

Quarterly Community Issues

2022: July - September

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7-01-22: OUTLAWING HOMELESS VEHICLE SWEEPS

Leaders from Sacramento mosques, churches and temples are asking the City Council to outlaw the practice of towing vehicles used by unhoused residents.

7-5-22: ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING IN SACRAMENTO'S DOWNTOWN

Sacramento is responding to another downtown mass shooting — this one in the early hours of the 4th of July. Police say one person was killed and four others were injured.

7-11-22: MONKEYPOX CASES RISE IN SACRAMENTO AND CALIFORNIA

There are over 140 possible and confirmed cases of the virus in the state California as of this week. The Biden administration announced last week that almost 300,000 doses of the vaccine would become available nationwide throughout the country in the upcoming weeks ... to address an ongoing vaccine shortage. Currently, the vaccine is only available now for those who have had suspected or confirmed exposure to monkeypox. In Sacramento County, it's also being offered to men who have sex with other men and trans people if they fit specific criteria.

8-1-22: THE HEALTH OF LAKE TAHOE

U-C Davis' annual State of the Lake report, examining the health of Lake Tahoe, is out. As CapRadio's Mike Hagerty reports, the biggest changes come from rapid algae growth.

8-1-22: SAFE INJECTION SITES

The bill would allow San Francisco, Oakland, the city of LA and the County of LA to set up sites where people could use drugs under medical supervision and without fear of prosecution. Supporters argue it would reduce overdose deaths and prevent the spread of certain diseases.

8-8-22: NORTH SAC HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

Sacramento has debated plans for thousands of new affordable housing units ... and homeless shelter spaces ... in recent years. But in North Sacramento's District 2, some residents say their communities are a dumping ground for poorly planned projects.

9-8-22: HEATWAVE HITS SOME SACRAMENTO NEIGHBORHOODS HARDER THAN OTHERS

A 2019 report found that during high heat, average temperatures in South Sacramento neighborhoods can be as much as 20 degrees higher than in other neighborhoods, like downtown or East Sacramento. Rachel Patten is a program manager for the Sacramento Tree Foundation, which led the report. Patten: That 20-degree difference in temperature for some people, especially some of our unhoused neighbors, could be the difference between life or death.

9-20-22: ATMOSPHERIC RIVER HITS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Atmospheric rivers are known for bringing heavy rainfall and with that, potential flooding. They aren't new to California. But experts say their intensity has increased over the years due to climate change.

9-26-22: THE UNEQUAL COST OF CA ELECTRICITY

UC Berkeley researchers previously found that most of what California consumers pay in their electricity bills covers costs beyond the electricity itself. It actually covers things like subsidies for solar and climate change mitigation. Recent wildfires have added to those extra costs. Money raised from electricity bills has also been used to pay for wildfire damage. And according to a new study, those extra costs hit low-income Californians the hardest. Severin Borenstein is a UC Berkeley professor and one of its co-authors.

9-28-22: CA ABORTION BILLS

After the Supreme Court overturned federal abortion protections, Republican officials in some states want to crack down on residents going elsewhere to get the procedure done. A new law signed by Newsom is meant to protect patients by banning California law enforcement from assisting out-of-state investigations or sharing information about people who get a legal abortion. It takes effect immediately and also prohibits police from arresting a person for performing or aiding in a lawful abortion in California.