

Five Deaths, Few Answers: County Forms Domestic Violence Task Force

- The County has formed a Domestic Violence Task Force following the homicides of five women this year.
- The task force, consisting of a subgroup of Domestic Violence Council members, will report back with an action plan to the council and the larger community

<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/news/five-deaths-few-answers-county-forms-domestic-violence-task-force>

Join the Countywide Celebration of the Arts • The second annual Countywide Celebration of the Arts takes place Saturday, Sept. 30, from noon to 3 p.m. at San Mateo's Central Park. • The free event includes dances, music, poetry and more. • The event is hosted by the San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture and the Arts Commission.

<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/countyywide-celebration-arts>

Community Nature Day • County Health's Park Rx program is hosting Community Nature Day at Huddart Park on Saturday, Sep. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. • The free event offers games, healthy snacks, story time for kids and a nature walk with a doctor. (Parking is free; inform the gate attendant you are there for Nature Day.) • Huddart Park is located at 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside

<https://www.getthehealthysmc.org/events-activities>

Latinx Heritage Month • Latinx Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 to embrace the history, culture and contributions of Latin American countries and individuals. • San Mateo County Libraries is celebrating with an array of music, dance and cultural events as well as curated selection of books. • The Board of Supervisors is expected to proclaim Latinx Heritage Month at their Oct. 3 regularly scheduled meeting.

<https://smcl.org/blogs/post/celebrate-latinx-heritage-month-with-san-mateo-county-libraries/>

Help Protect San Mateo County Agriculture • Significant portions of Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties are placed under quarantine due to infestations of the Oriental Fruit Fly, *Bactocera dorsalis*. • Please avoid transporting any backyard fruit from inside quarantine areas • Always purchase fruits and vegetables from trusted local sources (like local grocery stores, certified farmers' markets and permitted farmstands) to ensure the safety of our environment and economy. • If you have questions about a fruit fly quarantine/eradication, or if you think you have fruits and vegetables infested with fruit fly larvae, call the CDFA Exotic Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899 or San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 650-363- 4700.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccinations • County Health urges residents six months and older to get the seasonal flu vaccine and the updated COVID-19 shot, which can be taken at the same time. • County residents should contact their primary health care provider or local pharmacy for flu and COVID-19 vaccines, which are available at no cost for those with insurance. • Use [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a location near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment. • Many pharmacies offer free COVID-19 to residents without insurance – call or check pharmacy websites to learn more. • Residents without health coverage may also contact County Health at 650-573-2877 or send an email to SMCHHealth_IZ@smcgov.org to learn how to access flu and COVID19 vaccines at no cost.

<https://www.vaccines.gov/>

Suicide Prevention Month • Behavioral Health & Recovery Services and partners are promoting the statewide theme, “Share Hope Together.” The act of sharing – of hope, stories, time, resources, or experiences – can serve as a powerful tool in suicide prevention. • Free “Be Sensitive, Be Brave” workshops teach community members to act as eyes and ears for suicidal distress and help connect individuals to help. Workshops this week take place at the Atherton and Half Moon Bay libraries. Learn more and register. • Additional Suicide Prevention Month events may be found here.

<https://smcl.org/blogs/post/mental-health-trainings-be-sensitive-be-brave/>

Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Suicide Prevention

Thursday, September 28 on September 28, 2023, 5:30pm–7:30pm 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Half Moon Bay Event location: Half Moon Bay

The suicide prevention workshop teaches community members to act as eyes and ears for suicidal distress and to connect individuals to help. In this workshop you will learn how to identify signs of suicide, ask if someone is considering...

Job Opportunities for 2024 Primary Election • Numerous positions are needed for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election • To explore these opportunities, click this link for detailed job descriptions, application instructions and other essential information. • Interviews are being scheduled for October via Zoom. • No previous experience necessary.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sanmateo?category%5b0%5d=Elections&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending>

Tickets Available for Veterans Luncheon • Registration is open for the San Mateo County Veterans Commission's 8th Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon on Nov. 9, 2023. • Awards will be presented to the Veteran of the Year, Patriot of the Year and Enterprise Support Partner of the Year. • Get your tickets now.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/san-mateo-county-veterans-commission-8th-annual-veterans-luncheon-tickets-681842688837?aff=oddtcreator>