

# ABOUT TOWN

The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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El Sobrante  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



March Chamber  
Mixer

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @5:30pm



4899 Appian Way  
El Sobrante, CA 94803



## TOP NEWS



### LAUREN HANLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026



#### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

- Scholarships available for students attending trade schools, community colleges, or four-year universities
- Financial assistance for books, materials, and other educational expenses
- Awards determined by the end of the school year
- Winners will be announced in Chamber materials

Are you planning to attend a trade school, community college, or four-year university? You may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to support your education!

**APPLY HERE**  
Deadline is June 1st, 2026



<https://www.elsobrantechamber.com>

#### New Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Applicants must have a connection to El Sobrante (residency, employment, or community service)
- ✓ Students must attend a high school in 94803 or, if El Sobrante residents, a public or charter school in West Contra Costa County.
- ✓ Special focus on students involved in the arts, theatre, and writing.

Contact us for more info:

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# EVENTS

DAY & DATE	TIME	ORGANIZER	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday April 4	10:00 -Noon members Noon - 2:00pm ALL	Friends of the El Sobrante Library	Book Sale	Fahden House El Sobrante Library
Monday April 6	5:30pm- 7:00pm	Chamber	Board Meeting	OFFICE 3769-B San Pablo Dam Rd.
Wednesday April 15	5:30pm- 7:30pm	Cass' Closet	Chamber Mixer	4899 Appian Way
Thursday April 16	11:00am - 2:00pm	Cloverfield Organic Farm	Volunteer Day	501 La Paloma Rd.
Saturday April 25	9:30am-1:30 pm	SPAWNERS, Green Team 94803, SOS Richmond	Earth Day Creek and Community Clean up	El Sobrante Library Parking Lot
Saturdays (or by Appt.)	10:00am -4:00pm	El Sobrante Historical Society	Museum OPEN	Fahden House El Sobrante Library

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- **TREASURER** - Lorna Padia Markus, owner PJs

### DIRECTORS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **Ashok Attri**- Owner, Appian Express Mart
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- **Jim Hammack** - Scholarship Committee
- **Tom Lang** - Stroll Co-chair
- **Scott Tuffnell** - Marketing, Stroll Co-chairs
- **Judy Ward** - Marketing Co-chair

Bios of the Board Directors may be found on the chamber's website:

<https://www.elsobrantechamber.com/board-of-directors/>

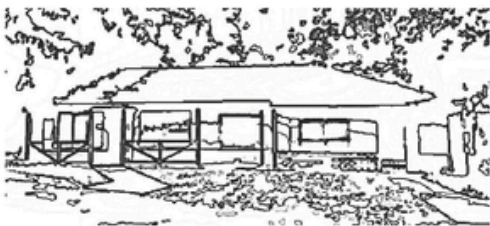


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## BOOK SALE

Saturday, APRIL 4, 2026

Feature of the Month

**Make Every Day Earth Day**

**April Is Earth Month**

Members: 10 am - 12 pm

General: Noon - 2 pm

Proceeds from book sales fund El Sobrante Library programs





# CLOVERFIELD FARM

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Here is a link to the latest article on our website:

<https://www.cloverfieldfarm.us/post/farm-happenings-and-u-picking-in-april>

Spring is in the air and the garden beds are bursting with fresh new growth at Cloverfield Organic Farm. Our garden beds are filled with delicious items that may tempt you. We have our organic plant nursery well-stocked with potted grapes, elderberries, strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus, red currants, figs, and several different herbs and edible ornamentals.

We are hosting our next Spring Volunteer Day and Workshop on Thursday, April 16. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!



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## GREEN TEAM 94803

The Green Team 94803 cleans up! Green Team 94803 invites you to Earthday Creek and Community Clean, Saturday, April 25 @ 9:30am up at the El Sobrante Library. We have the gear; you just need to be there! We also need help with maintaining the downtown planters and removing graffiti and stickers. Always fun and free! More at [KeepElSobranteBeautiful.info](http://KeepElSobranteBeautiful.info), send an email to help out.

**Keep El Sobrante Clean and Beautiful**



# Happy Earth Day

## SPAWNERS

Join us along with Green Team 94803, SOS Richmond for a day of community service for the planet. We will meet at the El Sobrante Library parking lot at 9:30 am and fan out in groups all around El Sobrante picking up litter, cleaning out trash from the creek and the side of the roads. After, enjoy some food and fellowship back at the library.

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am -El Sobrante Library parking lot, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803. Parking restricted in the lot that day, plan to park off-site please.



### Come Join Us!

- Planting Work Parties
- Creek Clean ups
- Nature Walks
- Water Quality Monitoring

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## MEMBERSHIP

We hope this message finds you well! As we begin a new year, we're excited to invite you to renew your membership with the Chamber. Your continued support plays a vital role in our community, allowing us to offer enriching programs, exclusive events, and valuable resources.

For our existing members, renewing is as easy as completing the application on the following the link below secure your membership for another year of growth and connection.

To those considering joining us for the first time, we extend a warm welcome! Becoming a member of the Chamber offers unparalleled access to a network of like-minded individuals, expert insights, and opportunities for personal and professional development. Join today and start taking advantage of all the perks our community has to offer. Click the link below to join today.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. We look forward to another fantastic year together!

Warm regards,

Marie Carayanis  
Membership Chair



**MEMBERSHIP APP LINK**

<https://elsobranchamber.com/wp-content/2025-01/escc-membership-app-2025.pdf>

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# Member Benefit Survey

Your Chamber is constantly looking for opportunities to help our businesses thrive. If you are a member in good standing, watch your email for a survey coming this month asking for your input on how we may better serve you and the community at large. 2026 membership fees are now due, if you haven't paid you may not receive an email, so be sure you are current.

If you need to check your status, contact Marie Carayanis, Membership Chair, at [mariecofces@yahoo.com](mailto:mariecofces@yahoo.com).



## Nurturing Growth, Fostering Community, Celebrating Uniqueness


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At Catalyst Cares Adult Day Program, we are devoted to offering a comprehensive, supportive day program. We empower adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to embrace their unique abilities, cultivate life skills, and foster meaningful connections.


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<https://catalyst-cares-adult-day-program.ueniweb.com/about-us/empowering-experiences-for-adults-in-el-sobrante-6499589>





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**El Sobrante Earth Day Creek and  
Community Cleanup  
SATURDAY APRIL 25  
Library parking lot**

**Volunteer  
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