



Updates from Supervisor Mitch Mashburn - February 2022

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. I want to keep this brief in hopes that this continues to be 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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State Champ Vanden Vikings Receive Resolutions, Parade



The State Champion Vanden Vikings football team joined me last month in the Board of Supervisors Chambers as we presented these scholar-athletes and their coaches with individual proclamations recognizing their victory in the California Interscholastic Federation Division 3-AA State Championship Game, and a resolution for the school acknowledging the school's first state championship team in the school's history.

The team's path to victory was challenging on many levels, as they overcame one adversity after another with grace and dedication. Not only did they practice, study and play in the middle of the pandemic, they honored the memory of three of their own this year – mourning the loss of their teammate Daniel Hughes last Easter, and the losses of coaches Michael Belk and Dan Gardner prior to the Spring Season.

The community gathered for a parade on January 29th surrounding the school and these young people with their support, and I had the honor of driving several of the students in my truck! These kids and their families make significant time and financial sacrifices to train and participate in these games, but the results are well worth it – the development of well-rounded, disciplined adults who learn to be gracious both in victory and defeat.

Travis' Air Show Returns



The excitement of getting up close to all models of current and historical military aircraft as we celebrate the Sound of Freedom and the men and women of Team Travis takes place again this year at Travis Air Force Base on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. Mark you calendars now, and look for more information in my next newsletter.

Play for All Park Takes Shape



Kids of all abilities will soon be able to join their families and friends at the Play for All Park near the intersection of Leisure Town Road and Elmira Road in Vacaville. The brainchild of local civil engineer Tom Phillippi backed by his fellow Rotarians, Play for All Park is exactly that – a park that features play areas that allow children of all needs to have a safe and engaging place to have fun.

From a low-to-the-ground zip line to wheelchair-accessible swings, an entire park safe for children on the autism spectrum and engaging features for the visually impaired, the park really is a safe haven for all. The park is coming to life thanks to financial participation from the City of Vacaville, corporate partners, small businesses and families, with a plan to keep the park going under city management in perpetuity.

More funding is needed for the park to finish taking form, with plenty of opportunities to donate time or money or both. The front entrance to the park will

even feature a brick pad with each brick available for purchase and personalization. Learn more about the park and how to participate by visiting [PLAY FOR ALL PARK in VACAVILLE](#).

Appointment to the Solano Transportation Authority gives 5th District Voice



From my time on the Vacaville City Council, I've taken a special interest in transportation issues to help Solano's growing communities address issues of traffic, safety, safe routes to schools, commuter opportunities and public transportation that meets the needs of our neighbors. In the annual reorganization of the Board of Supervisors, I was appointed to serve as the Board Alternate to the Solano Transportation Authority, where I'll be lobbying for projects we need right here in District 5.

I hope you'll let me know if there's something in our local transportation system you think needs work. You can email my office below, and I'll take a look at it.

Did you Know: The 5th District has 819 miles of roads – that's about a drive from here to Bend, Oregon and back again!

Share your Thoughts



Hearing your thoughts, concerns, positive feelings and opinions helps me in making informed policy decisions. Would you take 60 seconds to answer 5 short questions? I'd like to try this as a regular feature in this newsletter to gain a better understanding of what we're doing right and what needs improvement – with maybe a little fun in there, too. As always, I appreciate your time.

Click [HERE](#) to start the survey.

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 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 2020 – I've spent my entire adult life in public service, and I'm pleased to be able to continue in this 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 4th largest estuary in the world, and a critical inland Delta.

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