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ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear Alameda County Residents,

Happy New Year and Happy Lunar New Year! Despite the on-going challenges of Covid-19, I am hopeful that 2022 will continue to offer a greater sense of normalcy. I wish each of you a healthy and prosperous New Year!

This month we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 17th, which honors the life and legacy of Dr. King, who dedicated his life as a civil rights leader and fought to achieve equality for all.

In a few days we also celebrate Lunar New Year, the Year of the Tiger. As many of you know, Lunar New Year remains one of my favorite holidays as it's a time to embrace our loved ones, delicious food, inspiring festivities, and of course all of those wonderful red envelopes (Li Xi)!

The tiger is seen as one of the strongest animals alive and is a symbol that represents bravery, persistence, determination, and strength. Many parents dress

their children in clothing with images of the tiger on them to bring good-luck, great fortune and strength for their futures.

Lunar New Year is a time of renewed hope and new opportunities for future prosperity and I extend my sincere hope for a much better year for all of us.

Free Legal Clinic to Help Answer Questions:

The Property Transfer Clinic (PTC) is here to help! The PTC is a free legal clinic available to assist property/business owners and constituents, which is available on the third Friday of each month. I continue to work with the Alameda County Law Library, the Alameda County Bar Association, Legal Access Alameda, and the Alameda County Library to maintain this clinic and make it available to residents of Alameda County who do not have access to an attorney. The upcoming PTC date is Friday February 18th. Sign up [HERE](#)!

Community Engagements:

Last month my staff participated in Supervisor David Haubert's First Annual Holiday Canned Food and Toy Drive at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds to provide much needed food and resources to Alameda County families facing financial hardship. The event was an enormous success and was attended by local leaders and community volunteers from throughout the County.

The Assessor's Office team also partnered with Hayward School teacher Ms. Davida Scott and her Alameda County Raising Leaders program to successfully assemble backpacks filled with necessities and donations at Brenkwitz High School. These donations provided much needed support to numerous families in the community.

The Assessor's Office is looking forward to attending new businesses ribbon cutting events and community events in 2022.

Please let the Assessor's Office know if your city, chamber of commerce, or organization is hosting an in-person or virtual event that you would like the Assessor's Office to attend.

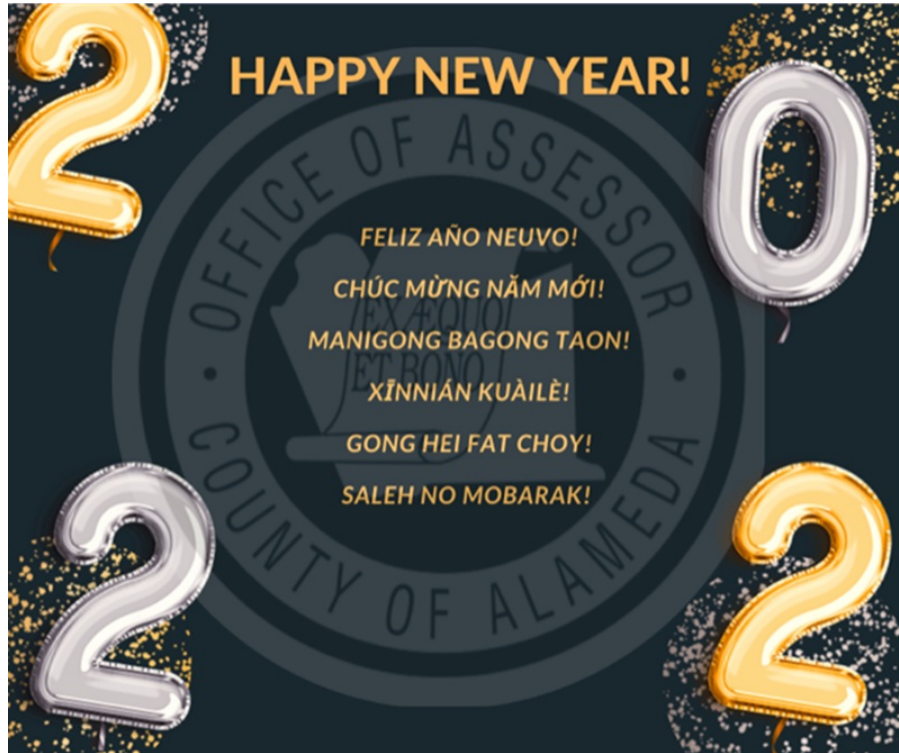
Let the Assessor's Office know if there is a specific topic you would like to see covered in a future webinar. I encourage you to fill out the poll with possible topics [HERE](#).

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and tell others to [sign up for our newsletter](#) to get notified of these upcoming events, important dates and deadlines.

Request for In-Office Visits is Now Available:

The Assessor's Office is providing temporary in-office visits upon request. Walk-ins will not be allowed at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To request an in-person appointment click [HERE](#)!

As always, we remain committed to serving the residents of Alameda County.



Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

January 1	New Year's Day and Lien date: first day to file affidavit for commercial fishing and historical aircraft exemption (1/1)
January 14	5 th Annual Alameda Restaurant Week (until January 23, 2022) – For more information click HERE
January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Alameda County Assessor's Office is closed.)
January 20	Oakland Restaurant Week (until January 30, 2022) – For more information click HERE
February 18	Lawyers in the Library Property Transfer Clinic Program (Third Friday of every month) 12:00P.M.-6:00P.M. – For more information click HERE

****Please note that event details continue to update frequently due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.***

Resource:
Escape Assessment



An escape assessment is a correction to a property's assessed value. After property tax bills are sent out, occasionally adjusted bills are sent out, including the escape assessment application. An escape assessment discovers property that should have been assessed and was either missed or not included in a tax bill.

Escape assessments are usually due to common reasons including a late exemption, change in ownership, overlooked or new construction, or a business property statement being filed after the initial deadline. An escape assessment can affect current or prior tax bills depending on when the needed correction is brought up to the County Assessor. An example of where an escape assessment would be necessary is if a building owner built additional land to their property without obtaining a permit and that Assessor was to be notified after the annual report was released.

You are not responsible for a tax bill or escape assessment on a property prior to your ownership.

If you have a discrepancy or believe your assessment is inaccurate, you can schedule an appeal hearing with the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board determines the value of the property in question. Appeals of Supplemental or Escape Assessments must be filed within 60 days of the date of "Notice of Supplemental Assessment" or "Notice of Enrollment of Escape Assessment" or the postmark for that notice, whichever is later. All appeal applications must be filed with the Clerk of the Board, Administration Bldg. 5th Floor, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland 94612. Property remains an escape assessment each year until the assessment is discovered and corrected.

For more information on escape assessment or on assessment appeals hearings and forms, check [HERE](#) or call (510) 272-6352.

Assessor in the Community



Alameda County Supervisor (District 1) David Haubert's First Annual Holiday Canned Food and Toy Drive



Photo of Assessor Staff and County volunteers at Hayward School teacher Ms. Davida Scott's Alameda County Raising Leaders volunteer donation event.



Property Transfer Clinic

Do you have questions about:

- The Assessment Process in Alameda County
- Transferring property to family members
- What happens to property after the death of a loved one
- Common exclusions from reassessment

Talk with a volunteer attorney for a
FREE 30-minute consultation.

Clinics are held every third Friday of every month. Visit
<https://appointments.aclibrary.org/appointments/lawyers>



Upcoming Dates:

January 21st, 2022
February 18th, 2022
March 18th, 2022

Appointments begin at
12:30PM.

The Property Transfer Clinic is a partnership between the Alameda County Library, the Alameda County Law Library, and Legal Access Alameda. It is funded by the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The next Property Transfer Clinic will take place on February 18th. Please visit the link [HERE](#) to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.

City Profile: Albany

In each Newsletter, the Assessor's Office will profile a different city, unincorporated area, or chamber in our County.



Photo of the historical Albany Hill in Albany, CA.

The city of Albany, named in honor of Albany, New York, the birthplace of the city's first Mayor Frank Roberts.

Albany is located on the eastern shoreline of the San Francisco Bay, directly east of the Golden Gate Bridge. The city has approximately 18,539 residents and largely consists of single-family homes and small businesses.

To find out more information on Albany's recreational events, click [HERE](#) to access Albany's main recreational page where you can find information on activities, special events, and programs occurring throughout the upcoming months and years. There is also the Solano Avenue Stroll, a popular annual event that takes place on the second Sunday in September.

Albany's main street on Solano Avenue is a pedestrian-friendly business district that is composed primarily of small business shops and wonderful restaurants. The Solano Avenue Stroll, an annual street festival held on Solano Avenue is a popular event that takes place on the second Sunday in September.

Albany has its own Chamber of Commerce, which hosts many community events and has approximately 150 businesses and community members.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce has three main goals that focus on promoting businesses and community growth; promoting programs that are either civic, social, or cultural; and discovering and correcting impediments which impact businesses. To become a member of the Albany Chamber or to get more information on the Albany Chamber, visit [HERE](#).

CONTACT

WEBSITE:

<https://www.albanyca.org/>

CHAMBER WEBSITE:

<https://everythingalbany.com/>

CITY ADDRESS:

City of Albany
1000 San Pablo Ave.
Albany, CA 94706

CITY OF ALBANY COVID-19 TESTING & OTHER RESOURCES

ALBANY COVID RESOURCES

<https://www.albanyca.org/our-city/covid-19-response-resources>

LOCAL FOOD AND SHELTER RESOURCES

<https://www.albanyca.org/our-city/covid-19-response-resources>

UPCOMING EVENTS

For an updated calendar of events check [Everything Albany](#)

For information about public meetings, including the City of Oakland Boards and Commissions, check [HERE](#)

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January 17

Martin Luther King Jr Day, Albany City Office is closed

January 23

Albany's Solano-Avenue Cars and Coffee. Click [HERE](#) for more information (Occurs on the fourth Sunday of every month 8:00A.M.–10:00A.M.)

January 29

IBX Fitness grand opening and ribbon cutting party. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP (12:00P.M.–3:00P.M.)

Additional Housing and Support Resources

There are numerous housing resources and financial support programs available for qualifying renters and landlords in Alameda County and throughout California. Support is available NOW, so please check out the resources below.

As a result of COVID-19, are you...

Struggling to pay rent?

Owe your landlord past due rent?

**Owe past due payments
on utility bills?**

Are you a landlord who is owed rent?



Keep Fremont Housed Rental Assistance Program



In April 2021, as part of a federal relief package, the City's Human Services Department will be launching **Keep Fremont Housed** to assist Fremont households and landlords financially impacted by COVID-19

Keep Fremont Housed program will:

- Help renters pay past due rent or future rent
- Help renters get caught up on utility bills
- Help landlords supplement owed rent

Sign Up Now

Receive future updates about
Keep Fremont Housed via email.

Visit Fremont.gov/RentalAssistanceList or
Call Family Resource Center at 510.574.2028




Fremont
Human Services Department



Program Eligibility for Renters

- Rental unit must be located in Fremont
- Renter has household income at or below 80% of Area Median Income
- Renter qualifies for unemployment or has experienced reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Renter demonstrates risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness

Priority given to households who have experienced unemployment for 90 days preceding their program application or have a household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income



Funded by Alameda County Measure A1
and approved by Alameda County taxpayers

Ready to buy your first home?
Down payment assistance is available!

AC Boost provides financial assistance to middle-income working households to purchase a home in Alameda County. The program offers shared equity loans of up to \$210,000 to first-time homebuyers who live, work, or have been displaced from Alameda County.
Application deadlines apply!

Learn more at acboost.org



¿Listo para comprar tu primera casa?

AC Boost ofrece préstamos de asistencia para el pago inicial de hasta \$ 210,000 para compradores de vivienda por primera vez que viven o trabajan en el Condado de Alameda o que han sido desplazados del Condado de Alameda. Asistencia en español está disponible.

Bạn đã sẵn sàng để mua ngôi nhà đầu tiên?

AC Boost cung cấp các khoản vay hỗ trợ thanh toán trước lên tới 210.000\$ cho những người mua nhà lần đầu sống hoặc làm việc tại Hạt Alameda hoặc những người phải chuyển nhà khỏi Hạt Alameda. Có hỗ trợ bằng tiếng Việt.

準備購買你的第一間房屋嗎？

AC Boost 提供 \$210,000 首期貸款幫助，給予首次買屋者。購房者要在亞拉米達縣 (Alameda County) 居住或工作，或在亞拉米達縣流離失所者。有中文提供幫助。

Handa na bang bumili ng unang bahay ninyo?

Ang AC Boost ay nag-aalok ng tulong sa paunang pagbayad na mga pautang ng may hanggang \$210,000 para sa mga unang-beses na mamimili ng bahay na nakatira o nagtrabaho sa Alameda County o sinumang napaalis mula sa Alameda County. May pagtulong sa Tagalog na magagamit.



acboost.org
(510) 500-8840
acboost@hellousing.org



AC Boost is funded by Measure A1 Affordable Housing Bond funds and administered by nonprofit organization Hello Housing on behalf of the County of Alameda.

The County of Alameda and Hello Housing do not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, source of income, genetic information, medical condition, physical disability or mental disability, or any other category protected by law.

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COVID 19 Coronavirus Updates

ALAMEDA COUNTY ALIGNS WITH THE STATE'S INDOOR MASK MANDATE

Aligned with the California Department of Health's order, masks are required to be worn in all indoor public spaces in the County regardless of vaccination status. This mandate went into effect December 15th, 2021 and is enforced through February 15th, 2022 for all

individuals ages 2 years and older, unless exempted from the mandate. For more information on if you are exempt from the new mandate, click [HERE](#). While the California Department of Health

With the holiday months just recently occurring, health officials are seeing an increase in cases of COVID- 19. Researchers are saying the new Omicron variant is more contagious than the previous variants and are advising individuals to wear surgical masks for more effective protection in comparison to cloth masks.

For the most recent Alameda County COVID-19 Health Order and press release, click [HERE](#).

Vaccine Distribution

All Alameda County residents, ages 5+ are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Alameda County. Please be advised that the Pfizer vaccine is approved for persons ages 5+; the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are only approved for persons ages 18+.

Minors between the ages of 5-11 years old are eligible to receive the Pfizer children's vaccine with parental consent. Information regarding the Pfizer vaccine for young children can be found [HERE](#).

Currently, there is a high demand for COVID-19 testing and Officials are warning individuals to beware of fraudulent testing sites and scammers.

A comprehensive list of vaccination sites in Alameda County can be found [HERE](#).

Vaccine boosters are authorized for those 16+ who received the Pfizer vaccine and authorized for those 18+ who received the Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

For Pfizer and Moderna, individuals can receive the booster at least six months after completing their second shot. For Johnson & Johnson, individuals can receive their booster dose at least two months after an individual has received their single shot. It is recommended that eligible individuals receive a booster as soon as they're eligible to maintain a strong immunity against COVID-19.

Booster doses are not currently available at Alameda County-supported vaccination clinics. If you are eligible for a booster, please visit [HERE](#) or contact your health care provider or local pharmacy.

Please speak with your health care provider and learn if you are eligible for a booster by visiting the California FAQ page on boosters [HERE](#).

Cares Act Funding

In response to COVID-19, the U.S. Congress passed the CARES Act, which provides for payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The CARES Act established the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Housing Assistance

OAKLAND - [HERE](#)
EMERYVILLE - [HERE](#)
LIVERMORE - [HERE](#)

Deferred Rent Programs

ALAMEDA POINT - [HERE](#)

Child Care

For Child Care in Alameda County - [HERE](#)

Covid-19 Testing

Interactive map to find testing sites and schedule appointments - [HERE](#)

Food Distribution

Interactive map to find food, testing, and services in Alameda County - [HERE](#)

Immigrants

Covid-19 Disaster Relief Assistance for immigrants - [HERE](#)

Employment

Alameda County Workforce Development Board - [HERE](#)

Business Resources

Alameda Façade Grant Program:

The City of Alameda re-opened its Façade Grant Program that provides business and property owners with matching grants to improve their storefront and enhance the city's retail districts. Under this program, eligible business and property owners may receive matching grants up to \$15,000 for exterior painting, new awnings and signs, and refurbishment of architectural features. Applications are now open. There are two application deadlines in 2022, the first deadline is February 24, 2022. For more information about the grant program, including guidelines and deadlines, click [HERE](#).

Pleasanton Business Assistance Program - [HERE](#)

Business Tax Relief

On April 29, 2021, Governor Newsom signed a business tax relief bill that enables California businesses that received Forgiven PPP loans to deduct from their California state taxes, all business expenses paid for using the Forgiven PPP loan. To be eligible, a business must have received a Forgiven PPP loan, experienced a reduction in gross receipts of 25% or more in 2020 as compared to the same time period in 2019, and not be a publicly traded company.

Agencies

Alameda County Small Business Development Center - [HERE](#)

Small Business Administration Loans - [HERE](#)

California Small Business Development Center - [HERE](#)

California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development - [HERE](#)

Alameda County Workforce Development – [HERE](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration - [HERE](#)

Business Resources by City

ALBANY - [HERE](#)

ALAMEDA - [HERE](#)

BERKELEY - [HERE](#)

DUBLIN - [HERE](#)

EMERYVILLE - [HERE](#)

FREMONT - [HERE](#)

HAYWARD - [HERE](#)

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