



## Updates from Supervisor Mitch Mashburn - February/March 2024

### Dear Neighbor,

The New Year has started off strong with much work to do, and I'm excited to be handling the additional responsibilities that come with serving as Chair of your Solano County Board of Supervisors. We can't slow down now, we need to keep the momentum going on the progress we're making around homelessness, public safety, protecting local control, water, and Travis Air Force Base.

I've listened to your requests to make our Community Events section a regular part of this newsletter, and I appreciate everyone who has sent in events to share with our neighbors. Check out the crab feed fundraisers below that help benefit some great local non-profits.

Thanks also to everyone who has followed my official page on Facebook. I hope you'll [click and follow](#) me there to get more frequent updates and to join the conversation.

As always, 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. 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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## Protecting Solano County's Water Through Partnerships



Californians have been fighting over water for more than 100 years: North vs. South, agriculture vs. urban and environmental uses. We all know that the peripheral canal is nothing more than an expressway to take the water we need, and it's not a solution.

I think we can do better in two big ways. First, by creating more water storage to collect the rains we've had in recent weeks to save for the dry winters that inevitably come – storage here in Northern California, and storage down South. Second, we can embrace new technology that didn't exist just a few years ago. For solutions like these that work for everyone, we need to build partnerships across the state to make it happen.

I spent two days in Southern California last month meeting with Metropolitan Water District officials, my peers on the Delta Counties Coalition, and local elected officials in Los Angeles. By working

together and hearing each other out, we found common ground between Compton and Vacaville, between Pasadena and Fairfield.

We spent the time researching projects that work. The Pure Water facility in San Diego is creating purification technology to use recycled water for commercial landscaping and more. FloraAbunda Nursery is breaking new ground on water efficiency. We looked at Hydroelectric generation at Diamond Valley Lake, and the Grace Napolitano Innovation Center where a 500,000 gallon facility is advancing science to clean waste water and protect our streams and rivers.

I left with better relationships and a clearer understanding of this new technology, but I was also able to leave our neighbors to the South with the message that sacrificing our Delta isn't an option on the table.

## Mashburn Selected as Chair of the Board



I was honored last month to be selected by my colleagues to serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors this year. We have a lot on our plate – dealing with a dramatic budget shortfall at the state, protecting local control of growth and Travis Air Force Base, funding resources for public safety and retail theft, protecting agriculture and so much more. My full-time job just got a little more full-time, but being able to continue serving the community we all love so much is worth it.

I appreciate hearing back from you about what's important to you, what we're doing right and wrong in County government, and how we can all work together. Please email with your thoughts, or call me or my office anytime. As always, I appreciate the trust you've placed in me.

## Solano Ag Grants Protect Small Farms & Ranches

# UPDATE GRANT EXTENDED!

Have you applied for the \$5,000  
Solano County Ag Grant yet?

**DUE DATE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

We are here to help you process your application  
and answer any questions.

130 Allison Court Ste. 2-A Vacaville

**\*Individual appointments available**

707-449-8044

**There are still 29 grants available!**

Get more information and apply online:

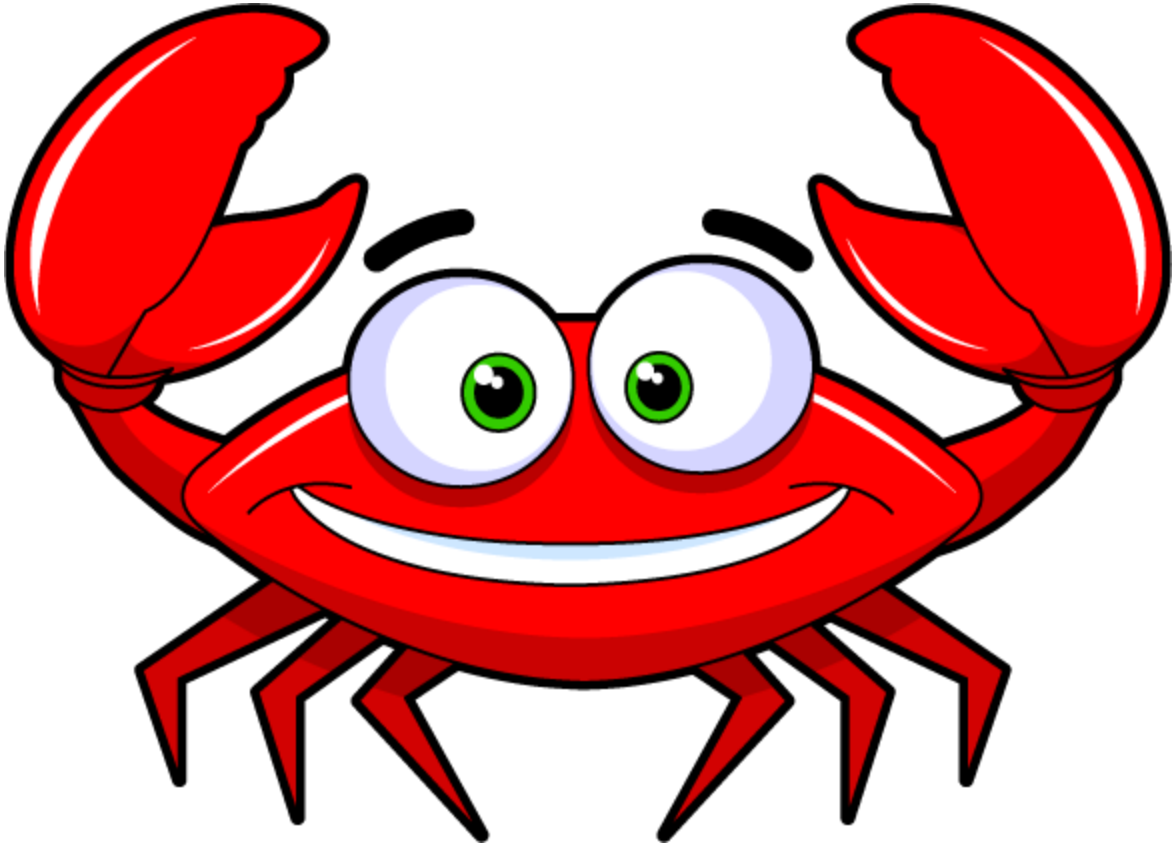
<https://www.solanonapasbdc.org/solano-county-agricultural-grant/>



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## Community Crab Feed Fundraisers and Fun in Solano County



It's that time of year for fun community events that support local programs that benefit everyone in our community. Grab your tickets NOW – events are selling out FAST!

### **AFSFA – Travis Bay Area Chapter 3rd Annual Crab Feed**

Saturday, February 10th at 5:30pm

At the Vacaville Veteran's Hall, 549 Merchant Street, Vacaville

Online ticket sales [HERE](#)

### **FREE Valentine's Day Photo Booth for couples, families, pets, etc!**

Tuesday, February 13th from 2:00-5:00pm

At the Solano County Sheriff's Animal Care Division, 2510 Clay Bank Road, Fairfield

More information can be found [HERE](#)

### **Public Safety Academy Special OPSS Crab Feed**

Saturday, February 24th at 6:00pm

At Willow Hall, 1000 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Online ticket sales [HERE](#)

### **Dixon Rotary 20th Annual Crab Feed**

Saturday, February 24th at 6:00pm

At the Dixon Mayfair – Madden Hall, 655 S. First Street, Dixon

Online ticket sales [HERE](#)

**Chinese New Year Celebration & Scholarship Fundraiser**

Hosted by the Chinese American Association of Solano County

Saturday, February 24th from 5:00-8:00pm

At the Ulatis Cultural Center, 1000 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville

Tickets sales at Yin McDonald's Headquarters, 185 Butcher Road, Vacaville; 707-451-0130

**VCS 15th Annual Crab Feed**

Saturday, February 24th at 5:00pm

At the Sunrise Event Center, 620 Orange Drive, Vacaville

Purchase tickets [HERE](#)

**Spring Swing – formerly the Princess Ball**

Sponsored by the Rio Vista Lions Club

Saturday, March 2nd from 5:30-8:00pm

At The Point Restaurant, Rio Vista

For tickets calls Kellee Sisneros 707-507-9114

**“Spring In” Craft, Boutique, and Resource Fair**

Hosted by the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee

Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00am to 4:00pm

At the Vacaville Veterans Hall, 549 Merchant Street, Vacaville

For more information contact Nel Sweet-Davis at 707-290-1346 or [nelsvncsc@gmail.com](mailto:nelsvncsc@gmail.com)

**Vacaville Rotary Club Texas Hold'em Tournament**

Friday, March 8th at 5:00pm

At the Opera House, 360 Main Street, Vacaville

Online tickets sales [HERE](#)

**S.W.A.T 16U Cameron Fastpitch Crab Feed**

Saturday, March 16th at 5:00pm

At the Vacaville Fire Station #65, 6080 A Street, Elmira

Ticket sales at [scswatweb@gmail.com](mailto:scswatweb@gmail.com)

Is your event missing? Email the details to [adsharp@solanocounty.com](mailto:adsharp@solanocounty.com) and follow [my Facebook page](#) for updates.

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## About Me, The 5th District and Contacting My Office

### About Me

I'm honored to serve as your representative on the Solano County Board of Supervisors since taking office in January 2021. As you may know, I spent 10 years on the Vacaville City Council and retired from the Solano County Sheriff's Office – 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 5<sup>th</sup> District

The 5<sup>th</sup> 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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