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Note: An earlier draft of the newsletter was sent in error. We apologize for any confusion and appreciate your understanding.

COORDINATION FROM THE GROUND UP, NOT THE TOP DOWN

You may have read about a recent legislative effort that would require Sacramento County and the five largest cities within the County to restructure their homelessness efforts and pool resources to create a new homeless response government entity. Although I was directly involved in the ground-breaking partnership agreement between the County and City of Sacramento in 2022 to coordinate and improve our response to homelessness, and I support formal coordination across all jurisdictional boundaries in the County, a mandate by the Legislature is not the way to do it. I am a firm believer that local communities should control what happens within their boundaries. The proposed legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 802, would undermine our ability to determine solutions that meet our needs.

Homelessness is an incredibly complex issue, and jurisdictions throughout the County have taken different approaches to solve it. But it is a crisis that crosses government boundaries, and the response by a city, or the County in unincorporated areas, often impacts surrounding cities and neighborhoods. The cities and the County need to do a much better job communicating with each other, providing resources within their jurisdictions, and establishing clear standards for street-level homelessness efforts. In other words, we need to coordinate better.

The County/City of Sacramento partnership agreement established a model for coordination that clearly identifies roles and responsibilities for homelessness response. It is an agreement we can build upon for an approach that addresses how jurisdictions share information, how they address shelter and housing shortages, how the County provides social services, and how law enforcement addresses criminal behavior while accessing resources for those in need. Discussions among elected officials about these issues are already happening, and County staff are communicating with staff from the cities of Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove, Folsom, Citrus Heights, Galt, and Isleton on a framework that will include elected representatives from each jurisdiction. In October, I will join my fellow Supervisors and the Sacramento City Council at a joint, formal public meeting with mayors from all cities within the County to address our collective response to homelessness. The meeting will feature a discussion about County social services and behavioral health supports, shelter and housing resources, data sharing, law enforcement response and access to emergency shelter, and a formal structure that requires ongoing and meaningful participation by all the jurisdictions in the County.

When I ran for office in 2020, one of my biggest priorities was to improve the relationship between the County and City of Sacramento and coordinate our efforts to prevent and respond to homelessness, the biggest issue facing almost every local government in the State of California. We made tremendous progress with the creation of the County/City partnership agreement. In the unincorporated parts of the County, especially in District 3, we have seen improvements by expanding shelter, housing, and social services capacity while also supporting and empowering the Sheriff's Office to enforce the law and remove encampments that are detrimental to our businesses and neighborhoods. I will work to implement this balanced approach, combined with better coordination and communication across jurisdictions, everywhere in Sacramento County.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

I hope to see you Tuesday, August 5, at one of the National Night Out (NNO) events throughout District Three. NNO is held annually on the first Tuesday in August. The goal is to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. These events are a great chance to get to know your neighbors and local law enforcement. Law enforcement benefits by having positive interactions with neighborhoods and building lasting community relationships.

The first official National Night Out occurred in August of 1984 with 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. It has grown over the last 40 years,

and now 38 million neighbors in 50 states get together once a year. These events can be as simple as a small get-together in a cul-de-sac, exchanging numbers for an ice cream social, or even a larger block party with food and activities for children.

Please see our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) or visit [NATW National Night Out](#).

Have a safe evening, and I hope to see you in your neighborhood!



2025 FENTANYL AWARENESS AND ACTION SUMMIT

Join the [Sacramento Opioid Coalition](#) for an empowering conference focused on education, prevention, and community-driven solutions to address the impact of fentanyl. The 2025 Fentanyl Awareness and Action Summit will bring together health professionals, educators, advocates, and community members to share knowledge, build connections, and promote strategies that support safety, awareness, and well-being.

Learn more about the work being done in our community, featuring discussions with law enforcement partners, presentations from harm reduction advocates, and more.

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Registration begins at 8:30 am

Location: Citrus Heights Event Center

For more information, check out the [Sacramento County Opioid Coalition](#). Register for this event [here](#). Register to have a vendor table [here](#). Registration is required, no cost to attend!

Questions? Email info@sacopioidcoalition.org

FENTANYL AWARENESS & ACTION SUMMIT

4 SEPTEMBER 2025
9 AM - 4 PM

CITRUS HEIGHTS EVENT CENTER
6300 FOUNTAIN SQUARE DR



Join us to confront fentanyl by coming together, embracing solutions, and strengthening our response



BACKPACK DRIVES – GETTING KIDS READY FOR SCHOOL



Students return to class this month and need supplies to be ready! Organizations throughout the County and District 3 are hosting school supply and backpack drives.

Join the **Church of God of Carmichael** from **August 3-10** in collecting coins to buy backpacks and other school supplies to support the students at the San Juan Unified School District.

In addition, a box will be placed in the lobby to drop off backpacks and school supplies you'd like to donate directly in support of the HART backpack drive.

Please visit the [Church of God of Carmichael's website](#) for more details.

Volunteers of America (VOA) Operation Backpack is an initiative to fill in the gap for children experiencing homelessness, poverty, and otherwise underprivileged circumstances. Your donations will help provide backpacks, school supplies, and funding for academic enrichment to unhoused and at-risk kids. Donate by visiting the [Operation Backpack website](#).

Sacramento Children's Home Annual Fill-A-Backpack Drive

SCH is currently accepting filled backpacks and much-needed school supplies to support the needs of children and families across its 10 programs.

Donations are appreciated as soon as possible to prepare for a few of their programs' back-to-school events in late July/early August, but they will gladly accept donations for all programs through the end of the summer.

Drop-offs can be made at the **SCH Main Campus at 2750 Sutterville Road in Sacramento, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm**. Pull into the circular driveway out front, ring the doorbell, and the receptionist will open the door.

For more information about the "Fill a Backpack" campaign, please visit the [Sacramento Children's Home website](#).



Fill A Backpack Help a Child Succeed

At the Sacramento Children's Home, we know that a bright future begins with a good education. Unfortunately, many of the children we serve lack resources for proper supplies. For children in need, something as simple as a new backpack can boost their confidence and self-esteem, and set them on a path to success.

Donate new backpacks filled with school supplies to the Sacramento Children's Home!

Whether you would like to shop online or in person and deliver your items, we have options to make participating easy for all. If you like to shop online, we have created shopping lists at Amazon, Target, and Walmart. You're also welcome to deliver your donation in person. Visit our website www.kidshome.org/fill-a-backpack-drive/ for drop-off information, and links to our registries with our shipping address. While we would appreciate if each donation contained a backpack full of all items a student needs, we also welcome smaller donations. Here are shopping lists based on our programs' needs:

Elementary School

- Backpack (kid-sized)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Kleenex
- Lunch Box
- Composition Books (wide-ruled)
- Box of Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- No. 2 Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Large Pink Eraser
- Safety Scissors
- Plastic Storage Box
- Small Pencil Sharpener

Middle School

- Backpack*
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Homework Planner
- 3-Ring Binder (regular and zip-up)
- Binder Dividers
- Loose-leaf Paper (wide-ruled)
- Folders for class handouts
- Three-subject Spiral Notebook
- Composition Books (college-ruled)
- Highlighters in different colors
- No. 2 Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Ink Pens (black and blue)
- Compass (without a sharp point)
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Mini Stapler
- USB Zip Drive

High School

- Backpack* (adult-size)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Homework Planner
- 3-Ring Binder (regular and zip-up)
- Binder Dividers
- Loose-leaf Paper (college-ruled)
- Multi-subject Spiral Notebook
- Composition Books (college-ruled)
- Scientific Calculator
- Highlighters in different colors
- No. 2 Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Ink Pens (black and blue)
- Ruler
- Mini Stapler
- USB Zip Drive



*Some schools don't permit students to wear or carry solid red or blue clothing or accessories, so please select backpacks accordingly.

Make a donation or organize your own Fill-A-Backpack Drive!

Donations are appreciated as soon as possible to prepare for a few of our programs' back-to-school events in late July, but we'll gladly accept donations for all programs through the end of the summer.

Please visit www.kidshome.org/fill-a-backpack-drive/ for further information on shipping, drop-offs, and donation receipts. If you have additional questions contact donations@kidshome.org.

KIDS DON'T FLOAT – BUT LIFE VESTS DO!

Summer is here and the heat is on! Cooling off in Sacramento means heading out to the river and having fun. We know it's easy to forget how dangerous the river can be, especially for children.

Kids Don't Float, but life vests do. Wearing a life vest is the simplest way to

stay safe and happy while enjoying the water for many hot days to come.



Each year since 2003, the Kids Don't Float program has provided more than 2,000 loaner life vests to Sacramento area public water visitors at our many river-access stations. We make sure they are in great condition by inspecting the life vests twice a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Bring a life vest for your kids under 13, or just borrow a life vest at any of our life vest borrowing stations before you hit the beach. By having your child wear a life vest, you are ensuring their safety and following local water safety laws.

It's the law for kids under 13...

Being a water-safe family is a top priority. There is a [mandatory life preserver ordinance](#) for children under the age of 13 in public waterways, and violation of the ordinance punishes parents with a fine of \$500 and/or six months in jail. It's your responsibility to make sure your child is wearing a life vest.

Life Vest borrowing stations on the [American River Parkway](#) include:

- Discovery Park (2 sites) (kids and adults)
- Ancil Hoffman Park (kids only)
- Howe Avenue river access (kids only)
- Paradise Beach (kids only)
- Watt Avenue river access (kids only)
- River Bend Park (kids only)
- Sunrise river access (kids only)
- Life vest borrowing station in the City of Sacramento Sand Cove (kids only)

Life vests are also available at all [Sacramento area Fire Stations](#). Each Fire station offers 8 to 12 life vests in kids sizes to loan out.

SUMMER CONCERTS CONTINUE

Want a night out listening to music? Don't miss the great summer concerts in August! Please check out a few concerts this month that the whole family can enjoy.

Fair Oaks Concerts in the Park

When: Thursdays, August 7 – August 28

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Fair Oaks Park (11549 Fair Oaks Blvd.)

- August 7 - Tom Rigney & the Flambeau (Zydeco)
- August 14 - Stereotype (Pop/Dance) + Concert Community Connections
- August 21 - Rooty Toot Toot (Local Fair Oaks band) + Grand Opening and Hometown Pride & Picnic
- August 28 - Shauna & Hired Guns (Country)
- SPECIAL CONCERT September 27 – On Air (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm)



FAIR OAKS CONCERTS IN THE PARK

THURSDAYS JULY 10 - AUGUST 28
7:00PM - 9:00PM | LOCATION TBA
+ Special 9/27 Concert 1:30pm-3:30pm



"Reviving Fair Oaks' Cultural Heartbeat"



10 GROOVE THANG
JULY Funk & Motown



17 ISLAND OF BLACK AND WHITE
JULY Reggae



24 JAX HAMMER
JULY Classic Rock & Parks Make Life Better Night



31 THE RICHARD MARCH BAND
JULY Americana



07 TOM RIGNEY AND FLAMBEAU
AUGUST Zydeco



14 STEREOTYPE
AUGUST Pop/Dance & Community Connections Night



21 ROOTY TOOT TOOT
AUGUST Local Band & Grand Opening
Hometown Pride & Community Picnic



28 SHAUNA & HIRED GUNS
AUGUST Country



27 ON AIR
SEPTEMBER Rock featuring Horns
Saturday concert 1:30p-3:30p

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Rancho Cordova Friday Night Concert Series at Village Green

When: Tuesdays, August 1 – August 29

Time: Showtime is 7:00 pm. Food trucks open at 6:30 pm.

Location: Village Green Park (3141 Bridgeway Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670)

- August 8 – White Water
- August 15 – Neon Playboys
- August 22 – Ariel Jean
- August 29 – Mercy Me



**Friday Night
CONCERTS**

Every Friday night in August
Food trucks open at 6:30pm
Show starts at 7pm

FREE ADMISSION

Village Green Park
3141 Bridgeway Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Food trucks will be announced
on Instagram and Facebook!

August 1 - American Mile
August 8 - White Water
August 15 - Neon Playboys
August 22 - Ariel Jean
August 29 - Mercy Me

Connect to social media and get
real time updates on our app!



Sierra Oaks Neighborhood Association Concert in the Park

Join SONA for an evening of music, food, and fun at Oak Meadow Park! The [Green Grass Snakes](#) will bring the energy with live music, while local food and ice cream

trucks keep everyone fueled and refreshed. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy a summer evening with neighbors and friends.

This event is proudly hosted by the Sierra Oaks Neighborhood Association in partnership with the [Mission Oaks Park & Recreation District \(MOPRD\)](#).

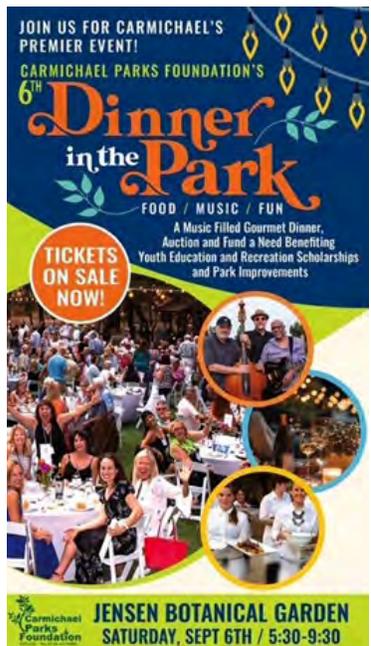
Date: Saturday, August 16

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Oak Meadow Park - 2734 American River Dr, Sacramento, CA 95864



**DINNER IN THE PARK – BENEFITING
CARMICHAEL YOUTH AND PARKS**



Get ready for a magical evening under the stars! Carmichael's premier event, **Dinner in the Park**, makes its highly anticipated return on September 6th. Located at the Jensen Botanical Garden, 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., the event promises a gourmet, music-filled experience catered by Hawks, a thrilling live auction, and dancing under the stars.

Dinner in the Park is also the [Carmichael Parks Foundation's](#) most significant fundraiser. Every dollar raised directly benefits two critical areas vital to the well-being of the entire Carmichael community: youth education and recreational scholarships, and much-needed park improvements, including vital enhancements to the Sutter Community Garden and the Charles Jensen Botanical Garden.

Purchase your tickets at [Carmichael Parks Foundation's website](#) and join your neighbors for an unforgettable evening under the stars - while contributing to a cause that truly benefits the entire Carmichael community!

UNSECURED PROPERTY TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 2ND

Annual bills for Sacramento County unsecured personal property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be mailed **on July 18, 2025**, and are due no later than **September 2, 2025**, to avoid penalties for delinquency.

If you owned unsecured property in Sacramento County, such as a boat or aircraft, or if you leased or owned fixtures and equipment related to a business on Jan. 1, 2025, and do not receive a tax bill by Aug. 8, 2025, please contact the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Unsecured Property Tax Unit at (916) 874-7833, between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX BILL DOES NOT EXCUSE DELINQUENCY OR ALLOW THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PENALTIES OR COLLECTION COSTS.

Payments may be made by mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office located at 700 "H" Street, Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Property taxes may also be paid online by e-check or credit card with the [Sacramento County Property Tax Bill Information System website](#). Tax bills become delinquent if not paid in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. on Sept. 2, 2025, or received by mail bearing a postmark of Sept. 2, 2025.

If the tax bill is not paid by the delinquency date, a 10% penalty and collection costs will be added. DMV registration may be withheld on watercraft if unsecured property taxes are reported delinquent. If a tax bill remains unpaid after Oct. 31, 2025, additional collection costs and monthly penalties at the rate of 1.5% will be added to the base tax.

NEW PACIFIC CHARTER OPENS NEW CAMPUS

New Pacific Charter, a growing network of public charter schools known for its commitment to student-centered, project-based learning, [is thrilled to announce the opening of its newest campus in Arden Arcade by Country Club Plaza this August](#). This new addition will cater to students in transitional kindergarten (TK) through third grade, offering a tuition-free, intimate educational environment that prioritizes personalized learning, whole-child development, and hands-on academic experiences.



Starting with grades TK–3 in 2025, New Pacific Charter – Arden Arcade plans to expand alongside its students, ensuring a continuous and supportive learning journey. The network already operates successful campuses in Rancho Cordova and Roseville, both celebrated by families seeking innovative educational alternatives to traditional public schools.

Families in Arden Arcade and nearby areas are encouraged to enroll now for the 2025–26 school year. For enrollment inquiries, please contact info@pacificcharters.org or call 916.890.7579.

About New Pacific Charter

New Pacific Charter is a tuition-free public charter school dedicated to nurturing the whole child through personalized, project-based education. By focusing on student voice, creativity, and academic excellence, New Pacific empowers learners to excel both in and beyond the classroom. Developed by experienced educators at the Pacific Charter Institute (PCI), the school addresses the growing demand for small, innovative educational options tailored to today's students.

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