

## Mastick is Fantastic“k”

### 2% Utility Users' Tax Exemption

Alameda residents, 62 years of age or low income, are eligible for a 2% exemption on the Utility User's Tax (UUT) on the following utility services: electrical, gas, and cable services. Residents have an option of directly benefiting from the 2% reduction or designating the cost savings as a *restricted gift to be used only for funding Mastick Senior Center programs*. In 2010, a donation of **\$2,827.90** was generated for programs as a result of residents designating their cost savings to the Mastick Senior Center. ***UUT Exemption forms are available in our office.***

### Upcoming Events...

#### Renew Your 2010 Membership in July!

Once a year, Mastick Senior Center mails out the monthly newsletter, *The Mastick Bee*, to our entire membership. The July edition of the newsletter is mailed during the end of June as a reminder to renew your Mastick membership. ***Members are required to renew membership annually.*** If you do not receive the July edition of the *Mastick Bee* newsletter by mail, this is an indication that you have been dropped from our membership database. If you are uncertain whether or not you need to renew your membership, please visit the Mastick Office or call 747-7506. Membership is **free** and extended to individuals 50+ and entitles you to endless benefits.

#### Brown Bag Program

On **Thursday, July 1**, between 9:00 am and 10:00 am in Dining Room 1, the Mercy Care Center will be accepting applications for the Brown Bag Program. Eligible candidates must be 60 or older, with a gross monthly income of \$1,354 (single) and \$2,192 (families of two or greater). Membership must be renewed annually. An annual voluntary contribution of \$10 is appreciated at registration. Food is distributed on the **first** and **third** Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 am in Dining Room 1. Members must have transportation and be able to pick up their bag of groceries. ***Applicants must provide identification and proof of income at the time of registration!***

## Because of You!

### Fourth of July Bingo on July 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Join us on **Saturday, July 3**, for Mastick's Annual Fourth of July Bingo Bash. Bingo Bash is open to the public (18 years and older) and provides an opportunity for multiple generations to come together for socialization, a festive day of Bingo, and an opportunity to win cash and prizes, free apple pie ala mode (for participants), and more! Doors open at 10:00 am. First game begins at 1:00 pm. ***Free Apple pie ala mode for Bingo patrons.***

### Healthy Living Festival & Walk

On **Friday, July 9**, travel to the Oakland Zoo for the *2010 Healthy Living Festival*. This event will be offered from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and promotes health and wellness for Alameda County older adults. Enjoy "healthy living" programs and opportunities. Sign up in the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

### Travels Down Under

Herbert Eder, Professor Emeritus of Geography, CSUEB, will present this Cal State East Bay Scholar-Olli virtual tour of the "lands down under" and experience Australia and New Zealand's rich variety of natural and cultural landscapes. Travel with Professor Eder from Perth via the Indian-Pacific Railroad across the South to Adelaide and Melbourne. He will guide you with recent photographs, maps, and satellite images and offer a geographer's analysis of the "Red Centre", the Great Barrier Reef, the viticulture regions, and the urbanity of Sydney. Your journey ends in the beautiful North and South islands of New Zealand. Be prepared for a remarkable adventure on **Wednesday, July 21, 2:00 – 3:30 pm** in Dining Room 2. ***Free for OLLI & Mastick Senior Center members/\$5 for non-members.*** Sign up in the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

### Extended Travel Preview Presentation

Collette Tours will provide a travel slide show of upcoming travel opportunities on **Tuesday, July 27**, at 1:00 pm in the Media Room. Trips to preview include: Canadian Rockies and a preview of 2011 tours including Australia, New Zealand and more.