

Updates from Supervisor Mitch Mashburn - May 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, and to share your neighborhood's good news or problems that need attention.

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Mobile Health Comes to Rio Vista



Mashburn Cuts Ribbon Ushering in New Program

Rio Vista residents will have health care options closer to home with the addition of Kaiser Permanente's Mobile Health Vehicle. Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 – 3:30, residents will have access to routine primary care, vaccinations and flu shots (not COVID-19) and health screenings –with two exam rooms and access to KP's electronic health record system. The vehicle is being graciously hosted at the Veterans Memorial Building on St. Francis Way.

May is Wildfire Awareness Month



Be Prepared and Register for Emergency Alerts

Just this past weekend, a haystack caught fire and spread beyond Hay Road, building to a fouralarm fire. Thankfully, lives and buildings were spared, but it's a warning of what's coming as wildfire season approaches again. Last year, two lives were lost and more than 300 homes and structures were destroyed in Solano County fires. Instead of feeling helpless, we can all do our part to make our community fire safe before the season hits.

Whether you live in town or in the country, consider these easy tips from FEMA, and make sure you're registered for all public safety notifications from <u>ALERT SOLANO</u> by entering your phone number HERE.

- Reduce amount of flammable materials and brush that can burn around your home by removing pine needles, dry leaves or other highly flammable materials.
- Protect your roof: Trim branches that overhang your home and remove any leaves, needles, and sticks from your roof and gutters.
- Move wood piles and small propane tanks away from your (and your neighbor's) home, 30 feet or more is best.
- Embers from a burning fire can get under an unprotected porch or through vents. To prevent this, install a wire mesh screen with openings no larger than 1/8th inch.

Be prepared in case you need to evacuate:

- Keep important documents in a fireproof safe, on a USB drive, or store password protected documents online.
- Check your home insurance to make sure your policy protects your current home value and includes wildfires.
- Give yourself time and evacuate early if possible. If you can't leave, designate a room that can be closed off from outside air in case air conditions become hazardous.
- Make your household emergency plan and go-kit. When making plans, don't forget the needs of pets. Make sure that you know more than one way out of your neighborhood.

Protecting the Delta for All



Drought Year Creates New Challenges

California faces another drought this year, and we'll likely see water restrictions and wildfire impacts. Much of this is preventable if we step up our efforts in creating water storage for the dry years. This is something California hasn't done in four decades, even as our population has doubled.

I've stepped up planning meetings with impacted cities and organizations to make sure Solano County doesn't pay the price for growing water demands from Southern California, limiting impacts on the Solano Project, aquifer and delta intakes that provide much of Solano County's water.

I'm committed to protecting the Delta for recreation, water supply and habitat for future generations.

Vaccination Clinics Are Working



Still Time and Opportunities for FREE Covid-19 Vaccine

Backed by a team of dedicated volunteers, Solano County's recent "Pop-Up" Vaccination Clinics have been a real success – but we won't stop until everyone who wants a Covid-19 vaccination has access to one close to home.

TAKE ACTION: Register today to make your appointment

Public Health continues to encourage community members desiring vaccination to register on the <u>County's vaccine interest list</u> and the State's <u>MyTurn.ca.gov</u>, or to call to register for MyTurn at 1-833-422-4255 and/or Solano County Public Health at (707) 784-8655, if they do not have internet access.

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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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