May 2022

Meals on Wheels Live Oak Site and Kitchen Closure and Relocation

If you haven't heard, Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County is losing its Live Oak kitchen, dining site, and administrative offices as the property owner, Live Oak School District, begins the process of developing that parcel of land. While we navigate these challenges, we do not expect there to be any impact to meal delivery.

Read the letter sent to Meals on Wheels participants and supporters and take action by sending a letter of your own to Live Oak School District’s Board of Directors (suggested text included):

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/protect-meals-on-wheels-for-santa-cruz-county/
Local Candidate Forum with 3rd and 4th District Santa Cruz County Supervisor Candidates

Join Community Bridges and nonprofit partners Human Care Alliance, Nonprofit Connection Santa Cruz County, Salud Para La Gente and Ventures for a forum with local supervisorial candidates from the 3rd and 4th Districts on May 25 at 4:15 p.m. via Zoom. The event is free and open to all attendees.

**What:** Local Nonprofits host County Supervisor Candidate Forum to learn more about candidate’s views on Santa Cruz County support for food security, health care, early childhood education, fire recovery, and the issues that matter to Santa Cruz County families.

**When:** May 25 at 4:15 p.m. via Zoom. Register Here: [https://communitybridges.org/events](https://communitybridges.org/events)

**Who:** The free event is open to all attendees. 3rd District Candidates Justin Cummings and Ami Chen-Mills are confirmed and 4th District Candidates Jimmy Dutra and Felipe Hernandez are also confirmed. The event is open to all officially filed and declared candidates appearing on the June 7 ballot.

**Format:** Candidates will open the forum by giving brief opening statements about their candidacy. They will each be asked to respond to several previously developed questions before opening the floor to attendees to engage with the candidates directly.

Spanish translation assistance will be available to attendees.

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A Celebration of Local Community
Community Bridges' Farm to Fork Gala Dinner will be hosted at Sesnon House on Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 4pm to 8pm featuring local wines and beers, live auction and a locally-sourced gourmet dinner hand crafted by acclaimed Cabrillo College Culinary Arts Program. This event is expected to draw up to 200 local supporters for a lively outdoor celebration of the vital support that drives our mission. The festivities will continue online to engage additional supporters participating virtually.

Farm to Fork is the only event that celebrates all ten Community Bridges programs that create a vital safety net from infancy to elderly. These programs rely on local community support to deliver essential services. We invite you to support this event that celebrates our community and culture while benefiting programs that enhance the lives of children, families and seniors throughout Santa Cruz County.

Questions? Contact info@cbridges.org or call 831-688-8840 ext. 205

Reserve Your Spot Now!

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**Ray's Corner**

*We have to remember the past to understand our current commitments.*

In 1984, the Senior Bond act served to preserve and acquire senior infrastructure across the state. Funding for construction and acquisition in our community was used for Jade Street Community Center owned and Operated by the City of Capitola and the Elena Baskin Senior Center now known as the Live Oak Hub owned by the Live Oak School District.

Now, both these locations will no longer house the original intention of those dollars to ensure that senior service programming remains fundamental.

It’s hard not to be frustrated with the current state of affairs around here but with supporters like you we can help educate local elected, decision makers and bureaucrats so that the promises of the past are kept.
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