



# Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker Newsletter

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Alameda County, District 3

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## Special Events/Save the Date

**Saturday, April 21st –  
Expired Medicine Drop-off  
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.,  
Washington Park, Alameda**

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## Earth Day & Alameda County

As Earth Day comes closer, I want to briefly summarize some of what I shared at the Friends of the San Leandro Creek forum in February.

Alameda County is taking a leadership position in protecting our environment through a number of initiatives. In June 2006, the Board of Supervisors passed the Climate Change Leadership Strategy Resolution, which formally commits the County to reduce climate change impacts. The County is now inventorying our greenhouse gas emissions and we're developing a plan on how to reduce them over the next ten years.

Our departments such as the General Services Agency (GSA) are all striving to become more environmentally friendly in how we conduct business. The most recent example is the new Juvenile Justice Center. Under the guidance of the GSA, this center was constructed under the Green Building Ordinance the Board passed in 2003. I hope you had a chance to visit the building last month.

The County is also a partner in the Green Business Program and through this program over 260 businesses in our county have been certified as "Bay Area Green Businesses." Alameda County was the first county to enact this program and the other counties in the Bay Area and throughout the state have adopted this program. I encourage you patronize these businesses. Also I will be giving opening remarks at the Ten Year Anniversary Gala of the Alameda County Green Business Program on April 26<sup>th</sup>. You can find out more information at [www.greenbiz.ca.gov](http://www.greenbiz.ca.gov).

## Household Hazardous Waste

If you look around your garage or under your sink, you probably have a lot of items you do not know how to dispose of properly. You'll be happy to know that Alameda County has developed a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. County residents can take waste products such as paints, pesticides, household cleaners like bleach & ammonia, auto fluids, batteries, fluorescents bulbs, medications, and needles in approved containers to any of the three waste collection facilities: one is located in Oakland, one in Hayward, one in Livermore. And this service is free!

In fact, this program is highly successful as more than 200,000 households have participated, over 15,000,000 tons of waste have been collected, and created over \$350,000 in revenue for the county. Our

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

**You (and only you!) can do something about one of the most serious threats to the health of San Francisco Bay? We now know that the biggest impacts to the Bay come from each one of us: our trash, oil leaks, and improper disposal of hazardous waste and pharmaceuticals. Fortunately, by taking a few simple steps, we can clean up our part. Visit [www.saveSFbay.org](http://www.saveSFbay.org) to learn what you can do this Earth Day! Celebrate, protect, and restore the Bay with us – join us for exciting outings, volunteer programs, watershed education, and advocacy campaigns.**

county is meeting and in some surpassing the goals we set for this program. There is also a Small Business Hazardous Waste program for small business owners to participate in. For more information on these programs, please visit this website: [www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org)

See the schedule below for when "County Business: Environmental Health" will be shown:

	Weekdays	Weekends
Hayward area (includes San Lorenzo & San Leandro) – Channel 28	Thursday at 6 p.m.	Saturday at 1 p.m., Sunday at 8 p.m.
Alameda – Channel 28		Saturday at 1 p.m. Sunday at 8 p.m.
Fremont – Channel 29		Saturday at 1 p.m. Sunday at 8 p.m.
Newark – Channel 27		Saturday at 1 p.m. Sunday at 8 p.m.
Union City – Channel 15	Thursday at 6 p.m.	Saturday at 1 p.m. Sunday at 8 p.m.

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## **Community Events / Announcements**

Alameda County Domestic Violence Collaborative – The Collaborative will host a training "Recognizing A Stalker" on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Family Justice Center at 9:30 a.m. Corey White from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, Anti Stalking Unit will be the presenter.

Waterfront Action 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Event – The Horance Carpentier Dinner put on by the Waterfront Action is inspired by Mr. Carpentier who was originally granted the rights to Oakland's entire waterfront in 1852. The keynote speaker is Henry Gardner, Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and special honorees will be the city of Alameda and Regency Center Builders. Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Jack London Aquatic Center. Tickets are \$75. For information contact [info@waterfrontaction.org](mailto:info@waterfrontaction.org) or [www.waterfrontaction.org](http://www.waterfrontaction.org)

Road to Health – Tavis Smiley Presents Health, Wellness and Fitness Expo on May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland Convention Center (1001 Broadway in Oakland) This is a free two-day health & fitness expo, symposium, and seminars on health for youth and families. For more information, visit the website: [www.roadtohealthtour.com](http://www.roadtohealthtour.com)

Bay Area Vendor Fair – Mark your calendar to attend the 2007 Bay Area Vendor Fair to be held in Oakland on Thursday, May 24, 2007. Tap into billions of dollars in contracting opportunities, meet buyers and contracting officers from various Bay Area public agencies, and benefit from meeting and interacting with procurement officers from various private and public sectors. For additional information contact Lee Davis, Committee Chairman at 510-464-6950 or [www.bayareavendorfair.com](http://www.bayareavendorfair.com)