

Community Schools: America's New Village

Posted by ECCL Staff 1 on February 27, 2012 at 4:30pm

Emeryville's community investment in schools, youth, families and community are part of a national movement.

A recent post from the National League of Cities on how community partnerships to support children and families are imperative at a time of economic and community hardship.

Martin Blank, president of the Institute for Educational Leadership writes: "At a time of greater fiscal crunch, we have not seen this work slow down. Schools are tapping new community resources. We're seeing a real difference in children's lives. People are wanting to do more."

<http://www.nlc.org/news-center/nations-cities-weekly/articles/2012/...>

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Creating Smart Cities

Posted by ECCL Staff 1 on November 15, 2011 at 10:00am

Take a look at this web article, part of the Revitalizing Cities blog series from the Harvard Business Review, that highlights strategies used across the nation to create "smarter" cities -- including public partnerships that maximize local resources and preserve vital community services!

<http://blogs.hbr.org/revitalizing-cities/2011/04/americas-cities-ne...>

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Community Library Survey

Posted by ECCL Staff 1 on October 19, 2011 at 2:00pm

What does a public library mean to you? Card catalogs? Books? DVDs? Computers? Peace and quiet? Aerobics? How might YOU use a new joint-use school/community library? The Nexus Partners library consultants are collecting information on the library habits and ideas of the Emeryville community. Take 5 minutes to fill out the survey! Surveys will also be available in print at Anna Yates, ECDC, the Senior Center, and Emery Secondary School.

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Openings on the Measure J Citizens' Oversight Committee -- applications available!

Posted by ECCL Staff 1 on September 28, 2011 at 9:58am

The EUSD Board of Trustees has re-opened the search for members to serve on the Measure J Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC). Following the passage of Measure J in November 2010, the COC was appointed by the Board in Spring of 2011 to 1) provide fiscal oversight for Measure J bond funds; 2) ensure community engagement occurs as part of Measure J projects; 3) make recommendations to the City/Schools committee as needed to move the Measure J project work forward.

The EUSD Board is now looking to fill current and upcoming COC membership vacancies. In particular, applicants are needed in the following three membership categories: 1) active member of a bona fide taxpayers' association; 2) member who

has educational/community services/recreation experiences; or 3) at-large member of the public.

Newly selected members will be completing the terms of previously appointed COC seats, with the opportunity to be reappointed by the Board once their term has been completed.

COC applications will be accepted and reviewed until 10/6. New members will be appointed at the 10/10 EUSD Board meeting, in advance of the 10/19 COC meeting. Please send completed applications to Hayin Kim, Director of Community and Youth Engagement, athayin.kim@emeryusd.org, or 4727 San Pablo Avenue, Emeryville 94608. Questions? Call or email! 510 224 7384.

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Comment by Nexus_1 on February 6, 2013 at 10:05am

Thank you for your input! The survey is now closed and the design team is incorporating the results into the Community Library plan.

Emeryville needs YOU!

Posted by ECCL Staff 1 on September 2, 2011 at 3:30pm

lan with the people

Begin with what they have

Build on what they know

Of the best leaders

When the task is accomplished

The people all remark

We have done it ourselves.

– *Lao-Tzu Tao Te Ching*

The Emeryville Center of Community Life (ECCL) is not just a new place or program.

It is focused on enhancing the diverse interests, backgrounds, and resources that make Emeryville unique. To be successful, it is important that ALL members of the Emeryville community feel like they are part of the ECCL. So...

We need YOU!

YOU want to make a difference.

YOU care about Emeryville and its future.

YOU are already active in the community.

YOU know a lot of people. YOU *like* a lot of people!

YOU are a great candidate for the Fellows Pilot Program.

The Fellows Pilot Program is a 9-month commitment (Sept-June) to help broaden and lead community dialogue around the design and implementation of the ECCL. Fellows will work with EUSD staff and the Nexus Partners architectural team, and learn about the vision and goals of the ECCL.

The Fellows Pilot includes: 2 Community Adult Fellows, 2 Local Business Fellows, 2 Staff Fellows (1 from EUSD, 1 from City of Emeryville), and 8 Youth Fellows (*9-12th graders are eligible*). Fellows will receive a modest stipend for their work.

This is NOT a 9-5 job, but requires a commitment to work at least EIGHT (8) hours per week.

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Be sure to include at least TWO references.
Send your questions to hayin.kim@emeryusd.org, or call 510-224-7384.
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Comment by Brian Donahue on September 20, 2011 at 9:58pm
People who might be critical of the project need not apply.
Really, if you have ever gone on record as having problems with the Center of Community Life, don't apply....it'll be a waste of your time. This is for cheerleaders only.

Community Workshop 1 is now scheduled for August 27th. Please spread the word!

Posted by Nexus_1 on August 21, 2011 at 9:30pm
Greetings Emeryville Community! The Nexus Partners, the Emery Unified School District, and the City of Emeryville cordially invite you, your family, students, neighbors, friends, co-workers, yoga teachers... to the first Community Design Workshop. We need YOUR feedback on options for the new Emeryville Center of Community Life site! Food, drinks and community conversation (spanish translation services will be available) Saturday, August 27th 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Anna Yates Elementary School 1070 41st Street. Let us know if you can attend so we have an idea of how much food to get...wendy.chew@emeryusd.org , or 510 224 7384. If you would like to post a flier in your area please use the links below:
Flyer in English
Flyer in Spanish
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Beta Web 2.0 Site Launched to Community Services and EUSD Staff

Posted by Nexus_1 on February 17, 2010 at 9:00am
The Nexus Partners is now launching the Beta Web 2.0 site. We would welcome invited members to review the site and post your feedback in the comments section below. Keep in mind that content will be continuously added as participation increases, so what we are looking for is feedback on core functionality, usability and communication tools. If you like something, tell us. If you see things that you would like us to revise or add, tell us and we will try our best to accommodate.

We plan to post the key discussion findings from last week's Staff Workshop at ESS soon. Look for that update posted to this blog and let us know if the synthesis we have prepared is accurate.

Welcome!

Steve Kelley - The Nexus Partners

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Comment by Cheryl Webb on August 28, 2011 at 12:46pm

Can we have the materials from the Community Workshops posted to this site? Perhaps linked from the same spot that At-a-Glance is located so it's very easy to find. This has potential; it' just needs to be used!

Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education -- Community Schools!

Posted by Nexus_1 on February 17, 2010 at 5:00am

Education leaders and reformers have been talking about the importance of a community school approach to public education. Click [here](#) for Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's keynote at the Children's Aid Society's community schools practicum, where he talks about his vision for community schooling to educational leaders from across the US.

Also, see this profile from the New Yorker (Feb 2010) on Secretary Duncan:

<http://www.vcoe.org/Portals/VcsoPortals/rsdss/Class%20Warrior%20Ar...>

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Purpose of this Interactive Website

Posted by Nexus_1 on February 2, 2010 at 10:00pm

The Nexus Partners is comprised of three design firms, MKThink, Concordia, and dsk. Together with support and guidance from the City of Emeryville, the Emery Unified School District (EUSD), and the Partners for Community Life (PCL) we have undertaken the development of this social networking site to permit a greater level of participation by the Emeryville community in the shaping of the future Emeryville Center of Community Life (ECCL)

This website is designed specifically for community members to interact with other members of the community as well as representatives from the design team and city and school district staff in a two-way conversation that will help drive the ECCL project toward one that is right-sized and valued by the community for the benefits it delivers.

This is a 'beta' version of this site and is intended to be informative, easy to use and flexible enough that additional tools can be added to support enhanced information sharing as the participation increases or as the community desires.

This blog will attempt to gather emerging themes that result from the conversations within the Group areas and Forum. It will also be where the Nexus Partners begins to share some of our initial findings as we begin to refine and streamline the program and identify opportunities.

So take a moment to familiarize yourselves with the tools of communication on this site and help us make this a valuable and useful way for you as community members and stakeholders in the future of Emeryville to stay connected and share your ideas

and concerns.

So let's go... Let's Talk About It...

Steven Kelley - Nexus Partners / MKThink

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Comment by Cheryl Webb on August 28, 2011 at 12:43pm

Why can't I see who has signed up to be a part of this interactive process. Ideally I would be able to directly address an individual but on this forum it would be an open discussion for others to chime in on. Yes? Am I missing part of how this works?