

**Holiday Tree Lighting, Caroling, & MORE**

The Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony is the perfect way to welcome the holiday season with friends and family. This much anticipated event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8**, at 5:30 pm in front of City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue. Enjoy a visit from Santa, the lighting of the City's official Holiday Tree located on the terrace of City Hall, a performance by the *Dancing Christmas Trees*, music by the *Mistletones* and the Community Band, holiday caroling, and souvenirs for children. This fun-filled event takes place rain or shine. ***Be sure to mark your calendar and join in the holiday spirit!***

**Book Club**

On **Tuesday, December 4**, Book Club members will review "**Taming of the Shrew**" by William Shakespeare at **1:00 pm** in the **Media Room**. In addition, members will discuss potential book titles for review in 2008. Please join us whether or not you have read the December selection. "The Overcoat and Other Short Stories" by Nikolai Gogol will be reviewed on **Tuesday, January 8**. If you have any questions, please contact **Kevin Brunetti**, Recreation Specialist, 747-7512.

**Mastick's Annual Holiday Sing-Along**

**Jim Franz**, Alameda Red Cross, and **Pastor Roger Bauer**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, will provide the spirited instrumental background and lead us in our Annual Holiday Sing-Along. Join us for good cheer on **Thursday, December 13**, at 10:30 am in the media room. Enjoy a visit from Santa, refreshments, and spirits of the season!

**New Member Orientation & YOU!**

The New Member Orientation is a must if you are new to Alameda, recently retired, thinking of participating in Center activities, or expecting your parents for an extended visit! The New Member Orientation offers a guided-tour that introduces you to the Center, an information packet outlining the various activities, programs, and services, and a complimentary lunch provided by Bay Area Community Services (BACS)! Join us on **Thursday, December 13**, at 9:30 am in the Mastick Lobby. **Reservations** are required and can be made by stopping by the Office or calling **747-7506**. ***We are looking forward to meeting you!***

**Birthday Celebration**

December "Birthdays" are invited to join us for the Birthday Celebration on **Tuesday, December 11**, at 12:00 pm in Dining Room 1. The celebration includes a *free* lunch, a slice of Birthday Cake, and a balloon! Reservations are required and will be accepted until **Thursday, December 6**, at **11:30 am**. To reserve a seat, stop by the lobby desk or call 747-7500 between 9:00 and 11:30 am. ***On Tuesday, December 11, confirm your lunch reservation at the lobby desk by completing the lunch application and picking up your lunch ticket no later than 11:30 am.*** We wish you a Happy and Healthy Birthday!

**Holiday Food Baskets and More**

The Alameda Red Cross is collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Program and the Alameda Food Bank is collecting food for low-income Alameda families. Deposit non-perishable food items and toy donations in the barrels located in the lobby. The barrels will be picked-up on **December 14**. Individuals interested in receiving assistance, must provide proof of income, household members, and current rent and utility receipts. For additional information about these programs, please contact the Alameda Food Bank at 523-5850 or visit the Alameda Food Bank at 1900 Thau Way on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm; Tuesday between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm; or the second and third Saturday between 11:00 am. and 1:00 pm.

**Mastick Swingers Monthly Dance***Noel! Noel!***Monday, December 10, 2007****1:00 pm to 4:00 pm****Doors open at 12:30 pm*****Dance the afternoon away to music by Colin******Dickie, socialize with friends, and enjoy refreshments in the Mastick Social Hall.******Cost: \$3 per person with membership card******\$4 per person w/out membership card******In Memory******Elinore Cochrane******"Our condolences to family and friends."***

