



## CAO's Corner

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“Dig Deep Farms & Produce,” Alameda County’s innovative venture providing jobs and healthy food, was chosen in September to receive the **California Counties Innovation Award** – the top honor presented by the **California State Association of Counties** in its annual **Challenge Awards** program. Dig Deep Farms is a community driven venture led by the **Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs’ Activities League (DSAL)** that cultivates its own organic produce and distributes produce from other local sources as well. The program aims to prevent violence and crime through the creation of jobs, access to healthy food and community revitalization. Alameda County also won a **CSAC Challenge Award** for efforts led by its **General Services Agency** to engage our cross-agency teams in implementing the Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise lessen the impact of County operations on the environment. The **Information Technology Department** won a **Merit Award** for its “Assessor Canvassing App,” a new mobile technology tool for County staff that reduced by 50 percent the total effort involved in the annual canvassing of business properties. The **District Attorney’s Office** also won a **Merit Award** for its Human Exploitation & Trafficking Watch Community Initiatives to educate the community about human trafficking, support victims and hold offenders accountable. The winning initiatives are a small sampling of the many initiatives Alameda County has launched to find new, more efficient and effective ways to serve the public. These efforts are part of the reason why Alameda County consistently leads the way in statewide and national awards programs.

## ready.acgov.org:

### Emergency Preparedness Made Easy

The strong earthquake that rumbled through Napa in August – as well as an end-of-summer fire season stoked by drought – remind us all that it’s time to get serious about emergency preparedness. Taking the steps to get prepared is now easier than ever, thanks to [ready.acgov.org](http://ready.acgov.org), Alameda County’s new emergency preparedness website. The mobile-friendly website offers nothing short of a breakthrough in the way it provides an easy-to-follow, step-by-step process to help us all



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prepare for the next major emergency. The website is designed to be *the* place to go for local residents looking to get a leg up on preparing for the next big earthquake, fire or other natural or man-made disaster. The website is the result of several months of research in which County staff poured through disaster preparedness information from numerous sources – emergency services organizations, public safety agencies and community groups – with the aim of cutting through the clutter and providing people with a straight-forward approach to getting prepared.

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## Nominations Being Accepted for Women’s Hall of Fame

Alameda County



Nominations are being accepted through **October 31** for the **2015 Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame**. Inductees will be honored at the 22nd Annual Women’s Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland. The program will honor women in 12 categories: **Business and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science, Technology, Engineering; Sports and Athletics; Philanthropy;** and **Youth**. Inductees will be announced in December. The program raises money for community partners supporting women and families, as well as a youth scholarship fund. Nominate someone online at <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/index.htm>

## ready.acgov.org: Emergency Preparedness

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The website is designed to work seamlessly with all computer operating systems and on web and mobile platforms. It also comes with an interesting back story involving a group of tech-savvy local youth that was instrumental in its creation. Thanks to a Student Internship Program the County sponsored this past summer, a small group of talented local high school and college students worked with the County Information Technology Department and public safety leaders to build the new website. The website contains information about resources in the community, ways neighbors can collectively prepare – and even what emergency supplies to keep on hand for your pets. The site's easy-to-follow approach also recognizes one obstacle that may prevent many people from taking emergency preparedness seriously: the blizzard of information, often from multiple sources, that is unleashed on a person when they take their first steps toward getting prepared. That's why [ready.acgov.org](http://www.ready.acgov.org) provides small doses of essential information, and plenty of checklists, before leading users to more specialized assistance.

## Alameda County Hiring Poll Workers

Alameda County needs poll workers to help with the November 4, 2014 General Election. Poll workers earn between \$115 and \$190 for their service. Alameda County is particularly in need of bilingual poll workers, who can earn extra money for their service. Bilingual poll workers must be fluent in:

- English/Chinese,
- English/Hindi,
- English/Japanese,
- English/Khmer,
- English/Korean,
- English/Spanish,
- English/Tagalog or
- English/Vietnamese.



Registered voters can serve as poll workers. Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders) can also serve as bilingual poll workers at designated polling places. All poll workers must attend a mandatory training class prior to Election Day.

Visit our website at <http://www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm> for more information and to fill out an application or contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971.

## Breaking Ground

More than 100 people turned out on a warm September day in Dublin to witness the groundbreaking for the **East County Hall of Justice**, a new courthouse and office complex that will bring vital justice services to eastern Alameda County. The complex adjacent to Santa Rita Jail will include a courthouse and offices for the **Alameda County District Attorney, Public Defender** and **Probation Department**. Construction will take approximately 29 months to complete, with occupancy scheduled for early 2017.



## WE ARE AC!

Check out our latest installment of **WE ARE AC!** a regular series highlighting the vital work performed by County employees and departments. This month we feature a video about the Social Services Agency's innovative **Farm Stand** project, which makes fresh produce available to the public at dirt-cheap prices. Farm Stands are set up once a week at four different County facilities in Oakland and Hayward. Check out the video at <http://www.acgov.org/about/weareac/>. To learn more about the Farm Stand program, go to <http://bit.ly/YDFKaN>



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**Seven Honored  
with Arts Leadership Awards**

The Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Arts Commission have recognized seven local residents for their achievements and contributions to the arts by naming them the winners of the **2014 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award**. This year's winners are: **Jennifer Burke** of Berkeley; **Gary Comoglio** of Alameda; **Michael Hall** of Oakland; **Tom Harland** of Sunol; **Gary and Nancy Harrington** of Pleasanton, and **Linda Ryan** of Livermore. County supervisors presented the awards at their weekly meeting in Oakland on October 7. The presentation was held to coincide with Alameda County's celebration of **California Arts Day** and **National Arts and Humanities Month** in October.

**Burke**, representing Supervisorial District Five, is a practicing artist, educator and community builder. In 2000, she founded the Young Artists Workspace (YAWS), an art center providing children with free and low-cost visual art classes.

**Comoglio**, representing Supervisorial District Three, is an artist who founded Gary Francis Fine Art in Alameda, which provides valuable opportunities to showcase many City of Alameda and Alameda County artists.

**Hall**, representing District Five, is an artist and educator at Creative Growth Art Center in Oakland, which serves adult artists with developmental, physical, emotional, and mental disabilities.

**Harland**, representing District Two, has spearheaded numerous art projects benefiting the Sunol community over the last 30 years, including founding the Sunol Repertory Theatre.

**The Harringtons**, representing District Four, are the founders of the Harrington Art Partnership, established to support and advance public art in Pleasanton through activities including monthly public art walks.

**Ryan**, representing District One, manages the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Bothwell Arts Center and is a valuable resource for the many local nonprofit arts organizations and artists in the Livermore area.

*County Links*

Alameda County Government <http://www.acgov.org/government/>  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors <http://www.acgov.org/board/>  
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Alameda County forms <http://www.acgov.org/government/formscenter.htm>  
Alameda County Superior Court <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/>

For a calendar of Alameda County events, visit the County website at <http://www.acgov.org/calendar>. Also check the websites of the members of the Board of Supervisors (listed under Board contacts on the left side of this page).