



City Manager's Weekly Update

December 23, 2014

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1/5** City Council Meeting,
7:00 p.m.,
Council Chambers
- 1/8** Rescue Vehicle
Viewing, 5:00 p.m.;
City Council Special
Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,
Senior Community
Center
- 1/12** City Council Work
Session, 7:00 p.m.,
Council Chambers
- 1/20** City Council Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Council
Chambers
- 1/26** City Council Work
Session, 7:00 p.m.,
Council Chambers
- 1/31** City Council Special
Meeting (Annual
Planning Session),
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,
Senior Community
Center

To: City Council
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

Happy Holidays!

Mark Your Calendar

City Offices Closed December 24 - January 2

As a reminder, City administrative offices will be closed for the holiday period beginning December 24th and concluding on January 2nd, with the exception of public safety services (Police Department) and other required functions (e.g., Main Library and the Water Pollution Control Plant). Regular business operating hours will recommence on Monday, January 5th.

Earthquake Retrofit Class (flyer attached)

**Thursday, Feb. 12, Tuesday, Feb. 17, Thursday Feb. 19 & Tuesday Feb. 24
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

- This course is designed to teach homeowners simple steps to strengthen their homes against seismic activity. Attendance is required at all sessions.
- Classes will be held at 999 E. 14th Street San Leandro (City Hall Plaza, south of the Police Department).
- Cost is \$30/single, \$35/couple for City of San Leandro Residents and \$50/single, \$60/couple for non-residents. Class size is limited; please contact Marisela Avanzino at 510-577-3405 for more information.

Council Information

Free Downtown-BART Parking Shuttle

- Starting on January 5th a free shuttle will be providing service from the San Leandro BART Station to the Downtown Parking Garage. The pilot shuttle program is designed to assist BART commuters being displaced from the East BART parking lot during construction for the Cornerstone Apartments project. The free shuttle will make parking Downtown safe and easy.
- Service will run weekdays, Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., leaving the BART station every 15 minutes on the quarter hour. The shuttle will stop at three locations: BART, the bus stop at the corner of Davis Street & Hays Street, and the Downtown Plaza bus shelter.

Earthquake Brace and Bolt Program (flyer attached)

- San Leandro has been selected as one of only six jurisdictions in California for inclusion in a statewide program that provides new funding for residential seismic retrofit work. Qualified homeowners who apply and are accepted into the "Earthquake Bolt + Brace" program are eligible for an incentive payment of

up to \$3,000 to help pay for the costs associated with retrofitting their home.

- Qualifying houses must be constructed before 1979, have a raised, wood first floor, and have a cripple wall that does not exceed four feet in height.
- Registration is open from January 15, 2015 to February 15, 2015 through www.earthquakebracebolt.com.

Update on Alameda County Reusable Bag Ordinance Update (memo attached)

- The Reusable Bag Ordinance (RBO) adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) went into effect January 1, 2013, and implemented a minimum 10 cent per bag fee on both reusable and recycled content paper bags as an incentive for shoppers to bring their own bags.
- Please see the attached memo from the Department of Public Works for an update on the program.

Menorah to be on Display in Civic Center Plaza During Chanukah

- The Chabad Jewish Center of San Leandro made application for, and City staff authorized, the temporary installation of a privately-owned menorah in front of Civic Center Plaza. The menorah will remain on display through the conclusion of Chanukah on December 24th.
The Chabad Jewish Center also will be hosting a small Chanukah celebration event at Civic Center Plaza on Monday, December 22nd from approximately 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The Mayor and City Council, and members of the public are invited to attend.

Notice of Vacancy for City Boards and Commissions (flyer attached)

- Whenever an unscheduled vacancy occurs on a Board or Commission, a Notice of Vacancy is published by the City. The following updates were made to the Notice of Vacancy, which was publically posted on December 17, 2014:
 - Added Board of Zoning Adjustments, District 5 (resignation of Gayle Hudson effective December 5, 2014)
 - Removed Recreation and Parks Commission, District 2 (appointment of Bryan Azevedo on December 15, 2014)
- The Notice of Vacancy is posted on the City website and on the bulletin boards outside the City Council Chambers and at the Main Library.
- For more information or an application, visit the [Boards and Commissions homepage](#).

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips (flyer attached)

- The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity. Please see the attached Holiday Crime Prevention Tips flyer from the San Leandro Police Department for helpful information.
- Please keep these safety tips in mind this season and have a safe and happy holiday!

[San Leandro Next](#)

San Leandro Next is an initiative of the City of San Leandro Community Development Department providing news and updates on economic development and innovation. The following stories were posted since last week:

- [Money available to seismically retrofit your house!](#)
- [2014 Year in Review](#)

To follow San Leandro Next, please visit www.sanleandronext.com or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

CAN YOUR HOME WITHSTAND THE NEXT BIG EARTHQUAKE?



The City of San Leandro is, once again, offering its Award Winning Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

This course is designed to teach homeowners simple steps to strengthen their homes against seismic activity. It is geared towards older raised-floor homes which are not constructed to modern seismic standards. **If you own a hillside home**, please contact the Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

Dates:	THURSDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	TUESDAY
	February 12	February 17	February 19	February 24

(3 evenings in a classroom setting, 4th evening is hands-on experience with tools & materials)

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: South Office Conference Room @ City Hall
999 E. 14th Street, San Leandro
(City Hall Plaza, south of the Police Department, behind the California Conservatory Theatre.)

Cost:	City of San Leandro Residents:	Non-Residents <u>and</u> Unincorporated San Leandro (County)
	\$30/single, \$35/couple	\$50/single, \$60/couple

For more information:

Call the Building Department at (510) 577-3405 **-OR-** Email: mavanzino@sanleandro.org

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED

REGISTRATION FORM: EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT CLASS

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$ _____.

Mark ONE box: Resident Non-Resident/Unincorporated S.L.

Mark ONE box: Single Couple

Please send payment along with completed registration form to:

City of San Leandro, Division of Building & Safety Services
Attn: Marisela Avanzino
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Please make checks payable to: **City of San Leandro**



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Homeowners Can Receive Up to \$3,000 for an Earthquake Retrofit

The California Residential Mitigation Program will expand its seismic retrofit incentive program, *Earthquake Brace + Bolt: Funds to Strengthen Your Foundation*, in 2015. Owners of houses in designated zip codes will be eligible for an incentive payment of up to \$3,000 to help pay costs associated with retrofitting their houses to lessen earthquake damage.

About the Program

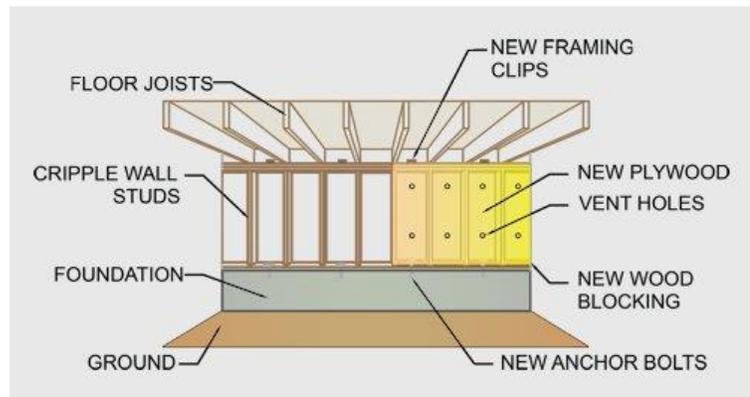
Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) was developed to help homeowners lessen the potential for damage to their houses during an earthquake. A residential seismic retrofit strengthens an existing house, making it more resistant to earthquake activity such as ground shaking and soil failure, by bolting the house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space.

A typical retrofit may cost between \$2,000 and \$10,000 depending upon the location, the size of the house, and the amount of work involved.

Strengthen Your Home

Surrounding the crawl space under the first floor, many houses have a short wood framed wall ("cripple wall") that needs to be strengthened to prevent the house from sliding or toppling off of its foundation during an earthquake. Strengthening involves adding anchor bolts and bracing in the crawl space.

Adding anchor bolts in the crawl space improves the connection between the wooden framing members of a building and its concrete foundation help to keep the house from sliding. Bracing the cripple walls in a crawl space with plywood will keep the house from toppling off of the foundation during an earthquake.



How to Qualify

In order to participate in the program, EBB requires homeowners to pre-qualify through a series of questions, in order to determine whether their house meets the Program criteria specified in California's Existing Building Code.¹ Qualifying houses were constructed before

1979, have a raised, wood first floor, and have a cripple wall that does not exceed four feet in height.

¹ *International Existing Building Code Chapter A3 as adopted into California Existing Building Code, Chapter 24, Title 10.*

Program Locations

In 2015, EBB will come to selected zip codes in both Northern and Southern California.

2015 Program Zip Codes in Northern California

Oakland: 94609, 94618, 94610, 94602, 94607
San Francisco: 94121, 94127, 94132, 94112
San Leandro: 94577, 94578, 94579

Homeowner Registration and Selection

Homeowner registration will be open from January 15 through February 15, 2015.

2015 Program Zip Codes in Southern California

Los Angeles: 90041, 90042, 90031, 90065, 90039, 90026
Pasadena: 91103, 91105, 91107, 91104, 91106, 91101
Santa Monica: 90401, 90404

Once registration opens, homeowners interested in participating should:

- Check to make sure their house is located in a Program Zip Code; and,
- Answer the pre-qualification questions posted on the Program website to see if their house meets the basic requirements.

If these basic requirements are met, homeowners may register for EBB online. 2015 program registration will open on January 15. Space is limited. Homeowners can also call, (877) 232-4300, for a paper application.

When registration closes, participating homeowners will be selected through a random drawing process. Homeowners who are selected will be notified via email and provided more detailed information for participation in the Program

For more information on the Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program, go to www.earthquakebracebolt.com.



Contact Earthquake Brace + Bolt:

Sheri Aguirre, Managing Director
(877) 232-4300

info@earthquakebracebolt.com

www.earthquakebracebolt.com

PO Box 705, Sacramento, CA 95812



The California Residential Mitigation Program is a joint-exercise-of-powers entity formed by its members, the California Earthquake Authority, a public instrumentality of the State of California (CEA), and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, (Cal OES). CRMP is a legally separate entity from its members.



Alameda County Reusable Bag Ordinance Update

- The Reusable Bag Ordinance (RBO) adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) went into effect January 1, 2013, and implemented a minimum 10 cent per bag fee on both reusable and recycled content paper bags as an incentive for shoppers to bring their own bags.
- The RBO includes a provision that would increase the fee charged for paper or reusable bags to a minimum of 25 cents on or after January 1, 2015 if the ordinance has not achieved the intended goal of substantially reducing the environmental impacts of single-use bags.
- The ACWMA ruled the ordinance has made substantial impacts on consumer behavior and litter reduction and therefore should not increase the per bag fee. Data analysis demonstrates a 69 percent decrease in paper and plastic bag consumption. The number of shoppers bringing reusable bags and opting for no bag to carry items out of the store more than doubled, showing that the ordinance has created behavior change. Furthermore, the number of single use plastic bags observed in Alameda County storm drains decreased by roughly 44 percent.
- In September, the California State Legislature passed SB 270 which is similar to the county ordinance in that it affects the same set of stores (mostly food stores, liquor stores and pharmacies), and requires stores that sell reusable bags and recycled paper bags to charge a price of at least 10 cents per bag. The law goes into effect January 1, 2015. While the state law does not preempt the local ordinance, there is language in the law that limits the changes that can be made to ordinances already in place. The only changes allowed are 1) increase the minimum charge for bags and 2) expand the set of stores affected by the ordinance.
- The ACWMA is in the process of considering expansion of the ordinance to other retailers. A summary of the proposed changes, along with information about the review process and timeline can be found on [page 15](#) of the ACWMA board meeting packet.



NOTICE OF VACANCY

City of San Leandro Boards & Commissions

Notice is hereby given that there are vacancies on the following City of San Leandro Boards and Commissions:

Board of Zoning Adjustments (Representation: District 5)

First posted on December 17, 2014

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident within the District

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, please contact Sally Barros, Senior Planner, at (510) 577-3458 or sbarros@sanleandro.org; or District 5 Councilmember.

Human Services Commission (Representation: District 3)

First posted on June 2, 2014

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident within the District

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Human Services Commission, please contact Breyana Riggsbee, Recreation and Human Services Manager, at (510) 577-3463 or briggsbee@sanleandro.org; or District 3 Councilmember.

Library-Historical Commission (Representation: Youth)

First posted on September 5, 2014

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A San Leandro resident under the age of 18

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Library-Historical Commission, please contact Theresa Mallon, Library Director, at (510) 577-3942 or tmallon@sanleandro.org.

Rent Review Board (Representation: Resident Landlord)

First posted on May 17, 2013

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident
- A San Leandro landlord

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Rent Review Board, please contact Tom Liao, Planning and Housing Manager, at (510) 577-6003 or tliao@sanleandro.org.

Senior Commission (Representation: District 1)

First posted on March 6, 2013

To qualify for this position, you must be

- A registered voter of Alameda County
- A San Leandro resident within the District

For further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Senior Commission, please contact Carolyn Knudtson, Recreation and Human Services Director, at (510) 577-3466 or cknudtson@sanleandro.org; or District 1 Councilmember.

Contact information of members of the City Council is posted on the City website at www.sanleandro.org. Terms of the Mayor-Elect and Councilmembers-Elect for Districts 1, 3, and 5 commence on January 1, 2015; their contact information will be posted when City Hall reopens on January 5, 2015.

For an application, visit the City website at www.sanleandro.org. For further information regarding the appointment process, please contact Marian Handa, City Clerk, at (510) 577-3367 or mhanda@sanleandro.org.



SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Unit



Holiday Crime Prevention Tips



Holiday Shopping

The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity. Keep these tips in mind this season:

- Do not walk and text or use your phone, cell phone/smart phone thefts are on the rise.
It is important to watch where you are going and be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't be distracted! Jewelry theft is also on the rise; if you are distracted; you won't see them coming to take your possessions.
- Don't leave packages in plain view in your vehicle – put them in your trunk, before you get to your location.
- If you will not be home for deliveries, have your items delivered to a neighbor who will be home or to your office.
- Hold on to your money: Always carry your purse tucked tightly under your arm, or don't carry one at all. Put your money and only necessary cards in your front pants pocket where it harder for a bad guy to get at it.
- Don't park in secluded or dark areas of the parking lot. Be patient and courteous while parking.
- Try not to be the last to leave the store. Leave when the stores are still open and there are plenty of other shoppers in the parking lot.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- When you get home, remember this home safety reminder: Approximately 50% of all burglars enter the house via unlocked or open doors and/or windows. Keep all doors, including your garage door, closed and locked. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



Holiday Travel

- Get an automatic timer for the lights in your home.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and perhaps park a vehicle in your driveway.
- Have a neighbor or family member pickup newspaper and mail deliveries.



When You Are Out For The Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks and sounds like somebody is home.
- Lock doors and windows even if you leave for just a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.