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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Nostrand keeps focus on business

Fellow business associates and friends crowded into a newly-expanded outdoor seating area last Tuesday to celebrate its official opening at the Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill on Hopyard Road and to toast the pub's owner Otis Nostrand. I can't recall such a boisterous event before over a new patio, but then Nostrand is a lifelong Pleasanton enthusiast who always draws a crowd. With the added space, the Hop Yard, as it's most often called, can easily accommodate more than 200 patrons on Friday evenings when football fans from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools stop in for late night family meals. Although it's not a Sports Bar, the Hop Yard has television sets most often tuned to sporting events and the place caters to both adult players and younger soccer, baseball and football players and their parents from the Pleasanton Sports Park just back of the restaurant. It's the only food and beverage facility with a back door that leads to the Sports Park, including a spacious parking lot Nostrand shares with the fans.

Nostrand opened the Hop Yard in 1993 after trying his hand at commercial real estate. A graduate of Amador Valley High in 1981, he played the outfield when the Dons baseball team won the EBAL championship in 1980. That was 30 years ago and Nostrand has been an active booster of the school, and was on hand this year when the team did it again, although Nostrand wonders why it took so long with all the good teams Amador has fielded since he graduated. He went on to UC Berkeley, finishing in 1986 with a degree in social science with a business emphasis. He was lured to a real estate firm in Sacramento and plied the trade for several years in a market that was not much better than it is today, in other words terrible, he recalls. He was at Berkeley when laws controlling brewing were lightened and microbrewers such as Triple Rock and Buffalo Bills quickly gained popularity. He not only enjoyed the varied tastes micro brewing offered, but he knew he could do better. With friends Barry Mori and Rob Hildebrand, he found the space he's now in and where the three are still in charge — Hildebrand as the food service expert and Mori as a partner. Hop Yard now offers 30 differently crafted beers



DAWN WILSON

Hop Yard patrons crowd the bar's expanded outdoor seating section, which celebrated its official opening last Tuesday.

on tap, the most of any alehouse in the Tri-Valley, and a full menu that has won numerous awards over the last 17 years. Although he hires high school students to help wait on tables, the Hop Yard's main appeal is to an older, sports-loving crowd.

It's also become a magnet for quasi-political get-togethers of all stripes, from gatherings of Democrats in support of Congressman Jerry McNerney to Republicans who supported former Dublin Mayor and state Assemblyman Guy Houston. A side room off the main restaurant serves the purpose with a television set tuned to election results for the jubilant — or sometimes disappointed crowds that fill the banquet hall. Although not a politician, himself, Nostrand is active in the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's political action committee and in 2003 was chairman of the chamber. He's no longer on the chamber board although he seldom misses its government affairs and economic reporting committee meetings. He also was a member of the city's Economic Vitality Committee for several years.

After Nostrand and his wife Julie adopted two daughters in China — Carly and Maggie — he turned in his campaign shoes for more domestic interests after work. Wednesday he was at a party for their dance club and he's also a regular at swim lessons and their soccer games, conveniently played just out the back door from the Hop Yard.

Now 47, friends keep pressing him to seek a spot on the Planning Commission or run for City Council. That's not likely as long as the daughters are in elementary school, but he doesn't rule out the possibility sometime in the not-too-distant future. Seeing the crowd that turned out for a patio opening, he might have a supportive constituency already. ■

About the Cover

While some horse racing purists may look down their noses at California's Summer Fair circuit, horse racing's all-time leader Russell Baze finds the annual summer tour exciting and challenging. Cover photo by Vassar Photography. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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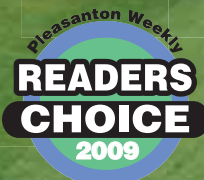
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Streetwise

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Do you have any special plans for the summer?



Joshua Cole

I'm going to Extreme Camp, a youth group camp near Sonoma. My cousin is coming to visit for a week, and then my family and I are going to Big Trees for July 4th. We're also going to Tahoe.

Lisa Bencriscutto

We just got back from a two-week vacation in San Diego, where we enjoyed the beach with our two boys. Now we're just planning to hang out at home, with trips to the park and the swimming pool.



Carina Harold

I think our main attraction for the summer will be the neighborhood pool, because we just joined. We'll probably be there every single day. Our big trip will be to Legoland near San Diego at the end of July.

Chris Cousens

I'm going to Tahoe with my girlfriend and her family in the beginning of August, and right after that I'm going to Oahu. My grandparents own a condo there and I'll join my family and spend a week with them.



Lani Cohen

My family and I are going to Boston for July 4th, and then I'm planning to go camping with my friends at Del Valle. Around town, I'm definitely going to the First Wednesday street fairs.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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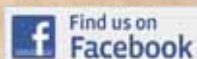
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DIGEST

1st Wednesday: 'Red, White and Blues'

Continue the spirit of Independence Day at Pleasanton Downtown Association's "Red White and Blues" 1st Wednesday Street Party from 6-9 p.m. July 7.

The evening features booths up and down Main Street set up by a variety of businesses to market and sell their products and services. It's a good chance to stop in the downtown shops, too, and enjoy the restaurants.

Be sure to check out: Noland's Cake Shop handing out red, white, and blue cupcakes under the Pleasanton arch; the P-town Push Rods classic car show at the Coast Gas Station, and the Singing Blue Stars performing in front of the Veteran's Hall.

Stop at the survey kiosks at the Domus parking lot, 652 Main St., to share your 1st Wednesday experiences and get a chance to win a downtown gift card.

Transition program for veterans

Las Positas College is again holding a summer transition program, Operation Gateway II — A Veteran's Transition to Success. The three-day program, held July 15-17, is an orientation and workshop for returning veterans who wish to further their education at Las Positas College. Topics to be discussed include career planning, classroom expectations, readjustment services and Post-9/11 benefits. This is an opportunity for veterans to experience firsthand the community and camaraderie that they will foster and develop throughout their experience at Las Positas.

Contact Todd Steffan at 424-1571 or lpveterans@laspositas-college.edu.

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Corrections

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Casey says goodbye as school board members Arkin, Hintzke block expenditures

One fund saves music programs, another falls short of sparing technology specialists from cuts

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A farewell to retiring Superintendent John Casey and wrangling over money took up the bulk of Tuesday night's school board meeting in Pleasanton.

The meeting was Casey's last before he leaves the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD), and he was presented with three plaques; from the Classified School Employees Association (CSEA); from the Pleasanton Teachers Association and from Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE).

Alex Sutton, president of the CSEA, recalled Casey as being "tough on decisions, soft on people."

"If I was to evaluate you, John, I'd say you meet district standards," Sutton joked.

Teacher's union President Trevor Knaggs told the board that in order to learn a bit more about Casey, he Googled the name. He learned that "John Casey" is not only the Pleasanton district's superintendent, but he's also a surgeon, a NASA consultant and a character on the British television show Dr. Who, which is why he's always so busy, Knaggs said.

"Happy trails, Dr. Casey," Knaggs told him.

Judge Ron Hyde, president of the PPIE Foundation and a retiree himself, gave Casey an appointment book in addition to a plaque, explaining that's something he gives all fellow retirees so they can keep track of all their spare time.

Money issues dominated the remainder of the meeting. The board received a check for \$160,000, the first of two installments from Pleasanton-based ValleyCare Health System.

"We would like to pay for two nurses for two years," said Ken Mercer, the outgoing president of the ValleyCare Foundation told the board. That will bring the number of full time equivalent nurses from one to three. Mercer is also retiring from his hospital post.

The board also learned that the Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) foundation had raised enough money to save elementary and middle school music programs for the upcoming year.

However, PPIE has fallen short of its most immediate goal of paying for four hours of technology specialists at elementary and middle schools through its CORE (Community Outreach for Education) campaign. Casey recommended borrowing \$23,867 from the \$4.3 million the board has available from its sale of the Sycamore property years ago. That idea was met with opposition from board members Jamie Hintzke and Valery Arkin.

"We're talking about pulling money out of the Sycamore fund to backfill this and that makes me nervous," Hintzke said.

The CORE campaign will con-

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Girl Scouts Megha Jain, Emily Truax, Casey Mensinger, Swathi Narahari and Ellen Wilson receive their Gold Award.

5 Girl Scouts awarded top honors for helping others

Gold Award is highest achievement in Girl Scouting

BY BRITTANY HERSH

Five Girl Scouts received their Gold Award, a feat only 1 percent of all Girl Scouts achieve and is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Laura Wilson, leader of Pleasanton Girl Scout Troop 32314, said the Scouts were presented Gold Award pins at a ceremony held June 12.

The girls are Casey Mensinger, Ellen Wilson, Swathi Narahari, Megha Jain and Emily Truax.

Foothill High School juniors

Mensinger and Wilson organized a Latin American awareness fair for their fellow Girl Scouts and the Tri-Valley community. The pair collected new t-shirts, socks and shoes to donate to Hogar Miguel Magone, a Guatemalan orphanage. The orphanage used the proceeds to buy an industrial pressure cooker.

In addition, the girls made 100 sling bags and traveled to Guatemala to volunteer at the institution.

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'Red carpet' treatment for Pleasanton permit seekers

BY JEB BING

Pleasanton has re-opened its building permit center at 200 Old Bernal Ave. following a three-month remodel.

The new configuration features a state-of-the-art permit center where customers are seated at a single counter and the appropriate employees are brought out to discuss the customer's projects and questions. The red carpet treatment comes with major improvement, including new carpeting (although it's not red), paint, signage and a 40-foot curvilinear counter area with six customer stations.

Even the ceiling has been reconstructed with better lighting and solar tubes. Work stations for the city staff

have been added, along with a new conference room. The central area leading to the City Council chambers and its large conference room have been re-done.

Local architect Peter Shutts handled the project, working with staff to redesign the permit center.

"The new permit center will greatly enhance the city's ability to respond to customer needs by streamlining the delivery of services," City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

The new center is open for business Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (925) 931-5602. ■

Pleasanton meth lab case yields guilty plea

Charges dismissed against second brother

Robert Magoon, one of two brothers accused of running a meth lab out of his Pleasanton home has accepted a plea deal that calls for no jail time.

Under the deal, Magoon, 50, pleaded guilty to one count of manufacturing methamphetamine and received five years of probation. The case was heard earlier this month.

Charges were dropped against his younger brother, Matthew Magoon.

On March 10, police went to the home in the 800 block of Angela Street to serve an arrest warrant on Matthew Magoon on unrelated

charges. There, they uncovered evidence of a clandestine drug lab used to make methamphetamine. During the investigation, police turned up evidence that included glassware, beakers, propane tanks, tubing, acetone, salts, powders, smoking devices, precursor for making methamphetamine, a digital scale and packaging.

Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement agents also went to the home to investigate and dismantle the lab, police said. Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department hazardous material crews went to the home as a precaution.

—Glenn Wohltmann

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Walkway to new BART station in place

Pleasanton side next in mid-July as station readies for opening at year's end

By JEB BING

Crews have installed the first of two pedestrian walkways at the new West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station in the middle of I-580 near the interchange of Foothill/San Ramon roads.

The work marked the final phase of the station's construction, with BART and Caltrans expected to approve the work and to open the station to riders at the end of the year or in early 2011.

Overnight, traffic was detoured from the Dougherty Road off-ramp to Dublin Boulevard as the steel walkway was lifted into place from the shoulders of the freeway.

Although the steel pedestrian pathways were manufactured and ready two years ago, a year ago, Caltrans, which has oversight for the project, determined that the welds didn't meet the proper safety requirements and could not be repaired. The state transportation agency's standards were different than BART's, which provided the contract specifications.

A BART spokesperson said at the time that it didn't appear the weldings were unsafe, but the agency differed to Caltrans requirement that they be rebuilt, with an additional \$2.5 million added to the total cost due to welding problems.

Installation of the pedestrian walkway on the Pleas-



JEB BING

This new pedestrian walkway was installed early Sunday morning, connecting the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to Dublin. Walkway on Pleasanton side will be installed in mid-July. BART plans to open station late this year.

anton side will take place over two weekends — July 10-11 and again on July 17-18 — with eastbound lanes affected at Foothill Road, where they will be directed to Stoneridge Drive to the northbound I-680 ramp and then back onto I-580, according to Allyn Amsk, public information officer for Caltrans. ■

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tinue through the summer, with coupon books for local merchants being sold at a number of locations, and donations being sought from parents of incoming and summer school students.

"If we don't raise the money, how will we pay it back?" Arkin asked. Taking money from the Sycamore fund requires a four-vote approval rather than a simple majority of three out of the five members. Arkin and Hintzke voted against it

and the motion was defeated, leaving CORE to raise the remainder itself.

Taking money from the Sycamore fund to pay for textbooks also was opposed by Arkin and Hintzke. The district recommended spending \$350,100 on advanced high school math and Spanish texts and had worked out a deal with a publisher to provide three years of math books for grades three to five and pay for them over five years, but that required a legal move, taking money temporarily from the Sycamore fund to offset the cost.

Again, since that required a four-vote majority, the motion failed with opposition from Hintzke and Arkin. Instead, the board approved buying a single year of elementary math for third graders at a cost of \$135,000. A second motion, which added the advanced high school textbooks at an additional \$11,100 also was approved.

The board formally approved the budget it had tentatively agreed upon last month with minor changes, and agreed to back a lawsuit suing the state of California, which would require the state to pay for mandated programs. ■

SCOUTS

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Narahari and Jain, also juniors at Foothill, hosted an Indian cultural event where the earnings were used to purchase an ophthalmic chair for a non-profit organization called Share of Medici Hospital in India. The girls then traveled to Hyderabad, India to educate rural people

about proper hygiene and eye care.

Last October, Amador Valley High School junior Truax coordinated a recycling drop-off and environmental awareness fair called "Go Green in Pleasanton." It was supported by the city of Pleasanton, the school district and Pleasanton Garbage Services.

Through Truax's efforts, a total of 10,000 pounds of waste was collected and \$322 was donated

to the school district's environmental fund. Toiletries were given to "Clothing of the Homeless Vets," an Alameda County organization and, through the Foothill Optometric Group, Truax was able to provide eyeglasses for the needy in Mexico.

Mensingher, Wilson, Narahari and Truax are all members of Ambassador Troop 32314 and Jain is a member of Ambassador Troop 32477. ■

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Community of Character — remember?

For a city that prides itself on its Community of Character traits, last week's City Council meeting fell short of the goal. Lest we forget, the city of Pleasanton in partnership with the school district adopted six behavior characteristics that the council and school board pledged to model and advance in our community. These traits are Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity.

The meeting, scheduled to review a supplemental environmental impact report for Staples Ranch as well as to consider the proposed municipal budget for 2010-11 and an updated Youth Master Plan, got off to a shaky start with an angry, red-faced Mayor Jennifer Hosterman throwing a voluminous staff report on the floor after learning that Staples hearing was being continued. It turned out that the postponement was made by City Manager Nelson Fialho, and with good reason. Cards notifying the public of the meeting, which must be delivered 10 days in advance of a public hearing, arrived late in some mailboxes, including those of opponents of the new EIR. Rather than spend part of the meeting debating if and why the cards were late, Fialho rescheduled the hearing to a special meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 24, when the council could devote its entire session to Staples. Although the mayor settled down and the council continued with its agenda discussion of the budget and youth master plan, tempers flared again late in the evening and after most constituents had left the council chamber. What those who stayed and viewers who kept tuned in to the council broadcast on TV30's Channel 29 then saw and heard were council members berating one another and the Staples issue, itself. It was 30 minutes of diatribe that would have been better aired behind closed doors if they could have found some way of making that legal.

Consideration on developing the 124-acre empty track of land called Staples Ranch goes back to the early 1990s and has been part of heated discussions in the past five years, mostly over plans to extend Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore. Hosterman and Council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne support the extension; council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan are opposed. Alameda County, which owns Staples and wants to offload the site, is insisting that the Stoneridge extension be included in development plans.

Although the public hearing has been moved to Aug. 24 with notifications to be sent well in advance by certified mail, it's anybody's guess how fast this controversial process will continue. Any single council member can ask for a continuance one time. At least two more meetings must be held. Judging by the loud and bitter exchanges at last week's meeting, and with a municipal election to be held Nov. 2, it could be after that and well into 2011 before those who want to build on Staples Ranch or live in the independent and assisted living community planned there know the outcome of their petitions to proceed. The least we can hope for is a mayor that facilitates a productive discussion and council members who re-read the Community of Character pledge that hangs on the council chamber wall. ■



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LETTERS

Poor choice of words

Dear Editor,
I was offended by your use of the word "other" in reference to the Horizon and Village grads ("Pleasanton's 'other' graduates celebrate, too," June 18, 2010). Why should they be singled out as different from the graduates of Foothill or Amador Valley? I am sure their graduation meant as much to them and their families as any other

graduates and maybe more considering some of the obstacles they have overcome! I have no students in Pleasanton schools, but if I had a graduate that you singled out as an "other" I would be very disappointed with your coverage.

R. E. Patterson

What's your opinion?

Write a Letter to the Editor at Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com or put your opinion on Town Square at www.PleasantonWeekly.com. Letters must be signed and should be 250 words or less.

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Civic Meetings

CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Class Reunions

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RACE IS ON

BY DENNIS MILLER

Top jockey
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While some horse racing purists may look down their noses at California's Summer Fair circuit, no less an authority than Russell Baze, horse racing's all time leader in wins and a member of the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame, enjoys the annual summer tour.

"It really helps sharpen your wits when you have to adjust to a new track every two to three weeks," said the 51-year old Baze, of the short term Fair meets. "You also get to ride a lot of different horses. It's an available

tool for a rider to stay sharp."

Baze, who as of June 16 was leading the nation in wins again — he's been the top rider 11 times nationally and has won 400 or more races 13 of the last 18 years (no other jockey has won 400 in year more than three times) — is taking on all comers at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton, where racing kicked off this past Wednesday.

Racing will run through July 11, with 16 days of racing overall. The track will be dark on Monday June 28, as well as the 29th when the Fair is closed. The Fair will also be closed Tuesday, July 6.

Part of the attraction to riding in Pleasanton is the atmosphere of fair racing, where

the fans are excited to see horse racing live, which for many of them is the only time in the year they venture out to the track.

"(The fans) are not there just for the races — they are there for different things," said Baze. "It's a fun fair and they're there to have a good time."

Which wasn't always the case for Baze and the other the jockeys.

"The crowd (at Pleasanton) is not as boisterous as it used to be," said Baze, who drew his fair share of razzing over the years when he didn't win a race. "They loved to offer their viewpoint on a particular ride you just had. It wasn't just me, it was anyone they weren't happy with. But recently, they have been much kinder."

Another thing which changes for Baze



when the fair circuit rolls around is how he rides during a race. The fair often features young, inexperienced riders getting their first prolonged exposure to racing.

"The young riders we have here are pretty good group of guys," explained Baze. "There are some riders, who are a little bit more — inexperienced and you have to be aware of that. Sometimes they ride more aggressive than they need to, so you might have to be a little more aggressive in return. But for the most part, I don't have to change what I do."

Working with the younger riders is something Baze enjoys and he tries to be as helpful as possible, much the same way his uncle Gary Baze was when Russell started racing.

"Most of the bug boys (rookie jockeys) will ask me if I see something they are doing wrong to let them know," said Baze. "It's great that they ask me and they are willing to take advice. This is a teachable group of young riders."

The casual Pleasanton Fair horse racing fan knows Baze as one of the best riders, but few probably realize exactly what Baze has accomplished in his career.

The son of Joe Baze, who won riding titles at Bay Meadows, Golden Gate Fields and Longacres (Washington), Russell rode his first winner at Yakima Meadows in Washington in 1974. Since then it's been one winner after another.

On Dec. 1, 2006, Baze overtook Laffit Pincay as the nation's all-time leading jockey when he recorded win No. 9,531. In February of 2008, Baze became the first rider in North America to win 10,000 races when he crossed the line with Two Step Cat in a race at Golden Gate Fields. As on June 15, he had 10,941 wins.

He has won 37 riding championships at Golden Gate Fields and 40 at the now-closed Bay Meadows.



In addition to leading the nation 11 times in wins, he was honored with a special Eclipse Award (horse racing's annual symbol of excellence) in 1995 for being the first jockey to win 400 races or more in four consecutive years.

Baze is also a 14-time winner of the Isaac Murphy Award, a national honor given annually to the jockey who rides the highest percentage of winners from mounts (minimum 500 mounts) during the year. The Isaac Murphy was started in 1995 and Baze has won the honor every year with the exception of 2004.

In 2002, Baze was honored with the George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award, a prestigious honor awarded to him by his fellow riders. The Woolf Award pays tribute to whose careers and personal character reflect positively on themselves and the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

All in all, it's been a great career for Baze.

"The Hall of Fame was special," said Baze. "The Eclipse award and the winning the George Woolf were also both pretty special. I've had some great moments and ridden some great horses like Lost In The Fog and Bold Chieftain."

But at an age when many of the top jockeys in the country retire from riding, Baze is no where near ready to step away from the sport he loves. And he's showing no signs of slowing down.

"I think I've got 2-3 years left in my," said Baze. "I'm leading the nation in wins right now, right? I think I will know when (it's time to retire) comes, but it isn't in my mind right now. I'm having too much fun."

When the time comes, how does Baze want people to look at back at his career and remember him by?

"I just hope people will remember that I tried hard on all of them," said Baze. "Whether it was a stakes race or claiming, I rode hard every time." ■

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal

- Review plans and offer comments for the Bernal Bridge Offsite Mitigation Pond Observation Deck
- Trails Project Status Report

General Information

- City offices will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

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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POLICE BULLETIN

Progress made investigating Sunday stabbing

Pleasanton police say they're following some leads in the stabbing of a Tracy man Sunday after a fracas on Vineyard Avenue.

"No arrests yet, we're still investigating," said Pleasanton police Sgt. Jim Knox. "We do have some leads

we're following up on." Officers responded to several reports of yelling and bottles breaking in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue at about 5:40 p.m.

Although officers arrived on the scene within four minutes, no suspects or victims were to be found.

Twenty minutes later, an 18-year-old Tracy man arrived at Valley Care Medical Hospital with a non-life threatening stab wound, according to police.

The victim told police his injuries were sustained at the same scene.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the department at (925) 931-5100.

POLICE REPORT

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

June 15

Theft

- 8:05 p.m. in the 3200 block of Omega Circle; theft

Vandalism

- 10:54 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol offenses

- 2:24 a.m. in the 4500 block of First Street; DUI
- 3:41 p.m. in the 4700 block of Dell Valle Parkway; public drunkenness

June 16

Theft

- 10:53 a.m. in the 7200 block of Stonedale Drive; petty theft
- 12:07 p.m. in the 3400 block of Stanley Boulevard; petty theft

Vandalism

- 10:03 a.m. in the 4500 block of

Chabot Drive

Prank Calls

- 9:49 a.m. in the 4800 block of River Rock Hill Road

DUI

- 1:37 a.m. at the intersection of Rialto Way and Stoneridge Drive

June 17

Theft

- 8:32 a.m. in the 5700 block of Hidden Creek Court; grand theft
- 4:25 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

- 11:53 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- 2:50 p.m. in the 4200 block of Tulipwood Court

June 18

Theft

- 7:14 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; petty theft
- 8:57 a.m. in the 6400 block of Amber Lane; petty theft
- 3:24 p.m. in the 200 block of Mavis

Drive; automotive theft

Burglary

- 6:06 p.m. in the 6400 block of Calle Esperanza

Vandalism

- 8:48 a.m. in the 3200 block of Flemington Court
- 11:26 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Marijuana possession

- 8:19 p.m. at the intersection of Hacienda Crossing and Hacienda Drive

June 19

Theft

- 7:13 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:33 p.m. in the 6600 block of Via San Blas; grand theft
- 8:51 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; automotive theft

DUI

- 11:23 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

OBITUARIES

Alexandra "Sandy" English

Alexandra (Sandy) English, a 23-year resident of Pleasanton, passed away June 18 at the age of 63. She

was born Sept. 20, 1946 and is survived by her mother, Zora Radonich; aunt Olga Swartz; sister, Tina (Bruce) Craver; son, Jeffrey English and daughter, Cynthia English; nephew, Brandon Craver and niece Ashley Craver; granddaughter Emma Rose, and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Alexander "Lefty" Radonich.

Ms English was born in San Francisco and was an avid 49'er fan. She loved shopping, decorating, traveling, trips to Tahoe and Reno, crossword puzzles, reading, and spending time with her family and friends. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends are invited to attend a wake service Tuesday, June 22 at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. Funeral service celebrating her life will be Wednesday, June 23. Please call the mortuary for service times. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Axis Community Health at www.axishealth.org or mailed to Axis Community Health, Attn: Development Office, 4361 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, Ca 94566.

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3043 Boardwalk Street \$709,000
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1262 Summer Court \$718,000
Sat 1-4 Investment RE 963-0569

2350 Sandpiper Way \$749,000
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7823 La Quinta \$925,000
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2237 Kamp Road \$1,098,000
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4239 Pleasanton Avenue \$1,589,000
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860 Castlewood Place \$1,695,000
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2367 E. Ruby Hill Drive \$1,990,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6898

3766 Smallwood Court \$2,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

4170 West Las Positas \$679,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

4520 Lin Gate Street \$819,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 895-9950

4262 Tamur Court \$879,500
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7520 Canyon Meadow Circle #C M. Voss to J. Sims for \$200,000

21 Castledown Road Bank of America to V. Vargas for \$927,500

6080 Corte Montanas J. Waggner to M. Rivas for \$500,000

4848 Dolores Drive Gluck Trust to Strong Trust for \$950,000

2357 Fairfield Court Bank of America to M. & Z. Sandler for \$737,000

3319 Guthrie Court D. & K. Lloyd to H. & T. Ha for \$795,000

7308 Linwood Court Wilson Trust to B. Sahoo for \$575,000

1541 Maple Leaf Drive J. & C. Garrity to M. & M. Molina for \$918,000

5652 Paseo Navarro Fox Trust to Leary Trust for \$660,000

6341 Paseo Santa Maria R. & A. Tacdol to Z. Liang for \$863,000

2362 Sandpiper Way Hoyle Trust to A. Breen for \$835,000

3348 Smoketree Commons C. Wolford to J. Souza for \$200,000

3356 Smoketree Commons D. Clifton to Geisler Trust for \$220,000

565 Sycamore Creek Way B. & H. Hafker to M. & M. Peter for \$935,000

7265 Valley Trails Drive B. & H. Chung to D. Cheng for \$570,500

7241 Valley View Court Washington Mutual Bank to K. Sundaram for \$432,000

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 4bd/2.5ba, 2200+/- sq.ft
 Offered at \$809,000



COMING SOON IN PLEASANTON
 Beautifully updated Solano model in Original Country Fair, 4bd/2ba, 2,274+/-sq.ft on a 10,000+/-sq.ft lot, new granite kitchen and baths, 3 car garage. Please call for private showing and details.



OPEN SUN 1-4
4520 Lin Gate Street, Pleasanton
 4bd/3ba, 2,179+/-sq.ft
 Offered at \$819,000



PENDING
654 Palomino Drive, Pleasanton
 3bd/2.5ba, 2300+/-sq.ft
 Offered at \$539,000

BUYERS NEEDS	Family of 4 relocating from the Mid West seeks 4bd Birdland home up to \$800,000	Family of 4 seeks 4bd Birdland home up to \$750,000 with a pool
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DIAMOND COLLECTION

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749 CRYSTAL LANE, PLEASANTON
 Don't miss this beautiful home in the desirable Diamond Collection. Five bedrooms, 5th is office/guest suite downstairs, three bathrooms, updated kitchen with new granite countertops, custom tumbled marble backsplash & stainless steel appliances. Expansive master suite with retreat & viewing balcony, new carpet throughout, three fireplaces & three car garage. Approximately 3,000 square feet. Private rear yard with in-ground pool/spa & lawn area. Lot size is 8,230. Located on quiet street. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT \$1,169,950**

PLEASANTON HEIGHTS

OPEN SUN 1-4



4262 TAMUR COURT, PLEASANTON
 Walk to downtown from your custom home. Great location at back of court and adjacent to Kottinger Park. Don't miss the large park-like private rear yard with in-ground pool, expansive decking, mature trees and beautiful landscaping. Approximately .27 acre lot. Views of Mt. Diablo. Everything is on one level, except downstairs bonus or guest suite. Four bedrooms, three baths at 2,524 square feet. Three car garage. Optional sauna. Walk to elementary school(s). **OFFERED AT \$879,500**

CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATE



788 VINEYARD TERRACE, PLEASANTON
 Country Chateau Vineyard Estate on approximately 1 acre secluded lot (40,029 sq. ft.). Professionally landscaped with multiple heritage oaks, adjacent to vineyards. Panoramic views of Mount Diablo and the surrounding hills. This semi-custom beautiful private home built by Greenbriar Homes in 2008 has a total square footage of 6,476. The main house at 5,330 square feet includes five bedrooms plus library (6th), six bathrooms and a super bonus/home theater room. Also included are a four car garage and private carriage house at 1,146 square feet. **OFFERED AT \$1,995,000**

PLEASANTON HILLS

OPEN SUN 1-4



5071 MONACO DRIVE, PLEASANTON
 Beautiful upgraded Harrington Model in Pleasanton Hills. Panoramic views of Mount Diablo, the valley and Pleasanton Ridge. Four bedrooms (one downstairs), three bathrooms, upgraded kitchen, crown molding, plantation shutters, upgraded doors and casings, newer dual pane windows and three car garage. Expandable option for fifth bedroom. Approximately 3,000 square feet. Lot size is 8,158 square feet with upgraded landscaping. Located on quiet street. Just steps to great neighborhood parks and Main Street Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT \$1,029,000**

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JANNA CHESTNUT BY APPT



4128 STANLEY BLVD \$1,799,000
Exquisite, Unique, this property features 3 living structures. Grand main house, guest cottage, historical barn w/rec room & studio, pool & pool house. Must See! www.4128StanleyBlvd.com

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



7208 ROSECLIFF CT \$1,775,000
Gourmet cook's kitchen & entertainers delight. 5 BD/ 5.5 BA w/ 5,330sf. plus theater room, office and library. Outdoor kitchen, large patio & pool.

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



7909 DORAL CT \$1,699,000
Fabulous Golden Eagle luxury home with 4 bedrooms plus office, 3 baths, remodeled cherry & granite kitchen situate on a private .42+/- acre lot with pool, spa, BBQ and stunning view of the ridge!

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



2516 WILDE AVE \$1,569,000
Stunning Mediterranean style 5bd +retreat, 4.5ba, granite/stainless kitchen, resort like .50+/-acre lot, pool,spa,sports court & fire pit.

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



4897 DOLORES DRIVE \$1,565,000
You won't find a nicer home this close to downtown Pleasanton. Stunning custom cherry detailing throughout. Gourmet kitchen, pool & spa, formal living room & covered porch, library, views.



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7284 LYLEWOOD DR \$1,250,000
4bds/3ba,3500+/-sf home. Expanded FR, formal DR, and LR. Upstairs Bonus room. Built in 1996. Master suite with fireplace, near great schools and shopping. Large corner lot.

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



6415 AMBER LN \$985,000
6bd+bonus, 3ba, huge upgraded kitchen, hardwood floors, large private lot, sparkling pool, side access. Must See!

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



2168 GRAPE LEAF LN \$849,950
This is a beautiful custom home in a court location. Features include swimming pool with waterfall, granite counter tops, SS appliances, 3 fireplaces, 3 car garage, master retreat, & much much more.

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



5744 SAN CARLOS WAY \$819,999
Nice 2-story, 3-bedroom home near elementary and middle schools, 680 freeway, and downtown Pleasanton. Many custom details. Updated kitchen and baths. Great floorplan.

SALLY MARTIN BY APPT



4224 TAMUR COURT \$749,000
4 bd/2 bath in great location! Updated kitchen & appliances. Updated baths w/tile. All living space on one floor. Expansive screened-in deck with roof. Near park, schools, churches, and downtown.

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1-4



3043 BOARDWALK ST \$709,000
Fabulous 3bd, 2.5ba with plantation shutters, upgraded kitchen, berber carpeting, vaulted ceilings, marble fireplace, and private lot with pool!

DOUG BUENZ SAT&SUN 1-4



4170 W LAS POSITAS BLVD \$679,900
Charming 4b/3ba upgraded home, remodeled stainless & granite kitchen, large private yard with sparkling pool!

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



4187 FRANCISCO ST \$585,000
4bd/2.5ba 1,524sf. An entertainer's home with a private backyard. Outdoor kitchen, pool/spa, private courtyard. Open floor plan w/ a gourmet kitchen.

JENNIFER MALAKOFF SUN 1:30-4:30



726 ESTATES ST \$359,750
Super sharp and sparkling clean! Newer heat and a/c, dual pane windows, stunning kitchen and bath. Fantastic back yard with patio, garden area w/many fruit trees. Extra large lot!

