



Prescription Medication and Needle Disposal Survey

Poisoning, accidental death, sharp sticks and negative impacts on water quality are just some of the consequences of improper storage and disposal of medications and sharps. (Sharps include hypodermic needles, syringes, auto injectors and lancets.) As leaders in protecting public health, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley’s Office and the Medication Education and Disposal Safety (MEDS) Coalition have joined with law enforcement, public health and environmental advocates to help increase convenient medicine and sharps disposal in Alameda County. You can help by completing a brief 2-3 minute survey to share advice you have received from prescribers on storage and disposal, your current storage and disposal practices, and what locations would be most convenient for you to properly dispose of unwanted and expired medicines and sharps. The survey will not ask for your name. The results will be used to help improve education and convenient collection and disposal options.

Go to <http://svy.mk/1Ojjs64> to take the survey. Thank you in advance for your help protecting Alameda’s public and environmental health!

Firehouse Clinic Opens

A first-of-its-kind Firehouse Clinic opened in Hayward in November through a partnership involving the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, the City of Hayward and Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc. The Firehouse Clinic, which will offer extended hours to better accommodate the schedules of working families, co-locates a full-service primary and preventative care clinic on the grounds of Hayward Fire Station #7, 28300 Huntwood Avenue, Hayward. The co-location element is a simple yet thoughtful design since fire stations are already strategically situated to serve distinct communities.

Clerk-Recorder Opens Dublin Office



On December 1, the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder’s Office opened a new satellite office in Dublin in order to make its services more accessible to people who live or work in the County’s southern and eastern areas. The new office at 7600 Dublin Boulevard will initially be open on Mondays and Tuesdays only, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is anticipated that the office will expand to Monday through Friday hours in the near future.

“We are delighted to be opening a new satellite office in Dublin because we believe this location will be much more convenient for a significant number of our customers,” said Steve Manning, Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder.

The new offices are within walking distance of the West Dublin BART station and include a free customer parking area. Currently, people who need to obtain vital records from the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder must do so at its main offices at 1106 Madison Street in Oakland. The Dublin office is equipped to provide certified copies of vital records and official public records such as real estate documents. Services likely will be expanded as customer volumes increase. (birth, death and marriage certificates), certified copies of official public records (recorded real estate documents), and document recording. A customer research area will also be provided. As customer volumes increase, the Clerk-Recorder’s Office plans to expand services to include the issuance of marriage licenses, ntary bonds, fictitious business names and other records.

County Wins National Award for Anti-Trafficking Outreach

Alameda County and its District Attorney’s Office were selected to receive the **2015 Savvy Silver Circle Award** for the community outreach component of the DA’s Human Exploitation And Trafficking (HEAT Watch) program, which raises public awareness about the issue of human trafficking. The accolade was awarded by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) at their annual conference in Atlanta, GA. The HEAT Watch outreach efforts, which included an effective billboard and social media campaign, won in the category for Most Innovative. Judges lauded the HEAT Watch campaign for its “exemplary, memorable approach to a difficult subject” with “admirable results leveraging free media.”

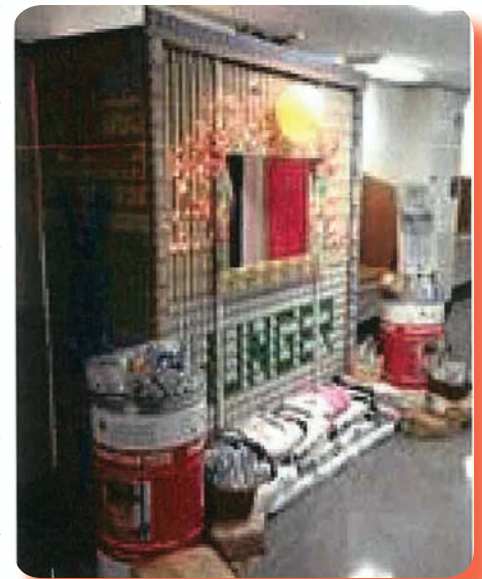
FOOD DRIVE SMASHES COUNTY RECORDS

Alameda County employees showed their creativity and generosity again this year by contributing to a record-breaking effort in the County's **3rd Annual Stone Soup Holiday Food Drive and Design Competition**. This year, Stone Soup smashed the County's all-time records for employee donations to its annual Holiday Food Drive to support the Alameda County Community Food Bank. County employees donated **more than 6.5 tons of food and over \$13,450 in cash** to help bring healthy meals



to less fortunate residents of our community during the holiday season. The food drive created friendly competition between County departments, which were urged to rise above their peers in terms of total donations raised and to test their artistic know-how by creating compelling sculptures/art pieces using donated food cans, boxes and packages. The displays in the Coun-

ty's public buildings all focused on the theme of hunger. A panel of five judges reviewed the entries made by 13 County departments and bestowed several awards. Winners in this year's competition included "Starve Wars," (above) a display built by the Information Technology Department that featured many characters from the popular Star Wars movies, including an R2D2 built with soup cans and featuring a rotating head! Other winners included "Picture a World Without Hunger," (right) a photo booth built with cereal boxes and canned food by the Registrar of Voters



Office. Passersby were invited to take their own "selfies" in the booth and share them on social media with a message about fighting hunger. Another winner, "Can-pions to End Hunger," (left) was created by the Auditor-Controller Agency with a theme celebrating the NBA Champion Golden State Warriors basketball team. It was one of four winning displays built by County departments that celebrated the Warriors and their slogan, "Strength in Numbers," as exemplifying the kind of teamwork necessary to eliminate hunger in Alameda County.

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**Nominations Being Accepted
for Women's Hall of Fame**

The deadline has been extended to **Friday, January 15, 2016** to nominate an outstanding woman to the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, which each year local women leaders and celebrates their contributions to the community. The latest group of honorees will



be celebrated at the **23rd Annual Alameda County Women's Hall**

of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony in Oakland in March 2016. Nominations are being accepted for outstanding women in 12 categories: Business and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science, Technology, Engineering; Sports and Athletics; Philanthropy and Youth. The annual program raises money for community partners serving women and families in Alameda County. It also supports a Youth Scholarship that helps young women pay for their educational pursuits. To submit a nomination, go to <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/> or call (510) 272-6984.

**Vocational Services Program
Puts Out Anniversary Newsletter**

Since 1975, Alameda County Behavioral Healthcare Services Vocational Program has provided mental health consumers with a range of employment services. A newsletter has just been published celebrating the program's 40 years of excellence, and highlighting its recent achievements. Check out the newsletter at <http://bit.ly/21wy1rw>

County Links

- Alameda County Government <http://www.acgov.org/government/>
- Alameda County Board of Supervisors <http://www.acgov.org/board/>
- Lookup/pay Property Taxes <http://www.acgov.org/propertytax/index.htm>
- Awards won by Alameda County <http://www.acgov.org/awards/>
- Links to Alameda County Departments and Agencies <http://www.acgov.org/government/departments.htm>
- Employment with Alameda County <http://www.acgov.org/government/employment.htm>
- Alameda County forms <http://www.acgov.org/government/formscenter.htm>
- Alameda County Superior Court <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/>

For a calendar of Alameda County events, visit the County website at <http://www.acgov.org/calendar>. Also check the websites of the members of the Board of Supervisors (listed under Board contacts on the left side of this page).