

## **Community Information Program**

Welcome to our E-Mail blast. Don't forget the 75th annual San Mateo County Fair celebrating The Peninsula's Festival from August 15 – 23. Check out the fireworks on opening night! Visit [www.sanmateocountyfair.com/](http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/) for exhibit and entertainment schedules.

## **Homebuyer Assistance Program**

HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust) and Meriwest Credit Union have re-designed their homebuyer assistance program for today's market – only 5% down for qualified, moderate-income families. Check [www.heartofsmc.org/open](http://www.heartofsmc.org/open) for eligibility requirements.

## **HomeSavers Project**

Legal Aid Society's HomeSavers Project provides assistance to tenants who are experiencing problems with their landlords and to homeowners who have lost their homes in foreclosure and are being evicted. They offer legal counseling, advice and representation in the areas of evictions, disputes over the condition of the premises and illegal acts by landlords. [Click here](#) for the schedule of weekly clinics or call 650-558-0915 to request an appointment.

## **Foreclosure Counseling For Daly City Residents**

According to data collected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Daly City has the highest number of foreclosures in San Mateo County. In response, Daly City collaborated with community organizations to host foreclosure prevention workshops. In addition to the workshops, Daly City has partnered with East Palo Alto Community Alliance Neighborhood Development Organization (EPA CAN DO) and Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA) to offer face-to-face foreclosure counseling services at the Daly City Community Service Center, 350 - 90th Street, Daly City. Homeowners facing foreclosure may contact EPA CAN DO at 650-473-9838 or [www.epacando.org](http://www.epacando.org) or HERA at 510-271-8443 ext. 302 or [www.heraca.org](http://www.heraca.org) for information on the foreclosure process and the options available to them.

## **Funding Opportunity: CHW / Sequoia Hospital Community Grants Program**

Sequoia Hospital has announced its annual Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) / Sequoia Hospital Community Grants Program which provides funding to local nonprofits. They have chosen a single area to which all grant dollars will be dedicated: Healthy Aging in Place. Eligible programs must reach vulnerable populations in the area served by Sequoia Hospital (Atherton, Belmont, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, Woodside). [Click here](#) for an overview or [click here](#) for details. Contact Marie Violet at 650-367-5995 or [marie.violet@chw.edu](mailto:marie.violet@chw.edu) for more information or to request the template for the Letter of Intent.

## **Back-to-School Drive on the Coastside**

In addition to the [Children's Fund School Supply and Clothing Drive](#) mentioned in the last e-blast, Coastside Hope is also having a back-to-school drive. Coastside Hope is requesting donations of new clothes, lunch boxes and shoes for children in grades K-12. Gift cards to department and shoe stores are also accepted. Contact Fatima Soares, Executive Director, at 650-726-9071 ext. 224 or [fatima@coastsidehope.org](mailto:fatima@coastsidehope.org) for more information.

## **PCRC Facilitation Training**

The Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) is once again offering their annual Facilitation Training on Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm at the San Mateo Public Library, 55 West Third Avenue, San Mateo. The training teaches people the building blocks of delivering an effective meeting, as well as how to sharpen their meeting facilitation skills, manage difficult behaviors and ensure interactive participation. [Click here](#) for details. Openings are still available as of August 10.

## **5th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day**

This year's Disaster Preparedness Day will be held Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at South San Francisco High School, 400 B Street in South San Francisco. As in previous years, the event is free, with a free gift for the first 500 families and free hot dogs and soft drinks for everyone. [Click here](#) for more details.

## **Kids NOW (Nutrition on Weekends) Program**

Second Harvest Food Bank is expanding one of its youth programs, Kids NOW, and needs help identifying potential sites for the program. The weekly Kids NOW program serves low-income children and their families. The program provides supplemental food on the weekend, when subsidized free and reduced price school meals are not available and children may be alone. If you know of a location serving youth that would like to add a free program to their repertoire, and that is not already a Food Bank partner, feel free to forward this information. [Click here](#) for a program description. For more information and any questions about Kids NOW, contact Christine Iverson at 650-610-0800 ext. 226.

## **Opportunity for Parents to Reinstate Driver's License**

A parent whose driver's license was suspended for failing to pay child support may be able to get their license back during August's "Get Back on the Road Again" program, if they take certain steps. Parents with child support cases in California may visit any Department of Child Support Services office, visit [www.childsup.ca.gov](http://www.childsup.ca.gov) or call 866-901-3212 to learn more. The local office is located at 555 County Center, Redwood City. [Click here](#) to read the full news release.

## **Youth Blog Launched as Part of Get Healthy San Mateo County**

Check out “The Blog” at [yspacesmc.org/blog](http://yspacesmc.org/blog). As part of the [YSpaceSMC.org](http://YSpaceSMC.org) Web site created by the Get Healthy San Mateo County (GHSMC) Task Force, the blog was developed by youth from [EPA.net](http://EPA.net) and the GHSMC Task Force as a resource for young people to share information on healthy eating, physical activity and ways to help make their communities a healthy place to live. The Blog ensures that young people have a way of sharing and expressing their ideas and thoughts about these topics.

### **Updates from Family Service Agency**

As many organizations are doing, Family Service Agency (FSA) of San Mateo County has taken a close look at their programs and restructured in order to build in greater efficiencies. They will be closing their Pre-Kindergarten Family Literacy Program and their Community Infant-Toddler Center in San Mateo. Applying their unique expertise, they will be opening a new program – a therapeutic child development center for homeless children at First Step for Families in San Mateo. For information about these changes, contact Family Service Agency at 650-403-4300 or visit [www.familyserviceagency.org](http://www.familyserviceagency.org).

### **Courts to Close on the 3rd Wednesday of Each Month**

The State Judicial Council has ordered that all Superior Courts of California be closed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month due to the state’s financial challenges. The first mandatory closure will be September 16. [Click here](#) to read the announcement from San Mateo County Superior Court Presiding Judge Stephen M. Hall.

### **Applicants Sought for Daly City Citizens Academy II**

Daly City is accepting applications for its Citizens Academy II – a 9-week course that serves as an introduction to local government. Sessions begin September 17 and continue each Thursday evening through November 12. Applications are available online at [www.dalycity.org](http://www.dalycity.org). To request an application by mail, call 650-991-8127. Completed applications are due August 21.

### **Senior Picnic in South San Francisco**

The South San Francisco Senior Services and South San Francisco Fire Department will be holding their Senior Picnic on Friday, August 28 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Joseph A. Fernekes Recreation Building, 781 Tennis Drive in South San Francisco. The cost per person is \$8.00. South San Francisco’s Finest will be serving BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, a dessert and a drink. Live music will be provided by Lionel Sequeira and his Music Makers. For further information, call 650-829-3820.

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