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## COUNTY SUPERVISOR

*“For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong.”* –  
H.L. Mencken

Regular readers of the newsletter will recall that my newsletter intros from the last two months of the year called out the complexity of many of the issues we tackle and the inter-connectedness of things. Taken together, these two concepts are central to the principles of Systems Thinking.

Simply put, this is a collaboration tool that involves clear boundaries that look at both the whole picture and the relation of its parts, feedback loops for refinement, proposing measured steps, rather than large swings in processes and realizing that the system produces outcomes that the individual components cannot produce on their own.

In his book *The Logic of Failure*, Dietrich Dörner exposes how clinging to old patterns of thought no longer apply to the complex world we now face. To illustrate the need for Systems Thinking, it highlighted the Chernobyl disaster as a case study – basically that when things started to go bad, there was such a rush to correct that they shot past stasis and created the greatest nuclear meltdown in our history. They turned the oven up to make the turkey cook faster, because they thought time was their only consideration.

So, if you haven’t scrolled ahead by now, you may be wondering why am I taking such a deep dive into this topic? Well, I spent Thursday and Friday of last week in hearings before a state agency to determine whether or not the Delta Tunnel is consistent with the Delta Plan (spoiler alert: it isn’t, but they probably won’t draw

that conclusion). The proposed Delta Conveyance tunnel project solves one component of the issue very well – securing freshwater delivery for Southern California and the Bay Area. It does not, however, consider all the other portfolio of projects that could accomplish that same goal, with much less risk of major impact.

Ironically, here are the suggested criteria for when Systems Thinking is important: 1) the issue is important, 2) the problem is chronic, not a one-time event, 3) the problem is familiar and has a known history, and 4) people have unsuccessfully tried to solve the problem before. Check, check, check and check. In my testimony, I pointed out that the Delta is the largest freshwater estuary on the west coast of the Americas – not the United States – the Americas, and as such we cannot afford to get it wrong and over-cook the turkey.

We'll see where their decision lands, but I'll keep fighting regardless. At least we finally got some snow in the mountains so we will have some water this summer.

As always, please share this newsletter with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to [subscribe](#) for future newsletters or check out my Facebook page [here](#).

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### **Celebrating National Day of Play in Sacramento County**

The first day of spring is quickly approaching and with it comes a fresh reminder of just how fortunate we are to call this place home. I've said it before and I'll say it a thousand more times: I truly love this district and the natural beauty it offers.



From the Delta waterways to the vernal pools bursting with wildflowers and the breathtaking sunsets over our vineyards, there is no shortage of places to pause and reconnect with the outdoors.

Sacramento County is recognizing the National Day of Play on Saturday March 21, 2026, specifically chosen as it is the first Saturday after the spring equinox, signaling the official start of spring.

Congressman Ami Bera has been leading the charge to encourage local governments throughout our region to recognize this day and plans to introduce a companion National Day of Play resolution in the House of Representatives once Congress returns to session. My colleague on the Board, Supervisor Rich Desmond, brought this resolution forward for Sacramento County and it was a welcome moment of levity during our board meeting to help promote taking time

away from the screens and the high stress moments of life and remind everyone that play is important and, at times, can even be a necessity.



Studies show that children today spend significantly less time playing freely outdoors than previous generations. Increased screen time and device use have reshaped how young people spend their days, often at the expense of unstructured outdoor play. While technology certainly has its place, too much time indoors and online can contribute to long-term impacts on social development, cognitive growth and overall physical and mental health.

And this is not only true for children, but we see it amongst adults as well. The importance of social connection for one's mental and physical wellbeing cannot be overstated. In a world where social isolation is becoming increasingly common, a National Day of Play reminds us all to put the electronics down and play together, especially outdoors.



We are fortunate to have so many opportunities right here at home to experience that connection. Sacramento Splash offers four [Vernal Pool Public Walks](#) each spring, highlighting the unique critters and vibrant wildflowers found at Mather Field. Along with the incredible Sacramento and American Rivers, we are also home

to the beautiful [Cosumnes River Preserve](#), a regional treasure for wildlife and outdoor exploration. And [Soil Born Farms](#) in Rancho Cordova hosts a wide variety of monthly events that promote nature, sustainability and hands-on learning for families.

I encourage you to take advantage of all that our community has to offer. Go for a bike ride, visit a local park and enjoy what mother nature has provided right in our own backyard. However you choose to play, make the time to do it.

Beyond March 21<sup>st</sup>, there are plenty of upcoming community events throughout District 5 that get people outside and connecting with one another. This month, I'll be supporting Rosemont Little League at their opening ceremonies as they celebrate their 70th anniversary, a wonderful example of community and outdoor fun. The Cordova Recreation & Park District will host its annual [Hoppin' & Huntin' Egg Hunt](#) at Hagan Community Park on March 28. The [Running of the Elk](#) fun run returns to Elk Grove on March 29, and the City of Galt is hosting a special [Spring Break Carnival](#) on March 31 and April 1.

There are so many ways to participate, so let's all commit to stepping outside a bit more this spring, reconnecting with one another and embracing the simple joy of play in the place we are so fortunate to call home.

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**Board and Commissions: District 5 Residents invited to apply!**

During my time representing District 5, I've seen firsthand the generosity of spirit and commitment to improving our communities shown by our neighbors. That same spirit of service plays an important role in how local government works.

One of the many ways you can directly contribute to our county is by serving on one of Sacramento County's over 70 Boards and Commissions. These groups are made up of community members who help advise and inform policy on a wide range of topics including public health, transportation, parks, veterans' issues, housing and more. This is where the lived experiences of our residents truly shine!

Local government works best when residents are actively involved. Whatever your passion or expertise, you will find an opportunity to voice your opinions and share your unique perspective. For example, if you have experience in investment and finance, the [Treasury Oversight Committee](#) would be a great fit. Or, if your interest lies in law enforcement, maybe you would like to join the [Sheriff Community Review Commission](#).

There are several boards in my district that are actively seeking new members, especially the Community Planning Advisory Boards or CPACs. CPACs play an important role in reviewing local planning and development proposals and gathering community input. It is one of the more direct ways to help shape what your neighborhood looks like in the years ahead. If you live in any of the unincorporated parts of the county and take interest in planning projects, I encourage you to apply. We are always looking for new members and valuable feedback.



But it's not always the more seasoned members of our community that have the most to offer when it comes to voicing their opinions. Many young people have proven themselves to be some of the most creative and forward-thinking problem solvers and many times their perspectives are missing from the conversations. There are several options for youth to make a difference and serve alongside their

adult counterparts in the county. There are currently openings available on both the [Sacramento County Youth Commission](#) and the [Sacramento County Behavioral Health Youth Advisory Board](#) for applicants who live in District 5. If you know a young person who is passionate about making a difference, please encourage them to [apply](#).

You can find a full list of Boards and Commissions, along with current vacancies and application information, on the County's [website](#).

Please feel free to reach out to my office if you have any questions or would like to discuss any opportunities further, and I hope you'll consider getting involved!

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**Out & About in District 5**



*Amazing night at the Cosumnes Firefighters Community Support Foundation Crab Feed fundraiser. Great to see our community gathered for a great cause! Top Left: Chris Schamber, me and Jim Lutrell. Top Center: Me and Chris Schamber. Top Right: Me with Cosumnes Fire Deputy Chief Josh Freeman and my Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan. Bottom Left: Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez. Bottom Right: Cosumnes CSD Board Member Rich Lozano, Elk Grove City Council Member Rod Brewer, and Elk Grove Mayor Bobbi Singh-Allen.*



*Celebrating the start of the Year of the Horse at California is My Home Lunar New Year Market. Top Left: Eva Zhou. Top Right: traditional dancers. Bottom: on stage with community members including Bret Bartholomew, Eva Zhou, Peter Phong, Elk Grove Vice Mayor Darren Suen, Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen and Jeffrey Wong.*



*Touring Arcohe Union Elementary School in Herald! Thank you to the Sacramento County Office of Education, Department of Health, Services, Medi-Cal partners and community stakeholders. Top left: Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) Superintendent Dave Gordon. Bottom Left: Deputy County Executive Chevon Kothari, me, Superintendent Gordon, Principal Troy Miller, the wellness team at Arcohe Elementary and SCOE's Tabitha Thompson.*



*Speaking at the Têt Celebration in Elk Grove. Left and right: me and Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen.*



*Had a blast at the 5K Color Run/Walk at William Land Park.*

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**Upcoming Events**

An Exhibit of Northern California Photographers

# Moments in Focus

March 5 -21



## Gallery Hours

Thur/Fri 2-7 pm

Sat 11-4 pm

## Artist Reception

Friday March 6th

5:30-7:30 pm



Exhibit Sponsor



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## SACRAMENTO COUNTY Women & Girls Festival

Learn More at: [bit.ly/2026SacFestival](https://bit.ly/2026SacFestival)

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 Rick JENNINGS KARINA TALARANTES Sacramento Community Page Connection  
 SACRAMENTO California BURRITO

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 7, 2026  
10AM TO 2PM  
SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE  
3835 FREEPORT BLVD**



**NOTHING LIKE AN EVENING WITH  
FRIENDS PLAYING BINGO**

**MAKE IT A DATE!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**WILTON COMMUNITY CENTER - 9717 COLONY ROAD**

Doors open at 5pm / 1<sup>st</sup> Game begins at 6pm

\$10.00 for ten games with 3 cards each play

You must be 18 years or older to attend and play.

Light Eats & Beverages available for purchase.

Proceeds are shared between the Wilton History Group  
and maintenance funding for the Community Center (both non-profits).

If you'd like to volunteer to help - please call (916) 889-6698

**WE'RE LIMITED TO 190 PLAYERS - SORRY, NO SAVING SEATS**

SAVE THE DATE

**E G U S D**  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3RD ANNUAL

# RESOURCE FAIR & BBQ

Wednesday, March 11th

5:30-7:30 PM

Cosumnes Oaks High School

8350 Lotz Pkwy, Elk Grove, CA 95757

-BBQ & TREATS - RESOURCES - SILENT DISCO - RAFFLE -  
-GAMES- SENSORY FRIENDLY - FREE & INCLUSIVE-

Vendors & Donations  
Still Needed  
Contact Amber at  
[CAC@egusd.net](mailto:CAC@egusd.net)





The image is a flyer for a community meeting. At the top, there is a red barn with a white star on its roof and a rooster weather vane. The barn has the text "HERALD COMMUNITY CLUB" on its front. Below the barn, the text "HERALD, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?" is written in large, bold letters. Underneath, it says "WE'RE PLANNING OUR NEXT EVENTS AND WE WANT YOU IN THE ROOM." and "YOUR VOICE MATTERS." There are two items listed: "Monthly bingo?" and "Line Dancing nights?". A red banner with the word "RESCHEDULED" in white, bold letters is placed over the "Line Dancing nights?" text. Below this, the text "HERALD COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING" is followed by "Only \$5 to join (Chili Cook-Off attendees are already members!)". A box contains the "TIME & DATE" (Wednesday, March 11th @ 6:30 PM) and "LOCATION" (Right behind the firehouse). At the bottom, it says "SMALL TOWN. BIG IDEAS. COME BE PART OF IT." and provides social media handles: "@hcc\_events" and "/heraldcommunity".

**HERALD COMMUNITY CLUB**

# HERALD, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

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AND WE WANT YOU IN THE ROOM.

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# March Meeting

**March 12, 2026  
5:30 PM - 7PM**

HOOD FIREHOUSE  
1125 HOOD FRANKLIN RD, HOOD, CA

**We will be having a guest from the Sacramento  
County Department of Transportation**



**★ AMERICAN LEGION ★**  
**★ VETERAN CAREER ★**  
**★ AND RESOURCES FAIR ★**



**March 13, 2026 • 10am - 2pm**  
**DISTRICT 56 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

CORDOVA COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL PRESENTS

26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEER AWARDS

# March Volunteer Madness

**Let The  
Madness Begin!**

6 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026  
RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL  
2729 PROSPECT PARK DRIVE

**Join us as we honor:**

Rancho Cordovan of the Year • Distinguished  
Business Partner • Outstanding  
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Tickets \$30 / No host bar  
Buy tickets online:  
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## Li'l Sprouts in the Garden: Li'l Earth Stewards



**Saturday, March 14**

**9am-10:30am**

- Make plant pots from recycled cardboard
- Paint ceramic pots
- Sing "The Farmer Plants the Seed"
- Harvest seeds from dried flowers

**For children ages 3-5  
with a chaperone**



# ATC

## Artist Trading Card MAKER DAY

### March 14<sup>th</sup> | 12-3 pm.

Rancho Cordova Arts will have ATC MAKER DAYS once a month at the MACC upstairs for artists to bring their materials and make Artist Trading Cards and share community space together. You don't have to be a member of RC Arts to participate.

This is FREE to attend, bring your materials to work on your 2.5"x3.5" ATC's. You will have some access to MACC materials. Sign up to attend on the MACC calendar.



RCMACC.ORG

1800 Madison Station Rd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



VN CARES PRESENTS

# PACIFIC OUTREACH HEALTH FAIR

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH**  
**14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2026**    **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**ARI COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**6270 ELDER CREEK RD**  
**SACRAMENTO, CA 95824**

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**STEPHANIE NGUYEN**  
Assemblymember, District 10

**ARI** Community Services



Join Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and partners for the 2026 Irrigator BBQ! We are bringing together local, state, and federal agencies to share technical assistance and funding opportunities to help support your farm or ranch. Food will be catered by "The Backyard" in Rancho Murrieta.

**THURSDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> 2026**      **CHAMPAIGN RANCH**  
**12174 BORDEN RD, HERALD, CA 95638**  
**12:00PM - 2:00PM**

**IN ORDER TO ATTEND, YOU MUST RSVP BY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**916-628-0369**

CALL OR SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP



CLAY WATER DISTRICT



AMADOR COUNTY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

OROCHESTER-HARTNELL WATER DISTRICT



GALT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## SPEAKERS



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*Resource Faire*  
*Speaker panel and Mixer*

KEY SPEAKER



DR. ED BUSH

MARCH  
19TH  
2026

DISTRICT56  
8230 CIVIC CENTER DR  
4-8PM

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# March Luncheon Congressman Ami Bera

 11:30am-1:00pm

 March 20, 2026

 Rancho Cordova City Hall  
2729 Prospect Park Drive  
Rancho Cordova CA 95670

#### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

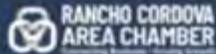
- \$20 for members of the Cordova Community Council and/or the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce
- \$30 for non-members and walk-ins (may not be accommodated if space is limited)

Want to become a member?

Visit our website: [cordovacouncil.org](http://cordovacouncil.org)

**BUY YOUR  
TICKET TODAY**

Reservation deadline is Wednesday before the luncheon.  
[www.cordovacouncil.org/the-rancho-cordova-luncheon](http://www.cordovacouncil.org/the-rancho-cordova-luncheon)



**BRANNAN ISLAND**  
**BOATING & WATER SAFETY FAIR**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST  
 10AM - 2PM  
 BRANNAN ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

**FREE EVENT!**

- ✓ FREE "Learn to Fish" Program
- ✓ Complimentary Boat Inspections
- ✓ Marine Exhibition with Boating & Water Safety Demos
- ✓ Lots of Food & Fun for the Whole Family!

Join us for a fun and educational day exploring boating and water safety on the California Delta! Enjoy hands-on activities, expert demonstrations, and get a complimentary boat inspection. Bring the family for a day of learning, food, and fun on the water!

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION.  
 BRING THIS AD FOR FREE ENTRY TO BISRA FOR THE EVENT.**

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You're invited to  
**RIDE TO THE RIVER**

Saturday, March 21  
10 AM - 12PM

Meet at Watt/Manlove Lightrail Station

- NorCal GO account required for participation - sign up at [norcalgo.org/50corridortma](http://norcalgo.org/50corridortma).
- Helmets Required
- All participants must sign a waiver before riding
- An 8 mile round trip through the American River

FREE!



Registration Required  
[bit.ly/321-ride](http://bit.ly/321-ride)

Got questions?  
Email us at [team@50corridor.com](mailto:team@50corridor.com) or call 916-234-6176.

  @50corridor  
[50corridor.com](http://50corridor.com)



The flyer is for a drive-thru BBQ event. It features the SCFB logo at the top left, a QR code at the top right, and a decorative border. The main title is 'DRIVE-THRU BBQ'. Below the title, it says 'Enjoy a night off from cooking while supporting the Farm Bureau'. The event date is '26 March 2026' and the pickup time is '4-6 PM' at the 'SCFB Office'. The address is '8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624'. It also provides instructions to enter the driveway from the back of the office off of Eva Ave. Pre-sale information is provided, including the website 'www.sacfarmbureau.org/drivethrubq' and a phone number '(916)685-6958'. The dinner price is '\$75 for 4' and includes 'Whole Tri - Tip, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Dessert'. The flyer thanks the supporting level sponsor, American AgCredit, with their logo and tagline 'your future grows here'.

**SCFB**  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY FARM BUREAU

**DRIVE-THRU  
BBQ**

Enjoy a night off from cooking while supporting the Farm Bureau

**26** March 2026 | Pick up at SCFB Office  
4-6 PM

8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624  
Enter driveway from back of office off of Eva Ave.

Pre-sale only. Please **order by March 12th** at  
[www.sacfarmbureau.org/drivethrubq](http://www.sacfarmbureau.org/drivethrubq)  
(QR Code) or by calling (916)685-6958

**\$75 Dinner for 4 includes:**  
Whole Tri - Tip, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

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