April 2022

Your Voice Matters – Eviction Moratorium Extended!

For those eligible Santa Cruz County renters who are already enrolled in the application process for HousingIsKey.com funding, the moratorium on eviction proceedings has been extended to June 30.

Many Community Bridges’ supporters and Santa Cruz County residents joined with local representatives Assembly members Mark Stone and Robert Rivas and Senator John Laird to support the extension of the eviction moratorium. We are grateful for your advocacy.

English and Spanish language assistance is available, call (831) 316-1822
May the Fourth, Packs Some Financial Planning “Force” This Year

Join a free financial planning zoom seminar and receive financial planning advice and a free gift to learn more about how you can grow and shape your investments even with uncertain financial waters ahead.

WHEN: May 4, 2022 6 p.m.

WHERE: ZOOM (link provided after registration)

WHAT: Financial Planning advisor Heather Liston, CFP, EA will share expert advice for securing your assets and planning your future. Register online at communitybridges.org/events.

Community Bridges seeks to provide a whole family solution to supporting our community. Our family of 10 programs offered across 20 Santa Cruz County locations seeks to treat all of the challenges that harm our community’s health. From nutrition assistance, to disaster recovery, and mental health counseling and parenting support, financial planning is just another of the important ways we can improve more equitable long term outcomes for everyone.

NOW ENROLLING! CommunityBridges.org/EED
Parents are starting to think about summer and fall enrichment programs for their little ones and that means its time to reach out!

Our Early Education Division is enrolling kids today. Summer and fall availability is limited so get your applications in soon. Contact our child care centers located throughout Santa Cruz County for details. communitybridges.org/eed

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**Extra Support For Your In-Home Day Care Provider?**

Many Santa Cruz County families rely on in-home day care for their family members. Nutrition support and money for healthy food is available through Community Bridges’ Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for eligible caregivers.

Talk to your care provider today to make sure they are aware of the benefits available to qualifying in-home day care providers located in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties.

Our program supports in-home daycare programs caring for children 12 years and younger. A provider caring for six or more individuals with nutrition assistance may receive over $6,000 per year in food reimbursements. Food benefits ensure that providers can offer two meals and a snack to each of the clients they care for every day. If you are a day care provider or if your family members receive in-home day care, contact CACFP today for more information.

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**Ray's Corner**

I'm grateful for the support our community's leadership has shown in continuing to partner with social service organizations like Community
Bridges to address the economic impacts related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The extension of the eviction moratorium is a critical step in protecting those applicants already waiting for rental relief funding through the state of California's Housing is Key Program. But evictions are moving forward against renters who weren't already protected under the state's program.

Families caught in the cycle of eviction often lack access to legal representation resulting in imbalanced outcomes for those caught up in civil litigations.

Statistics show that people of color are most harmed by imbalanced outcomes in eviction litigation. Evictions early in childhood have also been found to have impacts on childhood health, which can create more financial and mental health stress on families already struggling.