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Winter is a season full of gratitude, anticipation, resolve and intentions. As you look forward, your plans for 2019 might include an interest in supporting the community of West Sacramento through giving. In this issue of West Sac works you’ll find insights from friends and neighbors that serve our community through elected office, service organizations and non-profits. You’ll also discover a detailed listing of West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce non-profit and church members.

If you’re interested in volunteering your time, select an organization with a mission that catches your interest and that you feel passionate about. Know your skills, interests and availability and be prepared to discuss them with a volunteer coordinator for the non-profit. If you decide to participate, be on time and volunteer at least three times in order to get a realistic experience with the group.

Is financial support a better fit for your current lifestyle? Please know that your financial commitment is always appreciated. Non-profits fill a multitude of services and support in our community and depend on the financial investments of like-minded donors to fulfill their missions and goals.

Please take a moment to look through the 2018 Directory of Non-Profits and Churches section of this issue. Learn about the West Sacramento Chamber member organizations that serve in the non-profit and church sectors. Perhaps one or two inspire further inquiry. Your time, donation or both would be greatly appreciated!
“Why We Live Here”

For some, living by the tenents of charitable giving and service is a longstanding family tradition. Others do so because they love where they live and want to give back. In the following pages, meet a few West Sac residents who were moved to live a life of giving, and learn about the organizations they hold closest to their hearts.
By 2004 Charlotte Dorsey and Jim Brewer had lived in Portland for 25 years. While they loved the riverfront life Portland offered, they craved more sun and they missed their sons — Scott (who lived in Sacramento) and Mark (who lived in West Sacramento). Ultimately, it was West Sacramento’s warmth, accessibility and what Charlotte describes as the “hodge podge of diversity” that won them over. And it took no time at all for Jim and Charlotte to become an integral part of our West Sac community.

Shortly after, a friendly invitation led to their first meeting of the West Sacramento Historical Society. Jim became its Chair. Together Jim and Charlotte have helped lead the Bryte and Broderick Community Action Network (BBCAN). Charlotte is also active with Senior Advocacy Services, which helps develop statewide policy priorities for senior advocates.

Their time with the Historical Society led to indelible moments for each. Jim was particularly moved by his time with members of the West Sacramento Sikh Temple while tracing the extended family history of JP Singh. Welcomed into the Sikh community, they developed an understanding of Sikh values and appreciation for Sikhism as a religion. Charlotte notes that a powerful experience for her was connecting with the Native American community during the initial discussion phase for the Indian Heritage Center.

Even before the large community forum that led to BBCAN, Jim and Charlotte had been part of a growing conversation about improving the image of the Bryte and Broderick neighborhoods, and neighborhood access to services. After the initial gathering, they became part of a smaller, dedicated group drawn together...
to address the issues raised. Eventually it was clear that something more structured was needed and BBCAN became the formal non-profit which continues to this day.

Jim and Charlotte share a dedication to, and a passion for, diversity, equality, and accessible community engagement. It is truly a testament to our city that they’ve chosen West Sacramento as their home.

From the beginning, the Bryte and Broderick Community Action Network (BBCAN) has been neighborhood-driven. BBCAN volunteers work with the City, non-profits, faith-based organizations, schools, and businesses to foster a respectful dialogue, help residents stay informed, and implement programs and projects that support our diverse communities.

West Sacramento’s on-demand rideshare, VIA, the city-wide, affordable transportation program, is actually great example of BBCAN’s engagement in helping to identify a need and create a solution. BBCAN volunteers conducted an in-person, door-to-door neighborhood survey focused on transportation issues and needs. The survey feedback helped the City to better understand what pieces were missing and how to best fill them. With additional input, the City developed the well-received VIA program.

As a city West Sacramento was incorporated in 1987, but our region has a long, rich, often colorful, and enormously diverse story to tell. The West Sacramento Historical Society (WSHS) was established in 1993 to preserve our history, but it has also played key roles in linking people and stories across time and distance, and bringing less well-known parts of our colorful tapestry forward. In 2011, when the West Sacramento Community Center was newly opened, the WSHS successfully lobbied to include a Historic Gallery within the center. The intimate gallery is a living storybook filled with moments throughout our history, including beautifully woven Native American baskets, Bryte Schoolbook photos (circa 1924), pioneer artifacts, photos from the delta’s engagement in World War II, and other mementos of our journey to becoming a modern city.

1075 W Capitol Avenue (inside the West Sacramento Community Center)
WestSacHistoricalSociety.org
JP Singh of the West Sacramento Foundation (WSF).
fundamental in helping to create the West Sac family-feeling we so much appreciate. As a board member, he’s found the whole process fulfilling, and believes the foundation’s next steps will include greater outreach so that more people have a chance to be engaged and participate.

Since 1988, the West Sacramento Foundation has been helping local nonprofits become stronger and do more in order to improve the quality of life for our families. The foundation’s “grant pool” is made up of donations from both individuals and businesses, and funds raised at events throughout the year. The all-volunteer WSF board annually awards grants that range from $150 to $2,000, to help local organizations fill specific needs (i.e. batting helmets for Little League, new trays for Meals and Wheels, or computers for an after-school program).

The WSF annual All Charities Raffle is a way for area groups to raise money for themselves. The Foundation’s board assembles great prizes and prints the tickets. Each group sells tickets for $10 each, earning $9 per ticket sold. The remaining $1 goes back to the Foundation to cover costs and help build next year’s grant pool. In 2018 the All Charities Raffle raised more than $78,000 for local non-profits.

In 2016 WSF launched FutureReady, a program that provides paid internships to high school students in a Career Technology Education pathway at a Washington Unified School District high school. FutureReady is an integral component of the West Sacramento Home Run Initiative (which supports early education, fosters career-pathways, and builds a talented and competitive workforce).

Making a gift to the West Sacramento Foundation is an investment in our entire community, and a gift to the city as a whole.

WestSacCommunityFoundation.org
Meet Nate Eckler and Christy Jordan, two community members (and parents) who work hard to ensure that River City High School’s music program keeps on playing.

Nate Eckler: Sea-Monkey Jazz Association

When asked, Nate Eckler says simply “It’s all about the kids.” Over the years he’s been involved in many programs that support young people because, as he points out… “they are our future.” That’s how he came to be instrumental in forming the Sea Monkey Jazz Association.

Founded in 1997, the Syncopating Sea Monkeys are River City High School’s jazz group. Under band director Felicia Greenwood Weatherly, they play “high energy jazz with enthusiasm and a true love of the art form.”

Initially, Felicia wanted to celebrate the band’s 20-year anniversary by taking the group of 19 on a performance/field tour of New Orleans — the birthplace of jazz, but she needed support. Nate helped to pull together the parents to make the trip happen. Now the Association has become something of a booster club to provide ongoing support.

In addition to helping raise resources, the Association is active in creating performance opportunities, both for experience and exposure. In fact, that initial New Orleans trip resulted in two full-scholarship opportunities to the New Orleans Traditional Jazz camp.

Nate points out that he and his family are invested here, and being part of West Sac’s growing, vibrant culture (especially in ways that give back) help to build better community. He also notes that throughout years as he’s engaged in different organizations, he’s developed relationships through a variety of experiences. “You have the opportunity to touch lives in meaningful ways, and it’s very rewarding.”

Facebook/The Syncopating Sea-Monkeys of River City
Clockwise from far left: Syncopating Sea-Monkeys at West Sacramento’s Tree Lighting ceremony; River City High School Marching Band performs at Disneyland; Original members of the Sea-Monkeys in 1998; Sea-Monkeys show off an award; River City High School band drumline warming up before a competition; Band members helping homeless vets at the VFW; This year’s Sea-Monkeys; Band members volunteering at “Chalk it Up” Chalk Art and Music Fest.

Christy Jordan: River City Music Boosters

While the obvious goal of the River City Music Boosters (an all-volunteer parent-group), is raising resources to support the band program, it also provides a pathway for parent-involvement. “In High School” says Cindy, “it’s sometimes hard for parents to know how to support their kids.”

Christy Jordan, the club’s immediate past president, is a perfect spokesperson. Her son plays the trumpet. Christy is effusive when speaking of her love for the band, the kids who play in it, and visual and performing arts education generally. Becoming a booster parent gave Christy a way to continue support her son as well as the rest of the students.

The Club helps to fundraise the resources needed for competition and travel. They set an annual fantasy goal of $30,000, but often keep things moving with much less. In addition to travel expenses, there are uniforms to keep clean and in shape, necessary sheet music, instrument upkeep and improvement, participation fees, and of course food.

Christy notes (with pride), that our band “is like the Bad News Bears, with instruments klugged together with duct tape” — but they’re out there competing anyway. Last year’s a generous grant from West Sacramento Foundation helped the band get a little closer to a new set of drums. Working in partnership with the district, the Booster Club now needs to find the remaining money.

Christy believes everyone has a gift they can give. In fact, many Friday nights, you can find former band students helping to haul equipment before a performance. From doing hair, to fundraising, or organizing a storage locker… there’s a place for everyone.

Finally, when asked what she gets out of it, Christy tears up and says, “…joy; I’m so proud of all of them.”

Facebook.com/RCHSMusic
There’s quite a Dumars tradition in Yolo County. How did that influence your decision to grow your family and business in West Sacramento?

“I was born and raised in Woodland California. My family’s been in Yolo County since the turn of the 20th century. I’m the fourth generation and our kids are the 5th generation to grow up here. My great grandfather and grand father had farming backgrounds. We still own the original Dumars homestead. My Dad owned a business in Woodland for forty years and was pretty involved in the community. I moved away to go to college. At first being in a big city was a nice opportunity to get away. Then we realized how much we missed being in a small community. We moved back a little over a year and a half ago. We’ve come back to Yolo County and settled in West Sacramento at a time when it’s just exploding. To be a part of that growth and that opportunity is really, really, invigorating and exciting.”

As your young family settled into West Sacramento, what attracted you to the Rotary Club?

“My family has a tradition of getting involved and taking pride in our community. As a kid, I was a Boy Scout and the Woodland Rotary sponsored my Boy Scout troop. I knew that Rotary was a great platform to meet the leaders of the community, give back, and be involved. As I began my business, I was recruited into both the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the noon Rotary Club of West Sacramento by Verna Sulpizio. She grew up in West Sacramento and her family has deep roots in the region too. She thought it would be a good fit. There is a lot of history, and generations of Yolo County families in our Rotary Club. Connecting with these families has created a great platform to begin to serve and to continue the family example for my daughters.

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is one of my favorite Rotary projects. I take meals to their clients once a month. They start recognizing you, remembering your smile, reaching out to have conversation and relationships. It’s been a lot of fun.

The Rotary motto is ‘Service above Self’. My dad once told me, ‘Don’t be greedy. Don’t think about money. If you think about people’s happiness, and smiles, and building a community around you…you’ll find success.’ That stuck with me and has driven my focus. I try to lead by bringing others around me up.”
When you do what you love, you’ll never work a day in your life... or so the saying goes. In the next few pages, you’ll meet some folks who have truly taken this old adage to heart. They’ve embraced being of service to others, whether it’s helping lead our town to a bright future, or giving comfort through good food. Maybe, as you read on, you’ll find inspiration of your own.
How long have you been the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Yolo County? What in your experiences prepared you for this role?

I’ve been here for five and a half years. I believe that many of my previous experiences have prepared me for this position! Obviously, my experience in non-profit organization management in different capacities – executive administrator at a museum/visitor center; founder/executive director of an afterschool program, executive director of a chamber of commerce, and more. My volunteer experiences with Easter Seal Society, United Cerebral Palsy and others gave me a point of view that helps round out my professional knowledge.

Where are the offices and distribution centers located in Yolo County? Which has the most volume?

Our main administrative office and central kitchen – where we prepare all of the food – is located in Woodland. Unlike most other Meals on Wheels around the country, we still prepare meals for our seniors from scratch in our own kitchen and deliver them hot and ready to eat each weekday. We prepare about 350 meals daily, with about 250 going to homebound folks, and the other 100 to our 4 senior center lunch sites in Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland and Winters, where folks who are able to get out and about can come together for a meal.

What would people be the most surprised to learn?

Most people are surprised to learn that we only receive about 35% of our income from various government grants. We have to fundraise for the rest of it. I think the other thing that is surprising is that programs like ours are now in the minority in that we cook our own meals in our own kitchen, and volunteers deliver them, which is the “traditional” vision of what Meals on Wheels is. Most programs order frozen meals online, and they are delivered to clients using a package delivery service like UPS or FedEx. Although it’s great that those folks get fed, it misses the personal, human touch of the volunteer, as well as the safety check-in for that client that is so important.

Meals on Wheels of Yolo County provides vital meal services and comfort to seniors in our area. We sat down with executive director Christi Skibbins to find out more about the program, and what we can do to help.
What is it about your position and the work you do that lights up your heart?

I’m a people person, so I’m happiest when I can interact with lots of different people, and bring everyone together for a common goal. I’m also fortunate to have a job where the results of what my staff and I do every day are so meaningful and measurable. I recently made a presentation about our program to a local group, and when I finished, a man stood up and told us that his mother had recently died. He said that she hadn’t been well, and he and his wife had been checking in with her often, but they got busy with work and kids, and somehow, a few days passed by before he dropped by to see her. He found her unconscious on the floor, and she had been there for a couple of days. The ambulance took her to the hospital, but she never regained consciousness. He said he had never heard about our program, and now that he had, realizes that it could have possibly saved his mom’s life. He reached into his wallet, pulled out a $100 bill, and walked up and handed it to me, and said that he hoped this helped to take care of someone else’s mother. Even though that was such a sad and moving experience, it does light up my heart that, through my work, I have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who need us, because there were a hundred other people in that room who just learned what we do, and why we need to do it.

Meals on Wheels relies on community support to keep the program going strong. Christi shares the three most important ways that you can help:

**Volunteer:** “We need volunteers to help us deliver the meals to homebound folks, M-F, from about 10:45-12:15. If delivering meals isn’t your thing, we need volunteers to help our paid staff assemble meals each morning from about 8:30-10am. You can volunteer once a week, once a month or whatever works for your life.”

For volunteer info, you can email: volunteer@mowyolo.org.

**Advocate:** “Because folks who are over 60 years old are sometimes not very comfortable with computer technology and it is not a part of their life, we often have a difficult time getting information about our program out to those who really need it. Information on eligibility for the programs, menus, locations, etc. can all be found on our website. Share it with someone in your neighborhood, in your family, in your church – anyone you think may want to help!”

For more information, visit: mowyolo.org

**Donate:** “About 65% of our income is provided by donations from our community. We depend on our Yolo County neighbors to keep our program running in order to serve those who need our help. Whatever amount you can contribute helps us to do the work that gets these folks a hot meal, a safety check-in and a bit of human interaction each day.”

Donate here: mowyolo.org
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE

Husband, father, musician and local family law attorney, West Sacramento City Councilmember Mark Johannessen stepped down this fall.

“There’s always something new,” Mark says about his time on Council. “I’ve enjoyed being in the position to help people and be a communication valve between residents and the city to implement improvements. The interesting part about city government is that action requires at least three votes. …each member has an area of focus, but if you don’t cooperate you’re not going to get anything done.”

Mark relocated to West Sacramento in 2001. As a single parent he wanted a home in which to raise his daughter. He liked the area and the housing costs were reasonable.

Mark’s dad, former State Senator Maurice Johannessen, termed out in 2001. Although he’d worked on his father’s campaigns, he’d never really thought about running for office himself. After participating with West Sacramento Chamber and Friends of the Library, where he got to know the community, he ran for Council—and lost. “You run, put yourself out there, folks get to know you and then you run again” Mark said.

In 2006 he ran again—and won. Mark’s primary focus was making himself available to the people. He publicized his cell phone, took community meetings, and offered listening sessions

Looking ahead, Mark remains a huge Streetcar proponent, feeling that it’s crucial to building a very dense urban corridor. Another important issue is aging. West Sac recently won an AARP award for our Age Friendly Plan, but he says that’s just

The Faces of
MARK JOHANNESSEN

As his 12 year tenure as a member of the West Sacramento City Council comes to an end, Mark Johannessen takes a look at where he’s been, what he’s doing now, and where he’s headed as he moves towards the future.
a framework. “Now we must look at everything through an ‘age friendly’ lens, considering how people age, keep active, and can do that in their own homes and neighborhoods. The plan will help people for a long time and I trust co-sponsor Councilmember Babs Sandeen to move things forward.”

MARK, THE MUSIC MAN

There’s also another side to Mark. He began playing guitar at 11 and formed his first band at 12. Playing surf music at a Shakey’s Pizza Parlor, he describes that their youthfully exuberant band as “loud.” Mark has not just played in several bands, but in multiple countries. In Amsterdam he was in a country western band and in Japan he played with ex-pats, where he began writing and recording original rock music (the genre that became his staple). Arriving in the Sacramento region he played with Skip’s Music’s “Stairway to Stardom,” started a record label, and then in the mid-90’s joined the hard rock band Fetish Underground. The band Kaikln was first large act signed by his label, and is still around. After Fetish Underground, he formed the goth metal band Myme. (Think Depeche Mode/Nine Inch Nails—like Halloween year-round).

Mark’s current band, Never4Naught, recently completed their first album, on which he shares writing credits with their singer. The album was mastered at Sterling Sounds in Nashville and is getting currently getting air play on 98 Rock. They played two shows in early November and at the end of November opened for Pat Travers at the Boardwalk in Orangevale. “I do it because it’s like any other form of art- I write and play music to connect with people.”

Never4Naught.com
On iTunes: Never4Naught, Broken, Fetish Underground, Myme
Inspired by a trip to his native Russia, local teacher Michael Lokteff developed West Sac based Word to Russia. Since 1972, it has worked to preach the gospel to the peoples of the former Soviet Union, wherever they may reside in the world.

Michael Lokteff, an admired Washington District High School English and Art teacher, was “called” to develop Word to Russia following a 3-1/2 month trip to Russia. Michael’s family came to West Sacramento when he was a young teenager. His trip “home” came during a period of intense religious persecution in Russia, enforced by the KGB. The trip impacted him greatly. He found a powerful connection with his Russian culture and community. As an Evangelical, Michael was deeply moved by the government’s deception and the personal suffering it caused. He felt he had to do something.

Vladimir Mysin, Word to Russia’s Executive Director, came to West Sacramento as a religious refugee. Vladimir’s uncle, an Evangelical Baptist pastor, had been imprisoned. The family fled the Ukraine hoping they would be able to impact his uncle’s plight from a safer distance. After nearly four months, Vladimir arrived in West Sac in 1989 with his wife and five kids, knowing only the pastor of (what was then) the small local Russian church. He made West Sacramento his home and turned to helping others.

wordtorussia.org / detskoeradio.org
Word to Russia Outreach

Since 1972, Word to Russia has been affiliated with many organizations (including Focus on the Family with Dr. Dobson). Initially Word To Russia focused on Good News Radio, broadcasting to the people of the Former Soviet Union over the Iron Curtain. As Slavic people have immigrated to America (which now includes nearly 10% of the West Sacramento community), they’ve continued to expand local outreach:

Radio (KJAY 1430 AM):
Educational and edifying programs broadcast each week (Sacramento & Yolo Counties).

Educational Programs for Children:
Music classes given by volunteers. (Songs and music are available on CD, DVD and the internet.)

Support for Families With Special Needs Children:
Our volunteers share “Limitless Love” with our West Sacramento community.

Weekly Visits to “Golden Days” Adult Day Care Center: Supporting our elderly neighbors.

Additionally, Word to Russia has built strong connections with several countries (including Ukraine, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Israel), and can assist you with arrangements if you are interested in traveling and serving abroad. Call (916) 372-4610.
Are you looking for ways to give back to your community or help improve it? Perhaps you want to find a place where you can expand your mind and uplift your spirit? What about ideas for end of the year giving? In the following pages you’ll find our guide to the West Sac Chamber of Commerce member organizations that give, help, and share.
American Red Cross - Sierra-Delta Chapter
1565 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 933-7070
redcross.org/capitalregion

Bryte and Broderick Community Action Network (BBCAN)
664 Cummins Way
West Sacramento, CA 95605
(916) 617-2288
bryteandbroderick.org

Ca-Nv Conference, The United Methodist Church
1276 Halyard Drive
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 374-1500
cnumc.org

Center for Land-Based Learning
5265 Putah Creek Road
Winter, CA 95694
(530) 795-1520
landbasedlearning.org
Collings Teen Center
1541 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 375-0681
collingsteencenters.org

Crocker Art Museum
206 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 808-7000
crockerart.org

Fourth & Hope
207 Fourth Street
Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 661-1218
fourthandhope.org

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento
819 North 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 440-1215
habitatgreatersac.org
Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church  
3060 Jefferson Blvd.  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 955-4736  
holyvirginmary-orthodox.org

Meals on Wheels Yolo County  
40 North East Street, Suite C  
Woodland, CA 95776  
(530) 662-7035  
www.mowyolo.org

Meristem Inc.  
9200 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628  
(916) 963-1000  
meristem.pro

Project Church  
2500 La Jolla Street  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 905-4338  
projectchurch.com
River City Rowing Club
2901 Industrial Blvd.
West Sacramento, CA 95691
rivercityrowing.org

Sacramento Zoo
3930 West Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822
(916) 808-5888
saczoo.org

Shores of Hope
110 6th Street
West Sacramento, CA 95605
(916) 372-0200
shoresofhope.org

Special Olympics Northern California
1401 Halyard Drive, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 375-1930
sonc.org
The Center for Spiritual Awareness  
1275 Starboard Drive  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 374-9177  
csasacramento.org

West Sacramento Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 621  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 572-5179  
westsacgives.org

West Sacramento Cyclocross  
(WSCXGP)/NORCALCX  
norcalcx.org

West Sacramento Historical Society  
P.O. Box 1202  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 374-1849  
westsachistoricalsociety.org
West Sacramento Little League
P.O. Box 155
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 715-8008
westsacll.org

Word to Russia
P.O. Box 1521
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 372-4610
wordtorussia.org

Yolo Basin Foundation
45211 County Road 32B (Chiles Road)
Davis, CA 95618
(530) 757-4842
yolobasin.org

Yolo County CASA
724 Main Street, Suite 101
Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 661-4200
yolocasa.org
Yolo County Children’s Alliance
600 A Street, Suite Y
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 757-5558
yolokids.org

Yolo Food Bank
1244 Fortna Avenue
Woodland, CA 95776
(530) 668-0690
yolofoodbank.org

Yolo Hospice
1909 Galileo Court, Suite A
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 758-5566
yolohospice.org

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

~ Coretta Scott King ~
Located between West Sacramento and Davis, the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is a hidden gem that offers opportunities for fun and learning.

Did you know that the area below the Yolo Causeway (the bridge between West Sacramento and Davis) is a multi-purpose Wildlife Area, and a critical stop-over point for the North American migration flyway? Jointly managed by the Yolo Basin Foundation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the area provides vital regional flood control and offers local students and valley residents a world filled with wonder, adventure, tranquility and curiosity. Yep... you drive over that whenever you leave West Sacramento, and head towards Davis!

The Vic Fazio Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is named after Congressman Vic Fazio, who’s vision and passion brought about this incredible gem. 25 square miles is home to nearly 200 species of birds and resides in the heart of one of the country’s richest agricultural areas.

Depending on the season, you can find people farming, bird-watching, bat-watching, hunting, hiking and learning. You may also see the entire region flooded. Whenever the Sacramento River needs additional carrying capacity (as we did two winters ago), the Yolo Bypass (of which the Wildlife Area is a crucial component) carries the powerful river through the Delta and to the ocean, protecting our urban centers from flooding.

The Yolo Basin Foundation hosts a number of programs help us enjoy, learn, explore, understand and experience this treasure. Of course you are always welcome to visit on your own.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset Daily

Directions: On I-80, take the East Chiles Road Exit (also called 32B), and turn left at the T and go back under Hwy 80. About 0.2 miles later, turn left on to the gravel access road, which climbs to the top of the levee and go through the gate, down into the Wildlife Area.
The Bypass Wildlife Area is home or a layover to 200 bird species, hosts a substantial seasonal bat colony, provides educational opportunities for students and is always a great place to get away from it all.

Here are just a few examples of what the Yolo Basin Foundation supports. For more, please visit YoloBasin.org.

Discover The Flyway (Field Trip Program For K-12 Students): An outdoor education program (based on state science and social studies standards), that helps children foster wonder, amazement and curiosity. It’s designed to help young people grow an appreciation for our wetlands, agriculture, and wildlife, and to instill an ethic of land stewardship. In partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, this program has hosted over 60,000 students from both public and private schools since 1997.

YoloBasin.org/Education
Heidi Satter: (530) 758-1018 / hsatter@yolobasin.org

Bat Talk & Walks: During the summer, colonies of migratory bats live under the Yolo Causeway. Join the Yolo Basin Foundation for a summertime Bat Talk and Walk event and learn all about these amazing and beneficial mammals. Following a 45 minute indoor presentation, carpool out to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area to watch the “flyout” of the largest colony of Mexican free-tailed bats in California as they emerge in long ribbons on their evening hunt for insects.

YoloBasin.org/BatTalkandWalks

Discover The Wetlands Summer Camps: Through a range of programs, campers will explore the world of wetlands through different science themes including water, soil and animal adaptations. They will participate in outdoor activity stations, conduct experiments and create art in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Demonstration Wetlands.

YoloBasin.org/SummerEd
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### January

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November 27, 6PM, Cafeteria

Southport Elementary
December 11, 6PM, Cafeteria

Riverbank Elementary
December 18, 6PM, Library

Westfield Village Elementary
January 9, 6PM, Cafeteria

Yolo HS
February 5, 6PM, Multipurpose Room

Westmore Oaks Elementary
February 12, 6PM, Library

Washington Middle College HS
February 19, 6PM, Multipurpose Room

Elkhorn Village Elementary
February 21, 6PM, Cafeteria

River City HS
February 26, 6PM, Career Center

Stonegate Elementary
March 5, 6PM, Multipurpose Room

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- Our short and long term plans for Facilities, and
- The current state of our budget in relation to the state’s funding to public education.

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