

Updates from Supervisor Mitch Mashburn - July 2021

Welcome

Dear Neighbor,

Thanks for allowing me into your email inbox to keep you up to date on what's happening here in the Fifth District of Solano County. It's my intention to give you these little snapshots every other month – I want to keep it brief in hopes that this becomes a helpful resource for you, and to keep the lines of communication open between us. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments or concerns, or to share your neighborhood's good news or problems that need attention.



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Summer Safety Tips for Everyone



It's time for summer fun, but let's not forget about summer safety, too!

Boating, swimming, or spending time in the water this summer? <u>Get the safety tips you need here</u>. Even people who've spent their lives doing these activities can benefit from a refresher.

Fire season has hit even earlier in California. There are <u>steps you can take</u> to protect your home, valuables and most important, your family. A little <u>prevention goes a long way</u>, plus you can get a plan in place if an evacuation is headed your way.

With higher-than-normal temperatures, we've already experienced days that are putting too much demand on the power grid and limiting power use during the hottest times of the day. Learn more about Flex Alerts, Cooling Centers and Summer Ready tips by clicking these links:

- Flex Alert
- Cooling Centers
- Summer Ready

When it comes to safety in Solano County, one of the best resources is the <u>Office of Emergency Services</u>. If you haven't signed up for their emergency alerts, you can do that on their website <u>here</u>.

Volunteering Makes our Communities Stronger



Being part of a community gives us a sense of belonging, and one of the best ways to get that feeling is by volunteering in our community. Think about what interests you, what skills and talents you have, and find a program that matches where you can volunteer. How do you give back to the community? I'd love to hear about it – email me here.

Redistricting 2021: Drawing Lines with Future in Mind



Every 10 years following the US Census, district boundaries for every office from City Council to Congress are redrawn to make certain that each district is almost the same size and contains communities and neighborhoods with similar needs and interests. In Solano County, the 2021 process has already begun to create new Board of Supervisors Districts for the 2022 elections – and there are many opportunities for you to get involved.

Make sure your voice is heard by participating in a way that's most comfortable for you – participate in the bi-monthly <u>Redistricting Advisory Committee</u> meetings, <u>sign up for regular emails</u> from the committee and staff, submit comments and your ideas, give insight so we're drawing lines with the future in mind. In District 5, there are two community meetings coming up to get the process rolling – get all the details and even download education materials here.

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

- 6:00 p.m.
- Virtual Meeting See Agenda

Saturday, August 28, 2021

- 9:00 a.m.
- Virtual Meeting (possible in-person option) See Agenda

Live Meetings Return to the Board of Supervisors



Local government is where many of the decisions that impact our day-to-day lives are debated and made, so protecting everyone's safe access to these public meetings is crucial. Making our voice heard on Zoom and phone calls is better than nothing, but they don't replace the in-person meetings.

The Board of Supervisors has restarted in-person meetings, with the next meeting on **July 27th at 9:00 a.m.**, with plenty of room for social distancing in the Board Chambers. With Solano County's dozens of commissions, committees and boards, there are a lot of meetings to watch for. Keep up to speed on new changes from our homepage at SolanoCounty.com.

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About Me

I'm honored to serve as your representative on the Solano County Board of Supervisors since taking office in early January. As you may know, I spent 10 years on the Vacaville City Council and retired from the Solano County Sheriff's Office in December – I've spent my entire adult life in public service, and I'm pleased to be able to continue in this new role. My wife, Tonya, and I were both raised here, and are raising our girls here. I'm committed not just to strengthening our communities today, but to ensuring the next generation has the opportunity to thrive.

About the 5th District

The 5th District is a beautiful little slice of Solano County – including the City of Rio Vista, Elmira, portions of the Cities of Fairfield, Suisun City and Vacaville, as well as the beautiful rolling hills of Eastern Solano County. The 5th District is the proud home of thousands of airmen and civilian employees at Travis Air Force Base, hundreds of small farms, orchards and ranches, and a portion of the San Francisco Bay Delta – the largest estuary on the west coast of North and South America, and the world's only inland Delta.

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