



FOA VALLEY NEWS

Your community resource hub to increase civic participation through faith-based and civic organizations.



TO BE A MOTHER...

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From handling a hectic day to day schedule to managing all facets of 'adulting', mothers have their plates beyond overflowing. Mothers are the beginning of life; the nurturers, protectors, encouragers, counselors and teachers from day one. We are automatic village keepers; whether it is our child or someone else's, it is an automatic response to step in and give the mothering touch when a young one is in need.

Many mothers have taken on the leadership roles, not just in their own homes but also holding down various positions in the community. We are politicians, judges, policy makers, law enforcers, firefighters, teachers, advocates, medical professionals, chefs, entrepreneurs, professional fighters, stock brokers, construction workers, technicians, race car drivers, engineers, astronauts and Vice President of the United States. Throughout all of these varying respected positions, at the end of the feat we go home, take off the magic cape and step into the greatest title of all, MOMMY.

We applaud and take a bow to all of the wonderful mothers working hard to raise a strong next generation of leaders. We applaud and praise the stay-at-home moms that work around the clock with their children. We applaud and lift up the stand-in mothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers, step mothers and mothering caretakers for answering the call and giving diligent nurturing. We also must applaud the sisters, aunts, grandmothers, cousins and friends that take part in giving motherly love along the way. It is from these nurturing women continually guiding the children of our community that will ensure our future generation is promising. Thanks for all you do. Happy Mother's Day!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Input by Gabriele Shields, Community Organizer with Faith Organizing Alliance
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Our families are worried about worsening smog and air pollution, and we need the state to act! ---> [AB 349](#) - sponsored by Assemblyman Howard Watts
 What is this bill trying to accomplish? ---> This bill is trying to reduce smog pollution from cars and improve air quality.
 What does this bill do? ---> It increases the state's revenue from smog checks to create a funding source for repair-and-replace programs that would help low-income families access cleaner transportation.

WHAT'S NEXT:

LOCAL EVENTS

- 5/8 NATIONAL JOHN LEWIS VOTER ADVANCEMENT DAY OF ACTION - TIME: 11AM - 1PM LOCATED @ THE MLK STATUE (CAREY & MLK) → KIANGA ISOKE PALACIOS PARK (DOOLITTLE)

COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES

- ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS:
[HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
- ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT.:
[HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

FUNERAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19-RELATED FUNERAL EXPENSES INCURRED AFTER JANUARY 20, 2020. NEVADANS CAN CALL 844-684-6333 BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 6 P.M. PACIFIC TIME TO APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE. MORE INFORMATION [CLICK HERE](#).

RECOGNIZED DATES

- 5/5 CINCO DE MAYO
- 5/6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 5/9 MOTHER'S DAY

"The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."
 —James E. Faust

