

Updates

AARP Tax Assistance Program Update

Due to COVID-19 pandemic constraints, details regarding the 2020 AARP Tax Aide Program are still evolving. As a result of the pandemic, there will be no “face to face” meeting with a Tax Aide Counselor. Instead, your tax documents will be scanned at Mastick Senior Center at an initial appointment and your completed tax return will be ready to pick up at a second appointment the following week. Between appointments, a Tax Aide Counselor will contact you to assure that a complete and correct tax return is being prepared. **Beginning February 16, 2021, you may call 510-269-2064 to leave a message and request an appointment.** A Tax Aide Counselor will return your call within a few days to determine if your tax return is within the scope of the modified program.

This year, due to the modified program, we are unable to process the following returns:

- Tax Returns with Itemized Deductions
- Self-employed Income (Schedule C)
- Sale of Stocks, Bonds, or Mutual Funds
- Education Credits or Scholarships
- Married Filed Separately
- Rental Income

Please do not call Mastick Senior Center to schedule an appointment. All appointments will be scheduled by the Tax Aide Program. To ensure safety of Tax Aide volunteers and participants, **email access and a cell phone are required.**

Vaccine Information

Alameda County's website was updated to include a [Vaccine Notification Form](#), where County residents can register to be notified when a vaccine is available and receive information with details on location and timing. For more information, [click here](#).

Sutter Health patients who are 75+ or healthcare workers can now schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. For more information, [click here](#).

Kaiser Permanente will reach out to members who are 65 and older to provide information about vaccine availability and the appointment process, and will be updating the kp.org/covidvaccine website as new information becomes available, including online tools to schedule an appointment.

Additional resources are available on the City of Alameda's website, [click here](#).

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Smart Driver Program offers an opportunity to become a safer and more confident driver while earning a discount on your auto insurance. To learn more, [click here](#).

The City of Alameda Recreation and Parks Commission Accepting Applications

Do you love Alameda Parks? The Recreation and Parks Commission is an opportunity for people interested in being a community leader to support and help guide our parks and recreation programs. We have a vacancy on the Recreation and Parks Commission which meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday. All information to apply is available [here](#). For more information, please email ARPD@alamedaca.gov

AC Transit Rider Capacity Feature

AC Transit has launched the new Rider Capacity Feature on the AC Transit app and on our ACT RealTime webpage. Riders can now find out if the next bus is crowded before leaving with real time rider capacity information on a mobile device or computer.

The rider capacity feature is already embedded into AC Transit's existing real-time trip planning tools. Please see the ways riders can access them below:

- Download the [AC Transit Official app](#), free on iOS and Android, available in the app store.
- Visit actransit.org/ACTRealTime from your desktop or mobile device
- Call Customer Service at 510-891-4777 and select option 2 or call 511.
- This information is also available from other third-party partners that use our data, like Transit app.

Though Mastick Senior Center remains physically closed as we continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 and comply with Alameda County Health Department orders and guidelines, we are serving the senior community in new ways. To learn more about available programs and services, click on the [blue](#) links below:

Making Connections~ For Support Groups and Mental Health services, [click here](#)

Staying Active~ For recreational and educational programs, [click here](#)

Living Well ~ For Basic Necessities and Support Service, [click here](#)

Mastick's Virtual Class (FREE) Schedule ~ For weekly Zoom classes, [click here](#)

Monthly Lunch Menu ~ [click here](#)

Alzheimer's Association Online Programs ~ [click here](#)