. I'm happy to answer your specific questions:

1. There is a special rule which applies during your first year collecting early Social

Security benefits (e.g., before your full retirement age or "FRA," which for you is age 67). What will happen is this: when the IRS provides SSA with your 2026 earnings (in 2027), SSA will review to see if your total 2026 net earnings from self-employment exceeded the 2026 annual limit of \$24,480. If not, no further action is necessary. But if you did exceed the full year 2026 earnings limit, SSA will contact you and ask you to provide them with details about your monthly 2026 net earnings. If you have exceeded the monthly limit in any 2026 month after your SS benefit started, you will not be entitled to SS benefits for that month. Essentially, if you have exceeded the annual limit, you cannot exceed the monthly earnings limit in any remaining month during your first year of collecting. If you exceeded the annual limit, and also any monthly limit, SSA will send you an overpayment notice saying you must repay them for the benefits you were not entitled to receive because you exceeded the monthly earnings limit.

2. You can, within 12 months of applying for Social Security, ask SSA to withdraw your application for SS retirement benefits. They will do that for you, but you will also be required to repay them all SS benefits that they have already paid to (or for) you. This essentially would "wipe the slate clean" and enable your SS benefit to continue growing, allowing you to apply for a larger monthly benefit later. But if you wait longer than 12 months after you first

apply for SS benefits, you can no longer withdraw your application for Social Security. Thereafter, you would be subject to the annual earnings limit (the monthly earnings limit would no longer apply).

FYI, after you reach your FRA, there is no limit on your earnings, and you could choose to suspend your benefit payments and earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) to get a higher monthly benefit. Also at your FRA, if SSA withheld any of your benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit before reaching your FRA, you would get time credit for the number of months your benefits were withheld. Essentially, they would advance your benefit-start month by the number of months your benefits were withheld, yielding a slightly higher monthly amount after your FRA.

Finally, it's important to know that the contributions you made to Social Security from payroll taxes (FICA/SECA) over your lifetime are not what determines your monthly SS benefit amount. Your monthly SS benefit is based on two main factors: a) your average monthly earnings (indexed for inflation) for the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime as reported to the IRS, and b) the age at which you claim your SS benefits. Your contributions to Social Security while working only provide you with eligibility to collect SS benefits; the contributions aren't put into a separate account for you and are not used to calculate your monthly SS benefit. ★



Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's Campaign Against the Supreme Court

ly, since time is of the essence. With the state's scheduled May 16 primaries rapidly approaching (now delayed), Louisiana wants to redraw its maps in keeping with the court's decision.

Jackson's dissent quotes a 2019 decision of the court in *Rucho v. Common Cause* for the proposition that courts should not "risk assuming political ... responsibility for a [partisan map-drawing] process that often produces ill will and distrust."

But this was a warning against courts involving themselves in minute questions of partisan gerrymandering. Here, the court has set out a bright-line principle that district lines can't be race-based, but otherwise said that the political authorities are welcome to gerrymander or not.

Jackson also slaps the court for creating "chaos in the State of Louisiana." This is quite rich given the history.

When Louisiana created a congressional map after the 2020 census with just one majority-minority district, it got sued for not sufficiently taking race into account; a judge ordered it to make a second minority district. When Louisiana complied by manufacturing a monstrosity of a district stretching 250 miles to randomly scoop up black voters, it got sued again -- this time, for taking race too much into account -- and the case made it to the Supreme Court.

It is a sign of how weak the Jackson dissent is that the other progressives haven't joined it, not even Sonia Sotomayor. It certainly would have been

much better if this case had been decided sooner, but Alito drops a suggestive footnote in his rejoinder to Jackson. He notes that the constitutional question was "argued and conferenced nearly seven months ago." This implies that the case was effectively decided right after oral arguments in October of last year, and that the dissenters slow-walked it.

Now, Jackson wants more delay -- it serves the partisan interests of Democrats to preserve unconstitutional race-based congressional districts as long as possible.

The reaction to *Louisiana v. Callais* has been so incandescent on the Left because it believes that unless black voters have black representatives, they are disenfranchised. But this is not how representative democracy works. Were white voters in Georgia disenfranchised in the 2022 Senate race when two African-American candidates, Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker, ran against each other? Were the voting rights of Christians in New York City crimped in 2025 because a Muslim man won the mayoral election?

All indications are that a commitment to some version of court-packing will be orthodoxy among 2028 Democratic presidential candidates. They will seek to make the highly isolated and wholly unpersuasive Justice Jackson part of a new court majority imposed by political fiat.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Council OKs Business Camera Usage, ADA Compliance Programs

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Elk Grove police data also indicated property crime accounts for approximately 68% of all reportable crimes in the city, and while overall crime dropped from 2024 to 2025, shoplifting reports rose by 6% resulting in 760 documented theft reports resulting in more than \$264,000 in property losses.

City officials believe increased participation in the Community Sentinel Program can further help reduce property crimes, and proposed creation of the Business Reimbursement for Integrated Camera Systems (BRICS) Incentive Program. The program, modeled after similar programs in Stockton, Rancho Palos Verdes and San Jose, will provide up to 50% reimbursement of eligible costs to businesses. Reimbursements max out at \$5,000 per business or commercial real estate property.

Economic Development Department analyst Melissa Lasher said these businesses include retail, office, industrial or multifamily housing exterior-only

cameras. Eligible costs include new commercial-grade cameras and components, upgrades improving quality or coverage and hardware/software needed for RTIC connectivity.

“This is not about more cameras,” Lasher said. “It’s about better coverage.”

The city is proposing to use \$75,000 of Measure E funds for the program. During council questions, Councilmember Rod Brewer asked if the city knew of more businesses that might be interested in the program and if they would have to turn businesses away if program funds were used up.

Lasher said several additional businesses expressed interest in the program but she didn’t have a total yet.

“That’s a great problem to have if we run out of money,” she said. “We can address that if it happens.”

Council also approved a resolution establishing the Accessibility Compliance to Create Equitable Small Business Spaces (ACCESS) Incentive Program. The program, also modeled after similar programs

in San Jose and San Francisco, will provide reimbursement matching grants to eligible small businesses installing or upgrade access to the facilities in order to meet ADA compliance.

The program will cover up to 50% of eligible project costs, with a maximum of \$10,000 reimbursement per business or commercial space. The costs are reimbursed only after all project inspections are completed and a certificate of occupancy is received.

The program defines small businesses, including nonprofits, as those with 20 or fewer full-time employees and less than \$3 million in revenue. The business must be registered with the California Secretary of State, property licenses in Elk Grove and in good standing with the city.

“This is not a large business program,” Lasher told the council.

To qualify, property access upgrades must be identified through a Certified Access Specialist (CAsp) report or required by ADA/California Building Standards Code. Improvements can

include installation of ramps, handrails, compliant thresholds, widening of doorways and accessibility-related equipment, fixtures and materials.

The program is paid for through a \$4 fee collected during the business licensing process. Lasher said the fund currently has a balance of \$96,714 and accrues annual revenue of approximately \$10,000.

“We’re helping our small businesses and helping our residents,” Vice Mayor Darren Suen said in support of the program. ★



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ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Sunday, June 7
Elk Grove Historical Society Yard Sale Donations – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on select days at the Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum. We are collecting donations of vintage and antique glass, crystal, appliances, linens, jewelry, clothing, books and more for our upcoming yard sale in late June. All items must be clean and in working order. Full list of desired items (and exclusions) and drop-off dates at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com. 9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

Saturday, May 23
Thunderbolts Capitol Auto Club Classic Car Show – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Old Town Plaza. Food and live music with so many cars to see. Win door prizes and trophies for outstanding models. Rain or shine. Proceeds from cars registered benefits Elk Grove Canine Association. 9615 Railroad St.

Adopt Joy – noon to 4 p.m. at PetSmart. Elk Grove Animal Services is partnering with PetSmart Charities to host a dog and cat adoption event. So many pets are waiting to meet their perfect match; it could be you! 8215 Laguna Blvd.

Monday, May 25
Wilton Memorial Day Ceremony – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Wilton Post Office parking lot. The Wilton Veterans’ Group and the Wilton History Group are organizing this ceremony to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we invite our neighbors in Wilton and surrounding communities to join us. The ceremony will feature a special military vehicle display, a “Fallen Hero Table” and a ringing of the bell for local veterans. Following the event, the Wilton Fire Protection District will host a hot dog fundraiser. All are welcome. 11090 Jeff Brian Lane, Wilton.

Saturday, May 30
Thriftathon: Sustainable Fashion Market – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Combat fast fashion by supporting circular fashion within our community. You’ll find more than 30 vendors here offering everything from curated clothing and vintage finds to original artwork, along with a community clothing swap and live DJ. 9615 Railroad St.

Movies in the Park: “Zootopia”

(2016) – at Amundson Park. Fun starts at 5 p.m. with the Children’s Market, and movie will start around sundown. Bring your snacks, picnic blanket and low-back chairs. 8730 Heritage Hill Drive.

Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 6
“Paint the Grove” Mural Festival – all week long, artists will transform city walls along Main Street into bold, vibrant murals, turning the streets into a living, breathing art gallery. Follow the action at Instagram.com/paintthegrove.

Monday, June 1
Pride Flag Raising Ceremony – 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Elk Grove City Hall. 8401 Laguna Palms Way.

Sunday, June 7
Jazz & Blues Time – 4 p.m. on Sundays at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. Nannosecond Productions hosts monthly jazz and blues performances. \$10 requested donation and all are welcome. This month, enjoy Tressa Gaye’s Twisted Jazz. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

Ongoing Events
Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group – 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the Park at Laguna Springs. This is open to all Alzheimer’s caregivers to learn more about the disease, helpful tips and shared experiences. For more information, contact Tracey at 916-826-9325. 9670 Laguna Springs Drive in the President’s Room upstairs.

Caregiver Coffee – 10:30 a.m. the third Saturday each month at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. For more information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 20. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

Elk Grove Certified Farmers Market – every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org.

Widowed Persons Social Club – May 22, 10 a.m.: Mixed variety game day at Elk Grove United Methodist Church,

8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

May 26, 5 p.m.: Freeport Bar & Grill, 8259 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

May 27, 1 p.m.: Book club at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

May 28, Noon: No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty’s Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

May 29, Noon: Bingo at Oaks Mobile Home Park Club House, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact Pat at 916-802-4524.

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.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, June 6 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events
Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, May 22: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join us at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive, for songs, movement activities and stories all designed to support the early learning skills of young children. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. (EG)

Saturday, May 23: Explore and learn playgroup, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) One book, one coast: STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. This month we will use a variety of tools to create art and comics inspired by graphic novels and manga. (VH)

Wednesday, May 27: Explore and learn playgroup, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Adult book group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This month, we’re reading and discussing “The Sentence” by Louise Erdrich. (NW) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EG) Harm reduction services, 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Visit the HRS mobile unit in the parking lot for free resources and services. (VH)

Thursday, May 28: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (VH)

Friday, May 29: Outdoor family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join us at Morse Community Park, 5540 Bellaterra Drive, for songs, movement activities and stories all designed to support the early learning skills of young children. (F)

Saturday, May 30: Explore and learn playgroup, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Summer reading kick-off, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for a special performance from Fenix Drum and Dance, followed by an assortment of art activities for all ages and free popsicles. (F)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays at 9 a.m., Mimi’s Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays of the month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★



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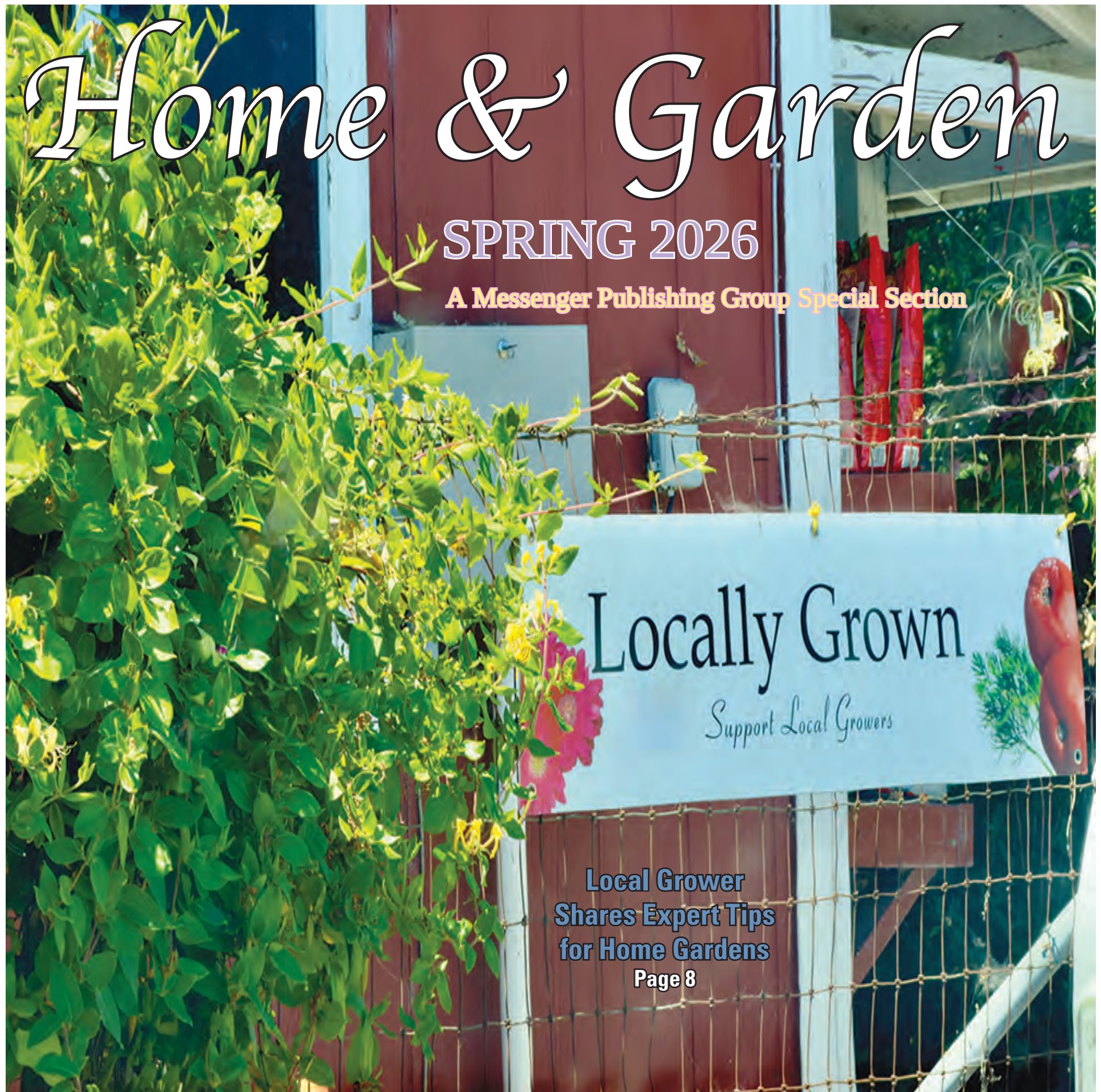
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How to Start Growing Produce at Home

By Feature Impact

Growing your own produce is an all-around smart practice, from the money you'll save at the grocery store to the contributions you can make toward a cleaner planet.

Maintaining a garden takes some effort, but it's a project even a beginner can tackle with ease. Consider these tips to start growing your at-home garden:

1. Select a Perfect Spot. You'll want to place your garden in an area where you see it often so you're reminded to weed and care for it regularly. Find a flat area you can access easily, where erosion and other pitfalls (including hungry wildlife) won't be a problem.

2. Choose Between Ground and Containers. There are pros and cons to gardening in containers vs. the ground, and there's no universal right choice. Rather, the best garden depends on your goals

and preferences. A ground garden usually offers more space and may provide a better growth environment for roots. However, a container garden is often easier to maintain and may be all you need if you wish to grow just a few plants.

3. Understand the Importance of Quality Soil. You may think any dirt will do, but keep in mind the soil you plant in will be the primary source of nutrients for your produce. Not only that, but quality soil provides stability so plants can root firmly and grow healthy and sturdy to support their bounty. Quality soil also allows for ample drainage. Organic matter like compost, leaf mold or aged manure all help improve soil quality.

4. Keep Water Close. Lugging water can quickly eliminate the pleasure of tending your garden, so be sure you're situated near a hose. You'll know it's time to water when the soil is dry about an inch below the surface.



Starting with veggies you know you like is a smart starting point since you'll be pouring sweat equity into making them grow. Photo courtesy of Unsplash

5. Plan for Plenty of Sun. A bright, sunny spot is a must, since most vegetables, herbs and fruits depend on six or more hours of sun every day. Remember the sun's path changes throughout the year, and as trees and foliage grow, they may produce more shade with each growing season.

6. Consider What You'll Grow. Starting with veggies you know you like is a smart starting point since you'll be pouring sweat equity into making them grow. Over time, you might add new varieties, but early on, keep your focus on foods you know you like so you can see a meaningful return

and avoid waste. You'll also need to consider what you can grow to maturity within your area's growing season. If necessary, you might want to start transplants you can nurture indoors before moving them outside when the temperatures allow.

7. Plant According to a Calendar. Knowing how long it takes different foods to mature will help you create a planting calendar. You don't want to harvest everything at once, and if you stagger planting and replant what you can, you'll have a garden that produces food for your family for a longer period of time. ★



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How to Help Tomatoes Thrive on Hot Days



On days with temperatures above 95, pollen in tomato flowers dries up and no fruit results. Pinch off spent flowers; the plant will grow new ones -- maybe during cooler weather. Kathy Morrison/SacramentoDigsGardening

By Debbie Arrington
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Tomato weather has arrived in Sacramento. With several days forecast in the upper 80s and even low 90s, expect your vines to soak up that heat and really grow.

But how hot is too hot? That's the tomato conundrum – tomatoes are temperature-sensitive.

Too cold, they won't thrive. (If afternoon highs linger below 70 degrees, they'll barely grow; that's why Sacramento tomatoes aren't planted in February.) Too hot, they won't set fruit. (And what's the point of all vines and no tomatoes?)

Tomatoes love heat and sun, but there's a limit. That dividing line is 95 degrees. When temperatures stay above 95 degrees (and we'll be there soon!), tomato flowers may drop off or refuse to set fruit. Leaves can fry and turn crispy. Ripening tomatoes may split or develop calluses.

Give your vines a hand – along with enough water and shade – to cope with the coming heat. This advice comes from UC Cooperative Extension master gardeners as well as longtime local tomato growers:

Water early and deep. Irrigate your tomatoes in the

morning, making sure water reaches down at least 6 inches into the soil. How do you know? Test the soil with a probe or long screwdriver; it should easily plunge into the soil. Or use a trowel, dig down and look.

During hot weather, water tomatoes two to three times a week. Tomatoes normally wilt during a hot afternoon; that's OK. But if they're wilted in the morning, water immediately. (Note: A few heirloom varieties, particularly of Russian origin, have a natural tendency to wilt all the time. But if you are growing one of these, you've probably noticed this already.)

Tomatoes planted in containers may need extra water every day during hot weather. Their potting soil tends to dry out faster.

Keep watering consistent and don't let soil dry out completely. That can lead to blossom end rot, the hard brown callus on the flower end of a tomato.

Watch for proper pollination. Tomatoes are wind pollinated; no bees necessary. But when temperatures reach 95 degrees (and stay hot), tomato pollen dries out and refuses to "stick." If your vines are producing plenty of blooms but not actually setting fruit, it may be temperature-related. Pinch off those barren blooms to prompt the plant to send out more

flowers. (Then, keep your fingers crossed that we'll have some cooler afternoons.)

Mulch is your friend. Make sure your vines have at least 2 to 4 inches around them to help keep roots cool and soil evenly moist. Straw, leaves or shredded bark make the best tomato mulch. Many gardeners prefer straw (not hay) because its light color reflects intense sun rays instead of absorbing that added heat. (Also, hay contains seeds that can sprout and suck nutrients out of soil; straw has no seed.)

Don't fertilize during a hot spell. Feeding tomatoes on 100-degree days just puts more stress on the plant.

Tomatoes love sun, but they can get sunburned. If leaves or developing fruit look bleached-out or burned, give your vine some afternoon shade. Erect a temporary shade structure by draping burlap or shade cloth over the tomato cage or trellis. This also helps prevent fruit from cracking.

If foliage turns brown, leave the dead leaves in place for now. They help protect the fruit from sunburn. After the heat has subsided, prune off the completely dead leaves so new foliage can grow.

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Tips for Keeping Hardwood Floors Handsome

By Feature Impact

Consider these tips for keeping hardwoods in tip-top shape:

Guard Against Water

Water can penetrate deep into the wood, causing stains and ruining the outside finish. Use plastic trays under potted plants and pets' bowls. Wipe up spills and accidents immediately.

Use Area Rugs

If you have any heavy traffic areas – by the front door, hallways or around the kitchen table or couch, for example – use area rugs to protect against wear and tear. Area rugs are also an easy way to boost the style factor of your home.

Take Off Your Shoes

Encourage family members and guests to take off their shoes when they walk in. Shoes can bring in sand and dirt, so position area rugs at door

entryways to act as barriers.

Sweep or Vacuum Regularly

Dust and dirt can act as sandpaper, wreaking havoc on your floor's finish. A weekly sweep can help keep this at bay while enhancing your flooring's general appearance. If using your vacuum, be sure to use an attachment with soft brushes to guard from additional wear.

Clean Naturally

For a deep clean, ditch the harsh chemicals. Simply pour 1 cup of vinegar into a bucket with 1 gallon of water, mixing well. Use a soft mop and move in the direction of the floorboards. Go over with a clean, soft towel to dry excess water.

By following these simple steps, you and your family will be able to cherish your hardwood floors for many years to come.

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With its rich tones and distinguished style, hardwood flooring can be a beautiful design element of your home. However, it's important to know the proper care procedures to maintain its condition for decades to come. Photo courtesy of Sunsplash



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What to Know Before You Remodel Your Home



Pay attention to recurring themes in your inspiration – such as cabinetry, flooring and fixture styles and colors – so it's easier to choose finishes when the time comes. Photo courtesy of Shutterstock

By Feature Impact

Planning a home remodel is as much about your vision as it is your preparation. With a thoughtful plan, you can refresh your living space, stay on budget and enjoy the process without feeling overwhelmed.

Consider these steps to get the process started:

Define Your Goals

Decide what you're looking to accomplish with your remodel, whether it's improved functionality, updated style, higher resale value or a combination. Make a simple list of "must-haves" and "nice-to-haves" so you can prioritize upgrades if costs start to climb too high.

Set a Realistic Budget

Determine how much you're comfortable spending then add a cushion of 10-20% for additional material costs and any surprises behind walls or under floors. Get rough price ranges for materials and labor, which allows you to adjust the scope of your project before the work begins, if neces-

sary, instead of mid-project.

Gather Ideas and Inspiration

Collect photos, paint colors and product ideas in a single place, such as a digital folder or photo album on your smartphone.

Pay attention to recurring themes in your inspiration – such as cabinetry, flooring and fixture styles and colors – so it's easier to choose finishes when the time comes.

Lay Out the Project Timeline

Think about the best time for your household to live through construction, especially if kitchens or bathrooms will be out of commission during the renovation. Talk with potential contractors about timing for each phase so you can plan for temporary living arrangements, if necessary.

Choose the Right Construction Crew

Interview a variety of potential contractors, being sure to ask for references and verify licenses and insurance. Once you've narrowed your list, request written estimates that

include labor and material costs, timelines and payment schedules so expectations are clear before choosing a service provider and signing an agreement.

Finalize Design Details and Materials

Make as many design decisions as possible before demolition, including choosing fixtures, appliances, flooring, tile, paint, hardware and other details. Ordering key items early can help avoid delays and keep the project on schedule once work begins.

Prep Your Home and Family

Before construction begins, clear areas where work will be completed of furniture and decor, covering anything that cannot be moved out of the room with plastic sheeting.

So everyone knows what to expect while your home is in transition, talk with family members about the impending noise and dust, and make necessary schedule changes to avoid interrupting work.

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Avoid a Summer Breakdown

Why Now is a Smart Time to Replace an Old HVAC System

By Feature Impact

With summer heat just around the corner, homeowners may not be aware that spring can be a perfect time to prepare for rising temperatures. An outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, for example, may not be up for the task of keeping a home cool.

In fact, it can end up costing homeowners more in the long term due to a gradual decline in efficiency and more frequent repairs. In addition to savings over time, there are multiple reasons to replace an aging system this spring.

In a recent survey, Carrier found more than one-quarter (26%) of homeowners don't know the age of their HVAC system, and a slight majority (54%) don't know the average lifespan of one. Those knowledge gaps can result in missed opportunities for long-term savings.

Aging Systems Can't Take the Heat

Many homeowners postpone purchasing a new HVAC system until their existing system fails or they find their aging system is struggling to maintain a consistent temperature. Often, upfront costs deter homeowners from purchasing a new system; however, 8 in 10 homeowners would consider a new heating and cooling system if it paid for itself in energy savings within 5-10 years. With a new energy-efficient system, those savings are possible.

A New HVAC System is a Critical Home Investment

Modern heating and cooling systems have uses beyond heating and cooling. They can improve air quality in the home by balancing humidity levels, reducing drafts and keeping a consistent climate throughout multiple rooms and stories. They also use less energy and run more quietly than older systems, making a home quieter and more cost-effective.

HVAC Basics Many Homeowners Miss

HVAC units often go unseen, yet a home's comfort depends on them running



Spring is an ideal time to invest in a new HVAC system, as contractors are generally more available to install a new system and homeowners can get ahead of the summer heat, ensuring they'll be cool all season long. Photo courtesy of Carrier

consistently. It's critical that homeowners schedule annual maintenance appointments to ensure their system is running as it should and they're aware of when it may be time to replace.

While it may seem more cost-effective to stick with an outdated system for one more season, an old system could end up prolonging issues and ultimately cost homeowners more in repairs.

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homeowners can get ahead of the summer heat, ensuring they'll be cool all season long.

Signs It's Time to Replace

Red flags that indicate it's time for a new HVAC system include: a system that's more than 10-15 years old, a system that needs noticeably more repairs, energy bills going up despite usage remaining the same, inconsistent temperatures, a system struggling to maintain the desired temperature or a system that's constantly running or seems less efficient than it used to.

Many companies offer specials during the spring and fall months, known as shoulder season.

For example, until May 31, Carrier is offering 0% APR for 60 months and up to \$2,100 in rebates so customers can get a jumpstart on a cool, comfortable home.

A new HVAC system means more than just cool temps this summer; it means added home value, cleaner air and peace of mind.

Learn more about available rebates, tax credits and financing plans at Carrier.com or by contacting a local expert. ★

Local Grower Shares Expert Tips for Home Gardens



Perennials are often inexpensive and return year after year for homeowners looking to add plants that are low maintenance yet high impact for their gardens.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For many homeowners, spring is the season that sparks the urge to refresh a yard, add color to flower beds or finally start that vegetable garden they have been thinking about all winter.

According to Julia Oldfield, owner and grower at Big Oak Nursery (10071 Grant Line Road in Elk Grove), creating a beautiful garden does not have to mean complicated landscaping projects or high-maintenance plants. Often, she explained, a few thoughtful changes can make all the

difference.

Oldfield, whose family-owned nursery has deep roots in Elk Grove dating back to 1972, encourages resident gardeners to focus on plants that already thrive naturally in the region that benefit the local wildlife.

"Adding natives or drought-tolerant plants is a good way to start changing your garden and making it more eco-friendly to our pollinators and our friendly beneficials (insects)," Oldfield said.

One of the biggest tips she shares with beginners is to avoid filling a yard with only one type of plant. Instead,

Oldfield recommends adding a variety of flowers, shrubs and greenery to create a healthier environment for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

"I think the wider plant population you have in your yard, instead of having a whole bunch of the same, and having many different plants in your yard really helps our beneficials," she said.

For homeowners looking to add vibrant seasonal color without taking on a lot of maintenance, Oldfield recommends drought-tolerant blooms and pollinator-friendly plants. Flowers such as Gaillardia, blanket flower and Fuchsia can



Kangaroo Paw is an example of a drought-tolerant plant that can help bring a nice change to a homeowner's garden while using an eco-friendlier approach to growing.

provide visual appeal while also helping to attract those much-needed pollinators.

"Anything that is low maintenance and drought tolerant is easy, that's what I go for," said Oldfield.

While many gardeners focus on what to plant, Oldfield said one of the most common mistakes she sees actually involves watering.

"Definitely overwatering," she said.

According to Oldfield, plants such as trees thrive with deep, infrequent watering. Rather than lightly watering every day, she recommends allowing a hose to slowly drip into the soil overnight so the water can soak deeply before letting the area dry out.

One simple trick she also recommends is using a long screwdriver or chopstick to test the moisture level underground.

"You can kind of dig down in the soil without having to use a shovel," Oldfield said. "If the chopstick comes up wet, then you know it's still moist down there. If it's completely bone dry, then it's time to water again."

For newly planted trees, Oldfield added that gardeners

can use a creative irrigation method using a PVC pipe. By drilling holes into a three-foot section of pipe and placing it vertically into the soil near the tree, homeowners can direct water deeper underground where roots need it most.

When designing flower beds or container arrangements to make a garden more cohesive and visually appealing, Oldfield follows what she calls the "thriller, filler and spiller" method.

The "thriller" is the tall, eye-catching plant that creates height. The "filler" is a medium-sized plant that fills empty spaces, while the "spiller" trails outward or hangs over the edge of containers to soften the overall look.

This approach helps gardens feel balanced without requiring professional landscaping experience.

For residents gardening on a budget, Oldfield said there are still plenty of affordable ways to create an attractive outdoor space. Perennials are often inexpensive and return year after year, while vegetable gardening offers both beauty and practicality.

"A four-inch tomato plant is like \$3," she said. "It's a pretty inexpensive way to get your hands dirty and enjoy the



Big Oak Nursery owner and grower Julia Oldfield shares a variety of plants during an Elk Grove Garden Club meeting, offering tips and inspiration to help gardeners refresh and enhance their gardens.

fruits of your labor."

Beyond affordability, Oldfield said vegetable gardening can also feel especially rewarding for beginners.

"With a tomato, you're like, 'I did that. I got fruit!'" she said.

Even homeowners with limited outdoor space can still create thriving gardens. Oldfield said patios, porches and small yards can benefit from potted plants, hanging baskets and trellises that allow greenery to grow vertically instead of spreading outward.

Compact vegetable varieties designed specifically for small spaces are also becoming increasingly popular. One example Oldfield highlighted was the "patio tomato," a compact tomato plant that still produces full-sized fruit.

Herbs such as mint, oregano or thyme are another ideal option for smaller gardens because they require little room and can continue producing throughout the season with regular trimming.

To keep gardens visually appealing year-round, Oldfield encourages homeowners to think beyond spring blooms and plan for all four seasons.

"If you have a lot of spring blooms, then maybe you want something that's a summer bloomer or a fall bloomer or a winter bloomer," she said. "That adds interest in the off seasons."

At Big Oak Nursery, Oldfield said many of the plants are grown directly on-site rather than shipped in from other climates. Because the plants are already acclimated to Elk Grove's weather conditions, they are often better prepared for the region's hot summers and cooler winters. She noted that the nursery offers a variety of lower-cost plants for gardeners to grow.

The nursery also offers more than just plants, including eggs, honey, jam and locally raised beef.

"We're very local," Oldfield said. "Everyone we have working here is local and grew up here. We try to keep it Elk Grove-centered."

For homeowners looking to refresh their gardens this spring, Oldfield said the key is to start simple, experiment with different plants and create spaces that are both enjoyable and sustainable.

A How-To Guide for Deep Cleaning Your Grill

By Feature Impact

A clean grill can enhance the flavor of your food, making regular grill maintenance an essential part of your outdoor cooking routine.

Grills, especially those exposed to the elements, can accumulate dirt, rust and food residue that can affect performance and safety. Plus, residual char and grease can impart unwanted flavors and even lead to flare-ups.

Once you've gathered the right tools – a sturdy grill brush with stainless steel bristles, a scraper, a bucket of soapy water, microfiber cloths and grill cleaner or degreaser – consult this step-by-step guide to keep your grill in pristine condition, ensuring delicious meals every time.

1. Preheat the grill for 15 minutes to loosen any stuck-on residue then turn it off and let it cool slightly.

2. Ensure the gas supply is turned off before cleaning.

3. Remove the grates and scrub them thoroughly with a grill brush and warm, soapy water. Rinse and let dry.

4. Clean burners by wiping them with a damp cloth.

5. Scrape the inside of the grill to remove any debris and use a vacuum to collect loose dirt and ash.

6. Wipe down the exterior of the grill with a microfiber cloth and grill cleaner.

7. Reassemble the grill once all parts are dry and give it a final wipe down.

In between deep cleanings, remember to clean your grill grates immediately after cooking while they are still warm to remove food particles and grease. Find more tips for the grill and beyond at eLiving-today.com.



Grills, especially those exposed to the elements, can accumulate dirt, rust and food residue that can affect performance and safety. Photo courtesy of Shutterstock



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Budget-Friendly Ideas to Boost Curb Appeal



A fresh coat of paint can instantly update your home's facade. Go bold or stick with a classic hue – it's all up to you. Photo courtesy of Unsplash

By Feature Impact

Your home's first big impression is its curb appeal, so if your place is in need of some sprucing up, you may wonder how you can make some updates without breaking the bank.

These 10 ideas are easy on budgets, but they can also make a big impact on your home's exterior image.

1. Paint your front door. As long as your front door is in good condition, there's no need to replace it completely. A fresh coat of paint can instantly update your home's facade. Go bold or stick with a classic hue – it's all up to you.

2. Dress up the windows. Add character and charm by enhancing your front windows. You might add wooden shutters, window-box planters or both. Also look at the trim around the windows. If it's chipped and peeling, adding a fresh coat of paint doesn't just look nice; it can protect your windows from damage, too.

3. Clean up flower beds. An unkempt flower bed can drag down an otherwise stunning home. Keep beds tidy and veg-

etation trimmed, even during the offseason. Watch for weeds and replenish mulch or rock ground cover as needed to keep the beds looking healthy and inviting.

4. Install new lighting. Replacing outdated light fixtures can give your exterior an instant upgrade. There's no right or wrong style; just choose a color and look that matches the rest of your design.

5. Replace worn welcome mats. A cheerful mat at your front door can be an inviting sight for visitors, but those mats inevitably wear with time, and what was once bright and charming becomes dingy and dull. A new mat can help bring back that cheery entry you once cherished.

6. Pressure wash the drive and walk. Over time, driveways and sidewalks collect an incredible amount of grime. Pressure washing not only eliminates the filth, but the clean surfaces also add to your home's visual appeal.

7. Add new vegetation. Landscaping is a relatively inexpensive way to introduce more personality to a yard. Aim for a mix of pretty and practical, such as some low flowering bush-

es and some trees or bushes that offer privacy and shade.

8. Keep up with basic maintenance. When your home is in poor repair, it shows. Pay attention to bent or rusting gutters, imperfections in the roof and other maintenance matters that aren't just aesthetic; left unrepaired, they can also result in major damage.

9. Pay attention to details. Functional items like the mailbox might not seem like much of a design element, but these small details can be a big distraction if they're not in good condition. Update or replace as needed to keep your aesthetic in sync.

10. Add seasonal decor. There's no need to go all out for every occasion, but some timely decorations that celebrate the holiday or season can make your entry fun and festive. Coordinate wreaths, planters, signs and other accent pieces for a cohesive look that says, "come on in."

Find more affordable ideas for upgrading your home and garden at elivingtoday.com.

Five Garage Safety Tips



Ensure any poisonous materials, such as paint, garden pesticides, cleaners and automotive fluids, are safely stored out of reach of pets and children that may have increased access to the garage during warmer months. Photo courtesy of Unsplash

By Feature Impact

When you throw open the windows, you'll likely be spending more time with the garage door open, too. Make access to your outdoor equipment safer with these tips to get your garage ready for the warmer months.

Organizing clutter is part of the process, but warmer weather can also serve as a reminder to make sure your garage equipment and features are secure and functioning properly.

1. Your garage floor tends to capture grime and grit from the outdoors, especially where your car sits. Take time to thoroughly sweep and mop, but also take stock of the floor's condition for any chips or other damage that may grow worse over time and pose a risk for tripping or other safety issues.

2. Check your garage door performance. Ensure doors are rolling smoothly with no hitches. If you do happen to notice any abnormalities, it's a good time to investigate. In some cases, a little grease or a minor

adjustment is all you need to get things back on track.

3. Don't forget to check your garage door sensors, too. Warmer weather means animals and children (and their toys) are more likely to find themselves in an automated door's path when it begins to lower. Ensure sensors are operating properly to prevent injury or property damage.

4. Verify all outlets, lights and other electrical features are in proper operating condition and all wires are intact and free of

damage or fraying.

5. Ensure any poisonous materials, such as paint, garden pesticides, cleaners and automotive fluids, are safely stored out of reach of pets and children that may have increased access to the garage during warmer months. Also check for spills or leaks of any potentially hazardous or flammable materials.

Taking time to safety-proof your garage can provide your family months of stress-free use. Find more tips for getting your garage in order at eLivingtoday.com. ★

Your Plants Can Tell You More Than Any Calendar Can



Red Norland potatoes, planted about 10 weeks ago, are indicating by their yellowing leaf color that harvest time is approaching. Kathy Morrison/Sacramento Digs Gardening

By Kathy Morrison
Sacramento Digs Gardening

Some advice I received as a new parent (many years ago) has been remarkably useful with my garden as well:

“No one knows your own (child/garden) as well as you do.”

In other words, a person may be new to parenting, but no one has observed and responded to that particular baby quite as much and quite as closely as the parent has.

By the same token, a new gardener still has the best information on their own garden, even if it’s “I was given a second-hand planter, filled it with XYZ potting soil and Genovese basil seeds, and set it on the south-facing patio. I water it every other day.”

There’s knowledge already in that statement. But for gardening success, the knowl-

edge must grow, and that means paying attention to what’s going on. Even 5 minutes of observation every morning – to check whether those basil seeds are germinating, need more water, getting too much sun – builds a body of experience.

Experimenting builds the knowledge, too. Having grown Genovese basil, the gardener might try Purple Ruffles basil or Cardinal basil or African blue basil. Eventually, the gardener becomes an expert on their micro-micro-climate and crop. Such as “Basil does great in containers on the patio, but should be planted by early May.”

The next step is applying skepticism to planting charts and calendars (which are based on averages, after all) and responding to the plants themselves. This will be based on the earlier knowledge, plus experience with local weather and other conditions. “Hmm, the Genovese is flowering sooner

than usual. I wonder if it’s heat-stressed and needs a different location?”

A friend who is an expert at growing garlic recently noted that one of his two varieties is already near harvest time: The leaves are turning yellow and are starting to collapse. He’s not going to ignore that just because the calendar says it’s too early. (June typically is harvest time for garlic planted in October.) For whatever reason, that garlic wants to be ready now.

The Red Norland potatoes I planted the first week of March are another case in point. They are in two large cloth grow bags of identical color, with identical soil and the same watering schedule, and the bags are just a few feet apart in the backyard. Neither one has flowered. Yet plants in one of the bags are turning yellow, indicating potato harvest time is soon. The other has no yellow leaves. At all. But there’s no reason to wait

until the second bag is ready to harvest everything.

Tomatoes amaze me every year at how they respond to the weather and the slight changes in planting location. I typically start my plants from seed. One year Lemon Boy is the star, producing twice as many fruit as any of the others, and the next year it’s just OK. I don’t always know why, but I enjoy observing the season play out. And I make notes for next year.

As a side note, I recommend that gardeners – of edible plants, especially – keep a notebook or journal of some kind, to record events in the garden. Knowing next year that the Red Norlands were early in 2025 might convince me to plant them earlier or later, or plant another variety altogether. All part of being a gardener and citizen scientist!

For more, visit @sacdigs Gardening on Instagram.

What Locksmiths Say Homeowners Get Wrong About Security



Assess all home entry points, including secondary points like sliding doors, garage entries and basement doors. Photo courtesy of KeyMe Locksmiths

By Feature Impact

You have locks on your doors and windows, and you make sure they're secure before you leave the house or head to bed each night. You may even have a security system with an alarm or cameras to protect your home. Some locksmiths say that may not be enough.

Bryan McCabe, director of locksmith operations with KeyMe Locksmiths, the nation's leading provider of local locksmith services and No. 1 provider of key duplication kiosks, said homeowners should be mindful of common security vulnerabilities, many of which go unnoticed until it's too late.

A thief who wants to gain access to your home may do so by any means possible, including breaking windows or kicking in doors. However, those methods are loud and may attract attention. Instead, thieves will look to find the easiest house to enter. Consider these small changes you can make to deter thieves from your home.

Close the Garage

Leaving your garage door open may seem harmless, but it can signal easy access to thieves. An open garage suggests relaxed security habits and can make burglars assume doors

or windows might also be unlocked. Keeping it closed is a simple step that instantly makes your home more secure.

Make Your Home Look Lived-In

Burglars often target homes that appear empty. Dark houses – especially after nightfall – can stand out as easy opportunities. Leaving a light or two on helps create the impression someone is home. If you want to level up, use light timers or smart bulbs to automatically turn lights on and off, even when you're away.

Keep Your Home Visible from the Street

Thieves prefer to work unnoticed. Overgrown trees, tall bushes, or dense landscaping near entrances can provide cover for someone trying to break in. Trimming greenery and maintaining clear sightlines from the street makes your home less appealing and more exposed – exactly what burglars want to avoid.

Upgrade Entry Points to Improve Security

Some relatively minor updates can make a big impact toward protecting your home. Start by assessing all home entry points, including secondary points like sliding doors, garage entries and basement doors. In addition to checking door frames, homeowners should examine strike plates, hinge

security and whether existing locks are outdated.

Add Eyes to Your Front Door with a Doorbell Camera

Doorbell cameras are an affordable way to boost your home's security. Visible cameras can stop many would-be thieves as they don't want to be seen or recorded. Beyond deterrence, doorbell cameras let you see who's at your door, receive alerts and check on your home anytime, whether you're home or away.

Install Smart Locks for Control and Peace of Mind

Smart locks are another smart investment in home safety. They allow you to track who enters your home and when by assigning unique access codes. You can even lock (or unlock) the door remotely from your phone. With the ability to monitor, control and limit access, smart locks offer convenience and security. A local locksmith can help you choose the right option and handle installation, making the upgrade simple and stress-free.

Find more advice to help protect your home and belongings, and a locksmith or kiosk near you, by visiting key.me. ★

Refresh Your Home: A Room-by-Room Spring Cleaning Checklist



Washing windows inside and out is part of a whole-home cleaning plan. Photo courtesy of Shutterstock

By Feature Impact

After months of winter, spring cleaning isn't just about dusting and vacuuming; it's about inviting sunlight and fresh air into your space through the open windows and giving yourself a fresh start for the longer days ahead.

It's also a perfect opportunity to clear out the old and make room for new experiences, memories and energy. Whether you're tackling deep cleaning for the first time or you have seasonal rituals for tidying up your home, this room-by-room guide can help you plan and conquer seasonal chores.

Whole Home

- Declutter spaces: Donate, recycle or discard what you don't need
- Wash windows inside and out
- Dust baseboards, walls, vents and ceiling fans
- Wipe down doors, knobs and light switches
- Vacuum and clean under and behind furniture

- Clean curtains and blinds
- Store seasonal items like winter clothing and decor
- Replace air filters
- Shampoo carpet

Kitchen

- Empty and wipe down refrigerator and freezer
- Clean oven, stovetop and microwave
- Scrub countertops and backsplashes
- Clean out the garbage disposal
- Sweep and mop floors
- Organize the pantry and throw away any expired items

Bathrooms

- Scrub grout and tile
- Clean mirrors and glass surfaces
- Deep clean toilets
- Wipe down cabinets and bathroom fixtures
- Wash rugs, floor mats and the shower curtain and liner
- Empty trash and clean the bin

Bedrooms and Other Living Areas

- Wash bedding, pillows and linens
- Organize closets and drawers
- Vacuum chair, couches and mattresses as well as under cushions
- Dust shelves and decor
- Clean light fixtures and lampshades

Outdoor Areas

- Power wash patios, sidewalks and driveways
- Wipe down outdoor furniture and replace textiles like pillows, cushions and umbrellas
- Clear debris from garden beds
- Prune shrubs, plants and trees
- Organize garages and sheds
- Reconnect hoses and sprinklers
- Prep lawn equipment such as mowers, weed eaters and blowers
- For more spring cleaning tips and tricks, visit eLivingtoday.com.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITOES!

Inspect your yard using the following checklist and look for these mosquito breeding sources. If you suspect that mosquitoes are present, please contact us at (800) 429-1022 to schedule a residential inspection.

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING AROUND YOUR HOME

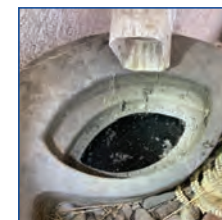
- ☐ Remove plant saucers and other containers that hold water below plants
- ☐ Redirect sprinklers so containers are not filled
- ☐ Remove or modify plants that hold water for more than 2 days, including rooting plants
- ☐ Refill and scrub out pet water dishes, bird baths, and fountains every 3 days
- ☐ Remove miscellaneous items that could hold water for longer than 3 days
- ☐ Cover bins and buckets with fitted lids or flip them over when unused
- ☐ Fill in tops of potted plants with sand
- ☐ Keep recyclables in containers that drain
- ☐ Add screens or mesh to rain barrels
- ☐ Remove old tires from yard
- ☐ Completely drain and scrub unused outdoor spas and tubs
- ☐ Keep lawn drains free from clogs and standing water



Plant Saucers



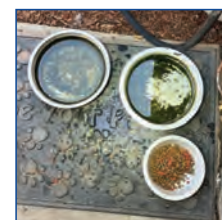
Rain Containers



Downspouts



Plant Pots and Holders



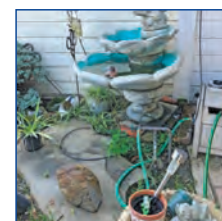
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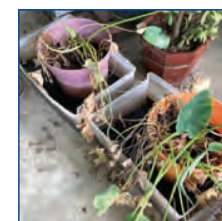
Lawn Drains



Outdoor Toys



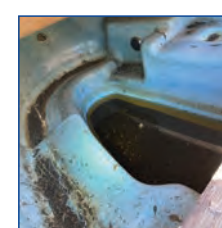
Bird Baths



Outdoor Containers



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03145
Brian Keith Moland, 9244 Herbon Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Key Lime Desserts by Brian" 9244 Herbon Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2026
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
KEY 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02216
Pinnacle Landscape Development Inc., 9400 Foxford Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Pinnacle Pools/Pinnacle Pools & Landscape" 9400 Foxford Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
PINNACLE 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02448
Sherv Singh, 9988 Verbania Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Steve's Pizza Waterman" 9385 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 100, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2026
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
STEVES 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03201
Ramez Sayed Sadat, 6412 Brockenhurst Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BlueBridge Property Deals" 6412 Brockenhurst Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 21, 2026
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
BLUEBRIDGE 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03272
Maria G. Reyes Bonds, PO Box 583052, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Prudentia Psychotherapy" 8788 Elk Grove Boulevard Bldg 1 Suite J, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
PRUDENTIA 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02439
Leslie Horciza, 9245 Laguna Springs Drive Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mobile Rapid DNA" 9245 Laguna Springs Drive Suite 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
MOBILE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03317
SteelType TCG LLC, 9800 Castelli Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SteelType TCG" 9800 Castelli Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
STEELTYPE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02220
Albik Dental Inc, 5513 Mariolyn Way, Elk Grove, CA 95957 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Laguna Springs Dental" 9299 Laguna Springs Drive, Suite #100, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
LAGUNA 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02776
David Anthony Kincannon Jr, 2513 Black Tern Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "High Pressure Prints"

2513 Black Tern Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
HIGH 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03176
Audrey Hawkes and James Geary, 8525 Deodar Crest Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Simons Magic Shoppe" 8525 Deodar Crest Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 21, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
SIMONS 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03336
Michelle Plaza, 8655 Pyreness Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "House of Element" 8655 Pyreness Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
HOUSE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03452
Andre Taylor and Brittny Taylor, 4809 Ammolite Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Swoop Home & Road Services" 4809 Ammolite Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
SWOOP 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02946
Trevor Stephen Gannon, 9961 Nelas Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Whistle Window Works" 9961 Nelas Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
WHISTLE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03533
TBI Cooks Inc, 5012 Fox Trotter Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Serenity Beauty" 5012 Fox Trotter Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
SERENITY 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03561
Harkirat Kaur Aulakh DDS Inc, 7805 Laguna Boulevard Suite 310, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Profile Dental" 7805 Laguna Boulevard Suite 310, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2026
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
PROFILE 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03563
Sonia Mejia, 8151 Civic Center Drive Apt 112, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Heart Of Many Colors" 8151 Civic Center Drive Apt 112, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2026
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
HEART 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02621
String of Words Speech Therapy, PC, 9630 Bruceville Road, Suite 106-242, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "String of Words Speech Therapy" 10286 Maribel Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
STRING 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03555
Matcha Delight LLC, 9456 Soaring Oaks Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business

under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Matsu Matcha" 8325 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2026
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
MATSU 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03685
Paul William Ward, 9632 Glacier Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "View Slope" 9632 Glacier Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
VIEW 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03378
Karl Heim and Taylor Heim, 11215 Sharmont Court, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Heim Property Maintenance/Heim Built" 11215 Sharmont Court, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
HEIM 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03712
Douglas C Ferguson Chiropractic PC, 9792 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elk Grove DOT Physicals/ DOT Physicals Elk Grove" 9792 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2026
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12. 2026
ELK 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03701
Norbert Hans Davis and Diane Renee Davis, 9267 Rising Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stoneheart Handmade" 9267 Rising Creek Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12. 2026
STONEHEART 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01950
NUR Hospitality Group LLC, 10124 Swann Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Haraz Coffee House" 3642 N Freeway Boulevard Unit 200, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 9, 2026
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12. 2026
HARAZ 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03418
Cameron Caves, 8037 Bridgeburn Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Midnight Oil Film Productions" 8037 Bridgeburn Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12. 2026
MIDNIGHT 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01892
Infusion4Health, Inc, 135 S State College Boulevard Suite 350, Brea, CA 92821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Infusion For Health" 9045 Bruceville Road #190, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 9, 2026
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12. 2026
INFUSION 6-12-26

STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2021-10754

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Profile Dental, 7805 Laguna Boulevard, Suite 310, Elk Grove,

CA 95758.
Richard Winter, 7805 Laguna Boulevard Suite 310, Elk Grove, CA 95758.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on December 14, 2021 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: May 1, 2026.
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
PROFILE 6-5-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV023122

Alma Meng-Ju Medina has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alma Meng-Ju Medina to Mae Chen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, 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 29, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
MEDINA 5-22-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV000933

Mazen Ghassan Khenaisser has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mazen Ghassan Khenaisser to Mazin Kenicer.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, 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 14, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
KHENAISSE 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV010259

Ashley Marie Nutter has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ashley Marie Nutter to Ashley Marie Yuhre.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, 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: April 28, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
NUTTER 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV009929

Ryan Paul David has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ryan Paul David to Ryan Paul Ellis.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: April 21, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

the Superior Court
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12. 2026
DAVID 6-12-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
EVELYN MARIE LOWE
CASE NO. 26PR001346

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Evelyn Marie Lowe.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Adlene Coley, 5108 Luttig Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757; 415-235-5489
Publish: May 22,29, June 5, 2026
LOWE 6-5-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 0125002357 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 1184300100 APN: 116-0100-093-0000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 6/15/2021. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of

The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 6/9/2026 at 9:30 AM Outside the south-facing exit of the Sacramento City Hall in the courtyard at 916 H Street, Sacramento, CA, Old Republic Title Company, as the duly appointed Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on 6/22/2021, as Instrument No. 202106221678, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Tony Mehmet Gundogdu, Trustee under the Gundogdu Trust Agreement dated June 16, 2001, as Trustor, Heritage Bank of Commerce, as Lender/Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States by cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9200 Elk Grove Florin Rd. Elk Grove, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made is an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by the Deed of Trust, to wit: \$4,367,487.90 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been

City of Elk Grove – Planning Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the matter:

10660 CALVINE ROAD MAP (PLNG25-011) – TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP:

The 10660 Calvine Road Project consists of a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide one parcel into 2 lots with a minimum size of 2 gross acres each. Construction of new homes is not proposed at this time. Any new home construction resulting from the Project will be required to comply with the City's Climate Action Plan measures for new one- or two-unit residential construction.	
PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT	PROJECT APPLICANT:
Sukhjeet Dulai 10660 Calvine Road Sacramento CA 95830	JTS Engineering Consultants, Inc Javed T. Siddiqui (Representative) 1808 J Street Sacramento, CA 95811
LOCATION/APN:	10660 Calvine Road/APN: 123-0150-015
ZONING:	Agricultural Residential- 2 acre minimum (AR-2)
GENERAL PLAN:	Rural Residential (RR)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Find the Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15315 (Minor Land Divisions) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
PROJECT PLANNER:	Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner, 916.478.3684 or killingsworth@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: May 22, 2026

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Zoning Administrator must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.
NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 627-3270 or TTY (888) 435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. For more information: Secretary (916) 627-3270 or amireleztrejo@elkgrove.gov

City of Elk Grove – Zoning Administrator
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall in the **Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way**, Elk Grove, California to consider the matter:

SURVEY ROAD WAREHOUSE (PLNG26-013) – MINOR DESIGN REVIEW:

The Survey Road Warehouse Project (the "Project") consists of a Minor Design Review for the construction of one new single-story storage warehouse building totaling approximately 6,000 square feet along with associated parking, landscaping, and lighting improvements. The Project shall comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) for nonresidential development, including CAP measures related to energy efficiency (BE-4), solar readiness (BE-7), off-road construction fleet (TACM-8), and electric vehicle charging (TACM-9).

PROPERTY OWNER/PROJECT APPLICANT:	
Alpha Pacific Engineering & Contracting, Inc. Jing Liang (Representative) 8185 Belvedere Avenue, Suite F Sacramento, CA 95826	
LOCATION/APN:	9200 Survey Road/APN: 134-0520-017
ZONING:	Heavy Industrial (HI)
GENERAL PLAN:	Heavy Industrial (HI)
ENVIRONMENTAL:	Find the Project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines).
PROJECT PLANNER:	Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner, 916.478.2283 or jdaguman@elkgrove.gov

Dated/Published: May 22, 2026

NOTICE REGARDING APPEALS Pursuant to §23.14.060 of the Zoning Code, appeals of a final action by the Zoning Administrator must be filed with the City Clerk no later than ten (10) calendar days after the day on which the final action was taken, along with the appropriate fee.
NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, this public hearing. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (916) 627-3270 or TTY (888) 435-6092. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. For more information: Secretary (916) 627-3270 or amireleztrejo@elkgrove.gov

POLICE LOGS

May 11

7:57 a.m., 8100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Monique Redlon, 43, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors, trespassing and possession of cocaine or heroin charges.
9:04 a.m., Apple Mill Drive/Black Swan Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Bryan Novak, 23, on violation of restraining order charges.

May 12

5:19 p.m., Sheldon Road/Sheldon Creek Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Aimee Archer, 44, on warrant charges.
6:34 p.m., Lakepoint Drive/Sunset Pointe Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Brennon Skobrak, 32, on DUI and DUI with BAC above. 0.08% charges.

May 13

7:52 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Camell Davis, 34, on trespassing charges.
10:10 a.m., 7100 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Luz Chavez, 40, on shoplifting charges.
12:47 p.m., 9100 block of Lujan Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Reginald Belion, 53, on battery charges.
6:48 p.m., 7400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ain Colbert, 45; and Serling Fornell, 29, on shoplifting charges.

May 14

7:16 a.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Matthew Gregory, 31, on trespassing charges.
12:27 p.m., 100 block of Sky River

Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Monique Alexander, 46, on public intoxication charges.
4:19 p.m., 8500 block of Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Espinoza, 40, on trespassing charges.
5:45 p.m., 9100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Katrina Allen, 63, on furnishing tobacco to a minor charges.
6:45 p.m., Calvine Road/Winterberry Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested AnnaLucia Orta, 29, on warrant charges.
7:15 p.m., 8600 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Keith Joseph, 76, on furnishing tobacco to a minor charges.
10:50 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Cartrell Howard, 48, on shoplifting charges.
11:24 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Antovia Stout, 33, on domestic violence charges.

May 15

3:01 a.m., 6400 block of Whitelock Parkway, Elk Grove Police arrested Alyssa Barrera, 18; and Benjamin Perryman, 19, on resisting arrest charges.
9:08 a.m., 9100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Ebony Browning, 53; and Monique Gladney, 46, on shoplifting, shoplifting with priors, organized retail theft and criminal conspiracy charges.
6:50 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Jate Smith, 31, on shoplifting charges.

9:29 p.m., Monterey Oaks Drive/Springridge Way,Elk Grove Police arrested Yash Sharma, 23, on DUI, DUI with BAC above 0.08%, DUI of alcohol and drugs and driving with open container of alcohol or marijuana charges.

May 16

3:23 a.m., 8000 block of Orchard Loop Lane, Elk Grove Police arrested Doua Thao, 42; Puapheng Lao, 39; and Tung Nguyen, 44, on possession of burglary tools charges.
11:24 p.m., 10000 block of Grant Line Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Antonio Romo, 50, on DUI and DUI with BAC

above 0.08% charges.

May 17

12:31 a.m., 9000 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Tommy Kopp, 23, on DUI, DUI with BAC above 0.08% and speeding charges.
9:12 p.m., 8800 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Espinoza, 62, on shoplifting and warrant charges.

May 18

8:45 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Sabra Ricks Vasquez, 29, on domestic violence charges.

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 ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its 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.”

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placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call , or visit this internet website <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustee-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 0125002357 to find the date

on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should

consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. This property which is subject to this Notice of Sale does not fall within the purview of California Civil Code Section 2923.5. Date: 5/6/2026 Old Republic Title Company, as Trustee 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite #400 Concord, California 94520 (866)248-9598 by: Debbie Jackson, Vice President

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City of Elk Grove – City Council
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 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:

Summary of Proposed Rate Adjustments

Residential Basic Monthly Rate - 1 Refuse Cart				
	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026		PERCENTAGE INCREASE
		Increase Amount	Total	Total
32 Gallon refuse cart	\$31.51	\$0.95	\$32.46	3.00%
64 Gallon refuse cart	\$36.54	\$1.10	\$37.64	3.00%
96 Gallon refuse cart	\$46.66	\$1.40	\$48.06	3.00%

Residential Monthly Rate - Multiple Refuse Carts				
	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026		PERCENTAGE INCREASE
		Increase Amount	Total	Total
Two 32 Gallon refuse carts	\$41.72	\$1.25	\$42.97	3.00%
Two 64 Gallon refuse carts	\$56.71	\$1.69	\$58.40	3.00%
Two 96 Gallon refuse carts	\$76.86	\$2.30	\$79.16	3.00%
One 64 Gallon & One 32 Gallon refuse cart	\$51.70	\$1.54	\$53.24	3.00%
One 96 Gallon & One 32 Gallon refuse cart	\$56.70	\$1.70	\$58.40	3.00%
One 96 Gallon & One 64 Gallon refuse cart	\$66.82	\$2.00	\$68.82	3.00%
Additional 32 Gallon refuse cart after 2 refuse carts	\$10.20	\$0.30	\$10.50	3.00%
Additional 64 Gallon refuse cart after 2 refuse carts	\$20.15	\$0.61	\$20.76	3.00%
Additional 96 Gallon refuse cart after 2 refuse carts	\$30.20	\$0.90	\$31.10	3.00%

Solid waste service rates are based on refuse cart size and refuse cart quantity. Per the franchise agreement between the City and Allied Waste, Allied is contractually entitled to an annual rate increase to reflect inflationary increases in the cost of solid waste collection and disposal services, which includes, without limitation, labor, fuel, landfill fees, and State regulatory fees. Solid waste service rates are based on refuse cart size and refuse cart quantity. Upon request, residents can have a total of three organics carts and/or three recycle carts at no additional charge. If you would like to request more than three organics or three recycling carts, additional rates will apply.

All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter at the public hearing. Written protests may be filed with the City Clerk either in writing or by email (jlindgren@elkgrove.gov) at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein. If written protests are filed by a majority of the affected parcel owners, the proposed rate increases will not be imposed.

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, 1st Floor, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated/Published: May 15, 2026 and May 22, 2026

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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

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CITY OF ELK GROVE - ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE AMENDING ELK GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.03.010 (LICENSE REQUIRED – FEES) TO INCLUDE A TWO-YEAR ANIMAL LICENSE PERIOD AND MAKE MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (CEQA EXEMPT). The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Elk Grove Municipal Code Section 8.03.010 (License required – Fees) to add a two-year animal license period and make minor administrative updates. Introduced April 22, 2026; Adopted May 13, 2026; Effective July 1, 2026. **AYES: SINGH-ALLEN, SUEN, BREWER, ROBLES, SPEASE; NOES: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.**

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, May 22, 2026
A certified copy of this ordinance is available by request; email cityclerk@elkgrove.gov

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OF THE 2026-2027
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

Pursuant to Education Code Sections 42103, 42122, 42123, and 42127, notice is hereby published that a Public Hearing on the Elk Grove Unified School District's proposed budget will be held at the **Elk Grove Unified School District Office** located at **9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624** on **June 9, 2026** at **6:00 p.m.**

Any taxpayer affected by the aforementioned proposed budget may inspect the budget in person at the **Elk Grove Unified School District Office**, located at **9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 202, Elk Grove, CA 95624** on **June 5, 8, and 9, 2026**, between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.**, or online, beginning the afternoon of June 5, 2026, by accessing our June 9, 2026 Board Agenda at https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/SB_MeetingListing.aspx?S=36030236.

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District Graduation Ceremony Schedule Highlighted

Elk Grove Unified School District News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year quickly approaching, graduation season is once again in full swing.

The end of this school year marks the restart of a tradition for comprehensive high schools. Elk Grove Unified School District looks forward to holding its nine comprehensive high school graduation ceremonies once again at the Golden 1 Center (500 David J Stern Walk in Sacramento). All EGUSD graduation ceremonies held at the Golden 1 Center will be live streamed and available online for free at egusdgrads.com.

The 2026 EGUSD high school graduation schedule goes as follows: Tuesday, May 26 at Golden 1 Center begins from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Monterey Trail High, 3 to 5 p.m. for Laguna Creek High and from 7 to 9 p.m. for Elk Grove High.

On Wednesday, May 27 will begin with Florin



The Elk Grove Unified School District outlined its high school graduation ceremony schedule for the Class of 2026 next week, representing more than 4,900 graduates at Golden 1 Center in Downtown Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Unified School District

High from 11 to 1 p.m., then from for 3 to 5 p.m. for Sheldon High and from 7 to 9 p.m. for Pleasant Grove High.

Valley High will begin with its ceremony from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on, Thursday, May 28. Then, from 3 to 5 p.m., Cosumnes Oaks High will proceed. From 7 to 9 p.m. will be the ceremony for Franklin High.

2026 EGUSD Alternative Education/Charter Schools

On Friday, May 29 at Creekside Christian Church will begin from 9 to 10 a.m. for Las Flores High. Then, William Daylor High will follow with its ceremony from 11 to noon. From 1 to 2 p.m. will be the ceremony for Calvine High.

The ceremony for Rio Cazadero High will be from 3 to 4 p.m., and then Elk Grove Charter will proceed from 5 to 6 p.m.

2026 Adult Education Graduation Schedule

The ceremony for Adult Education will be held on Thursday, May 28 at Creekside Christian Church from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SacRT has partnered with EGUSD to offer free rides to the high school graduations at Golden 1 Center. To ride free, simply print or screenshot the Free Ride Flyer and present it to the bus driver when boarding the bus or to a fare inspector on light rail. More information at EGUSDGrads.com.

Recordings of each of the nine comprehensive high school graduation ceremonies, scheduled from May 26 to 28, will be available for purchase at EGUSDGrads.com. Families may pre-order a digital copy of their ceremony to preserve this special milestone. To pre-order, visit egusdgrads.com.

This year's graduation ceremonies will be livestreamed at EGUSDGrads.com. All online orders must be placed through the website link above. Graduation recordings are not included in the Senior Payment Plan. Download links will be emailed within 24 to 72 hours after the ceremony.

Comcast Channel 15 and Channel 21 Broadcast Schedule

The graduation ceremonies will also air on Comcast Channel 15 and 21.

May 26: 11 a.m. Monterey Trail High School Ch. 15-Live; 3 p.m. Laguna Creek High School Ch. 15-Live; 7 p.m. Elk Grove High School Ch. 15-Live.

May 27: 11 a.m. Florin High School Ch. 15-Live; 3 p.m. - Sheldon High School Ch. 15-Live; 7 p.m. Pleasant Grove High School Ch. 15-Live.

May 28: 11 a.m. - Valley High School Ch. 15-Live; 3 p.m. Cosumnes Oaks High School Ch. 15-Live.

May 29: 11 a.m. Franklin High School Ch. 21-Previously recorded.

The alternative high school graduation ceremonies held on Friday, May 29 are not recorded as these ceremonies are in a more intimate setting that allows parents and families space to record and capture images.

Guidelines for Ceremonies at Golden 1 Center

Doors open one hour before the ceremony begins. Guests are only permitted to bring clutches and wallets smaller than 8 inch-by-6 inch-by-1 inch and are subject to security inspection. Medical and parental bags will be allowed but must go through X-ray security screening. Any item that may potentially disrupt another guest will not be permitted, including balloons, oversized signs/banners, noisemakers, etc. Children under 2 years of age will be admitted without a ticket provided that they sit on an adult's lap. All children 24 months and older will need a ticket. No food or beverages are allowed. It should be noted that Golden 1 Center is a cash-free facility. ★

Police Encourage Bicycle Safety

Elk Grove Police Department News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - From children riding to school to older adults staying active and healthy, bicycling is both a pastime and a mode of transportation for thousands of Californians. May is National Bicycle Safety Month, and the Elk Grove

Police Department is urging everyone to be alert to keep bicyclists safe.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 1,166 people killed while riding a bike on U.S. roads in 2023, and an estimated 49,489 bicyclists were injured. In California, there were 145 bicyclists killed in motor

vehicle traffic crashes in 2023.

"It is important that we keep our bicyclists safe, as they do not have the same protections as drivers and passengers," said Lt. Reggie Williams of Elk Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit. "People of all ages use bicycles to commute to school, work and other activities. Bicyclists,

like all road users, have the right to safe streets. We encourage drivers and bicyclists to look out for one another and practice safe habits so we may all go safely."

The Elk Grove Police Department suggests the following safety tips for bicyclists and drivers:

Drivers should slow down and follow the speed limit. Be careful traveling through intersections; Look carefully for bicyclists and

pedestrians before making a turn or opening a car door near streets or bike paths; Be patient when traveling behind a bicyclist and give them space when passing. California law requires drivers to change a lane, when possible, to pass bicyclists and always pass with at least 3 feet of space; and never drive distracted or impaired.

Bike riders should use lights at night. Although not required for riders 18

and older, always wear a properly secured helmet; Helmets significantly reduce the chance of a head injury in the event of a crash; Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle; Yield to pedestrians, just as a driver would. Pedestrians have the right-of-way within marked or unmarked crosswalks at intersections. ★

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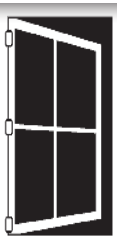
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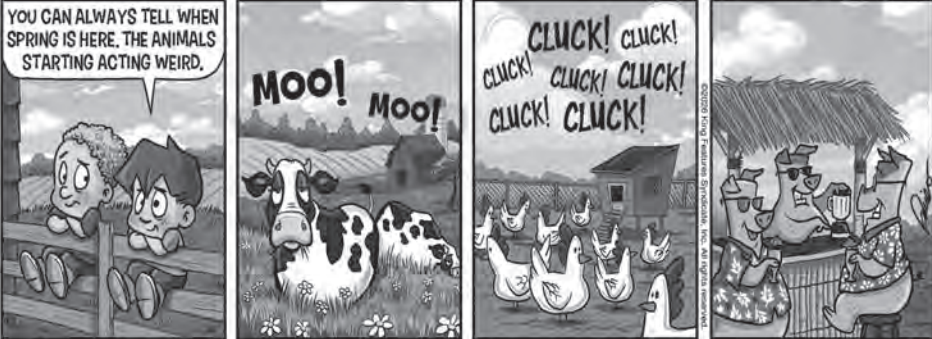
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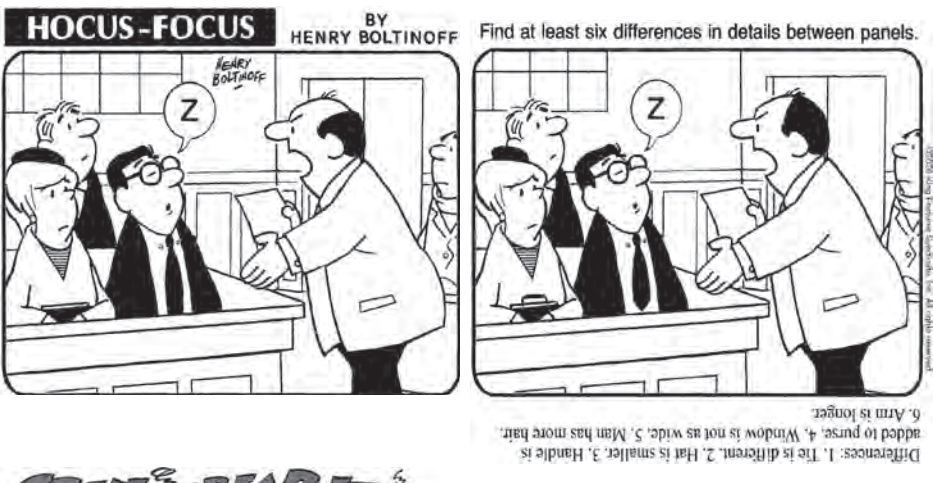
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UC Davis Men's Golf Trio Earns All-Big West Recognition

UC Davis Athletics
News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Three UC Davis men's golfers earned 2025-26 All-Big West recognition, the conference announced May 12. Sophomore Lequan Wang was named to the All-Big West Second Team, while juniors Curtis Da Silva and Ryan Firpo each received Honorable Mention.

Wang, a sophomore from San Mateo, CA, posted the lowest scoring average among the Aggies (71.7) across 32 rounds and closed the regular season ranked No. 362 nationally per Clippd, the highest mark on the UC Davis roster. The Aragon High School graduate recorded two top three individual finishes, taking third at the Bridgestone Collegiate Invitational at 15-under 201 (with 19 birdies, second-most in the tournament) and third at the home El Macero Classic at 4-under 212.

Wang closed fall play with a tie for fourth at the Marquette Intercollegiate after a 3-under second-round 69 and opened The Prestige in a tie for second after a 3-under 68 before the third round was canceled by high winds. He played in all 11 stroke-play events for the Aggies during the regular season after earning All-Big West Honorable Mention as a freshman in 2024-25.

Da Silva, a junior from Monterey CA, earned Honorable Mention after competing in all 11 stroke-play events and posting a 72.9 scoring average across



Sophomore Lequan Wang and juniors Curtis Da Silva and Ryan Firpo have recently earned All-Big West recognition. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

32 rounds. The Robert Louis Stevenson School graduate opened the season with his first career top 10 by finishing 10th at the Ram Masters Invitational at even-par 210, including a 4-under second-round 66 at Fort Collins Country Club. Da Silva fired 70-68-69 at the Amer Ari Invitational at Mauna Lani Resort to take a tie for 38th at 9-under 207 (the only Aggie under par for the event, with three sub-par rounds) and closed the regular season with a 14th-place finish at 1-under 215 at the 2026 Big West Men's Golf Championship at La Quinta Country Club, one of just

two Aggies under par at the conference event. He also led UC Davis on Day 1 of The Goodwin at Stanford with a 1-under 69.

Firpo, a junior from Davis, CA, received Honorable Mention in his first season at his hometown school. The Davis Senior High School graduate transferred to UC Davis from Fresno State, where he was named the 2023-24 Mountain West Freshman of the Year as a Bulldog. Firpo led the Aggies at the home El Macero Classic with a tie for 30th at 7-over 223, the same event at which he posted a sixth-place finish as a Fresno State freshman in 2024. He paced UC

Davis at the Windon Memorial Classic with a tie for 55th and an even-par 72 in the final round, opened the spring with a 6-under 66 in round one of the Amer Ari Invitational, and closed at a tie for 35th at the R.E. Lamkin Invitational with a final-round 72 across 10 starts and 28 rounds.

Long Beach State's Alejandro de Castro Piera was named the conference's Golfer of the Year and Cal Poly freshman Rafael Bobo-Lloret was tabbed Freshman of the Year. Long Beach State's Rob Murray earned Coach of the Year honors after leading the 49ers

to a record-setting Big West Championship at La Quinta Country Club. Long Beach State placed five golfers on the All-Big West First Team, joined by UC San Diego's Davis McDowell.

The trio of selections capped a 2025-26 campaign that featured the program's first individual victory since 2023, sophomore Louis Grizot's Silver Title at the Gene Miranda Falcon Invitational, and a 3.43 team GPA in the Winter 2026 academic quarter that set a UC Davis men's golf program record and stood as the highest among all UC Davis men's programs. ★

Beavers Run Out of Gas, Fall to Feather River



The 2026 season has come to a close as the American River College baseball team lost in the regional championship game to Feather Rier 19-8 on May 3 in Quincy. Photo courtesy of American River College

American River College
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The 2026 season has come to a close as the

American River College baseball team lost in the regional championship game to Feather River 19-8 on May 3 in Quincy. After putting a thumping on the Golden Eagles in the first game, then falling 4-2

in the second game, everything was on the line that morning.

The game was moved up to 10 a.m. to try and beat an incoming thunderstorm. After the Beavers failed to score in the top of the first, Feather River wasted no time jumping on freshman RHP Ayden Dringenberg (Oakmont), who had thrown three innings on Friday to secure the win over Monterey Peninsula College. The Golden Eagles got three runs in the first inning, then one in the second.

The Beavers came back with three runs in the third inning, with 2B Lance Sabatke (River City) driving in a run with a single to center. But the ARC pitchers just couldn't keep Feather River off the board, as the Golden Eagles scored in six of their eight innings at bat, with all but the second inning being multiple run innings. After ARC closed the gap to 4-3, FRC scored four in the third and two in the fourth to go up 10-3.

The Beavers answered back with a run thanks to an RBI double by Sabatke. RHP Nathan Gahn (Bear Creek) held Feather River scoreless in the fifth and the Beavers got two runs in the top of the

sixth to make the score 10-6. But Feather River just kept adding on and got the two runs back in the bottom of the sixth. In the seventh ARC clawed back, scoring a pair of runs to make the score 12-8 thanks to a sacrifice fly by 3B Luke Haney (Oak Ridge) and an RBI single by SS Bryce Sabatke (River City). The Beavers threatened in the eighth with runners at first and second with one out but 1B Jose Vega (Highlands) hit into an inning ending double play to squash the threat. It was one of two double plays the Beavers hit into on the day. With the game still within reach going into the bottom of the eighth Feather River put the game away for good, scoring seven runs to make the final score 19-8.

The American River College baseball staff would like to thank everyone who supported the team this season and we are looking forward to January and the start of the 2027 season. And a big congratulations to the players on the 2026 team for a fine season, and to the sophomores who will be moving on...thank you for your dedication and hard work. Once a Beaver, always a Beaver! ★

Murillo Sixth Addition to Men's Soccer Roster

Sacramento State
Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State head men's soccer coach Michael Linenberger added a sixth commitment for the 2026 campaign, welcoming local product James Murillo to the roster in time for the upcoming campaign.

"We are excited to add James to our roster," Linenberger said. "We work hard to keep good local talent at home, and James has had a lot of college success already. We expect him to challenge for a starting role in our back line this coming fall."

A native of Elk Grove, CA, Murillo joins the Hornets' sideline after prepping at Elk Grove HS and spending last season at nearby Folsom Lake

College as a center back for the Falcons. In his first collegiate campaign, he was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year, added Big 8 Conference First Team honors, and was selected to the California Community College Athletic Association's all-regional squad.

He appeared in 21 matches as a sophomore at Folsom Lake, helping lead the Falcons to a conference title with an 8-1-1 record (13-6-2 overall) and adding his first career goal — and game-winning score — in a 1-0 victory over Cosumnes River College on Oct. 7. That helped his case for Big 8 Conference Player of the Month honors.

As a true freshman in 2024, he started 17 matches and appeared in 1,453 minutes at Jessup

University, attempting one shot.

Prior to his time at Jessup, Murillo competed with Sacramento United SC from the U9 all the way up to the U19 level, earning a selection to the MLS NEXT All-Star game. He also competed with the Sacramento Gold semi-pro club in the NPSL and with FC Folsom in the UPSL, helping the latter to a spot in the national finals.

Murillo is the latest addition to the Sacramento State roster for 2026, joining previous commitments from defender Mateus Romualdo (Snow College), midfielder Henry Hedden (Monte Vista HS), goalkeeper AJ Bengds (UNC Asheville), forward Jakub Kozlowski (Palomar College) and defender Cameron Martino (Clovis East HS). ★

Weiss Takes Home Senior Championship



Senior Champion Jeff Weiss. Courtesy photo



Legends Championship winner Herb Jensen. Courtesy photo



Super Senior Championship winner Mark Morgan. Courtesy photo

Sacramento Golf Council
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Golf Council hosted the 53rd Sacramento County Men's Senior, Super Senior and Legends Championships at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, Carmichael May 5-6.

The Senior Championship (ages 55-64) was won by Jeff Weiss in a four-hole play-off over Bob Niger. Both scored 141.

The Super Senior Championship (ages 65-74) was won by Mark Morgan with a score of 70-64.

The Legends Championship (ages 75 plus), Herb Jensen won with a consistent score of 72-72.

Jim Shields was the Golf Council Tournament Director. The event showcased the top senior golf talent from across the region and was sponsored by Eskaton Village Carmichael. ★



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