New member needed for bond oversight committee

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The college district is seeking a member of a taxpayer's association with other community members on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The committee, appointed by the college's Board of Trustees, meets quarterly to review the implementation of Ohlone's Measure G Bond program. The taxpayers' association representative must be actively engaged with a certified association.

The $349 million Measure G bond measure passed by voters in November 2010, is paying for repairs, upgrades and construction projects, primarily on the Fremont campus.

School district bond measures like Measure G are required to have an oversight committee of independent citizens, who review and approve expenditures of bond money. The previous taxpayers' association representative, J. Dennis Wolfe, died in November.

To apply for the seat on the commission, download an application at www.ohlone.edu/go/bondapply. Applications can be mailed to the Ohlone Community College- Lege District, Administrative Services Office, 4300 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539, or faxed to 510-659-6045.

The application deadline is Thursday, April 16. For more information, go to www.ohlone.edu/go/bondapply or contact the Administrative Services Office at 510-659-7307.

Nominations sought for employee awards

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Nominations for employee of the year are due next week. There are four award categories: Staff of the Year, Faculty of the Year, Adjunct Faculty of the Year, and Manager of the Year. Awards will be given at the Pre-Graduation Dinner on May 22. Nominations are due by April 10.

The guidelines and nomination form are available at www.ohlone.edu/prodev/employeeofyear. Any faculty or staff member, administrator or student may submit nominations. Self-nominations are not accepted. A nominator may only submit one nomination per award type. The nomination must include nominator's name, position, division, department and how the nominee meets at least two of the criteria specified in the guidelines.

Electronic copies of the application can be emailed to dpanales@ohlone.edu, and printed copies can be placed in the HR mailbox on the Fremont campus.

CDC: Vaccinations key to preventing measles outbreak

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eradicated,” Bratton said. “We might have four or five cases a year, and now that’s coming back because people are not getting imunized.”

This virus has made a comeback and physicians everywhere, along with the CDC, are advising everyone to get immunized. Some people have lost trust in vaccines, which means fewer are getting immunized. Still, most people who got measles in the U.S. this year were unvaccinated, according to the CDC.

While doubts about immunizations have grown, it’s also important to keep in mind that there are others depending on us to make responsible choices, health officials say. There are people who are allergic to the MMR vaccine, pregnant women, and those who have a disease that severely affects the immune system.

According to the CDC, the risks of allergic reactions and symptoms after getting the MMR vaccines are much smaller than the risks of getting measles, mumps or rubella. Some of the mild symptoms after being vaccinated include a light fever, a mild rash, and light swelling of the cheeks or neck. Even these symptoms are rare. Only one out of six people may get the rash, and one out of 20 may get the fever. Only one out of 75 may get swelling.

With summer vacation approaching, many students, faculty and staff will be traveling, and Bratton and the CDC encouraged them to prepare themselves.

“Depending on what country you’re going to, the Centers for Disease Control have so many immunizations available like Typhoid, they’ve got pills for malaria, and all those scary diseases, so it’s pretty safe to travel,” Bratton said. “I think for those high-risk areas for measles, like the Philippines, it’s just really important to make sure that your immunizations are up to date because these diseases are vaccine-preventable.” For more information about measles, go to www.cdc.gov/measles.