

NEWS BRIEFS

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Recruitment Underway for City of Fremont Homeless Services Manager

Homelessness is a complex societal issue created by a variety of factors including lack of affordable housing, disability, mental illness, and substance use, among others. In recent years, the number of unsheltered or homeless individuals has increased not just in Fremont, but for the region and the entire state of California. As of January 2017, the City's biennial homeless count indicated there were 479 homeless persons in Fremont and it is estimated the actual number is higher than the count indicates.



Historically, the City has managed its homeless efforts with existing resources. Yet given the growing magnitude of the issue, the Fremont City Council has approved additional resources and a new, more coordinated approach to mitigate the impacts of homelessness on our community and on the homeless individuals within it.

At this time, the City is seeking candidates that are passionate about making a difference in the Fremont community by tackling the issue of homelessness. If you have strong initiative and creative problem solving skills, consider applying for the City of Fremont's brand new position of Homeless Services Manager. This job will partner with a variety of City departments to develop innovative solutions in response to the issue of homelessness in Fremont. Qualified applicants will have a Master's degree, five years of directly related experience, and strong people skills. Applications are due by November 28 at noon. For complete details about the Homeless Services Manager recruitment, please visit www.Fremont.gov/HomelessServicesManager.

The successful candidate will work on several initiatives currently being explored including expanding temporary shelter options, overseeing operation of a mobile hygiene unit and offering temporary safe parking. In addition, creating a flexible spending fund which can be used to offer incentives to landlords to accept residents who have governmental housing subsidies and provide subsidies for rapid rehousing and to help those facing housing crises maintain their housing and avoid eviction. Lastly, partner with faith-based organizations to shelter homeless individuals on a temporary and/or seasonal basis, without permit fees/or cost.

Tenant Education Workshop

The City of Fremont Human Services Department is hosting a free tenant education workshop. All Fremont renters are encouraged to attend. Topics that will be covered include:

- City of Fremont Rent Review Ordinance
- Tenant Rights and Protections
- Landlord/Tenant Issues
- Tenant and Affordable Housing Resources



The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 29, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Fremont Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty St., Ste. H800 (Pacific Room).

To RSVP please email rentreview@fremont.gov or call 510-733-4945.

For more information about Fremont's rent review program visit www.Fremont.gov/RentReview.

Fremont's New Electricity Provider is East Bay Community Energy

Starting this month, East Bay Community Energy, also known as EBCE, is the new electricity provider for Fremont. Through this local Community Choice Energy (CCE) program, Fremont residents are receiving cleaner electricity at an affordable rate.



The City has received several inquiries about East Bay Community Energy, and we want to share some information with you. Please review our FAQ document to learn more about EBCE: www.Fremont.gov/EBCEFAQs.

In addition, anyone with questions about EBCE or interested in learning more can visit the Fremont Main Library on Monday, November 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. EBCE staff members will be available to answer questions and provide additional information.

A more detailed workshop hosted by the City of Fremont, East Bay Community Energy, and the Center for Sustainable Energy is also planned for Monday, December 10. At this workshop, titled *Clean Power Options for Fremont with East Bay Community Energy*, City staff will discuss the City's climate action goals and sustainability efforts. Staff will also provide resources for residents on how they can reduce their own environmental footprint and explain how participation in EBCE supports the City's emissions reduction goals through the generation of cleaner, renewable energy. To register for this workshop, visit www.Fremont.gov/CleanPowerOptions.

To learn more about East Bay Community Energy, you can visit their website at www.EBCE.org or call 1-833-699-3223.

Sign up for a Free Personal Emergency Preparedness Class

The City of Fremont's Fire Department is offering a free Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) class, which will teach you how to take care of yourself and your family before, during, and after a disaster.

Join us on Tuesday, November 20 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to learn about:

- Earthquake and Disaster Awareness
- Gas, Electric and Water Shut-off
- Hazardous Material Awareness
- Fire Extinguisher Types
- Smoke Detector Placement
- Sheltering In-place



The class will be located at the Fremont Fire Training Tower, 7200 Stevenson Blvd., west of Interstate 880.

To register for this free PEP class, please call 510-494-4244 or send an email to FirePubEd@fremont.gov. If you are part of a group and would like to schedule your own personal group PEP class at your location, please contact Chuck Guaraglia, Public Education with the Fremont Fire Department, at 510-792-3473 or guaragliac@comcast.net.

Fremont Launches Skip the Straw Campaign

The City of Fremont is launching an awareness campaign to help reduce single-use plastic waste in the community. With the 'Skip the Straw' campaign, the City is encouraging residents to say no to plastic straws when dining out. This will help reduce plastic pollution, preserve waterways and waste streams, and create a cleaner and healthier future for Fremont.

Every day, Americans use close to 500 million disposable plastic straws—that's enough straws to circle the Earth 2.5 times! Since most plastic straws cannot be recycled and take up to 200 years to decompose, it is clear that straw consumption patterns need to be reduced. Learn more about the environmental impacts of plastic straws at www.TheLastPlasticStraw.org.



For those finding it difficult to 'Skip the Straw', an easy solution is to keep a reusable straw with you. Options include straws made out of stainless steel, bamboo, hard plastic, or even glass. Alternatives like compostable paper straws are also available but less preferable since they are manufactured and then discarded after one use.

To address the straw pollution problem on a statewide level, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 1884, a California bill that prohibits sit-down restaurants from offering plastic straws except upon request. The law goes

into effect January 2019, which makes California the first to restrict plastic straw consumption at a statewide level.

At a local level, the City of Fremont is initiating the ‘Skip the Straw’ awareness campaign as a first step in addressing the issue. The City understands that change is not easy, and the magnitude of the plastics problem can be discouraging. Changing personal behavior and habits may happen gradually, getting easier over time as more community members take on the same action.

So, start small and ‘Skip the Straw’ today!

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/SkiptheStraw.

Thanksgiving and Winter Break Camps

The City of Fremont Recreation Services Division has you covered during upcoming school breaks with a variety of camps, activities, and locations. Camps include everything your child needs to stay active, engaged, and having fun during the school break. Most locations during Thanksgiving camps (November 19-21) and Winter Break camps (December 26-28 and January 2-4, 2019) offer extended care to help with full day coverage from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. So don’t delay—register today, and enjoy the holidays knowing that your kids are safe and having a great time with the City of Fremont. We’ll see you in camp! For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/Camps or call 510-494-4300.



Fremont’s Candy Cane Hunt

Join the City of Fremont Recreation Services Division for a festive community holiday event on Saturday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thousands of candy canes and goodies will be scattered and hidden for children ages 2-10 to collect. This outdoor event includes sponsor booths, activities, holiday treats, and a visit from Santa. The Candy Cane Hunt will be located at the meadow near the Teen Center in Central Park, 39700 Paseo Padre Pkwy. Tickets are \$5 each and are required to participate in the hunt, games, and more. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/CandyCaneHunt or call 510-494-4300.



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