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SPECIAL REPORT

Dignitaries dig in to break ground on a project that will include a new Third District Office.

Third District Office Returns to its Roots

Monterey County's Third District stretches from one edge of Salinas to the San Luis Obispo County line. In recent years, while there have been satellite offices in South County, the primary office has been in the Government Center in Salinas.

That is changing.

Last week, Supervisor Chris Lopez helped break ground on a shopping center project in Greenfield which will include an office for the Third District.

“This will be our primary, full-time office and it's in the heart of the Salinas Valley,” says Lopez who thanked all those who helped make this office a
Monterey County Administrative Office

The week of June 24

Retired Supervisor Simon Salinas emceed the ground breaking and state, county, south county city and business leaders were in attendance. You can see the event here.

For those who don’t know about the Third District, it includes the unincorporated communities of Spreckels, Chualar, and Jolon; the eastern portion of the City of Salinas; the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, Soledad, and King City; the military installations at Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts and portions of the Los Padres National Forest.

To find a location in the new office, Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff researched available properties in this area, ultimately selecting the Greenfield center on Walnut Avenue.

The Third District office in the Government Center will remain open but the new Greenfield office will be the District’s true ‘home base.’

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Surplus Sale Gets Black Friday Lines

It’s a long time until the start of the holiday shopping season, but it looked a bit like Black Friday at the latest County surplus sale.

There have been quite a few successful County surplus sales recently, but there is still a lot in the warehouse, so another sale was scheduled for June 14th.
Word about the sale spread on social media and local news. When Contracts and Purchasing staff opened the doors on the sale day, they were met by early birds and scores of shoppers already lined up. When the sale ended, the final tally was more than 130 shoppers served and $3,145 in sales.

Surplus sales are a great way to repurpose items the County no longer needs instead of sending them to a landfill.

Where does it all go? Contracts and Purchasing Management Analyst Gina Encallado says she asked shoppers how they plan to use their purchases. Answers ranged from outfitting a start-up company and office to storing Legos, seating for a garage or general home use.

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**Residency Program Earns Accreditation**

*Natividad’s Family Medicine Residency Program, which prepares the next generation of primary care doctors, has earned a top accreditation, making it among the best in the nation.*

The accreditation is from the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Natividad’s program earned its highest level, achieved by less than 20% of residency programs.
in the country.

“We are proud to be among the top Family Medicine Residency programs in the United States,” said Natividad Director of Medical Education Dr. Walter Mills. “Each year, Natividad attracts some of the best and brightest medical students.”

Natividad established its Family Medicine Residency in 1974 and trains a total of 30 residents at a time. There are 10 residents in each class, or cohort, which is a three-year program.

What is the program like for these residents? Each has primary clinical responsibility for all their patients, accounting for nearly 20,000 patient visits each year at the Laurel Family Practice Clinic. Residents also practice in multiple settings throughout the hospital.