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## SACOG TOUR RECAP

As a Board Member on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), I am involved in policy and funding decisions relating to state and federal transportation resources. Although SAOG is a regional entity with representatives from 28 counties and cities, I frequently use my position to advocate for more resources and attention for the urbanized unincorporated communities of District 3. Last month, I was proud to lead my SACOG board colleagues and staff on a tour of the north and west portions of Arden-Arcade to highlight the unique challenges facing the area.

The tour was incredibly informative as board members explored this large, diverse, and densely populated urban area of District 3. Attendees saw projects underway, such as the Watt Avenue and Arden Way Complete Streets—both of which received SACOG funding awards. They learned about the history and partnerships that have helped kids and families in the area at Katherine Johnson Middle School. Finally, attendees explored housing initiatives like Arden Star Home Key and toured the under-construction Watt Avenue Safe Stay Community Campus.

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My colleagues on the SACOG board walked away from the tour with an appreciation for the rich history and diversity of Arden Arcade as well as a better understanding of the needs of those who live and work there. I am confident the tour will bring more SACOG attention and focus on Arden Arcade and other urban unincorporated communities in Sacramento County and help me make the case that we need more transportation funding and investment in these areas.

Thank you to several Sacramento County staff who helped lead the tour and shared the history, challenges, and opportunities in this part of unincorporated Sacramento County.



## 4th OF JULY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of events across District 3 this 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Wishing everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July as we celebrate freedom, unity and joy!

**Crossroads Church Annual Freedom Celebration:**

Come enjoy bounce houses, train rides, concessions, and a firework show hosted by [Crossroads Church](#). (FREE admission)

- **Date: July 2**
- **Time: 7:00 PM (Fireworks at 9:00 PM)**

**Rancho Cordova Fourth of July Celebration**

Join the [Rancho Cordova Community Council](#) for their carnival in the park with rides, games, and fireworks. Tickets are \$5 online and \$10 at the gate. Parking is \$10 cash only.

- **Date: Thursday, July 3 and Friday, July 4**

- **Location: 7100 Fair Oaks Blvd. Carmichael**



- **Time: Carnival: 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM (Fireworks at 9:45 PM)**
- **Location: Hagan Community Park, 2197 Chase Dr. Rancho Cordova**



### Arden Park Fourth of July Bike Parade and Festival

[Arden Park](#) is ready to celebrate America and the 4th of July Parade and Festival! Join the parade and enjoy live music in the park by Funk Shui, a kid zone with inflatables, raffles, hamburgers and hot dogs!

The parade is open to walkers, bikers, registered cars and golf carts! Would you like to register your vehicle for the parade? Sign up [HERE](#)

- **Date: Friday, July 4**
- **Time: 10:00 AM**
- **Location: Arden Park, 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento**

### Carmichael Elks Fourth of July Parade & Open House

Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> after the parade with free swimming, children’s games, a BBQ, live music and dancing at the [Carmichael Elks Lodge](#).

- **Date: Friday, July 4**
- **Time: Parade Kick Off: 10:30 AM**
- **Location: Fair Oaks Blvd. from Marconi to the Elks Lodge at 5631 Cypress Ave.**



### Cottage Park Fourth of July Celebration

Join the [Fulton-EI Camino Recreation and Park District](#) for a Community Celebration at Cottage Park! Bring the whole family to wave the red, white, and blue! Cottage Pool will be open from 2:00 PM -6:00 PM with discounted pool admission for the public! FREE food and drinks will be provided by the Fulton Avenue Business Association while supplies last.

- **Date: Friday, July 4**
- **Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
- **Location: Cottage Park, 3097 Cottage Way, Sacramento**

### Kiwanis Club of Carmichael 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast

Come out to the annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the [Kiwanis Club of Carmichael](#). Tickets are \$5 per person for pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Come start the holiday with us!

**Date: Friday, July 4**

**Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Location: Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael**



## FIREWORKS

Sacramento County encourages residents to be safe when using fireworks this Fourth of July season. Please remember these tips to ensure your celebration is safe for everyone:

### KEEP IT LEGAL

- All legal fireworks in California are called **Safe and Sane Fireworks** and must bear the State Fire Marshal's seal.
- Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be **purchased from noon on June 28<sup>th</sup> through 9 PM on July 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be **used from June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM and 10 PM**.

Any fireworks that go up in the air or explode are illegal and dangerous.

### KEEP IT SAFE

- Always have a bucket of water to dispose of fireworks and leave soaking overnight before disposing.
- Always have a hose connected to water available in case of fire.
- Do not use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials.
- Do not use fireworks while under a canopy, covered balcony, covered patio, or under a tree or bushes.

### How to Report Illegal Fireworks:

- Unincorporated: 916-874-5115 or [reportfireworks@saccounty.net](mailto:reportfireworks@saccounty.net)
- Sacramento: 916-264-5471 or the “Nail ‘em” app
- Rancho Cordova: 916-362-5115
- Citrus Heights: 916-727-5500

### FINES

- \$1,000 for the first violation
- \$2,500 for the second violation within one year of the first violation
- \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation
- \$10,000 for each violation that occurs at schools, parks and within the American River Parkway
- If illegal fireworks are being set off from your property, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINES.

**KEEP IT SAFE, KEEP IT LEGAL!**

## 2025-26 BUDGET RECAP



On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the recommended budget of \$8.9 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26.

The \$8.9 billion spending consists of \$3.4 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$4 billion in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$1 billion in discretionary resources), \$1.6 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and the remaining \$1.4 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.6 billion in Restricted Funds.

I am especially pleased to report that I was able to get the support of all my colleagues on the Board for my motion to retain funding for our Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach (HOT) and Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Teams. These specialty teams are essential to our unincorporated communities by addressing the impacts of homeless encampments and neighborhood crime. I will always prioritize our public safety and am proud to continue supporting the work of our Sheriff and District Attorney.

For more information about the 2025-26 approved budget, [click here to read the Sac County News article released on June 5, 2025.](#)

## NO DRINKING IN THE PARKWAY

Visitors to the American River Parkway who wish to consume or possess alcohol along the river may do so in certain areas, but alcohol is permanently banned at the following locations:



- The bluffs located near Old Fair Oaks Bridge
- The El Manto river access
- Sarah Court river access
- Paradise Beach Recreation Area
- Discovery Park
- Tiscornia Beach
- Sutter's Landing

During the 4th of July weekend, alcohol is temporarily banned along the American River Parkway between Hazel and Howe Avenue, and at Sherman Island.

Glass beverages are illegal along the Parkway year-round.

Alcohol and water sports don't mix: The use of alcohol can impair your judgment and increase the likelihood of poor and unsafe decisions. [Read more about staying safe on the water.](#)

[Learn how to get an alcohol permit for a special event.](#)

If you have any questions about alcohol, contact the Ranger Dispatch Office at 916-875-7275. For information about Sacramento County Park District's, please [View map](#).

## **SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE**

The Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to add host liability and penalties for violations of county code relating to Fireworks effective June 24, 2022. "Host," as it relates to this ordinance, means a person who knowingly permits or allows fireworks to be lit, exploded, or sold on private property owned or controlled by the person, and the person knows or reasonably should have known that the fireworks would have been lit, exploded, or sold.

Amending Sacramento County Code Chapter 4.54 creates new host responsibilities that include liability and penalties with increased fines for violations of the county code relating to Fireworks and provides an additional tool for reducing the harm caused by using illegal fireworks. Penalties for violations are as follows:

- \$1,000 for the first violation
- \$2,500 for the second violation within one year of the first violation
- \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation
- \$10,000 for each violation that occurs within the American River Parkway

The ordinance to add host liability for illegal fireworks allows fire, law enforcement (including Park Rangers), and Code Enforcement agencies to hold the owner or person in charge of real property or conducting an illegal fireworks event responsible for the costs of response associated with the presence of emergency personnel, the discharge of illegal fireworks on private property or the American River Parkway, and any aiding and abetting the discharge of illegal fireworks.

## **GIVE A PAW, MAKE A DAY: SHELTER DOG DAY OUT!**



**The Bradshaw Animal Shelter** has recently launched a new program called Barks & Rec (Barks and Recreation) – an engaging initiative that gives shelter dogs a well-deserved break from their

kennels. This program gives Sac County residents an amazing opportunity to take out these canine companions on a fun-filled day out in the Greater Sacramento region.

The Barks and Rec initiative isn't just a break for shelter dogs. The day out presents a space for these soon to be adopted pets to develop the necessary social skills, explore the outdoors, and display their wonderful personalities – it's about nurturing their growth whilst preparing them for a permanent home. This program also gives the community the opportunity to enjoy the company of these beloved pets without any long-term commitment.

To learn more about the Barks and Recreation Program, visit [the Bradshaw Animal Shelter website](#). To learn more about [adopting a pet](#), stop by the **Bradshaw Animal Shelter at 3839 Bradshaw Road in Sacramento, CA Tuesday-Sunday noon to 5:00 PM and Wednesday noon to 6:00 PM.**

## SMUD RATE CHANGE

SMUD's Chief Executive Officer & General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Rates and Services propose changes to SMUD's rates. These include:

- Increase in rates in 2026 and 2027 for residential and non-residential customers.
- An optional rate for residential customers who don't use much energy and have a panel size less than or equal to 125 amps.
  - This optional rate would be called the Time-of-Day (Low Use) Rate.
  - The proposed rate has the same structure as the standard Time-of-Day (5-8 p.m.) Rate but a lower monthly System Infrastructure Fixed Charge (\$17) and higher energy charges.
  - This rate was designed for a small group of residential customers who have low energy usage and a smaller panel size.
- Updates to transmission rates and other miscellaneous rate updates.

The proposal includes the two rate increases for all customers:

- 3% effective Jan. 1, 2026
- 3% effective Jan. 1, 2027

SMUD is committed to keeping rate increases within inflation through 2030.

**For more information about these proposed rate changes, including customer resources, average impact on bills, and why these changes are needed, [please visit SMUD's website.](#)**

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY CONFIRMS MEASLES CASE AMID NATIONAL SURGE

Sacramento County Public Health has confirmed a case of measles in an unvaccinated child who recently returned from international travel. This is one of 14 confirmed measles cases in California in 2025.



No additional cases have been identified but lab testing recently detected measles in wastewater samples collected from the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant between May 20–24 and again June 2–3.

Measles is extremely contagious, spreading through the air and via contaminated surfaces. People can contract measles just by being in the same room with someone who is infectious. Early symptoms typically appear 8 to 12 days after exposure and include fever, cough, runny nose and red eyes, followed by a rash that spreads from the face down the body. Measles can cause serious complications, especially in infants, young children and individuals with weakened immune systems.

Measles can be safely prevented with a measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) or a measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine (MMRV). They are administered in two doses (typically given at one year and four to six years old) and

are highly effective. For more information regarding vaccinations, please visit the [Department of Health Services Immunization Assistance Program](#).

Anyone experiencing symptoms of measles should stay home, avoid contact with others, and call their healthcare provider before visiting a medical facility. Early reporting and isolation help prevent further spread.

Learn more about measles on the [CDC Measles website](#) or the [CDPH Measles website](#).

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RECRUITMENT

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is always accepting applications for [Boards and Commissions](#). The Clerk of the Board prepares a list of current and upcoming board and commission vacancies every month. This list provides a brief description of the function of the board or commission, the number of vacancies and types of members needed, a contact person to answer questions and the filing dates when the Clerk's office will be accepting applications. This monthly update is posted on the website, and copies are posted at all library branches.

To view current vacancies and download an application, please click on the links below which all require [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)

- [Planning Commission Vacancy List](#)
- [Application and Instructions](#) *Please use this application when applying for the County Planning Commission and the Arden Arcade, Carmichael/Old Foothill Farms, Fair Oaks, and Rio Linda/Elverta Community Planning Advisory Councils* The application below is to be used when applying for all other boards
- [Boards, Commissions and Committees Vacancy List](#)
- [Boards, Commissions, and Committees Application](#)
- [Sacramento County Behavioral Health Youth Advisory Board Application](#)
- [Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Adult Application](#)
- [Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Youth Application](#)
- [Sacramento County Youth Commission Application](#)
- [Citizen's Advisory Committee Application](#)

## Local Appointment List

*Boards, Commissions and Committees to which appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors (The Maddy Act - Government Code Section 54972)*

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