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Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision, with 45 measurable objectives in the areas of transportation, education, public safety, health, recreation, jobs, housing and leadership, serves as the Chamber of Commerce's primary guide for endorsement of candidates for local office. Below are our recommendations for November 4, 2008. (To view all of Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision see "What's New" at www.pleasanton.org.)



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ABOUT JERRY PENTIN:

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ABOUT JENNIFER HOSTERMAN:

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"an important factor... was Mayor Hosterman's actions and accomplishments in transportation improvement."

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Vote YES on QQ: The Pleasanton Ridgeline Protection and Growth Control Initiative



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Measure QQ requires:

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- Criteria for protecting Pleasanton's voter approved housing cap

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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

New law blocks school newspaper censorship

Freedom of the press is always a choice topic in high school journalism classes, especially among those who have responsibility for producing the school's newspaper. So many cheered a few weeks ago when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the Teacher Protection Law, a measure sponsored by the California Newspaper Publishers Association to shield high school and college journalism advisers from discipline or removal from their positions for refusing to censor stories published in student newspapers. The new state law, SB 1370, pushed through the legislature by State Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco) specifically prohibits a school employer from dismissing, suspending, disciplining, reassigning, transferring or otherwise retaliating against an employee solely for acting to protect a pupil engaged in conduct protected by statute, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or Section 2 of Article I of the California Constitution. Besides the CNPA, which this newspaper belongs to, the measure was also supported by the California Teachers Association and the ACLU. It would also clarify that a graduating student can challenge a disciplinary action for engaging in protected speech activities if the action was taken while the student was still enrolled at the school.

The new law probably wouldn't have helped Nicholas Lassonde a few years ago when, at age 17 and one of two class salutatorians at Amador Valley High School, he was told by his principal that he could not elaborate on his strong Christian beliefs in his commencement speech. He still addressed the 424 graduates, their families and friends at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, but about halfway through his speech, the A+ student announced to the audience that the next sequence had been censored by school officials. Students, dressed in purple caps and gowns, erupted into boos. "Unfortunately, the school district does not believe the rest of my speech is appropriate," said Lassonde, adding that scripts of the entire address were

being passed out in the parking lot or were available on his website. He later read the speech in its entirety before an overflow congregation at Grace Church of Pleasanton.

The need for protecting journalism advisers has sharpened in the past couple of years. An increasing number of experienced journalism teachers have been removed from their positions by principals because the teachers refused to heed the principal's demands to kill embarrassing or critical stories published by student journalists. A few years back, a teacher sued a student newspaper reporter and journalism advisor at Foothill High for a story that he thought was personally critical. Counselors at the school complained two years ago when the editors of the student newspaper, In-flight, wrote a detailed story about counseling services. The story, itself, was not the issue, but the editors and journalism advisor came under fire for not catching and changing headlines and subheads that were misleading and somewhat inflammatory.

Reacting to the governor's action, Foothill teacher Margie McLaughlin, who formerly taught journalism at the school, said that since we have not had to make use of the Shield Law here in Pleasanton, "all I can say is that Governor Schwarzenegger's action gives a strong vote of support for California's journalism teachers."

"In our litigious-crazy culture, it is a sigh of relief for many journalism teachers who now can focus on instruction and implementing sound journalistic codes among their staffs rather than spending the time worrying about possible future legal repercussions. Responsible journalism is responsible journalism. No teacher allows a paper to go to press without having previously drilled into his or her staff the crux of reporting: that a reporter needs to report accurately, truthfully, and responsibly. If this is done, the reporter can carry on with his or her journalistic duties with confidence."

It's just now with a higher degree of confidence now that SB1370 passed. ■

About the Cover

It's 25 days until Election Day, and all eyes are on the mayoral and city council races. The candidates sound off on the issues most important to them.

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—Trevor Knaggs, President, Association of Pleasanton Teachers

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Streetwise

Q: Would you support a social host ordinance to curtail underage drinking?

Asked Downtown



Zack Garrison

Student

If the house has alcohol at it, then the parents could be to blame, but if alcohol is brought on to the property without their knowledge then I don't think they should be to blame.

Bruce Langston

Corporate Manager

I feel there's entirely too much liability law already and I would not be in favor of an ordinance. I think it should be specific to an incident and any liability tied to that specific incident not a generalized rule or law. Parents should be held liable if they are there and providing alcohol to minors.



Dale Ulricksen

Chemist

I feel that parents can't always be held responsible for their children's actions. They can say "no parties while I'm gone," but that's not always how things work out. I would support it if the parents were providing alcohol.



Linda Berke

Piano Teacher

I actually wish we didn't need an ordinance. Ideally, people would be responsible. I would certainly feel responsible for any drinking that occurred in my home with underage children. Whether one is there or not I think adults should be held responsible for what happens in their home.



Katie Markley

Account Manager

I don't think it's necessary. If the legal adults are supplying alcohol in their home, they should be held liable. If parents are out of town and have no idea what is going on, those minors should be held at the same legal position as an adult would be, not the parents. Prosecute the minors.

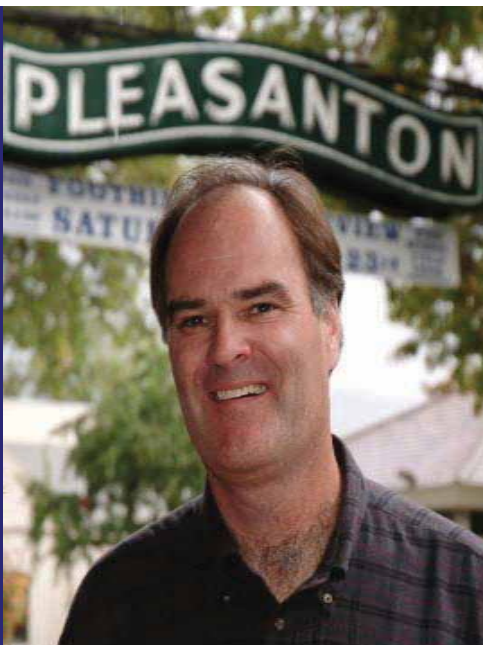


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Newsfront

News Digest

'Major' faire aids students, parents

In an effort to help college and high school students and their parents, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, hosts a Major Exploration Faire from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 15. Instructors from area colleges will be on hand with information on career paths, transfer programs and more. Parking is \$2. To learn more, call Nancy Wright, 424-1473.

Fairlands hosts family fest

Fairlands Elementary School is putting on a family fun festival from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the school, 4151 W. Las Positas Blvd. The event will include carnival games, face painting, a blow-up slide, cake walk and the finals of a pumpkin carving contest, music, food and more.

Learn about fire prevention

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will teach residents about fire prevention from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the city's Operation Services Center, located at 3333 Busch Road. Residents can learn to use a fire extinguisher, change a smoke detector battery and practice safely escaping a smoke house. Children can maneuver through a Junior Firefighter Agility course. To learn more, call 454-2361.

Costumes collected for county children

With Halloween around the corner, Bob and Deb Cilk of United California Brokers are again collecting costumes for homeless and disadvantaged children in Alameda County. In its ninth year, the drive accepts donations of new and gently used costumes and accessories. Items may be dropped off at 351 St. Mary St. during business hours through Oct. 24. For more information, call 487-8735.

Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or e-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

General Plan, supporting environmental report ready for public's review

City Council hopes to adopt new city 'blueprint' covering 2005-2025 early next year

by Jeb Bing

After five years of public meetings, City Council and Planning Commission workshops and years of research, analysis and revisions, the city's new General Plan for 2005-2025 and its supporting Environmental Impact Report are completed and ready for another round of public review and comments.

Janice Stern, the city's principal planner, called the new plan "a vision of Pleasanton as a great place to live, raise a family, work and do business."

Once adopted, the new plan, which is mainly an update of the 1996 General Plan that is still in force, will include policies and maps and will serve as a blueprint for future physical, social, economic, cultural and environmental

characteristics of the city.

Stern said all Pleasanton residents are invited to review a copy of the draft plan, which can be read online at www.pleasantongeneralplan.org. Residents can also request a disk or hard copy at the Planning Department counter at 200 Old Bernal Ave. between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, or by phone at 931-5600.

Stern said the Planning

Commission will begin discussing the draft plan at its meeting Wednesday, but will not take any formal action on it before early 2009. The meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. in the City Council chamber at 200 Old Bernal Ave.

"Public input continues to be a critical component of the plan and the public's comments can be

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Construction manager Jose Hernandez, at left, said the shopping center is almost finished and landscaping will be planted soon.

Vintage Hills center goes modern

Day spa, dance studio, sushi restaurant are new additions and landscaping will be added in next few weeks

by Janet Pelletier

Vintage Hills Shopping Center isn't looking so vintage these days.

That's because the once aging center bordered by Vineyard Avenue and Tawny Drive is getting the finishing touches on a complete remodel. Unattractive storefronts are now updated with a stucco exterior, new paint trim, roofing and even some new tenants.

Many will remember that "vintage" was really too nice of a word to call the formerly blighted shopping center. It's been a struggle to attract new businesses to join Vintage Hills Cleaners, Cutt Co. salon and Koryo Marial Arts Studio.

A couple of months ago, Kokoro Sushi became the fourth business to open with much fanfare. Customers reported the first day open that the Japanese restaurant was so busy it had to turn away guests.

Spark Dance Studio now occupies a piece of the anchor space. Some may find it appropriate

that a dance studio opened there since the space was once home to line dancing and another dance studio in the 1970s.

"It's an amazing location," said studio owner Tamara Taves. "There's three different schools all within walking distance. It just was a good fit."

Taves offers classes in tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, world dance and musical theater in the 9,600-square-foot studio. It has been remodeled into five dance rooms with harlequin sprung flooring made of maple wood with sponges underneath to absorb the shock.

Taves said the shopping center has been seeing a higher volume of business.

"The sushi place has become a fabulous hit," she said. "It's always packed. I will be here late into the hours and people are walking their dogs and they stop in and say hello."

A day spa will also be opening in the center shortly.

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Blue Angel flies through Pleasanton

Popular Navy pilots to put on a show in San Francisco this weekend

by Emily West

It's Fleet Week in San Francisco and some Pleasanton students were treated to a visit from one of its biggest stars.

Capt. Brendan Burks visited Fairlands Elementary, Hart Middle and Amador Valley High schools Tuesday and shared his experiences as a pilot in the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

When seeing a video of the Blue Angels planes in action, students at Fairlands couldn't help but "ooh" and "ahh" at the amazing feats that the video described as a ballet in the air.

Burks told them about the history of the Blue Angels, which helped get the American public excited about the U.S. Navy pilots and their flying capabilities.

Burks, dressed in the blue and yellow uniform, told the Fairlands students about his experiences and encouraged them to follow their dreams by offering some encouragement to study hard, eat well and get plenty of sleep.

San Francisco Fleet Week brings together the U.S. Navy, Marines Corps and Coast Guard to offer air shows, ship tours, a parade and festivals. Air shows will be held at the North Beach waterfront Saturday and Sunday and includes demonstrations from the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, Team Oracle and the Air Force's F-16 Demonstration Team.

To learn more about Fleet Week and its events, visit www.fleetweek.us/fleetweek. ■



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Political Notes

Teacher group endorses school board candidates

After a thorough selection process, the Association of Pleasanton Teachers has announced the candidates that it is endorsing in the upcoming election for three vacant seats on the board of trustees of the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Chris Grant is the incumbent and APT said he is doing an excellent job serving the schools and students.

"Grant always puts kids first in every decision," an APT report said. "His focus is at every grade level in every school. He has had a profound impact on our district and his continued leadership is essential to its future."

Jeff Bowser is a product of Pleasanton schools and has served as a teacher, an administrator and a PTA president in the district.

"He is ideally placed to understand the issues facing education in this community and he has the leadership qualities to build consensus between the parties involved," the APT said.

Valerie Arkin has been involved in youth issues in Pleasanton for many years through her work for YMCA. In addition she has volunteered extensively in our schools and has served on the Pleasanton Library Commission and Youth Master-plan Implementation Committee.

APT is affiliated with the 340,000-member California Teachers Association and the 3.2 million-member National

Education Association.

TV30 to air election forums

Tri-Valley Community Television, TV30, will air 10 local election forums at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. daily through Nov. 3 on channel 29.

These forums are being taped in the TV30 studios between Oct. 1-16 and include races for Pleasanton and Dublin mayor and city council; Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin school board; measures PP and QQ; Livermore Area Recreation and Park District; and Dublin-San Ramon Services District. All 10 forums will be repeated at least once between Oct. 31 and Nov. 3. The schedule can be found at www.tv30.org.

Media News fires publisher

Key departments consolidating though 'no immediate' plans to merge papers

by Jeb Bing

Media News, a Denver-based organization that owns dozens of newspapers in the Bay Area, including the Contra Costa Times and the Tri-Valley Herald, announced it has replaced John Armstrong as president and publisher of the Bay Area News Group-East Bay, giving his job to David Rounds, the group's circulation chief.

The announcement of the shake-up was made in the Times' Walnut Creek newsroom, which has seen numerous layoffs and "buyouts" in recent months, according to a

report by John Simerman of the Contra Costa Times.

Rounds, 58, of Livermore, is a 35-year newspaper veteran who has worked at most of the BANG daily papers in advertising, circulation and operations, but not in editorial. Armstrong, 65, who lost his battle to a successful union organizing campaign of journalists at his newspaper earlier this year, said he was told he was losing his job two weeks ago.

Dan Smith, East Bay circulation vice president, will expand his duties to oversee all of BANG circulation. According to Simerman, San Jose Mercury News Publisher

Michael Tully said the consolidation of advertising and circulation leadership will "create a more coordinated and sophisticated strategic attack" for generating revenue.

Tully also expressed optimism in the future of Media News' East Bay newspapers and the industry, and said there are no immediate plans to merge any of the individual newspapers, although they all share stories.

Armstrong said he plans to work on his golf game and hopes to move with his wife back to San Diego, where he had served for 17 years as publisher of daily and weekly papers. ■

General plan

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submitted either at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting or by contacting me at 931-5606 or by email at jstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us," she said.

Also available online and at the planning counter is the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the proposed General Plan. The DEIR contains infor-

mation regarding the environmental setting of the Pleasanton area and describes the potential environmental impacts of implementing the draft plan. Public comment on the DEIR will be taken through Nov. 6, with the opportunity to also speak on the EIR at Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting.

Stern said that following the meeting there will be additional opportunities for public input before both the Planning

Commission and City Council. City staff and consultants will then prepare responses to these comments in a final EIR. After that, the Planning Commission will hold at least one public hearing and then will likely ask the council to adopt it.

The council will hold at least one public hearing prior to considering adoption, and then will meet again to vote on adopting the plan and certifying the final Environmental Impact Report. ■

Vintage

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Jose Hernandez, general construction manager of P&P Construction, said the work to the shopping center will wrap up in the next couple of weeks and new landscaping to

replace the overgrown vegetation that was removed will be planted next month.

"People are definitely noticing it now that we removed the landscaping that was there," he said.

That is bringing in more calls from people interested in becoming a tenant, he said, adding that

one empty space could once again become an ice cream shop, where Baskin-Robbins used to operate.

With a downturn in the economy, Hernandez acknowledged that it may be difficult to fill the shopping center with stores, but added that the owner might decide to subdivide the anchor space into smaller units if progress is slow in attracting businesses.

The northwest portion of the parking lot could eventually house a business or businesses, he added. It's too early to reveal plans, but an architect is already working on designs for a structure there that will need to go before the city's planning commission for approval. ■

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Zone 7: bill passage first step

Schwarzenegger signs legislation for \$842M in Delta improvements

By Janet Pelletier

Zone 7 Water Agency officials praised Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who this week signed legislation to allocate \$842 million in state bond money to provide short-term improvements to the Delta region, calling it "an important first step."

While acknowledging that a longer-term solution to address both environmental concerns and the reliability of water supplies is needed, Zone 7 officials said SBx2 1 will help in the short-term.

"The funding provided by this bill supports interim actions that all Delta stakeholders agree are essential and should be implemented immediately to improve the Delta's ecological conditions, particularly given the current drought," said Zone 7 Assistant General Manager Kurt Arends. "In essence, it is a

Band-Aid as we work toward a more comprehensive solution."

The bill includes more than \$200 million to help stabilize the Delta, help prevent catastrophic failure of the Delta's levees and accommodate pumping operations that have been curtailed by the courts in efforts to protect endangered Delta smelt. It also allocates \$100 million to projects towards reducing per-capita water use by 20 percent by the year 2020.

In addition to SBx2 1, the governor has also signed the following bills:

- AB 2882 by Assemblymember Lois Wolk (D-Davis) encouraging public water agencies throughout the state to adopt conservation rate structures that reward consumers who conserve water.

- AB 3030 by Assemblymember Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) clarifying the procedures a local

public water district is able to employ when faced with an increase in wholesale water rates. Ultimately, the bill will allow these agencies to respond to rate increases more quickly and efficiently by allowing for automatic adjustments corresponding to changes in the wholesale cost of water.

- AB 2356 by Assemblyman Juan Arambula (D-Fresno) helping low-income rural communities avoid a cash-flow crisis by giving the State Water Resources Control Board the authority to disburse up to 25 percent of a wastewater infrastructure grant to a disadvantaged community in advance of costs incurred to help them pay their contractors.

- SB 27 by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) requiring the Office of Emergency Services to establish an interagency "Multi-Hazard

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Weekly science report

Leslie Howard took a group of primarily Pleasanton residents from Valley Christian Junior High School to Costa Rica for an extreme science experience. Pictured are: Adam Brissey, Darcy McCleve, Doug Yates, Dakota Yates, Lindsay Howard, Rueben Chow, Alexandra Breed, Sarah Peterson, Jason Chow and Phil Howard.

Water

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Coordination Task Force” to develop an emergency response strategy for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Zone 7, which serves Pleasanton, Dublin and southern San Ramon, remains involved in helping craft the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Participating are water contractors, environmental groups and other Delta stakeholders. Zone 7 spokeswoman Boni Brewer said the agency’s contribution toward the plan, along with the financial impact of conservation due to the drought and Delta restrictions have led the agency to propose a 16 percent increase in wholesale water rates for 2009. ■

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Opinion

Letters

McNerney is true representative of people

Dear Editor,

Residents of the 11th Congressional District in California, be they Democrats, Republicans or Independents, are indeed fortunate to have Jerry McNerney represent us in the United States House of Representatives.

Jerry McNerney was elected to the House two years ago and has set an example of a true politician as envisioned by the founding fathers. He is home in his district every weekend meeting and listening to us. His only concern is serving his constituents. Read more about Jerry McNerney at his website, www.jerrymcnerney.org.

Jackie Murphy, Pleasanton

I'm a converted Hosterman supporter

Dear Editor,

My wife and I have been residents of Pleasanton for 40 years. We have raised our family here, started our business here and intend to stay here. We are fortunate enough to have our family living in Pleasanton and our grandchildren are currently attending Pleasanton schools. Our family has always been active and concerned about Pleasanton politics. Our attitude has always been "what's best for Pleasanton."

The last election, we were very active in Steve Brozosky's race for mayor. We raised money for him, put up signs for him and did all we could do to get him elected. And we almost succeeded. My purpose for writing this letter is to tell the citizens of Pleasanton that we made a big mistake. Steve has taken a turn that has disappointed not only me and my family but many of the supporters that helped with Steve's campaign.

This year, we are supporting Jennifer Hosterman for mayor. We congratulate her for receiving the Chamber of Commerce endorsement. We congratulate her for her support of small business and we congratulate her for her "what's best for Pleasanton" attitude.

Please join me, my family and my friends this year to vote for Jennifer Hosterman for mayor. I'm sure we won't be disappointed.

Frank Capilla, Pleasanton

Parks district should open land they already have

Dear Editor,

Well, well, the East Bay Regional Parks District is asking for money ("Measure WW," Cover Story, Sept. 26, page 10). Money for more land. A noble and indeed good thing, no? Well consider this. The park dis-

trict already has thousands of acres of land closed to the public—open to their select guests though. Why are these vast areas closed? They're closed due to a lack of money to develop the areas for public use.

So, more money for land? Why not open the land they already have?

Richard Schwaninger, Pleasanton

Vote 'no' on Measure QQ

Dear Editor,

In November 2000, 63,000-plus Alameda County voters placed the grassroots "Open Space Initiative" Measure D to preserve vanishing open space lands, watersheds and wildlife habitat on the ballot. Measure C, the so-called "Developer's Phony 'Open Space' Plan" was put on the ballot by selected county supervisors backed by big-money developers to silence the will of the voters, in the hope that voters would be confused. Voters weren't. Measure D passed. Measure C failed.

Now in Pleasanton, after 5,000-plus voters placed the "Save Pleasanton Hills/Housing Cap Initiative" Measure PP on the ballot, local developer-backed politicians have placed the "Developer's Phony 'Save the Hills' Plan" Measure QQ on the ballot for the financial gain of a few developers, to silence the will of the voters, in the hope that voters will be confused.

In 2000, voters weren't confused. Don't let the pro-uncontrolled growth politicians confuse you in 2008.

Within eastern Alameda County, development isn't permitted on slopes greater than 25 percent and buildings must not be on top of a ridgeline or hilltop. It is long overdue for Pleasanton to adopt the same standards.

Vote "yes" on Measure PP and "no" on QQ.

Anne Fox, Friends of Pleasanton (Pleasanton Planning, Commissioner)

PP will protect our hills

Dear Editor,

Undeveloped ridgelines, hillsides and panoramic views are irreplaceable assets of Pleasanton. They provide much of the natural beauty of the city and contribute to the city's exceptional quality of life. We cannot afford to let this beauty slip away and be lost forever. Measure PP will enact immediate protections of our ridgelines and hillsides, effective Nov. 4, by prohibiting development on top of ridgelines and on steep hillsides. Measure PP is the citizen-backed initiative, signed by over 5,000 people to place it on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Don't be fooled by the developer-

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Editorial

Re-elect McNerney to Congress

We first met Jerry McNerney when he and his wife Mary stood at the corner of Farmers Market and Main Street seeking votes for his singular effort among Democrats to challenge Richard Pombo's re-election bid for the 11th Congressional District. Few stopped to shake his hand, but we did and took an immediate liking to this long-time Pleasanton homeowner-turned-citizen-activist whose son urged him to challenge Pombo when other Democrats wouldn't. He lost that race, but came back strong in 2006 to win the Democratic Party nomination and in November the Congressional election.

In just two years, this freshman congressman has made his mark in Washington and the district he serves, especially in areas of energy, transportation, education and veterans' affairs. Most recently, he embraced the \$700 billion bailout bill but not before insisting on heavy oversight by Congress and the inclusion of specific financial help for the financially distressed homeowners, including thousands right here in the 11th District. All during the Washington deliberations, McNerney fielded hundreds of calls from his constituents and kept us advised on what was happening and how he planned to vote. In fact, perhaps his strongest suit is constituent communications. He comes home to Mary and his family and their Val Vista home almost every weekend, but not to rest. Most Saturdays and often on Sundays, we find him at meetings with constituents here on Main Street and throughout his sizeable district. On one weekend, he's with Congressman Pete Stark at a health forum in City Hall; another time he's talking to seniors at Pleasanton Gardens. His unique "Congress at Your Corner" one-on-ones gives everyone a chance to talk with him directly out of earshot of others. Since his election 23 months ago, he has held these sessions at 45 places, including at Richert Lumber, Cold Stone and other locations. He also started a call-in telephone program where hundreds more have signed up to dial into a special number and join others—up to 3,000 at a time—in discussing their interests and concerns.

A professional energy scientist, McNerney went to Washington vowing to support alternative energy measures to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil. He's an expert on wind energy, although the recent energy bill that Congress approved provided only one-time and one-year incentives to wind energy investors. McNerney hopes next year's bill will be better. He did score a major victory, however, in winning congressional support for incentives to help solar energy developers. As a result, the Pleasanton school district is already realizing substantial savings on its electric bills because of the power solar panels on school rooftops are now providing, thanks to McNerney's efforts. He also supports offshore drilling 50 to 100 miles off the coastlines where states agree and increased drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to make continued use of drilling rigs and pipelines already in place. He's even willing to stray from what's been loud opposition by many Democrats by favoring nuclear power. He believes safety and disposal/storage concerns with spent fuel are "solvable," and that it's the still-high cost of building nuclear plants that's delaying construction of this environmentally clean source of power.

McNerney also gets high marks for his efforts to keep the Livermore Veterans Hospital open, probably not as a major clinic which has been moved to Palo Alto, but certainly as an administrative facility with a plan to turn it into a special-use center for nurturing in its vineyard-surrounded site soldiers who have suffered brain injuries and post traumatic stress and need its peaceful environment to recover. Just two years ago, the VA center was scheduled to close; McNerney brought the House Veterans Committee here who agreed with McNerney that the Livermore center is too valuable a resource for veterans to shut down.

In our view, McNerney is also a valuable resource—for Pleasanton and the 11th Congressional District and the country. We urge our readers to re-elect Congressman Jerry McNerney.

ELECTION 2008

Candidates sound off on Stoneridge extension, hillside measures and why they'

By Jeb Bing, Emily West and Janet Pelletier

MAYOR

Steve Brozosky

After losing to Jennifer Hosterman by 188 votes in the mayor's race two years ago, businessman Steve Brozosky will try again, responding, as he said, to hundreds of phone calls and emails asking that he bring change.

A City Councilman from 2002-2006, Brozosky is now a member of the Pleasanton school board. Brozosky led the argument against seeking a parcel tax this year to provide funds for a shrinking school budget. He persuaded other board members to hold off on the tax proposal until the state's budget impact on schools could be clarified and until the economy improves.

While a councilmember, Brozosky championed funding the \$10-million Firehouse Arts Center and an early agreement with Supervisor Scott Haggerty and the county board to start planning for the development of Staples Ranch, a 126-acre tract southwest of the I-580-El Charro Road interchange owned by the county.

Brozosky cited three major issues he would tackle as mayor: better community relations, traffic improvements and housing.

"There's this feeling now that if you go to a council meeting that you're not really being listened to," Brozosky said. "The mayor especially seems to have made up her mind on what she wants to do and the public commentary is really just there more for a formality, but the decision is already made."

Brozosky recalled that former Mayor Tom Pico always allowed the public ample time to make their statements at council meetings, and even engaged them in dialogue to be sure their points were clearly understood by the council and city staff.

Brozosky said the public is also frustrated over the failure of the Hosterman administration to make any headway on resolving traffic congestion, a promise in the last election campaign.

"When you have a traffic department of only 2-1/2 people--with one designated to planning and the other full-time employee to maintenance, you have less than

one person who responsible for traffic coordination for the whole city," he said. "Traffic signals aren't working the way they should be which is causing drivers to find alternate routes through residential neighborhoods."

Brozosky said he tried as a councilman to move traffic concerns to the top of the council's priority list, but it is still swallowed up by a list that has 77 priority items.

Brozosky supports Measure PP, sponsored by the Save Pleasanton's Hills citizen's coalition on the ballot. That measure would impose an immediate ban on most hillside development, unlike a council-supported competing initiative, Measure QQ, which would require the council to initiate studies on the

issue with the possibility of a similar outcome later.

Brozosky said the council's 4-1 vote to approve the Oak Grove housing project in the hills above Kottinger Ranch led citizens to put forward PP.

"When the Planning Commission rejected the Environmental Impact Report for Oak Grove, the council went ahead and approved it on its own and also the development plan," Brozosky said. "There were groups of people who came to

the council meeting and said they lived up there and they were told that they were not allowed to go to meetings being held to discuss Oak Grove."

Another component of Measure PP is its language to clarify and enforce the voter-mandated housing cap of 29,000 units. Sponsors of PP have claimed that the city is skirting the cap by exempting some apartments designed for seniors or others in high density dwellings from counting towards the cap.

Brozosky noted that when voters approved the housing cap in 1996, the measure failed to define just what a housing unit is.

"The city says that if there's no definition, then we can define a housing unit to be whatever we want it to be," he added. "To me, that's sneaky at best and is not respecting what voters wanted."

Brozosky's campaign website is www.brozovsky.com. ■



Jennifer Hosterman

With Pleasanton's new General Plan update nearing approval, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman is asking voters to re-elect her to a third two-year term so that she can work to implement key parts of the plan she helped write, especially the energy and water conservation elements that she believes will sustain the quality of life issues she supports.

The update was started in 2003, a year after Hosterman was elected to the City Council. She became Pleasanton's first female mayor in 2004. An advocate of environmental safeguards and reducing carbon footprints, she has pressed for energy and water elements in the new plan, expected to be approved in March 2009 and covering the years 2005-2025.

Hosterman also cited her work in getting approval and funding for the Firehouse Arts Center as a major accomplishment. It was Hosterman, too, who successfully negotiated with Supervisor Scott Haggerty to buy the downtown railroad corridor, which will provide more than 400 parking spaces and make the additional space needed to build the firehouse and later to supplement its patrons' parking needs.

As a member of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA), Hosterman has worked with other mayors and regional leaders to help ease traffic congestion.

"In order to handle traffic problems in Pleasanton, we also have to address regional traffic conditions, including cut-through traffic," she said.

"Some of this is happening already with the recent start of construction of carpool lanes on eastbound 580 and truck passing lanes on Route 84," she added. "I'm real proud of working with others on obtaining funds for the \$170-million project to put in our new eastbound carpool lanes on 580, which will give us major traffic relief during the afternoon commute hours."

At the insistence of agency members and other Tri-Valley mayors, Hosterman is also moving toward

endorsing the extension of Staples Ranch to El Charro, strongly opposed by many in the neighborhood. Hosterman's plan, built in conjunction with Measure QQ, includes the completion of Boulevard to El Charro and the completion of Dublin side of I-580 to Livermore.

Hosterman said her re-election would expedite developing Staples Ranch, a developed parcel is owned by the city.

Hosterman has been mayor since 2004. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley.



Hosterman added that she wants to see more retail centers in Livermore.

"We enjoy a very special mix on Main Street that is extremely attractive, extremely able to generate a tremendous amount of traffic which is good not only for our individual businesses but for our individual community."

An opponent of Measure QQ so efforts to develop a housing unit can be done through a "public hearing process" unit, voter-mandated housing unit, she expects a legal challenge to the housing coalition to proceed.

Hosterman's campaign website is www.hosterman.com. ■

CITY COUNCIL



Cindy McGovern

Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who is running for her second term, said she chose to run because she has a lot of unfinished work on issues that prevail in the city.

McGovern, a retired cardiac and intensive nurse, has lived here for more than three decades. She was a trustee on the Pleasanton Unified School District board from 1993-2003 and served on the Tri-Valley Transportation Triangle Policy Advisory Committee from 2005-2007 as well as a current member of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority.

Many issues the city is grappling with jump out at her, but No. 1 has to be traffic. McGovern said it's crucial that children, adults and seniors feel safe to walk, ride and enjoy the outdoors, but more importantly that traffic doesn't get any worse. That's why she does not support extending Stoneridge Drive to connect with Livermore until a solution is reached on improvements to State Route 84.

McGovern cited a letter that the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCo) sent to the city that states the extension would serve as a "major parallel facility to the I-580 corridor."

"I'm not looking to put the traffic through Pleasanton for relief of the I-580 corridor," she said. "I'm looking at putting Stoneridge Drive through for the people of Pleasanton to use and I'm hoping at some point that the region will decide that 84 is important."

Another issue dear to her heart is hillside protection. She supports Measure PP on the ballot, which would protect ridgelines from development.

"I'm not only supportive of it for the protection of the ridgelines but also for the protection of the housing cap," she said. "We need to have a true definition that goes along with the state and federal government of what a housing unit is."

Advocacy for children is an issue that got McGovern into politics. Two central issues she'd like to tackle are implementing background checks on people who teach city programs for children; and developing guidelines for childcare facilities to address the increasing number of proposals.

McGovern said she would like to encourage public participation in the city's governmental process. Residents shouldn't be discouraged from appealing a project or decision, she said. Lastly, McGovern said she would like to continue to encourage the city to work with the Dublin San Ramon Services District to reach an agreement to bring recycled water to Staples Ranch and into Pleasanton, saying it's time for the city to start using its own recycled water.

McGovern's campaign website is www.relectcindygovern.com. ■



Jerry Pentin

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jerry Pentin decided to run for one of the open seats on the City Council to put his experience and knowledge of city processes to work and after some "gentle nudging" from supporters.

"I want the community today to stay this way," he said, "and to be this type of community for the next generation."

Citing his enthusiasm for the city he's called home for the past 17 years, he has identified areas of focus were he to be elected, the first being traffic circulation, making Pleasanton a better regional partner. Saying it's a matter of "if, not when" regarding the extension of Stoneridge Drive, Pentin said Pleasanton has been an "obstructionist" by not being a better regional traffic partner and threatening to take the extension off the general plan.

As vice-chair of the Pleasanton Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Pentin sees value in making the city more accessible

by biking and walking. While not an immediate improvement to traffic conditions, combining alternative modes of transportation along with traffic light coordination and other theories could improve street congestion, he said.

Pentin has been involved with Staples Ranch since early on, aligning with the Pleasanton First organization. He then saw the project through commission meetings and both public and City Council workshops.

An advocate for open space and access to it, he said that in the past he has tried to stay out of the fray with the initiative.

"I support the Oak Grove project and have from the beginning," he said. "I think it's a template we can use. Two-thousand acres to use is a great idea."

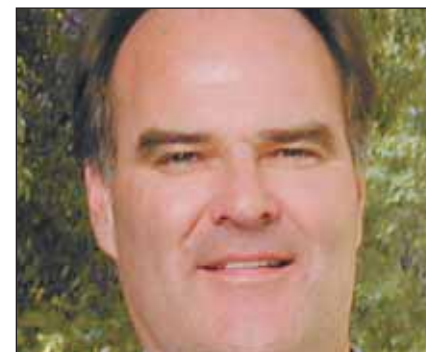
His goal in relation to the initiatives is developing a hillside ridge ordinance through an open process. Once created, people could speak out on it and let the voters mandate the ordinance.

A small business owner himself, Pentin is pro-business and said he hopes to grow more businesses as well as keep the ones currently operating.

Pentin owns Spring Street Studios, a media production company. A member of Rotary International for the past 24 years, he served as Pleasanton North Rotary Club president from 2005-2006 and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2007. In addition to serving in the United States Marine Corps, he graduated from Chabot College in Hayward.

When asked why Pleasanton residents should vote, he said, "What I say, I mean and what I mean, I do."

Pentin's campaign website is www.pentin.com. ■



Matt Sullivan

With a goal to provide representative government to the people, Councilman Matt Sullivan is running for a second term on the City Council.

Sullivan was first elected to the council in 2004 and was a planning commissioner from 1998 to 2004. He was also involved in the Pleasanton Energy Committee and West Las Positas Interchange Committee. He is a senior program manager for an energy efficiency and renewable energy engineering consulting firm in San Francisco and has lived here since 1994.

Sullivan said he is proud of his role in working with the council toward finalizing and adopting the city's new General Plan.

"This new general plan is very important because we have some new policies in there, which are the energy element and a water element," he said. "Sustainability is one of the most important issues, especially as we get to buildout, so we need to look ahead and really plan our future."

Sullivan said he supports the Stoneridge Drive extension only after other transportation improvements are made to State Route 84, Interstate 580 and extending Dublin Boulevard east to El Charro Road.

"All these things need to fit together because if we just extend Stoneridge Drive now, it's not going to help Pleasanton," Sullivan said. "It's not going to help the other parts of town that are suffering."

Another debate in the forefront are the competing hillside protection measures, PP and QQ. Sullivan supports the citizen-backed PP and said he thinks a majority on the council is making a mistake in putting forward QQ.

"In a lot of ways, it's really a bigger issue than hillside development," he said. "Our citizens have come forward and put a couple things on the ballot because they weren't happy with the way the council was dealing with hillside developments and one of them was a referendum of Oak Grove, which is still in the courts."

Sullivan added that while he doesn't completely agree with PP, he supports citizens' rights to petition their local government.

"By putting a competing and confusing initiative on the ballot with the intent of defeating the citizens' initiative at the request of hillside developers is just the wrong thing to do," he said of the city's measure.

Other issues he supports include adding more affordable housing, enforcing the voter-mandated 29,000-unit housing cap, complete a city bicycle and pedestrian master plan that's under way and conduct a study on eastern Pleasanton for the chain of lakes for open space opportunities.

Sullivan's campaign website is www.electmattsullivan.com. ■

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Stoneridge Drive through Road in Livermore, a plan in the nearby Mohr-Martin said she wants the extension other regional improvement of Jack London the Stoneridge extension in Boulevard on the north

election would also help Ranch. The 126-acre under by Alameda County and during the time the county been seeking city approval develop the land with a auto row, a 600-800-unit and senior care complex, 20 store retail center and a sheet ice rink.

Hosterman is also working rds boosting downtown, h has seen some businesses close.

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website is www.jenniferho

Letters

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supported Measure QQ. This measure accomplishes nothing but to create a plan in the future, a plan that will be supported by developers; additionally, the current council majority will not place a moratorium on building in the hills until such a plan is finished and they have refused to allow the citizens to vote on their plan. Consequently, any council majority of three votes could make exceptions to any plan created and the developers could actually build out all the remaining hillsides before any plan is in place.

If you truly want to save the hills in Pleasanton, you must vote "yes" on Measure PP and also vote "no" on Measure QQ.

Janet A. Winter, Pleasanton

Brozosky has been a tremendous help

Dear Editor,

I haven't met Steve Brozosky personally, but the most tremendous help my family ever received has been from him. In the summer of 2007, I purposefully purchased a house across the street from Fairlands Elementary so that my son could walk to school everyday as my work requires traveling and my wife cannot drive due to vision problems. Soon after registering my son, I was notified that he was overflowed to Lydiksen. I found it impossible for my son to walk, ride his bike or even take the bus to Lydiksen, not to mention my wife would need to take care of his little brother, who's 3.

In despair, I wrote the board members of Pleasanton Unified School District asking for help, and Steve was the first to respond. Fully understanding our difficult situation, Steve not only had staff look into our matter but also followed up closely himself and actively advocated to get my son to Fairlands. To my tremendous relief, I was notified that my son could finally go to Fairlands when the school registration had been complete.

My family has been so grateful to Steve for his great help, which made us feel that we were really cared for by the school district and Pleasanton is really a welcoming place to live. I am sure I am just one of the countless who have been helped by Steve. I strongly feel we need a mayor like Steve who's always ready to help and reach out to everyone in Pleasanton.

Yong Zong, Pleasanton

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Police Bulletin

Crime prevention kits available

In observance of National Crime Prevention Month, the Pleasanton Police Department is providing crime prevention packs to members of the public. These free kits include resources for issues of personal security, identity theft, child safety and more.

Pleasanton's crime statistics make it one of the safest communities in California, according to the police. Reports from 2007 show the lowest crime rate in more than 20 years, with 19.8 Part I crimes per 1,000 people. Part I crimes are defined as being serious and violent in nature, including homicide, rape, burglary, aggravated assault, theft, vehicle theft and arson.

Police said this trend continues into 2008, which continues to contrast with years past ranging from 23 and 40. Packs are available at the police station, 4833 Bernal Ave.

Police Report

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

Sept. 30

- Theft:
 - 10:46 p.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue; grand theft, forgery
- Vandalism:
 - 9:42 a.m. in the 6700 block of Hansen Drive; worth less than \$400
- Lost property:
 - 6:53 p.m. in the 6700 block of Paseo San Leon

Oct. 1

- Petty theft:
 - 9:09 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 12:43 a.m. at the intersection of

Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard; DUI

-1:30 a.m. at the intersection of Spring and First streets; driving with marijuana

-4:17 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; under the influence of a controlled substance

-11:09 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

Oct. 2

- Theft:
 - 11:41 a.m. in the 1000 block of Riesling Drive; grand theft
 - 4:02 p.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; petty theft
 - 4:25 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 4:57 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
- Vandalism:
 - 8:24 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Oct. 3

- Theft:
 - 2:12 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 2:21 p.m. in the 600 block of Windmill Lane; grand theft
 - 5:50 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; stolen vehicle
- Vandalism:
 - 6:53 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; worth less than \$400
 - 7:42 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road; worth less than \$400
 - 7:54 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; worth over \$400
- Burglary:
 - 3:02 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- Harassing threats:
 - 4:51 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Obituaries

Al Bright

Al Bright died Sept. 23 at the age of 84.

Mr. Bright had lived in Pleasanton the past five years. He was born June 9, 1924 in Hayes Center, Neb., where he was raised on a farm. He joined the Navy at 17 years of age to fight in World War II as an operator of the Higgins landing craft. He participated in many beach invasions in the European and Pacific campaigns, including Normandy at

Omaha Beach.

Mr. Bright returned to farming in Nebraska after the war and married his loving wife of 52 years, Ginny Sullivan. They gave up farming when Mr. Bright joined the Nebraska Highway Patrol for two years, before moving the family to California. He became a real estate broker in San Jose where they lived for 47 years, raising their three children. The Brights retired



early and spent many happy years together, enjoying the open road in their RV, spending time with their family and gardening.

He was known to all as a caring man with a sharp wit and teasing nature.

Mr. Bright is survived by his sisters, Pauline Speulda and Darlene Sullivan of Arizona; son, Bill Bright of San Jose; daughters, Cindy Richards of Roseville, Calif. and Pam Azevedo of Pleasanton and their spouses; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2002.

Per Mr. Bright's request, private services have been held.

Births

The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center.

Sept. 12

Lisa and James Adams, a boy

Sept. 20

Shailla and Didak Patel, a girl

Sept. 22

Weiwei Wang and Shenggao Li, a girl

Sept. 23

Jeannette and Erwin Ricafrente, a girl

Deepa and Rick Whipple, a girl

Sept. 25

Stacie and Denaki Glafkides, a girl



Senior Information and Resource Fair

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• Review and Consideration of the General Plan Update

To provide an opportunity for public comment and comment from the Planning Commission on the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Draft General Plan

To provide an opportunity to review the Draft General Plan and provide comment.

• PUD 76, Nathaniel Morales/Cody White

Application for a Planned Unit Development to remodel the existing unit and to construct two new units and related site improvements at 346 West Angela Street

Housing Commission

The October 16, 2008 Housing Commission meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC)

Monday, October 13, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m.
Operation Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

Please visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda for this meeting

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The October 20th meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been cancelled

A public workshop to discuss progress to date on the draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pleasanton Library large meeting room located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF A SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, PRE-ZONING, AND REZONING
The Pleasanton Planning Commission has set Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, as the time and place to receive input on the following matter: **PSP-11 and PRZ-44, Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch Project and Corresponding Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning/Pre-Zoning for Staples Ranch**

The proposed 124 acre Staples Ranch development would include an approximately 37 acre auto mall to accommodate the relocation of the Pleasanton Auto Mall, a 46 acre senior continuing care community with a health center, an 11 acre commercial/retail development, a 17 acre community park, and a 5 acre neighborhood park that includes a storm water flow control basin. Access to the auto mall and future commercial development would be from a new road off El Charro Road, with no through connection to Stoneridge Drive except for emergency vehicles. A new two lane bridge would extend Stoneridge Drive over the Arroyo Mocho and provide access to the proposed senior continuing care community and parks.

The project site is located at the southwest corner of the I 580 and El Charro Road intersection. Approximately 1.5 acres of the property is located in Pleasanton and is zoned PUD MDR (Planned Unit Development - Medium Density Residential), and approximately 122.5 acres are located in unincorporated Alameda County. The site would be rezoned/pre-zoned to the following PUD districts: PUD-C (Commercial), PUD-HDR/C (High Density Residential/Commercial), PUD-P (Park), PUD-MDR (Medium Density Residential), or some similar combination of PUD zoning.

Copies of the Draft EIR, Final EIR, and Draft Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch Project may be obtained at the Pleasanton Planning Division, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. during regular workdays. The documents are also available on the City of Pleasanton's website at www.staplesranch.org, and copies are available for review at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. The staff report will be available at http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/pc_agenda-081022.pdf on Friday, October 17, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robin Giffin, Associate Planner, at (925) 931-5612 or rgiffin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Pleasanton Trails System Survey

The members of the Pleasanton Trails Ad Hoc Committee need your input! They are conducting a survey to gauge the use of the trails system within Pleasanton. To fill out a brief survey, please go to www.tinyurl.com/trailsurvey. Your input will assist the Trails Ad Hoc Committee in providing better recreational experiences for you!

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

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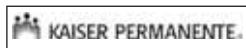
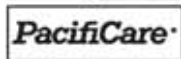
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Auditions

Open Auditions for The Vagina Monologues Open auditions for the third annual production of The Vagina Monologues will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Tri-Valley Haven Community Building, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Production to be performed at the Bankhead Theater in 2009. Inexperienced actresses of all ages and ethnic backgrounds are welcome. To schedule an audition, call Christine, 449-5845 ext. 2707.

Author Visits

Book Signing Party for Local Author Pleasanton author and health care expert Amy Sluss will celebrate the release of her first book, "Health Care Your Way," with a book signing party from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. In this book, available through Amazon.com

Oct. 15, Sluss provides an easy-to-read guide on how to get the best patient care from doctors, emergency medical personnel and hospitals.

Her Royal Spyness Mystery writer, Rhys Bowen will meet with Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch AAUW members and guests to discuss "Her Royal Spyness" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. It is the first in her new mystery series about a penniless minor royal surviving on her own in 1930s depression-era London. Call 846-2092.

Class Reunions

Amador Class of 1978 Reunion The 30th class reunion weekend is Oct. 10-12. Activities include wine tasting, a homecoming football game, golf tournament, dinner and dancing at the Pleasanton Hotel, and a picnic. Tickets are \$150 per couple. Call 484-3851 or visit www.amador78.org.

Classes

Basic Yoga Class Beth Fox instructs this basic yoga class that meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. No previous yoga experience necessary. Limited class supplies available. Fees are \$12 for drop-in or \$10 for pre-paid series. Inquire about seniors or students rates. Call 200-4060.

Divorce Care Recovery Seminar DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy., Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting Oct. 9 for 13 weeks. Free child care is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. The cost is \$25. Call 846-6622 or visit www.valleycommunitychurch.org.

Free Voice Lessons Pride of the Pacific, a women's cappella chorus, is offering a program for four Wednesday evenings, starting Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Aahmes Event Center,

Pleasanton Unified School District and Amador Valley Adult & Community Education Present:
Third in a series of community meetings on Teen Depression & Stress

Breaking Down Barriers:



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Parents and Teens:

- Come hear a panel of teens and professionals tell their stories and offer suggestions on overcoming depression and stress.
- Question and answer period will follow.
- When: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
- Where: Amador Valley High School Library
1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton

To RSVP or for more information, call Amador Valley Adult School at (925) 426-4280.

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The Story of The Native Californians At 9 a.m. Oct. 18 at Village High School, Room 702, 4645 Bernal Ave., Amador Valley Adult Education will present a PowerPoint program on California's first people. The session includes tasting native foods, handling Indian materials, and a 30 minute DVD of California Indian music and story. Instructor is Patricia Belding. Fee is \$25. Call 426-4280.

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilt Meeting The Oct. 11 meeting, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., will feature a lecture called "Humor, Meaning, Metaphor in Quilts" by Mike McNamara. On Oct. 12 he will present a workshop titled "Quilts with a Message." Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

Chess Residents are trying to start a Pleasanton Chess Club, primarily for kids. Anyone interested can email PleasantonChess@yahoo.com. Please provide email address, name, phone number and USCF rating, if any. Pleasanton.

Widowed Men and Women Social The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California meets for a happy hour gathering at 5 p.m. the third Friday of the month at the Sheraton Hotel across from JC Penney's at Stoneridge Mall. Guests welcome. RSVP prior to event. Call Lorraine, 846-5695.

Concerts

Pacific Chamber Symphony The Pacific Chamber Symphony will be in concert at 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Bankhead Theater, 2100 First St., Livermore. This program is a collection of works by Mozart and Beethoven to the Suite for Winds by Strauss and the Serenade by Dvorzak. Tickets range from \$26-\$38, or \$7 for students. Call 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingsarts.org.

Events

Donlon Elementary Holiday Boutique Donlon Elementary School is looking for vendors for the Holiday Boutique from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 8. Special pricing is available for non-profit organizations. Email Patty at DonlonAHB@comcast.net.

Ghost Walk and More Museum On Main, 603 Main St., hosts Halloween events, including guided and self-guided Ghost Walks, Haunted Museum, pumpkin carving contest, build a scarecrow, costume parade, trick or treat and more. Visit www.museumonmain.org for call 462-3373.

Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

THE WALL STREET MISTAKE

To put it plainly, Wall Street economists approach home ownership as if it were the rough equivalent of owning a little portfolio of stocks. Prices go up, you sell at a profit; prices go down, you consider selling, waiting on the sidelines, and buying again when prices have bottomed. But there is ever so much more to home ownership—a huge range of financial and emotional and health issues that the Wall Street view seems to pay very little attention to.

This should not surprise us greatly. Wall Street economics offers up such things as the Gross Domestic Product, after all—which measures how our economy is growing—and it includes thoroughly nutty factors. A hurricane in the Florida, for example, elevates the GDP somewhat because it means more work, more materials used, more repair. The economic outlook pays no heed at all to the fact that it also means a lot of misery and reduction of quality of life.

It is safe to say, since they are so close to these issues, that real estate and mortgage professionals are far more conscious of the many ways that home ownership can improve your life. Most likely, you are, too. So basing your real estate decisions on whether some Wall Street economist thinks it's a good or bad time to buy or sell all too often misses the point entirely. If you are faced by a good deal, if you are looking at the home that most truly fulfills your current and future needs, if your household will gain greatly by moving into this new home—it isn't time to wait for an all-clear sign from someone in a back office on Wall Street. Instead, get the help of the best, most compatible and trustworthy real estate and mortgage professionals you can find. Just call Gerarda Stocking at 846-4000 or visit her website at www.gerardastocking.com

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Meet The Maasai From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road, families can experience an interactive Maasai cultural event with Warrior Sabore Ole Olye and tribeswoman and teacher Hellen Nkuryai. Storytelling, face-painting, dancing, singing and bow and arrow lessons will take place. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$35 for adults or \$100 for a family four-pack. Call 998-3869 or visit www.asanteafrica.org.

Pilates for Pink Fundraiser ClubSport is hosting Pilates for Pink, a nationwide awareness campaign and fundraising initiative by Shape Magazine to raise funds for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. It takes place from 11 a.m. Oct. 18 at ClubSport, 7090 Johnson Drive. Everyone is invited to participate in a Pilates group exercise class. All fitness levels welcome, donations requested. Call 463-2822.

Exhibits

Signs of the Past—Today Take a look at some of California and Nevada's most captivating signs. Photographer Ann King has combed the west in a wistful search of Americana in his exhibit, running Sept. 26 to Oct. 25 at Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St. An artist reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 3. Call 485-1183.

Fundraisers

Blessing of the Animals Valley Humane Society's annual Blessing of the Animals is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11 at 3670 Nevada St. All animals are welcome on a leash or in a carrier. Blessings are free, with donations greatly appreciated. All animals receive a St. Francis medallion. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

Hart's Annual Rummage Sale Get some of the best deals in town at Hart Middle School's annual rummage sale to benefit the school from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18 at 4433 Willow Road. Browse through second-hand goodies for your home and family. Call the school at 426-3102.

Hike for the Firehouse Celebrate fall by heading up Pleasanton Ridge to Augustin Bernal Park with the instructor's portion of the proceeds benefiting the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Project. The fees are \$20 for residents or \$23 for non-residents and includes a digital group photo. The distance is 4-5 miles with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. Call Sue Evans, 989-4113.

Health

Free Flu Shots for Seniors Adults ages 50 and older are invited to receive free flu shots from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 17 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Conference Room, South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon. No reservations available. Call 275-8330.

Holiday

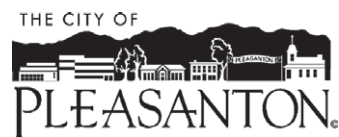
Halloween Happening Wonderful Halloween costumes, decorations and paper products for children and adults at The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1987 A Santa Rita Road. A huge assortment at low prices will benefit our programs to fight cancer. Call 462-7374.

VFW Aux. 33rd Annual Holiday Boutique VFW Auxiliary 6298 hosts its holiday boutique featuring hand-made/handcrafted decorations and gift items including: candles, stained glass, jewelry, floral arrangements, jams as well as bead, crocheted, sewn and wooden items. It's open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call 846-5453.

Kids & Teens

HeadsUp! CDC Open House HeadsUp! Child Development Center at 4671 Chabot Drive is having an open house at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 21. There will be tours of our school and classrooms and information about the program and HeadsUp! approach to learning. Call 463-2885 or visit www.headsup.org. HeadsUp! tours also on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by R.S.V.P. only.

Professional Readers Theatre At 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Word for Word Performing Arts



PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Please plan to attend this Planning Commission meeting on the General Plan Update:

- To provide an opportunity for public comment and comment from the Planning Commission on the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Draft General Plan.
- To provide an opportunity to review the Draft General Plan and provide comment.

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Pleasanton City Council Chambers located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft General Plan are available at <http://www.pleasantongeneralplan.org> or from the Planning Division counter, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The agenda report will be available after Friday October 10, 2008, at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/pc-agenda-081015.pdf>

Keep informed and be involved in the preparation of the new General Plan by checking our website at <http://www.pleasantongeneralplan.org> for all upcoming meetings.

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Lectures/Workshops

'Property Rehab' & 'Long Term Care Planning' Two seminars are held at 6 p.m. Oct. 15 at Radisson Hotel Dublin-Pleasanton, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Seminars are free, but registration is required. Call 831-4831.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment Learn what to eat (even when you don't feel like it) and ways to hydrate effectively at this free event at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Find out how to establish nutritional goals during and after cancer treatment, and how foods play a role in maintaining and regaining health. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twcba.org.

Live Music

Debra Knox Rock Show Debra Knox will perform starting at 9 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Pine street Bar and Grill, 875 Rincon St. Her music video will be released and Groovy Judy will perform her Hendrix style music. Cover is \$8. Call 321-2195 or visit www.debraknox.com.

Jesse Hendricks Spanish Guitar Jesse Hendricks will perform a Spanish Guitar Recital at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 2 p.m. Oct. 12. His repertoire includes music from the renaissance, baroque and romantic periods. Call 931-3405.

On Stage

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" Bumbling schoolmaster Ichabod Crane insists he does not believe in the infamous Headless Horseman. However, when a dark figure on a horseback follows him home one night, Ichabod screams in terror and shows that he is as superstitious as everyone else. Shows are at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, at 8 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25; and at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26. Tickets are \$14-20 for adults and \$8-\$16 for children. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civcartstickets.org.

Spiritual

Christian Healing Rev. Steve Maynard's new five-week class is on Christian healing, based on Charles Fillmore's book by the same name. This classic book presents the basic metaphysical teachings from the beginning of the Unity movement, and we'll be learning how to let these principles live in our lives. The class is from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays beginning Oct. 14, or from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 15. Held at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Copies of the book are \$10. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Compline with Taize Music End the day with candlelight, choral song and contemplation at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 12. Afterward, stay for the fellowship of a potluck supper. All are welcome. Call 462-4802 or visit www.stclarespleasanton.org.

Hadassah Schmoozapalooza Hadassah Schmoozapalooza, at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at 1441 White Sable Drive, meet members of Shalom chapter Hadassah from the Contra Costa and Tri-Valley communities and

learn more about the organization. Refreshments, dessert and a raffle are included. Call 968-9240.

On the Balanced Beam of Life Rev. Steve Maynard will speak on this topic at 10 a.m. Oct. 12 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Ongoing groups and classes meet as well. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

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Sports

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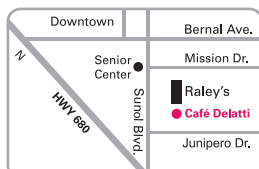
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1. Public Participation

QQ requires an open, public process that maximizes citizen participation

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QQ identifies all the ridges needing protection based on view lines and geological reports

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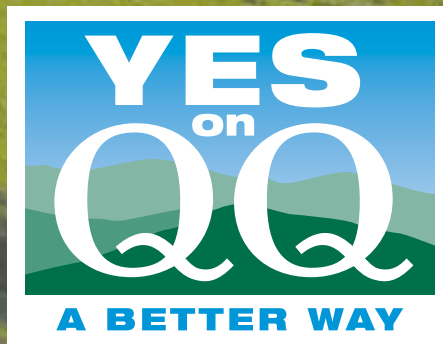
QQ sets an elevation above which no development will be allowed

5. Environmental Review

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