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# MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 SUNOL VALLEY GOLF CLUB & FAZ Restaurant

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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## 'Car guys' should check out the new Chevy Volt

My dad was a car dealer and I remember the excitement about this time every year when we would watch the new-model-year cars being offloaded from trucks at his downstate Illinois dealership. It was that same enthusiasm I found with GM's Shad Balch two weeks ago at the Chevrolet dealer in Dublin where he showed me the new Chevy Volt, one of two on display in the East Bay as part of the national GM Outreach program, which is designed to bring more customers into the company's showrooms. The Volt, a four-seater all-electric car, did just that with several hundred seeing the car for the first time while also enjoying a sunny Saturday outing with the family, including valet parking outside and a sit-down lunch served by Kinder's Restaurant of Pleasanton.

Balch, who describes himself as a true "car guy," grew up in Pleasanton where his family still lives. Four years ago, as General Motors started restructuring, Balch left his policy position with the Schwarzenegger administration to join GM in its turn-around effort. He is now GM's Western Region environment and energy communications specialist, with an office in Southern California's Thousand Oaks. Balch is on the front line in the company's new strategy to engage its current and former customers one-on-one and to lure them back to a General Motors product. The Volt, with its stylish eco-friendly features, looks like a sure bet to win buyers who'd like to cut their fuel bills without sacrificing safety, convenience and power in their cars. The Volt can go about 40 miles on its fully-charged battery before a small gasoline engine automatically kicks in to keep the battery charged for the next 300 miles or so. Fill up the engine and keep going.

I couldn't drive the Dublin car, but Balch assured me it's an unbelievable experience. Because the car is electric, it has full horsepower and torque at the start, quickly and smoothly going from zero to 60 mph in a matter of seconds. There's no transmission, just extraordinary power and absolutely no engine noise. It's unlike any hybrids on the road and can be charged in about nine hours overnight using a standard household plug. Stay within 40 miles between charges and you never have to buy



JEB BING

Shad Balch, environment and energy communications specialist for General Motors Western region, opens the door of a new Chevrolet Volt at a special showing in Dublin last week.

gasoline. The car lists for \$41,000 but with various incentives, can be purchased for about \$32,000. The battery comes with a factory warranty good for eight years or 100,000 miles, which Balch says is the best in the business.

Besides seeing GM's new pride and joy, I also had a chance to visit with some of the 40 executives, engineers, vehicle development teams and marketers from GM's Detroit headquarters who are participating in these Volt launch parties to "re-connect" with customers. It's a strategy the company should have tried 10 years ago before so many of its customers fled to other brands, but it seems to be paying off. In its recent fiscal quarter, GM posted a \$1.3 billion profit, which was the first time the company posted a profit in the last four years. Although it's repaid its government loan, the feds still have a majority ownership stake in GM. That could change soon with a new public offering of GM stock.

Balch said at least a dozen customers signed up to take delivery of the Chevy Volt at the Dublin outreach program. Deliveries should start in November with the 2011 models expected to be sold out from the start. Most will be sold in California where Balch and his associates are planning more showroom events in the state that used to be GM's largest market. By building enthusiasm for the Volt, other GM products are also picking up sales as buyers start eyeing the new models being introduced. For "car guys," and hopefully for GM, this could be the best year ever. ■

## About the Cover

Pleasanton police Officer Ken McNeill checks out a home to see if it is secure. The police do home security inspections for residents and say that simple precautions can reduce the risk of a home burglary.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Would you like to see a pet cemetery in Pleasanton?



### Maggie Hadlock

*Pizzeria employee*

Yes, because pets are a part of everyone's family, and sometimes they are like a son or daughter to their owners. I think it's important to have a place to go and remember a pet. I know I would like that.

### Mary Snell

*PUSD Health Clerk*

I used to live near Colma, where there actually was a pet cemetery. It was important to those people, and it was nice that they had a final resting place for their beloved animals. I think it would be a good option, if it were available, to those that needed it.



### Lynn Cronin

*Kindergarten teacher*

I don't think there should be a pet cemetery in Pleasanton, because I think when they're gone, they're gone.

### Lalit Badhe

*Software engineer*

I don't have pets, but there are a lot of people who have them and they would probably like to see a cemetery here. It would be good for the community.



### Allen Razavi

*Student, Amador Valley High School*

I think that we should have a pet cemetery because animals are a part of everyone's life. Whether you have a pet or not, they affect your life in some way and we need to respect that.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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## DIGEST

### Marketing workshop

The city of Pleasanton offers the next in a series of marketing workshops targeting Pleasanton retail and restaurant businesses from 8-9 a.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Restaurant, 855 Main St.

All Pleasanton retail and restaurant establishments are invited to participate in this free workshop to learn the benefits of a soon-to-be-launched "shop local" holiday campaign. Participants will learn national statistics on the success of such campaigns and how they can increase holiday sales and help to create a network of loyal customers.

The event is free to Pleasanton businesses and all attendees will receive a "shop local" kit with materials and instructions on how to capture more holiday sales. Participants are encouraged to register today to Rebecca Perry at 931-5038 or rperry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

### Looking for interns

U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is accepting applications for college and post-graduate student internship positions in his Pleasanton, Stockton and Washington, D.C., offices.

"I encourage students who are interested in public service and learning about a congressional office to apply," McNerney said. "It is an excellent way to gain professional experience and to serve our community."

All internship positions are unpaid although the congressman's office will work with educational institutions that award academic credit. To apply, mail or fax a cover letter and resume to the respective office. Mail delivery to D.C. is delayed due to security, so applicants are encouraged to fax a cover letter and resume.

### Candidates forum

#### Tuesday

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will host a breakfast next Tuesday where candidates for mayor and the City Council will discuss their views of issues affecting the city and answer questions about their candidacy.

Those invited to participate in the candidates' forum include Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is seeking re-election, and Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who is also seeking election as mayor. Vying for the two available council seats are incumbents Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne and challengers Karla Brown and Fred Watson.

Brad Hirst of Equity Enterprises will serve as moderator. The breakfast and forum are open to the public but reservations are required. The cost is \$22. Call 846-5858 to register.

## City OKs retirement community, new auto mall

Staples Ranch could be annexed into city late this year

By JEB BING

The City Council on Tuesday night gave its final approval to multi-million-dollar development projects on Staples Ranch that will be the largest Pleasanton has seen since Hacienda Business Park was developed in the 1980s and 1990s.

With the council's action, both Pleasanton and the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority, which owns the 124-acre site at the southwest corner of El Charro Road and I-580, will ask the Local Agency Formation Commission of Alameda County (LAFCO) to annex the tract into the city of Pleasanton so that the planned developments can proceed.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is a board member on LAFCO, said she hopes the agency can consider the annexation bid in November.

Three specific projects were ap-

proved Tuesday night:

■ Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton, a 45-acre senior continuing care community to be developed by Continuing Life Communities (CLC), with up to 800 units for assisted living, skilled nursing and independent living homes and apartments.

■ Hendrick Automotive Group will build a new auto mall on its 37-acre portion of Staples, next to the junction of I-580 and El Charro Road, directly across El Charro from an outlet mall that Livermore is considering.

■ A 5-acre park that will include tennis courts and a landscaped area that will also serve as a detention pond to collect excess water during heavy storms from the Hendrick, Stoneridge Creek and other developments on Staples Ranch.

Also in the long-range plans for

Staples are an 11-acre retail center and a larger 17-acre community park with 10 acres to be set aside for a two-story, four rink facility to be built by San Jose Arena Management, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks. No developers are currently on board to buy and build the retail center. Negotiations are continuing with the Sharks over the ice facility.

Supporters and future residents of Stoneridge Creek again filled the council chamber Tuesday night, standing and applauding when the council voted 5-0 to approve the senior retirement and care facility. Continuing Life Communities, a prominent senior housing operator with complexes similar to what's proposed on Staples Ranch, has said it has the finances needed to start construction once it can obtain building permits, prob-

ably early next year. It's possible that the independent living units, which will be built first and in phases, could be ready for their first occupants by early 2012.

Although it now has its development plan in hand, Hendrick will probably wait a year or two before constructing its new auto mall, which will replace the one Hendrick now has in the Rosewood Drive-Santa Rita Road area in east Pleasanton.

The two newly approved developments and the proposed others are expected to generate hundreds of new jobs, new services and millions of dollars in sales tax revenue for the community.

The council's action came after years of effort to develop the empty farmland that is owned by Alameda

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JEB BING

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) "client" and Pleasanton resident David Fletcher, 8, and his father Vince bag groceries at Safeway's Pleasanton store Labor Day in support of the Safeway Foundation's fundraising efforts for the MDA, an organization that helps more than 1 million Americans affected by neuromuscular diseases.

## McNerney, Hosterman, Pico join in fundraiser

Safeway hosts 'celebrities,' cheerleaders to support Muscular Dystrophy research

Two mayors and a congressman bagged groceries for more than an hour Monday at Safeway's Pleasanton supermarket to help the Safeway Foundation raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), an organization that helps more than 1 million Americans affected by neuromuscular diseases.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and former Mayor Tom Pico bagged customers' groceries at breakneck speeds although

Safeway representatives chose no winner, saying all three bagged at acceptable speeds. At times, the bagging process slowed as customers took the time to discuss local and national issues and to thank the three for their participation in the MDA fundraising efforts.

In another checkout aisle, MDA "client" and Pleasanton resident David Fletcher, 8, and his father Vince were on hand to greet customers and to share their experiences.

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## L.A. law firm hired to defend Pleasanton against Oak Grove lawsuit

City Council unanimous in supporting legal battle over 51-home development bid

Fresh off a settlement agreement that cost taxpayers nearly \$2.5 million in legal fees, the city of Pleasanton is back in the courts again, this time hiring a Los Angeles law firm to defend the city against a lawsuit by property owners in the southeast hills who want to build 51 luxury homes there.

The City Council, at the recommendation of City Attorney Jonathan Lowell, voted 5-0 on Tuesday night to hire Amrit Kulkarni, an attorney with the firm of Meyers/Nave. Kulkarni is a principal and land use chairman of the firm's Land Use Litigation Practice Group. Lowell said the firm, which also has a branch office in Oakland, is skilled at handling municipal litigation of land use issues and has represented the city of Dublin on similar matters.

The council's action came after landowners Jennifer and Frederic Lin filed a suit against Pleasanton demanding that the city honor their bid to develop a portion of the nearly 600 acres they own at the end of Hearst Drive and above the Kottinger Ranch community. They cite the council's approval three years ago of Ordinance 1962, a development agreement that allowed for the development, called Oak Grove.

That ordinance, along with Ordinance 1961, approved at the same time by the council in a 4-1 vote, ended four years of public hearings, community meet-

ings and public debates over Oak Grove, or so backers of the measure believed.

A citizens group, Save Pleasanton's Hills, organized by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, opposed the development and gathered enough signatures during the Thanksgiving holidays in 2007 to force a public referendum to overturn the council's decision.

The Lins successfully sued in the Alameda County Superior Court to block the citizens' group from proceeding, claiming the signatures were improperly collected. The state Court of Appeal and subsequently the state Supreme Court overturned the Superior Court ruling by Judge Frank Roesch. The referendum, asking voters to approve the Oak Grove development, was defeated on June 8.

That same date the Lins, through their San Francisco law firm, filed another suit, claiming that the referendum only dealt with the planned unit development Ordinance 1961 and that the major development agreement, Ordinance 1962, still prevails.

It is that lawsuit that Kulkarni and the Meyers/Nave law firm will now defend.

Lowell said that the decision to hire Meyers/Nave and defend the city against the Lins' lawsuit was approved unanimously after a se-

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## Sister-city visitors

Pleasanton's sister-city delegation from Tulancingo, Mexico, arrives late Sept. 21 for five days packed with activities. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform a special program, "Visiting American Music," for the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association at 7 p.m. Thursday at the newly dedicated Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton.

"We are honored to be among the first to perform at the new

Firehouse Arts Center and to entertain our friends from Tulancingo," said Conductor Bob Williams.

The hour-long concert will feature American pieces, including two favorites of Mexican origin, selections from "Carousel" and "Oklahoma," melodies of Glenn Miller, songs by Cole Porter, and marches by John Philip Sousa.

To attend, call president Alice Pryor at 462-5786 by Sept. 15.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## LAWSUIT

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ries of closed door meetings on the issue. Councilwoman Cindy McGovern made the motion to proceed with the defense, seconded by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, and then approved by all council members.

He said the first courtroom action will come later this month when Kulkarni and other representatives of the law firm meet in Superior Court with the Lins' attorney, Andrew B. Sabey of the San Francisco law firm of Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP.

Last month, the council approved a settlement agreement with two affordable housing coalitions to pay \$1.9 million toward their legal costs in a four-year court battle over the city's housing cap, which the city lost. Another \$500,000 was paid to the city's outside counsel.

The council's action Tuesday came the same day that a Palo Alto law firm representing Allen Roberts, an active member of the Save

Pleasanton's Hills citizens' coalition, hand-delivered a letter to City Attorney Lowell urging the City Council to fight the Lins' lawsuit.

In her letter, Robin B. Kennedy of the law firm of Miller Starr Regali argued that it is "the Council's duty and obligation to follow the law and bring the citizens' and voters' manifest intent to fruition."

"When the project was finally put to the voters on June 8 of this year," Kennedy wrote, "a majority of those voting supported the referendum, thereby reversing the city's approval of the PUD Ordinance."

"The fates of the PUD Ordinance and the Development Agreement are inextricably linked," Kennedy continued. "Pursuant to the unambiguous 'poison pill' reciprocal language wisely inserted by the City Council in Ordinances 1961 and 1962, the referendum of the PUD Ordinance automatically voided the Development Agreement Ordinance and, along with it, the Development Agreement itself."

—Jeb Bing



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## TAKE US ALONG



**Surviving in the ruins:** Mary Bjorkholm visits the Yaxha Mayan ruins in Guatemala, a "new" rarely visited complex that was one site for the "Survivor Guatemala" TV series.

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## Volunteer at new Firehouse Arts Center

Orientations begin tomorrow for ushers, docents

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Firehouse Arts Center, which is hosting its Grand Opening next Saturday, has volunteer opportunities for theater ushers and art gallery docents.

The Volunteer Usher Program is integral to the Firehouse experience, said its organizers, and is open to those 16 and older. Ushers scan tickets, help seat patrons, and assist the house manager in making the theater-going experience an enjoyable one.

The Harrington Gallery Attendant volunteers, who must be 21, staff the gallery desk during the facility's open hours, greeting visitors and providing a friendly, welcoming and watchful presence.

The first orientations, which are mandatory, are scheduled for tomorrow with the theater orientation at 10 a.m. and the gallery orientation at 11:30 a.m. Volunteer schedules for the first four-six weeks of programming will be confirmed that day.

Those who wish to attend tomorrow's orientation must register at the volunteer site: [www.help-lendahand.org](http://www.help-lendahand.org).

A second volunteer orientation will be held once the Firehouse Arts Center has been open for several weeks and additional vol-

unteer needs have been identified. The center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton.

The free Grand Opening on Sept. 18 begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. with artist demonstrations, live music, theater performances, self-guided tours of the facility, art activities for children and refreshments. Pleasanton Community Concert Band will take the stage at 10:30 a.m.; Livermore Valley Opera soprano Jillian Boye and baritone Sascha Joggerst will perform in the afternoon.

The Firehouse Art Center's first season kicks off the following weekend with musical performances Sept. 24-26. The Harrington Art Gallery is presenting "First at the Firehouse," a visual arts exhibit by the Pleasanton Art League, which will host an opening reception from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19.

Tickets for all performances can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by phone at 931-4848, or in person starting today at the Firehouse Arts Center box office, open noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; and two hours prior to each performance. ■

## STAPLES

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County. At one time, more than 300 homes were proposed for the site, but that plan was rejected by city officials. IKEA, the Swedish discount department store, also considered building a Tri-Valley outlet on Staples, but turned instead to Dublin and then abandoned the project altogether.

The current plan goes back at least six years when Alameda County and Supervisor Scott Haggerty sought to sell the land

to developers with the intention of annexing Staples into the city of Pleasanton. Those efforts languished, mainly because of objections to extending Stoneridge Drive through Staples to connect to El Charro Road on the other side. Opponents feared drivers, stuck in traffic on I-580 and at the 580-I-680 interchange, would find it attractive to cut through on Stoneridge to avoid the congestion.

Proposals made this time, however, caught the interest of Pleasanton with plans to make Staples a business, senior residential, rec-

reational and retail center.

As part of its unanimous vote to approve the Staples Ranch plan Tuesday, the council also agreed to extend Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Pleasanton on condition that the road opens to El Charro only after Livermore extends Jack London Boulevard on the other side.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said Tuesday that Livermore officials have told him those plans are proceeding, with the Jack London extension project to start within a year or two. ■

## FUNDRAISER

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Susan Houghton, director of public affairs for Safeway Corp., which is headquartered in Pleasanton, who was also at the Santa Rita Road store for the Labor Day event, said the Safeway Foundation raises funds for MDA through generous donations by employees and customers. The current MDA campaign ended Monday night. More than \$47 million has been raised for MDA by Safeway over the last decade.

Joining in the "Celebrity Bagger" event were sophomore girls who are on the cheerleading squad at Amador Valley High School. They sang, chanted and performed a number of cheerleading acts during the late morning event, bringing loud applause



JEB BING

**Left:** Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) bags groceries for a customer at Safeway's Santa Rita Road store Labor Day in support of fundraising efforts for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. **Right:** Mayor Jennifer Hosterman greets a customer while bagging groceries.

from hundreds of customers and store employees.

Members of the cheerleading squad at the store were Emily St.

Pierre, Alex Rooney, Claire Goveia, Eileen Drury, Katy Gibbons, Sarah Loduha and Emily Martin.

—Jeb Bing

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



JOANNE HALL

Holding a check for \$250,000 in contributions from the Cultural Arts Council Foundation are City Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio (left) and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. Others, from left, are Rudy Johnson, Debbie Look, Jaime Howell and Bill Butler, all of the foundation, and council members Jerry Thorne, Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan.

## Kudos to the Firehouse Arts Center

There were smiles all around at the City Council meeting Tuesday night when a check totaling \$250,000 in contributions toward the new Firehouse Arts Center was presented by Bill Butler, president of the Cultural Arts Council, and Debbie Look, director of its Firehouse Arts Center Foundation arm. The donation adds to the \$2 million already raised by the nonprofit in direct contributions, stock transfers, pledges and other gifts. Although the foundation will be wrapping up its work over the next several months, donations are still being accepted. A signed brick at the center's outdoor patio costs \$150 and one of the 226 seats in the auditorium can be "sponsored" for \$500. Those who contribute \$5,000 or more will be recognized on the general donors' wall in the main lobby.

Debbie Look and Susan Andrade-Wax, director of Pleasanton's Parks and Community Services Department, which has oversight responsibility for the Firehouse Arts Center, led the media on a tour of the new facility last week. It's truly a spectacular complex, from the acoustic-friendly auditorium to the open lobby and art studios and classrooms in other parts of the building. The Opening Night Gala next Friday night, sponsored by the privately-funded Cultural Arts Council, is sold out. However, Andrade-Wax's department will host a public ceremony next Saturday starting at 10 a.m. with tours of the new center after that.

Then it will be down to business with performances by master jazz guitarist Earl Klugh on Friday, Sept. 24, celebrated composer musician Mose Allison on Saturday, Sept. 25, and award-winning pianist Evelyne Brancart in a Chopin Piano Concert on Sunday, Sept. 26. More performances, lectures and concerts follow with the center's Supervisor Rob Vogt intending to offer programming at least five nights a week from Wednesdays through Sundays. Local artists and their exhibits will be at the center every day.

As Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said Tuesday, the opening of the Firehouse Arts Center shows why Money Magazine recently named Pleasanton as one of the top 100 cities in America.

## Parade? What Parade?

Main Street was closed from 1:30 to 3 p.m. last Friday for a parade. But if you blinked, you might have missed it. City staff agreed to close the street to accommodate the Marine Marching Band as part of the weekend's Scottish Game festivities. In years past, that included Scottish dancers and other exhibitions downtown, but this time it was just the band. A video we took timed the band at 1 minute 22 seconds, and that included a view of the band approaching and another as it marched by. Parking was restricted on Main Street during this time, at least three vehicles were ticketed, squad cars and uniformed police officers patrolled the "crowd," which included many merchants who took the time to watch the band go by since their customers couldn't reach Main Street to shop. While we like marching bands, this one needed to march somewhere else where it would have been less disruptive of a busy business day. ■



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# POLICE BULLETIN

## More than 900 drivers stopped at checkpoint

Pleasanton police made one arrest last Friday night of a driver under the influence at a checkpoint on Stoneridge Drive and Johnson that kicked off the Labor Day weekend, said Traffic Sgt. Robert Leong.

During the five-hour checkpoint, 1,068 vehicles passed through and 947 were stopped.

“Because of the backup, we have to let a certain

amount through,” said Leong.

“Thirty-three drivers had their license status checked,” he reported. “Either they didn’t have it on them or didn’t have a license or they were suspended. Out of those, we issued 10 citations for drivers being unlicensed or suspended.”

They also cited three teen drivers with provisional licenses for violations.

Police conducted six field sobriety tests at the checkpoint and made one arrest.

This checkpoint was the first this year although there were several in 2009, said Leong. Funding for the checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Dates and times are when the report was made. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

### Aug. 31

#### Theft

■ 4:33 p.m. in 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; bicycle, Hardrock model with black handle bars and red grips

#### Animal bite

■ 11:18 p.m. on Bernal Avenue at Sunol Boulevard

### Sept. 1

#### Auto burglary

■ 9:29 a.m. in the 4800 block of Mason Street; GPS unit

#### Drunk in public

■ 9:10 p.m. in 300 block of Main Street  
■ 11:30 p.m. in 600 block of Main Street

### Sept. 2

#### Auto burglary

■ 6:22 a.m. in the 6700 block of Menlo Court

■ 7:01 a.m. in the 3900 block of Mt. Rainier Court

#### Drunk in public

■ 1:46 p.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

### Sept. 3

#### Drunk in public

■ 3:36 a.m. on Bernal Avenue at Kottinger Drive

#### Commercial burglary

■ 7:11 a.m. in 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive; money, office equipment

■ 8:30 a.m. at 3600 block of Nevada Street; shingles, felt and nosing

#### Shoplifting

■ 4:32 p.m. at 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Sept. 4

#### Commercial burglary

■ 5:53 a.m. in 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Drunk in public

■ 9:08 p.m. on Foothill Road at Muirwood Drive

■ 11:51 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

### Sept. 5

#### Drunk in public

■ 1:07 a.m. in the 2100 block of Cascara Court

■ 7:14 p.m. at First and Spring streets

### Sept. 6

#### Residential burglary

■ 10:36 a.m. in the 6600 block of Arlington Drive; household goods, jewelry, computer equipment

# OBITUARIES

## Marguerite V. Bieger

Marquerite V. Bieger died Aug. 19 in Pleasanton at the age of 96.

She was born Sept. 27, 1913, in Gillette, Ark., and lived in Arkansas, Arizona, California and Hawaii, including the last 10 years in Pleasanton.

She worked for the city of Burbank until she retired. Her hobbies were doll collecting and lace-making and when living in Honolulu she was a lace specialist to the Bishop Museum.

She is survived by her daughter



Kathleen Rego (George) of Pearl City, Hawaii; sons James Broderick (Susan) of Pasadena, Dennis Broderick of Lawndale, and Terry Broderick (Susan) of Pleasanton; brothers Benton Vizzier of Mississippi, N. Vizzier of Minnesota, and Jim Vizzier of Arkansas; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held Sept. 2 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church and burial is at St. Augustine Cemetery.

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

#### • PCUP-279, Christ Church

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a religious facility at 7020 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110.

#### • PUD-80 16 13M, Paul Thometz, LBA Realty

Application for a modification to an approved PUD Development Plan for an approximately 65,000 square foot, two story research and development building with an enclosed outdoor service yard on the northwest corner of a developed 26.15 acre site located at 4900 5040 Johnson Drive.

#### • PUD 82, David DiDonato, Donato Builders, Inc.

Application for Planned Unit Development Rezoning of an approximately 1.17-acre site located at 4171 and 4189 Stanley Boulevard from R 1 6,500 (One-Family Residential) District to Planned Unit Development – High Density Residential (PUD-HDR) District and for Development Plan approval to construct 14 detached single family homes.

#### • PGPA 16, City of Pleasanton

Application for a General Plan Amendment to remove all references to the housing cap (Measure GG 1996, limiting the total number of residential units to 29,000) from the 2005 2025 General Plan.

#### • PRZ-57 (PUD-81-30-45M/PUD-85-08-19M), City of Pleasanton

Application to amend the zoning for three sites in Hacienda Business Park by removing Section 5 consistent with the Settlement Agreement approved by the City Council on August 17, 2010 in the Case of Urban Habitat v. City of Pleasanton. The three sites are: (1) the W.P. Carey site at the southeast corner of Owens Drive and Willow Road (Assessor's Parcel No. 941-2778-013-00 and part of APN 941 2778 012 00); (2) the BRE site at the north corner of Hacienda Drive and Gibraltar Drive (APN 941-2778-011-00); and (3) the Roche Molecular Systems site, south of Gibraltar Drive between Willow Road and Hacienda Drive (a portion of APN 941 2761 003 00).

### Housing Commission

Thursday, September 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Approval of Renewed Agreements with Barcelon Associates for Management Services for Kottinger Place and Ridge View Commons
- Approval of the annual Operating Budget for Ridge View Commons for 2011
- Presentation Regarding the Results of the Most Recent City Survey of Apartment Rents and Vacancy Rates
- Update Regarding Status of Hacienda Business Park and Oak Grove Development Projects
- Appointment of Representatives to the Housing Element Task Force

### Human Services Commission

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Pleasanton Senior Center 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Roundtable Discussion on disabled services

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, September 13, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review FY 200/10 City Grant Mandatory Final Performance Reports

### Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee

Monday, September 13, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Library Community Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve regular meeting minutes of June 7, 2010.
- Update on Youth Master Plan.
- Update on YMPLIC Membership.
- Recommendations from Ad-Committee's summer work assignments.

### Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, September 16, 2010 @ 7:30 a.m.  
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Proposed Amendments to the Pleasanton Municipal Code regarding CALGreen Building Code

### Applications are being accepted for the new Ad-Hoc Housing Element Task Force

The City Council is accepting applications for five at-large members for the new Housing Element Task Force. Applicants must be residents of the City of Pleasanton with an interest in understanding the housing needs of the community and recommending where the City should plan for future housing. Applicants should be willing to attend at least one or two meetings a month from late October 2010 through November 2011.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us). Please indicate you are applying for the Housing Element Task Force. For additional information, please contact Janice Stern, Planning Manager, at 925-931-5606 or [jstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:jstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

Applications must be received no later than Tuesday, September 28th at 4:30 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

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

# Hitting the road for a good cause

## Foothill High grad working to help Uganda's 'Invisible Children'

BY BRITTANY HERSH

While many Foothill High School graduates prepared to head off to college or join the workforce, Jaymie Shearer, 18, had an atypical plan for the next five months — to be a “roadie.”

She will be traveling in a van along the East Coast to schools and colleges with the nonprofit organization Invisible Children to spread awareness about child soldiers and the war in Uganda.

“I’m looking forward to just learning,” Shearer said. “It’s going to be so much work but also so much fun.”

Roadies spend two to three days in an area staying with host families, driving to different schools to screen the Invisible Children movie, “Go.” They also sell merchandise to benefit the group’s Schools for Schools program, which helps to rebuild secondary schools in Northern Uganda and to educate children.

“My goal is to get more schools into the program,” Shearer explained.

She anticipated getting campuses to organize their own fundraising and awareness efforts for the cause.

“It shows students they don’t just have to donate to help,” she said. “They can get involved by starting a club on campus and spreading the word.”

Shearer will spend a month training in San Diego before she and her five teammates, including two Ugandans, hit the road. Even though this is her first time living with other people she is not worried.

“I’m stoked to live with roommates,” she said. “I’ve already hosted roadies so I’m not nervous.”

The people in her group had already become Facebook friends and built a sense of community and excitement, she added.

Each team member had to raise at least \$1,500 for necessities on the road, such as food and toiletries. Shearer raised \$2,000, about \$300 of it at a garage sale she sponsored. The rest of the money came from friends and family.

“People have been so supportive and understanding of why I need the money,” she said.

Shearer is not new to Invisible Children or its Schools for Schools program. After hearing the organization’s name around the quad during her freshman year at Foothill High, she decided to do an online search. She found the film “Invisible Children: Rough Cut” and watched it.

“I laughed when they laughed and cried when Jacob cried,” Shearer said.

The movie spurred her to book a screening with Schools for Schools and to start a club at Foothill High School.

“Sophomore year I started the club. I learned a lot from it but it was tough,” Shearer added. “I had high expectations.”

Besides starting the Schools for Schools club and hosting screenings at Valley Community Church, she also participated and helped organize The Rescue in San Francisco during spring 2009. This worldwide event spanned 10 countries and 100 cities.



COURTESY JAYMIE SHEARER  
**Left:** Jaymie Shearer (middle) hosted Invisible Children roadies who passed through Pleasanton last year and held a screening at Valley Community Church.



COURTESY INVISIBLE CHILDREN  
**Above:** The Rescue, shown here in San Francisco, has hundreds of people camping out to bring attention to the war in Uganda. Participants cannot leave until they are “rescued” by an influential person.

In San Francisco, hundreds of individuals camped out to bring attention to the longest running war in Africa and waited to be rescued by an influential person such as a celebrity, politician or musician. The participants had sent out emails and called offices in advance asking people to rescue them. Former Mayor Willie Brown rescued Shearer’s group after two days and 31 minutes.

“We didn’t know when someone was going to come,” Shearer said, “My favorite part was waking up to people from Southern California who came to bring up our spirits and support us.”

Shearer has also run the Invisible Children merchandise booth at the Warped Tour’s Mountain View stop for the last two years.

After being involved in the movement for four years, becoming a roadie was a logical step.

“I’ve wanted to do this for so long,” Shearer stated. “I just want to be a part of the movement to end the war in Uganda, to be a part of something that is bigger than me.” ■



COURTESY INVISIBLE CHILDREN  
**Below:** Invisible Children’s Schools for Schools program helps to rebuild secondary schools in Northern Uganda.

# Old Blues Eyes comes to Pleasanton

'My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra'

Fans of Frank Sinatra — or just great songs — are in for a treat with the new offering from the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre: A music revue featuring 56 songs recorded by "Old Blue Eyes" that is currently playing to packed houses throughout the country.

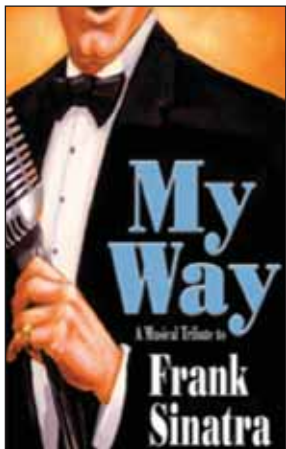
"Sinatra said that the secret of his success was to sing great songs. 'My Way' offers some of the greatest music of the 20th century in a smart, tight production that has broad appeal," said Marc Masterson, artistic director of Actor's Theatre of Louisville. "Every night the audience is on their feet cheering."

TVRT will present 12 performances over four weekends, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 17-Oct. 10, at the Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton.

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The Tri-Valley cast includes Amy Lucido, Anthony V. Lucido, Katie Potts, Tom Reardon and Michael Scott Wells with producer Kathleen Breedveld, director Robert Sholty, musical direction by Sierra Dee, lighting design by David Lam, and costume design by Lisa Danz. It was created by David Grapes and Todd Olson and is being used by permission of Summerwind Productions.

The next main stage production by TVRT will be "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which will run from Oct. 22-Nov. 7. The Tony award-winning musical chronicles the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime.



—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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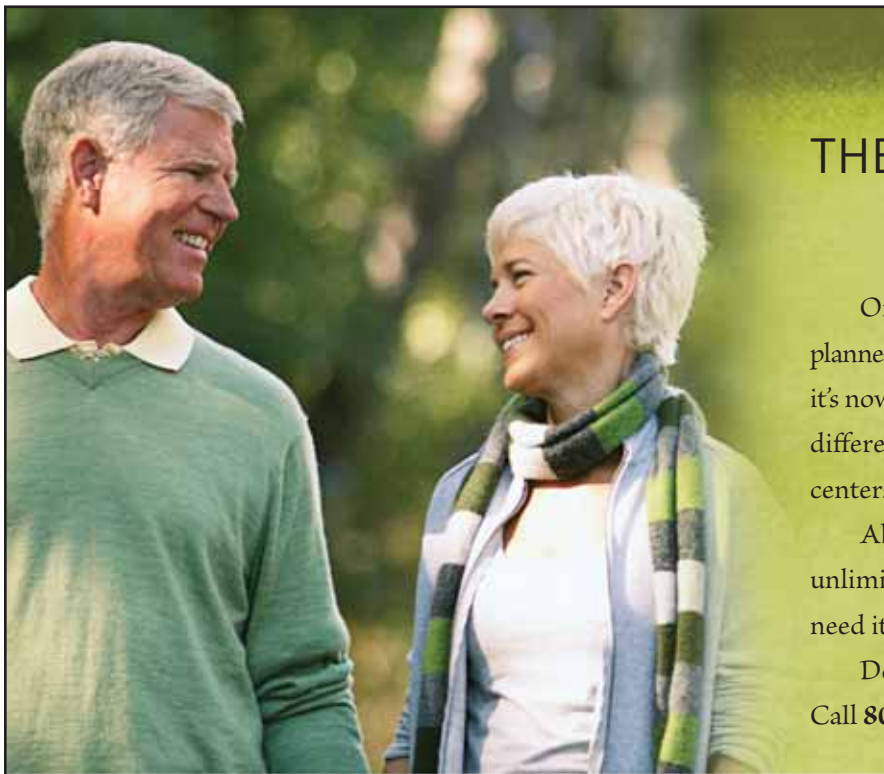


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# Taking a **Bite** out of crime

**Beefing up** home security is often simple and inexpensive



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Officer Ken McNeill points out that both back doors were left unlocked at this Pleasanton home when the residents went out. He advises people to take a quick look around their home before leaving.

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Not too long ago, Pleasanton was the kind of place one could leave the doors unlocked without worries about thefts.

No more. Crime isn't rampant here by any means, but home burglaries have gotten common enough that they're not big news anymore.

There are some ways that can reduce the risk of a home burglary, and most of them are neither hard nor expensive.

Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker of the Pleasanton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit said there are three aspects to a crime, known as "the triangle of crime." The three sides to the triangle are the victim, the suspect and the opportunity.

"You can't control the suspect and you can't control being a victim, but you can control the opportunity," Revel-Whitaker said. "That's important, giving people power."

The crime prevention unit makes house calls, and can help homeowners make the places they live harder to get into, what Revel-Whitaker described as "target hardening."

On a recent visit to a Pleasanton home, Revel-Whitaker and her partner, Officer Ken McNeill, pointed out a number of problems, and some simple fixes. Often a quick look around before leaving can be a help.

On this visit, for example, both back doors had been left unlocked. Two upper windows were also

were easily opened, requiring just a reach over to pop the latch — something that could be fixed by a padlock.

This home also had items stored outside, including bicycles, which recently have become attractive targets for thieves. McNeill suggested that items left outside be locked.

While there was no visible sign of an alarm, the No. 1 deterrent to break-ins, this home did have the No. 2 deterrent, a dog.

"Believe it or not, it doesn't matter the breed or the size," Revel-Whitaker said.

McNeill said it doesn't matter if a dog is friendly or not: Most burglars won't risk breaking in to find out. He added that even if a homeowner doesn't have or want a dog, there's nothing that says a "beware of dog" sign can't be posted.

Revel-Whitaker added that there are also motion sensor alarms that trigger a recording of a barking dog.

Some things were impossible to check, such as whether the lighting is enough to cover the entire front of the house or whether the screws that hold the latch plate in the door are long enough. Those screws should be at least an inch long.

There was also no way to tell if the deadbolt had been properly installed. Police recommend a deadbolt that runs at least an inch into the door jamb and is at least 40 inches from glass, to keep someone from reaching in and turning the latch.



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker demonstrates how burglars look into homes before entering to see if they can spot anything worth stealing, such as laptop computers, in a quick "grab-and-go."

open, and McNeill pointed to objects nearby that could easily be stacked to provide an entry to a would-be burglar.

In fact, McNeill and Revel-Whitaker noticed a couple of problems before getting out of their car. The house number wasn't immediately visible, which could delay emergency workers. And a large bush near the front corner of the house could provide a hiding place for a criminal.

To minimize that, "trees should be trimmed up, and bushes should be trimmed down," Revel-Whitaker said.

The back yard of the home is surrounded by a privacy fence, which can provide privacy for a burglar, too, they pointed out. Gates on both sides

If that deadbolt is closer than 40 inches, police recommend installing one that requires keys both inside and out.

This house had no sliding glass door, which pose some unique problems. While the use of a dowel to keep doors from opening is common, Revel-Whitaker said they need to be the proper size or a thief can bump it out of the frame. Also, like most sliding doors, they can be jimmied up and off the track, even if they're locked with the hook latch that comes on most doors; Revel-Whitaker suggested installing a screw at the top of the door so it can't be pried off its track.

There were a number of things these homeowners had done right. No valuables were in sight of a



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If bicycles and garden equipment must be left outside, they should be locked, said Officer Whitaker, noting that thieves recently have been targeting bicycles.

window where they could be taken in a grab-and-go theft, where the key is speed and not stealth. Revel-Whitaker said laptops and other items that can easily be taken should be kept away from windows, or the windows should have the shades drawn. The garage doors — often an open invitation for thieves — were closed tight.

The house also didn't have a hidden key, or at least not one that could easily be found. Beneath doormats, in flower pots and on a door jamb are all common places for burglars to look for keys.

"A lot of thefts are crimes of opportunity," Revel-Whitaker said. "The goal is to take away that opportunity."

The shades were pulled, which McNeill said could be either good or bad, depending on how the shades are kept when someone's home. He said, however, especially when taking a trip, it's important not to shut all the shades to make the house feel shut down.

While alarms are the biggest deterrent to crime, McNeill said those alarms don't have to be expensive. He said something as inexpensive as one that makes a loud noise when a connection is broken can be effective at running off a would-be thief.

Revel-Whitaker said the main problem with many alarm systems is that people don't use them.

"You get caught up in the everyday," she said.

Pleasanton police do home security inspections, but Revel-Whitaker said it's easy to spot problems.

"Look at your home through a burglar's eyes, day and night, or maybe trade with a neighbor — you look at his house and have him look at yours," she suggested.

Revel-Whitaker also said one of the best things about Pleasanton is that people in a neighborhood are at home different times of the day and can watch out for each other. That proved true on the home visit. Despite arriving in a police car and the fact that one of the officers was in uniform, a neighbor came out and asked questions.

People watching out for each other is also a good way to fight crime, as in a recent incident where an alert neighbor called Pleasanton police after seeing a suspicious car and people peering in windows and trying doors. That led to the arrest of two people from Oakland.

Revel-Whitaker said people shouldn't hesitate to call police. She said people often hesitate thinking their call will bother them, or that what they think is suspicious may not warrant a police visit. Revel-Whitaker also said people shouldn't hesitate to call the city if a street light goes out.

She recommends Neighborhood Watch, and pointed out that, like providing free home security visits, police will work with new groups.

"We don't necessarily know what's normal in your neighborhood, but you know what's not right," McNeill said.

There are some things that can be done to protect property even if a burglar gets inside.

Revel-Whitaker said valuables, especially items like jewelry, should be kept in a safe. McNeill said items like laptops should be engraved with a driver's license number, which will follow a person even after a change of address, so that if an item is recovered 10 years later, the owner can still be located. Police have an engraver they lend out.

McNeill said most burglaries are drug related, with thieves taking things that can easily be sold. Sometimes, he said, they'll be sold to someone cheaply who will then turn around and sell them on craigslist or eBay.

Homes not far from a freeway off-ramp are frequently targets for thieves from outside the area, but Revel-Whitaker said that's not always the case.



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Shrubbery near the home provides a hiding place for criminals. "Trees should be trimmed up, and bushes should be trimmed down," say police.

"We have a significant amount of crime even from people in town," she said. "Crime comes from human beings and human beings are everywhere."

Even with precautions, Revel-Whitaker said there's no way to be entirely safe.

"You can put up every barrier in the world, but sometimes bad things happen to good people," she said.

No one wants to live in Fort Knox, she added. ■

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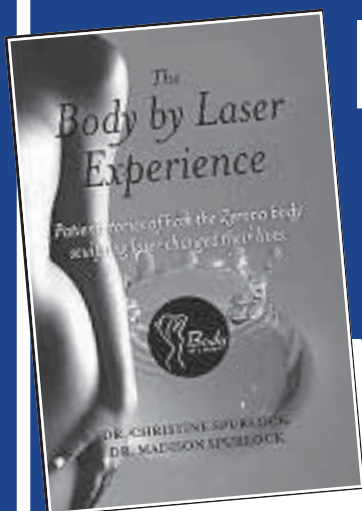
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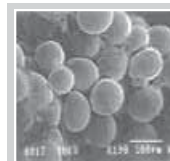
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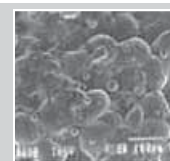
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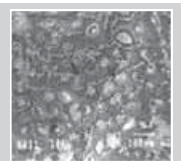
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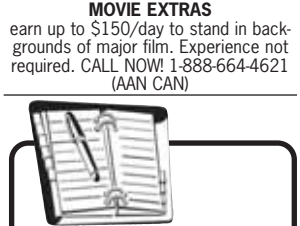
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# Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## Pending homes sales rise modestly across U.S.

Still, sales contracts trail July 2009 by 19%

By JEB BING

Following a sharp drop in the months immediately after expiration of the home buyer tax credit, pending home sales have modestly risen, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator, rose 5.2% to 79.4 based on contracts signed in July from a downwardly revised 75.5 in June, but remains 19.1% below July 2009 when it was 98.1. The data reflects contracts and not closings, which normally occur with a lag time of one or two months.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, cautioned that there would be a long recovery process.

"Home sales will remain soft in the months ahead, but improved affordability conditions should help with a recovery," he said. "But the recovery looks to be a long process. Home buyers over the past year got a great deal, and buyers for the balance of this year have an edge over sellers.

For those who bought at or near the peak several years ago, particularly in markets experiencing big bubbles, it may take over a decade to fully recover lost equity."

Yun added, "Affordability could reach a generational high in the second half of this year because of rock-bottom mortgage interest rates, helped partly by the Fed's very accommodative monetary policy. The loan underwriting standards are tighter, but home buyers can improve their chances of getting a loan by staying well within their budget."

The PHSI in the Northeast rose 6.3% to 62.5 in July but is 21.1% below a year ago. In the Midwest the index increased 4.1% to 66.7 but remains 25.7% below July 2009. Pending home sales in the South rose 1.2% to an index of 86.3, but are 15.6% lower than a year ago. In the West the index jumped 11.6% to 95.0 but is 17.6% below July 2009.

The national index had fallen 29.9% in May and another 2.8% in June. ■

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Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2536

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<b>2187 Roan Court</b>	<b>\$392,000</b>	
Sun 1:30-4:30	Moxley Team	600-0990
<b>854 Los Alamos Avenue</b>	<b>\$495,990</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111

#### Pleasanton

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<b>4571 Mohr Avenue</b>	<b>\$714,950</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	577-5787
<b>3031 Boardwalk</b>	<b>\$783,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	577-5787
<b>4166 Hall Court</b>	<b>\$809,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	895-9950
4 BEDROOMS		
<b>2161 Pomezia Court</b>	<b>\$1,149,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	202-6898
<b>8155 Regency Drive</b>	<b>\$1,540,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	519-8226

<b>3766 Smallwood Court</b>	<b>\$2,395,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Tom Fox	872-1275
<b>4063 Fallwood Court</b>	<b>\$624,880</b>	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2550
<b>3686 Platt Court S</b>	<b>\$629,950</b>	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2523
<b>3125 Thistledown Court</b>	<b>\$709,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
<b>3232 Balmoral Court</b>	<b>\$749,950</b>	
Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
<b>6434 Paseo Santa Maria</b>	<b>\$975,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	989-6844
<b>471 Trebbiano Place</b>	<b>\$998,888</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	202-6298
5 BEDROOMS		
<b>8266 Moller Ranch</b>	<b>\$1,280,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams Tri Valley	980-0273
<b>6645 Amber Lane</b>	<b>\$1,498,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2585
<b>7914 Paragon Circle</b>	<b>\$1,498,000</b>	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2585

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Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2550
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Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2536

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 5 BR 4 BA Lrg kit/fam rm w/eat-in dining, granite kit cntrs, wd flrs on main level, soaring ceilings  
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## 3499 RIMINI LANE

**GREAT HOME!** **\$799,500**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA + loft, 3 years new, granite counters in kitchen, lots of upgrades! Community pool/clubhouse  
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## 10784 SORNOWAY LN

**BEAUTIFUL DEVELOPMENT** **\$406,700**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 car attached garage, tile entry way, hrdwd flrs in fam rm, kit w/solid surface counter tops  
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## LIVERMORE

### Open SUN 1-4 2514 MERLOT LANE

**GORGEOUS HOUSE** **CALL FOR PRICE**  
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## MANTECA

### Open OPEN SUN 11-3 1573 HOMETOWN

**SHORT SALE APPROVED** **\$215,000**

3 BR 2 BA off/den, indoor laundry, tile/lino flrs. Kit w/Island. Yrd landscaped/well maintained comm  
 925.847.2200

## PLEASANTON

### Open SUN 1-4 184 JUNIPERO ST

**GORGEOUS REMODEL!** **\$599,950**

2 bed, 2 bath, w/tons of upgrds! Custom kit w/

grnite, SS appli, breakfast bar, chrry hrdwd, vaulted ceilings. 925-847-2200

### Open OPEN SUN 1-4 4386 KRAUSE STREET

**BEAUTIFUL!** **\$595,000**

3 BR 2.5 BA many upgrades! Dual pane windows, private backyard with patio and fountain  
 925.847.2200

## SAN RAMON

### 7912 PERSICA CT

**GREAT HOME!** **\$558,000**

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### 1587 E GATE WAY \$998,000



**Walnut Hills, Pleasanton** **OPEN SUN 1-4**  
 Welcome to this wonderful Family home located in the Walnut Hills neighborhood, close to freeway, schools, Downtown Pleasanton, restaurants and shopping.

### 6645 AMBER LN \$1,498,000



**Carriage Gardens, Pleasanton** **OPEN SUN 1-4**  
 Beautifully updated 5 bd, 3 ba w/ full bed & bath downstairs. Updated kit, media rm, huge bonus rm all on a half acre lot with gorgeous pool and full sports court.

### 4063 FALLWOOD CT \$624,880



**Foothill Farms, Pleasanton** **OPEN SUN 1-4**  
 You will love the money you save with this terrific new listing located on Pleasanton's West Side with views of the Pleasanton Ridge. Quiet cul de sac location near schools.

### 7914 PARAGON CIR \$1,498,000



**Laguna Oaks, Pleasanton** **OPEN SUN 1-4**  
 Popular floor plan w/ 1 Bd & Ba downstairs, 3 B/R + Bonus upstairs. Incredible resort like backyard with pool, outdoor kitchen, gazebos, fountains and more.

### 9663 CROSBY DRIVE \$1,898,000



**The Preserve, Pleasanton**  
 Stunningly beautiful totally custom home is located in the desirable West side of Pleasanton. The finest materials and workmanship thruout, beautiful views of the hills.

### DOWNTOWN Call for Price



**Victorian Style, Pleasanton**  
 Incredible charm and craftsmanship. Just two blocks from Downtown. 3 Bd 2 Ba, 1,878+/- sq.ft. which does not include the additional square footage in the living quarters.

## RECENT ACTIVITY

**SOLD (Buyer & Seller Represented)**

2801 Gray Fox Ct.,  
 Fox Borough Est., Pleasanton.  
 \$1,850,000

**SOLD (Buyer & Seller Represented)**

581 Happy Valley Rd.,  
 Happy Valley, Pleasanton.  
 \$1,025,000

**SOLD (Multiple Offers, over list)**

6636 Amber Ln.,  
 Carriage Gardens, Pleasanton.  
 \$1,502,000

**SOLD**

3737 Nichole Ave.,  
 Chain of Lakes, Pleasanton.  
 \$1,495,000

**PENDING (Multiple Offers)**

6768 Arlington Dr.,  
 Carriage Gardens, Pleasanton.  
 \$998,000

**PENDING (Multiple Offers)**

8098 Brittany Dr.,  
 Silvergate, Dublin.  
 \$748,800

**PENDING (Multiple Offers)**

647 Bonita Ave.,  
 Pleasanton Heights, Pleasanton.  
 \$688,000



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1225 Lozano Court, Ruby Hill 6 Bd 6.5 Ba • 8,877+/- sq.ft.	1278 Lozano Ct, Ruby Hill 9,000+/- sq.ft. • 1.05 Acre	Via di Salerno, Ruby Hill 16th Fairway • Acres Apx: 0.50	833 Piemonte Dr, Ruby Hill 4 Bd • 3 (3) Ba • 5,390+/- sq.ft.	6645 Amber Ln, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,475 sq.ft.
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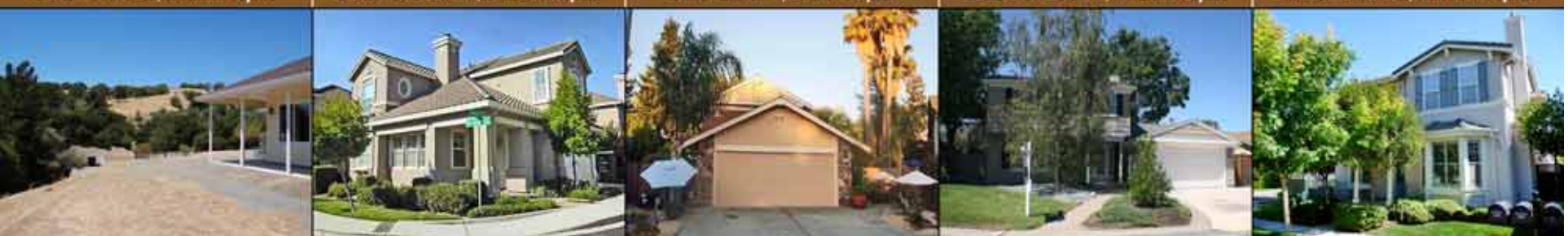
<b>Classic Italian Villa \$4,500,000</b> Stunning Ruby Hill Estate. Nestled in an unrivaled setting among olive trees and lush landscaping w/ mile long views of vineyards. <b>Uwe Maercz 925.306.8758</b>	<b>Formal French, Ruby Hill \$2,699,000</b> Custom new construction home sits on a premium lot at the end of a Cul-de-Sac. Featuring gorgeous architectural detail & quality throughout. <b>Uwe Maercz 925.306.8758</b>	<b>Golf Course Lot \$690,000</b> Big flat premium lot on the 16th fairway with fully approved plans for a 7,000sf+ custom home. Great opportunity, one of the last two golf course lots in RH! <b>Uwe Maercz 925.306.8758</b>	<b>Mediterranean Style \$2,250,000</b> Features; marble, granite, cherry finishes. Library, 4 fireplaces, huge 5-car garage. Incomparable 0.70 acre yard, pool, spa, outdoor kitchen & more. <b>Diane Gilfether 925.648.5443</b>	<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$1,498,000</b> Beautifully upgraded custom home features 5 spacious bd, improved 1/2 acre lot. Pool, spa, waterfall, slide, sport court and more. <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2585</b>
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7930 Racoon Hollow, Pleasanton 6 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 3,366+/- sq.ft.	3905 Fairlands Dr, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 2 Ba • 2,540 +/- sq.ft.	5063 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 3,079+/- sq.ft.	9663 Crosby Dr, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 4(2) Ba • 5,200+/- sq.ft.	6224 Guyson Ct, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 2 Ba • 1,489+/- sq.ft.
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<b>0.80+/- Acre Lot \$1,495,000</b> Private park-like setting w/ pool for this beautiful custom home with amazing valley views. Spacious open layout and custom designer features throughout. <b>Peggy Cortez 925.648.5454</b>	<b>Lovely Neighborhood \$695,000</b> Very nice home. Hardwood floors, bonus room, large yard perfect for entertaining, great schools & much more! Hurry! <b>Lisa Doyle 925.855.4046</b>	<b>Pleasanton Hills \$1,029,000</b> Upgraded semi-custom home w/ Mt Diablo View! theatre room w/fireplace plus den! Cathedral ceilings & MORE! <b>Diane Sass 925.699.9508</b>	<b>The Preserve \$1,898,000</b> Stunningly beautiful, located on the desirable West side. Beautiful views, backs to open space. Excellent, well planned floorplan and much more! <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2585</b>	<b>Val Vista \$599,000</b> All new kitchen, granite counters. Extensive new lighting, flooring and moldings. Large fenced yard. Close to schools, shopping and freeway. <b>Glen Landrum 925.837.7110</b>
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9877 Foothill Rd, Sunol 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,027+/- sq.ft.	2670 Trevor Pkwy, Pleasanton 3 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 1,614 +/- sq.ft.	6124 Corte Padre, Pleasanton 3 Bd • 3 Ba • 1,472 +/- sq.ft.	3686 Platt Ct, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 1,834 +/- sq.ft.	E Gate Way, Pleasanton 6 Bd • 5 Ba • 3,760 +/- sq.ft.
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<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$1,890,000</b> Style Dreaming of a Home w/ nice views of the Valley, Great Castlebrook Horse Barn, 4 car storage & carport Barn with loft, Pleasanton Ridge water. 16+/- acres. <b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b>	<b>Open Floor Plan \$629,000</b> Mohr Schools! Attached 2 car garage. Laundry room upstairs w/ corner lot location. Light & airy feel throughout! <b>Julia Kim 925.648.5405</b>	<b>Resort Setting \$630,000</b> One bed and bath on main floor, no steps. Lots of upgrades including tankless water heater. Remodeled Kitchen. <b>Mahshid Shaghafi 925.648.5340</b>	<b>Open Sun 1:30-4 \$629,950</b> Upgraded throughout: Crown Molding, Plantation Shutters, Window Casings, Granite Counters & More. Gorgeous Landscape w/ Concord Grapevine Arbor. <b>Duffy &amp; Patterson 925.251.2523</b>	<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$998,000</b> Beautifully maintained home with a full bed and bath downstairs, perfect for in-laws, guests or au pair. Large eat-in kitchen opening to family room with fire place. <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2585</b>
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7914 Paragon Cir, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 4,592+/- sq.ft.	7785 Georgian Oaks Ct, Dublin 4 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 2,936 +/- sq.ft.	4073 Rosehill Pl, Dublin 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,550 +/- sq.ft.	3258 Royalton Ct, Pleasanton 3 Bd • 3 Ba • 1,941 +/- sq.ft.	4063 Fallwood Ct, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 1,739 +/- sq.ft.
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<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$1,498,000</b> Popular floor plan w/ 1 Bd & Ba downstairs, 3 B/R + Bonus upstairs. Gourmet Kit w/ top of the line SS Appl, Granite Counters & Tumbled Marble Backsplash. <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2550</b>	<b>Gourmet Kitchen \$849,000</b> Court location! (4th BDRM is an office), plus large bonus rm, perfect theatre room set up. Gorgeous distressed hrdwd flooring and more! <b>Bonnie Glennon 925.648.5437</b>	<b>Greenbriar Home \$749,000</b> Beautiful Greenbriar home is located on a wonderful court location in the desirable Rainsong development. Entertainer's dream with professional landscaping. <b>Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547</b>	<b>Great Value! \$625,000</b> Court location and upgraded; new dbl pane windows, new flooring, new baths w/ recessed lights in kitchen. Walking distance to park and school! <b>Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065</b>	<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$624,880</b> Terrific home located on Pleasanton's West Side w/ views of the Pleasanton Ridge. Quiet cul de sac location near schools, shopping etc. Great backyard. <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2550</b>
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<b>Blackhawk East</b> 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300	<b>Blackhawk West</b> 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000	<b>Danville</b> 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000	<b>Lafayette</b> 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330	<b>Montclair/ Piedmont</b> 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800	<b>Orinda</b> 89 Davis Rd., Ste. 100 Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000	<b>Walnut Creek</b> 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500
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# The latest from The 680 Blog

## Who Controls Property Values?

This is a question as old as the real estate business itself. Who controls property values? We all know that sellers do not control property values. Sure they can set the asking price, and control the condition of the property, but not the value of a given piece of property. Yes, they can improve the property and theoretically increase the value that way. But conventional thinking has always been that the buyers control the property values. You know the tried and true saying that a **property is worth what a buyer is willing to pay for it**. And this has certainly been the case for as long as I can remember.

But things have changed. Do buyers still have input as to the value of properties? Yes, of course they do. Without buyers, there is no sale, and therefore no indication of the value as dictated by the law of supply and demand. But there is a new sheriff in town in this debate. One can make a very strong argument that it is now the Banks that control property values (well okay, banks and mortgage companies). Banks control property values in two ways: First of all, thanks to recent changes in the appraisal process, prop-

erties are now worth **what a buyer is willing to pay for it and what a bank is willing to appraise it for**. And we are seeing more and more often that banks are appraising properties for less than what the buyer has offered.

Is this a conscious decision? Partly. Banks have become much more conservative in property valuations, and want to avoid the aggressive appraisals that helped fuel the dramatic rise in property values earlier this decade. Banks have introduced more stringent guidelines and procedures designed to keep appraisals more conservative, eliminate undue influence between the lender and the appraiser, and protect the lender's >>Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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Luxurious single story on a large flat 1.1 Acre lot with 4 BR + office, 3 1/2 BTH, hardwood floors, gourmet granite kitchen, & more!  
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**PENDING SALE!**

Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR plus bonus & office, 4 1/2 BTH, and huge flat 1/3 acre lot with sport court & BBQ.  
**\$1,485,000**



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Stunning single story custom on 1+ acre lot with 6 car garage, hardwood floors, granite kit, finished attic/storage, and private location backing to Pleasanton Ridge open space!  
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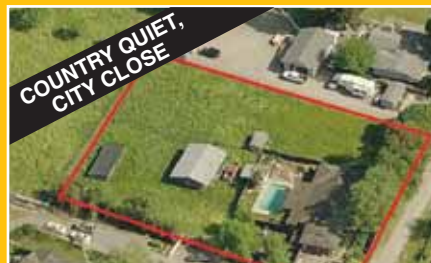
**7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



**AVAILABLE**

5 BD 5.5 BA 5,330sf. on a 13,242sf. lot. Entertainer's dream! Outdoor kitchen, home theater, guest suite on main level. High end finishes.  
**\$1,750,000**

**910 E MOCKINGBIRD LN. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN HAPPY VALLEY



**COUNTRY QUIET, CITY CLOSE**

1.2 acre lot with existing structures - buildable lot. Single level home 1,937sf. 3 BD 2.5 BA. Barn, workshops, chicken coop!...Endless opportunities.  
**\$1,235,000**

**5846 CORTE MARGARITA PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN COUNTRY FAIR



**PENDING**

4 BD 2.5 BA 2,016sf. on a 7,605sf. lot. Tile floors, granite counters and an open floor plan. Pool and private lawn. Quiet court location.  
**\$825,000**

**1151 DONAHUE DR. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN IRONWOOD CLASSICS



**PENDING**

3 BD 2.5 BA 2,163sf. on a 5,500sf. lot. Open floor plan, hardwood flooring throughout. Single level built in 2005, move in ready.  
**\$799,500**

**541 GERARD CT. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



**PENDING**

4 BD + office 2.5 BA 2,573 sf. on a 8,088 sf. lot. WOW! Amazing upgrades throughout. Tons of private space, new kitchen & baths.  
**\$799,000**

**1077 KOLLN ST. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN JENSEN / AMADOR



**JUST LISTED**

**OPEN SUN 2-4**

3 BD 2 BA 1,475sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. Remodeled and expanded. Master w/ walk in closet. Open floor plan, updated throughout, pool, spa & side yard.  
**\$650,000**



**JUST LISTED**

**OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30**

**2187 ROAN CT. LIVERMORE**  
LOCATED IN SPRINGTOWN

4 BD 2 BA 1,349 sf. on a 7,455 sf. lot. Lots of natural lighting, newer appliances in kitchen. Quiet court location. Side yard access.  
**\$392,000**

**COMING SOON**

4 BD 2 BA in Pleasanton Valley. Quiet location, pool, spa and large grass area. Updated bathrooms, hardwood flooring, crown moulding...High \$700k

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### 6300 LAURA LANE, PLEASANTON

Best of both worlds! Country estate (1.26 acre), just 5 minutes from downtown Pleasanton. Beautiful home in the country. Private rear grounds with in-ground pool, and guest/pool house (1 bed/1 bath), deck with outdoor BBQ area, large fenced land area (to do whatever you want), in addition to the landscaped area with pool, patio, etc. Four bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3,100 sq. ft. plus pool/guest house, remodeled master bathroom, three car garage.

**OFFERED AT \$1,495,000**

## VINSANTO

JUST LISTED



### 2845 VINE COURT, PLEASANTON

Beautiful highly upgraded home in excellent condition. Panoramic views of vineyards and surrounding hills. Five bedrooms (4th is private office, 5th in guest house/casita), four bathrooms (4th in casita). Approximate total square footage 3,553. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertop & backsplash, two fireplaces, plantation shutters throughout, three car garage. Private gate & rear grounds include separate guest house/casita, expansive exposed aggregate patio, lawn area, fruit trees and vineyards. No backyard neighbors. Close to wineries & golf courses.

**OFFERED AT \$849,000**

## BRIDLE CREEK



### 897 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

Single level in Bridle Creek on .29 acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2000. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.

**OFFERED AT \$1,399,000**

## KOTTINGER RANCH

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



### 1327 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Great location! Beautiful semi-custom home on .40 acre lot. Expansive deck with panoramic views! Private rear grounds. Five bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 4,026 square feet. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, newer paint & carpeting, extensive hardwood floors. Expansive master suite. Community pool, park, tennis courts and open space. Walk to Main Street and award winning schools!

**OFFERED AT \$1,298,000**

## BRIDLE CREEK

OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30



### 863 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON

Upgraded Avalon Model in Bridle Creek on premium .28 acre lot. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in fire pit, custom pergola and putting green. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, private office plus private guest suite/bonus room (5th), 5.5 bathrooms, 4,434 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Custom tile and hardwood flooring, plantation shutters. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2001. Located on quiet street with no through traffic. Close to downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.

**OFFERED AT \$1,549,000**

## PLEASANTON SEMI-CUSTOM



### 4150 CREEKWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this private, Pleasanton home on premium 1/2 acre lot. Large multi media/game room, upgraded kitchen and bathrooms with granite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, hardwood floors, two fireplaces, three car garage, 4,002 square feet. Large secluded park-like rear yard includes expansive Trex deck, in-ground pool, Hot Springs grande covered spa, waterfall/pond, playhouse, zip line, large lawn area, mature redwood trees and large cemented side yard area. Walk to great schools & neighborhood parks.

**OFFERED AT \$1,195,000**

## COTTAGES AT DUBLIN RANCH

PENDING



### 4444 CHANCERY LANE, DUBLIN

Beautiful upgraded Westcott model in excellent condition! Three bedrooms, plus bonus area (4th bedroom), 2.5 bathrooms, 2,250 sq. ft. Granite countertops, hardwood floors, all appliances included. Master suite includes spacious sitting/viewing balcony. Washer & dryer included. Spectacular views and easy access to two car garage (drive straight in). Across the street from new park. Walk to Emerald Glen Park. Not far from Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center and Dublin Ranch Golf Course.

**OFFERED AT \$529,000**

## ORIGINAL COUNTRY FAIR

PENDING



### 2468 VIA DE LOS MILAGROS, PLEASANTON

Desirable "Original Country Fair". Excellent location. Convenient to everything. Walk to all levels of schools & parks. Customized highly upgraded home with five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, bonus/game room, 3,787 square feet. Three car garage, remodeled kitchen with granite and custom backsplash, custom cabinets & built-ins, plantation shutters throughout, newer high quality roof, two wood burning fireplaces. Very private beautiful grounds include in-ground black bottom solar heated pool & spa, exposed aggregate patio with flagstone, beautiful landscaping on .27 acre lot.

**OFFERED AT \$1,369,000**

## COUNTRY FAIR

PENDING



### 2649 CALLE ALEGRE, PLEASANTON

Original Ponderosa's Country Fair. Location, location, location. Convenient to everything. Great schools. Don't miss this Pleasanton home in sought after Original Country Fair. Four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2,651 square feet. Two wood burning fireplaces. Beautiful private rear grounds include in-ground pebble tech pool, built-in outdoor kitchen/BBQ, expansive stone patio, sauna, basketball/sports court and waterfall on .26 acre lot.

**OFFERED AT \$999,500**

## BONDE RANCH

SOLD! REPRESENTED BUYER



### 4914 MIDDLETON PL., PLEASANTON

Beautiful private home in Bonde Ranch. Four bedrooms, 4th is office/guest suite downstairs, bonus room, 3.5 bathrooms, updated kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. Expansive master suite with retreat, three car garage. Approximately 3,609 square feet. Private rear yard with in-ground pool/spa & lawn area, covered patio. Lot size is 11,994. Located on quiet street. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street downtown Pleasanton!

**SOLD FOR \$1,295,000**

## PLEASANTON HEIGHTS

SOLD



### 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**

## VENTANA HILLS

SOLD! REPRESENTED BUYER & SELLER



### 998 HOPKINS WAY, PLEASANTON

Beautiful, highly upgraded home on premium lot in Ventana Hills. Four bedrooms, formal office (4th), 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2,550 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen and master bath. New hardwood flooring, newer carpet, three car garage. Private rear yard with panoramic views, built-in BBQ island, backs to open space on 9,216 square foot lot. Walk to Main Street downtown & great neighborhood park.

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**727 VINEYARD TERRACE \$1,549,000**  
5bd/4ba on .50+/-acre lot. Located on beautiful south side of Pleasanton. Gorgeous carriage house with full kitchen, bath and laundry. Must see! PLEASANTON

ANNI HAGFELDT BY APPT



**574 ESCONDIDO CIR \$810,000**  
Custom 5bd/3.5ba, 3000+/-sf home on 15,000+/-sf lot in desirable Granada Woods. Pool, sports court, private office in master, sun/bonus room, laundry room and more! LIVERMORE

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



**4166 HALL CT \$809,000**  
3bd/3ba, 2,042+/-sf, Tiger hardwood floors, eat-in granite/alder kitchen, new 50-yr roof, dual pane windows, plantation shutters, remodeled baths, RV parking, gazebo and pool. PLEASANTON

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



**5744 SAN CARLOS WAY \$799,000**  
NEW PRICE! Nice 2-story, 3-bedroom home near elementary & middle schools, 680 freeway, and downtown Pleasanton. Custom details. Updated kitchen and baths. Great floorplan. PLEASANTON

GINA HUGGINS BY APPT



**1626 PERIDOT DRIVE \$789,000**  
This home has 5bdr/3full bath, with 1bdr/1bath downstairs. Formal living and dining area. Side yard access. Newer solar heated pool. Perfect home for entertaining. LIVERMORE

JANNA CHESTNUT OPEN SUN 1-4



**3125 THISTLEDOWN CT. \$709,000**  
Charming 4bd,2ba, 1974+/-sf single story home. Great court location. Natural lighting in granite kitchen, updated baths. PLEASANTON

JOYCE JONES SUN 2:00-4:00



**3232 BALMORAL COURT \$749,950**  
Updates galore, 4bd, 3ba, w/pool, hot tub, granite counters, white cabinets, raised ceiling w/sky light in kitchen, hardwood flooring, beautifully updated baths, indoor laundry. PLEASANTON

SALLY MARTIN BY APPT



**4224 TAMUR COURT \$699,000**  
Great location! Living space on 1 floor. Kitchen features granite slab, updated cabinets, appliances & tile floor. Updated bathrooms with stone. Expansive screened-deck with roof. PLEASANTON

EMILY BARRACLOUGH BY APPT



**196 KOTTINGER DR \$639,000**  
Looking for a home close to downtown just blocks from all the amenities Pleasanton has to offer? Adorable home with a great open floor plan and private back yard. PLEASANTON

LINDA FUTRAL SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



**854 LOS ALAMOS AVE \$495,990**  
Hard to find upgraded and expanded South Livermore single story! Move-in condition in a quiet tree lined established neighborhood. Slab granite kitchen and hardwood floors. LIVERMORE



## A View From The Top

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