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COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM



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Farmer's Market Unite BHA's Community

In response to the community's request for a local Farmer's Market, the Belle Haven Neighborhood Farmer's Market, in collaboration with Fresh Approach, brought fresh, healthy produce and a renewed sense of connection to Ivy Plaza (415 Ivy Drive). Serving over 100 families with essentials like beans, kale, nuts, onions, potatoes, and dried fruits, the event became a meaningful neighborhood food resource. It reflected the true spirit of community service—listening, showing up, and giving back. We are grateful to everyone who made this possible, especially City Councilmember, Cecilia Taylor and her team for welcoming all. Moments like these inspire happiness and remind us of the strength we build together. *



Photo by Fresh Approach: Christina

Community Outreach Team Member, Sean helps distribute food at the Farmer's Market.

Friday, March 6, 2026
When: 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Where: 415 Ivy Drive

**Next
Farmer's Market
Coming Soon**

Voter Registration

Training Dates

- March 13 and March 17, 2026
- 1354 Hollyburne Ave
- 2:30 - 5:30 pm
- BHA Team attended

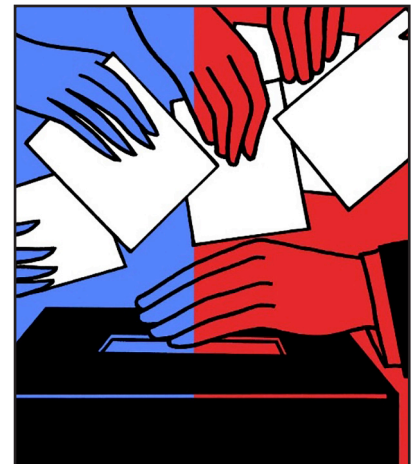
Starting March 24

Voter Registration Day Continuing Every Tuesday Until April 28, 2026

- Door to door in the Belle Haven Community
- 3 - 5 pm

What's Needed:

- Valid State ID
- Date of birth
- last 4 numbers of SS #
- QR Code to the registertovote.ca.gov





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EARTH DAY 2026

WHEN THE EARTH SPEAKS, WE SHOULD LISTEN

As Earth Day is approaching on April 22, 2026, the BHA Team is reminded that caring for the Earth can start right at home—and grow into something that nourishes an entire community.

At the BHA Community Garden, located at 1354 Hollyburne, the belief came to life in March 2025, when they began cultivating what was once just a backyard. What started as soil and vision has become a living, growing testament to what happens when people commit to the land—and to each other.

Gardening isn't easy work. It takes time, patience, and consistency. But the reward is unmatched. From collard greens and kale to tomatoes, potatoes, and onions, every harvest tells a story of care and commitment. And with watermelon on the horizon, the garden continues to grow in both promise and purpose.

There's something powerful about growing your own food—about knowing that what feeds you came from your own hands. Even more powerful is having a shared space where others in the community are welcome to plant, grow, and gather if they need it. This isn't just a garden—it's a resource, a refuge, and a reminder that they are able to take care of ourselves and each other.

In January 2026, the team experienced a milestone: it was



Left, Willie teaches Marlene how to pull weeds from the roots.
Right, Councilmember, Cecilia Taylor cultivates the BHA Garden.



Left, the BHA Team is manuring the garden.
Right, Abraham is cleaning and maintaining the kale section of the garden.



the first time they were able to sit down and eat vegetables grown directly from the garden. It was more than a meal—it was a moment of pride, proof that the work was working.

Willie and Abraham, has been at the heart of this transformation. You can find them on the grounds tending to the space with intention and

care. Reflecting on the journey, Abraham simply says, "Compare it to what it looked like before—it looks better." And he's right.

This Earth Day, the BHA Community Garden stands as a symbol of growth, resilience, and what's possible when a community comes together to nurture both the land and one another. *



Join us, members of the BHA Team at the Love Our Earth Community Event—where care for our planet meets care for our people.

The BHA Team will be on-site, connecting renters with resources and guiding you through how to apply for the Electrify Bundle Kits, designed to bring comfort, efficiency, and power into your home.

Your bundle may include:

- Air Purifier
- Microwave
- Air Fryer
- Heated Blanket
- Generator with Solar Panels, etc.

Come through, get informed, and take a step toward a cleaner, healthier, and more empowered way of living.

Saturday, April 25, 2026

When: 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Where:

Caesar's Chavez Ravenswood Middle School
2450 Ralmar Ave;
East Palo Alto, CA 94303