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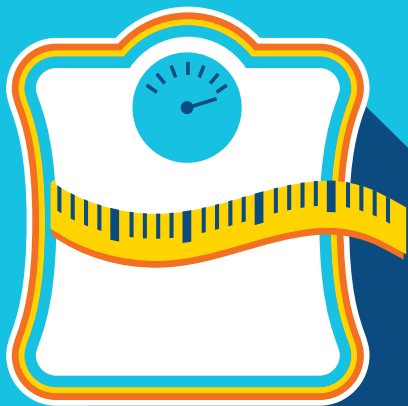
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

State housing push revives need for East Side planning

Two years ago, the City Council halted the planning of development on Pleasanton's largely empty 400-acre East Side. Given the state's current determination to force more housing on cities, it might be time to restart that effort so that Pleasanton is ahead of the pack before state mandates hit us again.

The recent legislative session saw more than 130 housing-related bills introduced. A \$3 billion affordable housing bond is headed for the November ballot next year.

"In 2018, we're going to see continued pressure from the state for local municipalities to meet housing objectives that are statewide," said Scott Raty, president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

"With the state's continued emphasis on housing, we need to return to a discussion about the East Side before Gov. (Jerry) Brown decides what's the best use of that acreage," Raty said.

Pleasanton offers a good example of what state mandates mean for a city.

Over the last two years, high-density apartment complexes have been built on some of the 70 acres the council rezoned to meet numbers imposed by the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and requirements by a Superior Court judge and state housing authorities.

That followed a lawsuit the city lost to an Oakland-based affordable housing coalition over a 1996 voter-approved 29,000 housing cap which, the court ruled, discriminated against those who want to live here but can't find affordable housing.

At the same time, the council created the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force to put together a plan for the 400 undeveloped acres that would lock in that property before 2023, when RHNA will issue new housing numbers. An East Side master plan would take the site off RHNA's list of potential sites.

However, pending bills now being considered in the legislature could allow the state and developers to move more aggressively to meet California's housing shortages well before RHNA issues new numbers.

With the state under increasing pressure to streamline the approval process for new construction, some of the legislature's new bills "encourage" more housing with or without city approvals.

Senate Bill 35, introduced by Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), would require cities to provide their fair share of housing. It would also require, among other provisions, that developers and any subcontractors they use to pay prevailing (union) wages.

"Streamlining the housing development process is an important part of addressing our housing needs," said Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon). "But SB 35 shuts down critical local input on housing and its effects on local communities, and unnecessarily adds to the cost of housing with rigid state mandates."

"Under this bill, even cities in our area like Dublin, which have built considerable housing options, could end up having zero say on whether they must build more housing," she added. "That would mean zero say in how the city must adjust a project to the needs of local schools and traffic and services. That is not the solution to housing bureaucracy and shortages."

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne agreed.

"The mayors in the 11 largest cities in the state have come out in support of the legislative package," Thorne noted. "Their instinct isn't wrong, but I want to ensure that we maintain individual control at the local level, while we also work collectively to solve our housing challenge."

Thorne wrote a letter of opposition on SB 35, saying though it is intended to streamline the housing approval process, it would have the net effect of "circumventing our current planning process."

"We have been advocating for local control over local land use issues for many years," Thorne said. "That is essential for local communities. But having that autonomy doesn't give us permission to put our heads in the sand and pretend we don't have a housing problem."

"We have all heard time and again how so many of our own children can't afford to live here," he added. "Irrespective of what the governor wants and will likely get, affordable housing is in short supply here in Pleasanton and throughout California." ■

Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His "Around Pleasanton" columns run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

About the Cover

Shadab Ilkal and her daughter Zoya after a morning prayer session at the Muslim Community Center of the East Bay in Pleasanton last week. Photo by Erika Alvero. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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If you had the chance to turn 21 again, how would you want to celebrate your birthday?



Michael Igno
Retired firefighter

I would wish for an early-evening beach luau party in my hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii — with all my family and close friends dancing, feasting on awesome food and toasting to all of our good blessings all night long. Oh, and my date for this festive occasion would be Cindy Crawford.



Terri Smith
Substitute teacher

I would find a beach house to rent near the ocean and would head out there with friends to celebrate. And I would make arrangements so that absolutely no one would have to drive anywhere at all, all weekend.



Brian Spears
Physicist

I'd go out for dinner to my favorite Mexican restaurant with all of my closest friends and family members. And all of the beers and margaritas would be on me.



Claudia Imatt
Personal chef

What I would really love to do is to recreate my actual 21st birthday. I spent it driving across the country with my mom. We talked, we laughed, we sang, we cried (just a little) and we stopped in Vegas, where we had a blast. We came home to a bunch of dead houseplants, but we so didn't care.



Brett O'Sullivan
Manager

I'd round up a couple of my best buddies and go on a road trip to Disneyland. We'd drive down the coast, rather than down I-5 in the Central Valley, and stop at a few beaches along the way in order to stretch our legs and toss a football around.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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September 14, 2017 | 6:00-7:30pm

Change is hard for most people, especially seniors. Marilyn Jankowski, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, discusses how to begin the conversation with other family members or with the senior him/herself.

How to Downsize/Selling the Family Home
October 12, 2017 | 6:00-7:30pm

Our expert shares three important steps to simplify the downsizing process & how to transition into senior living. Christina Rice, MBA & Seniors Real Estate Specialist, shares how to maximize the profit while minimizing the stress!

Long Term Care/Reverse Mortgages
November 9, 2017 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

Chris D'Orazio, financial professional, discusses the what, when, how and why of long term care. Daryl Thomas, Senior Loan Officer, shares the truth and benefits of a reverse mortgage to finance senior living.

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DIGEST

Remembering 9/11

Monday will mark the 16th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. A key Tri-Valley ceremony to honor the first responders and victims of those attacks is set to take place at 5:30 p.m. in Danville.

The ceremony will feature guest speakers, police and fire department honor guards, hundreds of young Scouts and the Monte Vista High School choir — at the All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road in Danville.

Las Positas College commemorated 9/11 two days ago by hosting a keynote address by Joe Torrillo, a New York Fire Department lieutenant and 9/11 survivor.

Urban Shield

Urban Shield, a first responder training and vendor expo, is set to return to the fairgrounds from today through Monday.

The Pleasanton fairgrounds will house the vendor booths and serve as a team check-in site, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, which is hosting the event. Live training exercises are not expected to take place here, as they had the past two years.

Aimed at helping law enforcement and emergency personnel prepare for serious situations, Urban Shield has also drawn its share of criticism, with opponents characterizing the event as war games or militarized police trainings to expand the power of law enforcement.

Young leaders

Alameda County is accepting applications for 2017 Youth Leadership Academy, a free educational program for local 11th- and 12th-grade students interested in learning about local government, developing leadership skills and networking with peers from throughout the county.

Juniors and seniors from high schools across Alameda County will participate in five Saturday morning sessions this fall from September to December 2017.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 15. Visit www.acgov.org/youth-leadership. ■

For the record

Last Friday's cover story, "Fruits of their labor," was sent to press the day before organizers announced they would be canceling the annual Harvest Wine Celebration due to high heat forecast for the Livermore Valley during the weekend. The online story was immediately updated with cancellation and ticket-refunding information. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets any confusion.

Council approves Junipero-Independence traffic calming strategies

Also: Small cell wireless systems in Hacienda, new smoking restrictions, police union talks

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday approved a proposal backed by city staff and neighborhood residents to help alleviate traffic safety concerns along Junipero Street and Independence Drive.

The traffic calming plan calls for installing new speed lumps, crosswalk improvements and a radar speed display sign in the residential area about a mile south of downtown, as well as improving the signalized intersection at Bernal Avenue where Sunol

Boulevard turns into First Street.

The proposal received strong support from residents in the neighborhood concerned about speeding drivers, street-crossing conditions and cut-through traffic for commuters and parents dropping kids off at school.

"I can't tell you how hard it is to get that many neighbors to agree on a traffic calming program," Junipero Street resident Vicki LaBarge told the council Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

"We walked the streets, we

surveyed, we talked to people, and we've come up with a good plan," she added. "We've got to do something to cut down the speeds on those streets."

The most significant component — also on the council's city-wide priority list — is the intersection of Bernal at First/Sunol.

It would involve adding a second left-turn lane on westbound Bernal Avenue, creating bicycle lanes, improving sidewalks, aligning the intersection and improving First Street, according to city traffic engineer Mike Tassano.

The intersection work is longer-term, with designs to be completed by next spring and construction expected to start in the 2018-19 fiscal year, Tassano said. Final design plans and construction cost estimates would return to the council for consideration at a later date.

The other traffic-calming components, estimated at \$25,000, will be implemented starting next month, Tassano said.

Crews will install four speed

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Celebrating 30 years

Valley Humane works to improve lives of animals, people

By ERIKA ALVERO

Pleasanton's Valley Humane Society is marking its 30th anniversary with a birthday bash for humans and animals alike later this month.

Valley Humane is a nonprofit that works to rescue and adopt out Tri-Valley cats and dogs, especially by alleviating overcrowded public animal shelters. Over the past three decades, the organization has also expanded to include a variety of programs that improve the lives of people as well.

"Thirty years as a nonprofit is a pretty big milestone, considering that our nonprofit relies 100% on community support," said Melanie Sadek, executive director of the organization.

"And so the fact that the community believes in us and supports us to the point where we've been able to really make life-changing differences in the lives of animals and people for the last 30 years is pretty significant," she added.

The birthday bash will be held on Sept. 21.

Valley Humane was initially founded as a "private surrender resource" for pet owners who had to give up their animals but didn't want them to go to an overflowing public shelter.

"When Valley Humane got started 30 years ago, it was founded because a group of volunteers wanted a safe place for people to be able to surrender their animals," Sadek said. "At the time, the public shelters didn't have a lot of rescue relationships. So if you had to surrender your animal to a public shelter, it was kind of unknown what was really going to happen."



ERIKA ALVERO

Volunteer Beth Griston plays with a 2-month-old chihuahua named Mimi at Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton on Wednesday morning. The nonprofit is set for its 30th birthday bash Sept. 21.

The organization serves the Tri-Valley, though they sometimes extend down to Sunol and out to other parts of the East Bay.

Aside from the standard animal surrender and intake, a key component of Valley Humane's work centers on projects that benefit humans as well as animals. The Canine Comfort Pet Therapy team brings animals to hospitals, rehabilitation units, senior housing, long-term care facilities and children's cancer units to offer puppy love in its Paws to Heal program, and the same team

promotes literacy at local libraries for Paws to Read.

Valley Humane also partners with nonprofit Hope Hospice to provide in-home pet care for patients in hospice care. If a patient dies, Valley Humane will then bring their pet into its adoption system to help place the animal.

Through their Animeals program, Valley Humane has a pet food pantry that annually provides over 120,000 free meals for the dogs and cats of seniors and

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Fall horse racing back at fairgrounds

Special events added to seven-day meet starting Sept. 21

By JEREMY WALSH

Live horse racing is coming back to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for the second fall in a row, with Oak Tree at Pleasanton hosting seven days of racing with \$850,000 in prize money, including a \$75,000 stakes race.

Alcohol tasting showcases, a Poker Run for motorcyclists and the Derby Dog Dash are among the other special events also on tap for the Live Fall Horse Racing & Festival, set to start Sept. 21 at the fairgrounds on Pleasanton Avenue.

Horse racing is scheduled for Sept. 21-24 and Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at the fairgrounds on America's oldest one-mile racetrack. Post times are 2:15 p.m. each day, except for the opening day when post time will be 1:45 p.m. A free racing seminar will occur each day.

Admission into the fairgrounds for the racing is free, but attendees can pay to upgrade their seat positioning, including box seats or premium seating and buffet dining in the Trackside Terrace.

New this fall, organizers have put together a Poker Run to the Races for motorcycle enthusiasts Sept. 24, featuring a 120-mile, five-stop ride with food, live music, poker games and prizes.

There will also be a first-time

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COURTESY OF PUSD

Students, educators, city and school district leaders and community members celebrated the new turf field at Amador Valley High School with a ribbon cutting last Friday night.

Community celebrates new turf field at Amador Stadium

Nearly \$900,000 project funded entirely through donations

By JULIA REIS

Pleasanton students, educators, city and school district leaders and community members turned out at Amador Valley High School last Friday night for the ribbon cutting of the new turf field at Amador Stadium, a renovation project paid for fully through community contributions.

The ceremony took place at 7:30

p.m., pushed back an hour from its original start time after the varsity football game against King's Academy Sunnyvale — which the hometown Dons won 15-14 — was moved back an hour to 8 p.m. and the junior varsity game against the same opponent was canceled due to the triple digit heat in Pleasanton that day.

“We are incredibly grateful to the

Walker Family Trust, our Athletic Boosters Club and Amador community for their generosity and support,” Amador principal Mike Williams said. “The new stadium turf is the field our amazing students deserve.”

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Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll

Cyclists, pedestrians given sole access to road Sept. 30

By JEREMY WALSH

Alameda County and regional agency officials are working together later this month to once again open a portion of Niles Canyon Road to full access by hikers, runners and bicyclists only.

The Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll event will see a 6.4-mile stretch between Old Canyon Road in Fremont and Main Street in Sunol closed to all automobile traffic Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's the second time in three years agencies have partnered for such an event on Niles Canyon.

County officials said they hope that by giving pedestrians and cyclists full access to the scenic roadway will help raise public

awareness about a proposal to build a new recreational trail through the canyon.

Public parking will be available at 11600 Pleasanton-Sunol Road in Sunol and at the Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area at 2100 Isherwood Way in Fremont. Officials urge participants to use public transportation, and free shuttle service will be offered to and from the Fremont BART station.

Hosts for the event include Alameda County Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Richard Valle, East Bay Regional Park District Caltrans and other stakeholders in the trail consideration process.

For more information, call (510) 272-6692. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Back in Kauai: Jessica and Maxwell Norman visited the island of Kauai for six days, their first time back since their honeymoon almost 13 years ago.

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Nomad 'Mule' released from jail after no charges filed

69-year-old traveler was arrested last week in Castro Valley

By ERIKA ALVERO

The California nomad known as "Mule" was released from the Santa Rita Jail last Friday, with no charges filed before his arraignment was scheduled to take place.

Mule — whose given name is John Sears — has been traveling on foot throughout the West for decades now, passing through the Tri-Valley last week on his winter migration down to San Diego. He roams with animal mules alongside him to help carry his supplies; currently he's with a dappled 27-year-old named Little Girl.

But on Aug. 30, the 69-year-old was arrested in Castro Valley on suspicion of trespassing and obstructing law enforcement. He was held at Santa Rita Jail in lieu of posting his \$10,000 bail, with his arraignment scheduled for last Friday morning at the Dublin courthouse.

Candice Fields, a criminal justice attorney in Sacramento, was set to represent Mule during his court appearance last week, but the Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to pursue

the case, she said.

"On Friday morning, while waiting for the arraignment calendar to be heard, the prosecutor contacted me to inform me that charges would not be filed," Fields said.

According to Mule's Facebook page, he was released from Santa Rita at 9:15 p.m. Friday and reunited with Little Girl, who had been cared for by the organization Horses Healing Hearts, Inc. while he was in jail.

The reason Mule was arrested was similar to that of past citations he's received.

According to California Highway Patrol officials, one of their officers was out on patrol around 6:30 p.m. Aug. 30 when he saw Mule and Little Girl on the other side of a chain-link fence near the intersection of Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street.

The fence divides the two roads from an embankment that leads directly to Interstate 580. Citing safety concerns for the mule and the fact they were on state-owned property, the officer asked Mule to come to the other side of the fence,

according to CHP officials. When Mule refused, the officer contacted his supervisor and other officers, and at 6:50 p.m. they placed Mule under arrest.

The allegations against Mule were trespassing and obstructing a peace officer, and shortly thereafter he was taken to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, according to the CHP.

Mule, who is originally from around Los Altos, spent 30 years working as a tree-cutter in his younger days. For a while, he would work during the winters and roam during the summers, and when he reached his mid-50s, he decided to roam full-time.

"I belong to an ageless, old way of life, a nomadic way of life," Mule said. "We all used to live like this, with our animals, traveling. That's very strong in me, so I gravitated to not lose it."

He's also made it his mission to oppose urbanization and to ask lawmakers for a country-wide interstate trail system, which he does by delivering a "Declaration of Emergency" to every city hall, congressional member office and



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

While human 'Mule' was in jail at Santa Rita, the organization Horses Healing Hearts, Inc. took care of his animal mule, Little Girl — pictured here outside the jail with (from left) Melissa Austin, Laura Vaughn and Kelsey Aguirre.

state capitol by which they pass.

Last week's arrest was not his first run-in with the law — according to his website, Mule has received at least eight citations and been arrested at least one other time since embarking on his nomadic journeys. Attorneys will sometimes offer to represent Mule pro bono in court.

Fields had been following Mule's journey for some time.

"As an equestrian trail rider, I share his concerns about trail

access and safety, and his belief that being outside, in nature, improves our physical and mental well-being," Fields said. "When I met the Mules a few years ago, I hoped that if he ever needed my help that he would reach out to me for assistance. Since this is a man who doesn't need much, I was happy to have the chance to support Mr. Sears."

Mule is now continuing on his trek to Southern California, delivering his declaration on his way. ■



Restaurant Profile

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Meet the Chef



Daniel Taylor (Chef Danny)

- » Chef Danny oversees the food operations for Beer Baron and loves interacting with the guests and the restaurant environment.
- » Chef Danny's family has a big influence on his cooking. His mom makes an amazing corned beef & cabbage... and he uses her recipe at Beer Baron.
- » Before Beer Baron he worked at Facebook and launched a food truck for them. His menus featured something new weekly and the truck's success is one of his proudest accomplishments.

About the Drinks



- » Beer Baron is a whiskey-lovers dream. Their extensive collection of whiskey can be enjoyed by the glass or in an innovative cocktail.
- » Chef Danny recommends the Turmeric Sour – it's turmeric-infused gin, lime, cane sugar and white and black pepper bitters.
- » Collaboration is key. The bar team and food team work closely together to ensure a cohesive and unique dining and drinking experience.

About the Menu



- » Everything they do is from scratch, from sauces to ice cream and they elevate every flavor.
- » For their famous fried chicken & waffles the chicken is marinated for two days in buttermilk & Frank's hot sauce and the dish is served with Fresno chili slaw and maple-bacon butter.
- » The Baron Burger is not your typical burger. The burger is a mix of tri-tip, brisket and boneless short rib. A must-have for any burger lover.
- » For dessert chef recommends the Root Beer Float. It is made with homemade butterscotch and topped with cream soda.

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Alameda County sheriff's deputies charged with inmate mistreatment

Four appear in court, defer entering pleas to allegations

Three current Alameda County sheriff's deputies and one former deputy were arraigned Tuesday on charges including assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice for their roles in the alleged mistreatment of inmates at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Sheriff's investigators said the four deputies allegedly facilitated and allowed an inmate to throw bodily fluids, including feces and urine, onto other inmates housed in a maximum-security unit of the jail.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed the charges against Sarah Krause, 26, Justin Linn, 23, of Tracy, Erik McDermott, 27, of Concord, and Stephen Sarcos, 30, of Concord, on Friday. All four are free on bail.

Linn is charged with four counts of felony assault by a public officer, one count of dissuading a witness by force a threat and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice. His bail had been \$135,000, but at the request of prosecutor Patrick Moriarty Alameda County Superior Court Judge Armando Cuellar increased it to \$340,000 Tuesday.

McDermott is charged with two

counts of assault and one count each of dissuading a witness and conspiracy. His bail also had been \$135,000 but Cuellar increased it to \$320,000.

Krause and Sarcos are each charged with single counts of assault for a single incident in the fall of 2016. Their bail remains at \$35,000.

The four deputies are scheduled to return to court on Sept. 11, when they will ask that their bails be decreased and may possibly enter pleas.

Linn and McDermott have until then to post their increased bail amounts.

According to sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly, Krause, Linn and McDermott have been placed on administrative leave and Sarcos has resigned.

Sheriff's officials said staff at Santa Rita brought the allegations of misconduct to their attention in January and they conducted an investigation that focused on incidents at the jail between the summer and fall of 2016.

Sheriff's officials said it was determined that the allegations were

criminal in nature and Sheriff Gregory Ahern assigned the investigation to detectives at the Eden Township Substation in San Leandro.

Authorities said more than 40 people were interviewed during the investigation, including sheriff's office employees, Alameda County inmates and inmates at various state prisons.

In announcing the charges, District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said, "These four deputies directed, facilitated, enabled and committed sadistic and terrorizing acts against several men whose protection fell directly within the responsibility of their positions as correctional officers. The conduct of these four defendants violates the law and there is no rational explanation for their actions aside from abject cruelty and a disregard for the humanity of the inmates."

O'Malley said, "It is the mission of the sheriff's office to protect life and property while providing humane treatment to those in its custody. Those entrusted with supervising and caring for individuals while incarcerated must be held to the highest ethical and

professional standards."

O'Malley said the investigation in the case revealed that McDermott choked an inmate into unconsciousness.

Sheriff's Detective Patrick Smyth wrote in a probable cause statement that Linn and McDermott told inmates to spread the word that one of their fellow inmates was a "snitch."

Smyth said one inmate who cooperated with investigators said he didn't go along with the request by Linn and McDermott that he label the fellow inmate a snitch but "it was apparent to him that Linn and McDermott were hoping he would do as they asked so that Victim 1 (the inmate who was to be labeled a snitch) would be dissuaded from cooperating with law enforcement."

Smyth wrote that Sarcos and Krause admitted that in September 2016 they unlocked an inmate's cell door and a victim inmate's cell door so that the first inmate could assault the victim by throwing feces at him.

Smyth also said that one of the victims in the case suffers from mental illness. ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News

FALL HORSES

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Derby Dog Dash, which will give pint-sized pooches the chance to run short-distance races on the track for fun and prizes Sept. 23. Entry fee information is available at www.derbydogdash.com.

The racing festival will showcase three tasting events across the adult beverage spectrum: Sip, Savor and Wager Wine Festival on Sept. 23, the Craftoberfest Craft Beer Festival on Sept. 30 and the New Mixology Craft-Cocktail Festival on closing day Oct. 1.

Each tasting event will be held inside the grandstand from 2-5 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door, or an all-access pass for admission to all three alcohol tastings costs \$60.

Daily specials include free parking and \$2 hot dogs on opening day, plus \$2 beers, food trucks and free parking on both Fridays. Live sports will also be shown in the 95.7 The Game Fan Cave.

Fall racing first returned to the fairgrounds last year when the California Horse Racing Board voted to transfer San Joaquin County Fair's annual Race Meet to the Pleasanton track.

For tickets, schedules and more information, visit racing.alameda-countyfair.com. ■



Restaurant Profile

Café Main

401 Main Street
cafemainonline.com
925.425.9708

Sunday – Friday - 10am-8pm
Saturday – 9am-8pm

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Meet the Owner



Mike Hughes

- » Owner Mike Hughes bought Café Main in 2008 and has turned it into a go-to destination for gourmet comfort food.
- » Mike grew up in the restaurant business. His grandparents owned a restaurant called Stagecoach in San Francisco and Mike spent lots of summers there when he was young.
- » An avid golfer, Mike also loves spending time with his family and going to events like Goodguys & the Alameda County Fair.
- » His favorite dishes at Café Main are the Chinese Chicken Salad and the Tuna BLTA.

About the Menu



- » Casual, high quality comfort food. Only use fresh ingredients in everything they serve.
- » All the dressings, soups and sauces are made in house. They make their own pizza dough too.
- » The Pastrami Calzone and Turkey & Brie Calzone are two dishes unique to Café Main.
- » New menu items are coming soon including more vegan and vegetarian dishes... and a pizza inspired by Mike's favorite burger!

The Restaurant



- » Café Main was one of the first downtown restaurants to offer counter dining service.
- » Located at the corner of Angela & Main Street... Café Main is one of the best people watching spots in town.
- » They offer great outdoor seating especially now that the City's new public parklet has been installed nearby.

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JUNIPERO

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lumps in total, two on Junipero and two on Independence. New crosswalks will be put in near Mission Hills Park and other areas in the neighborhood, and a radar speed display sign will be added on Junipero by the park to encourage drivers to reduce excessive speeds.

The overall plan received full support from the four voting council members, with Councilwoman Kathy Narum acknowledging that the short-term work on Junipero and Independence in the coming weeks is only a small part of the solution.

"I think this will be an improvement, but I in some ways view this like putting lipstick on a pig," Narum said. "(The intersection) is where the real relief to this neighborhood is going to come."

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin did not participate in the discussion, refusing himself for living too close to the area.

In other business

Council members voted 5-0 to introduce a proposed ordinance to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to allow for concealed small cell wireless systems in the Hacienda Business Park.

They also approved an amendment to four maintenance agreements between the city and the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association to extend those agreements and to allow for revenue sharing for the small cell systems to be located in street lights in Hacienda.

The association has signed an agreement with Philips Lighting North America Corp. to allow the corporation to replace up to 100 street light poles in Hacienda with new poles featuring LED lighting and small cell wireless systems designed to supplement existing cell coverage by filling gaps and adding network capacity in the area.

The cell equipment will be fully contained inside the light poles, which like the existing poles will be owned by the association but located in city right-of-way.

Philips, which will hold leasing rights to the pole interiors, will lease the inside space to wireless providers such as AT&T, Verizon or Sprint. Philips will pay Hacienda \$200 per month per pole, and the association will split the revenue with the city, coming out

to \$100 per month per pole.

If more poles are added after the initial 100 or the lease fee is increased, Hacienda will split that new revenue with the city, too. Philips will need to go through design review process and obtain encroachment permits for each smart pole.

The ordinance is set to return for a second reading and final adoption later this month.

The council gave final approval to an ordinance establishing new smoking restrictions for rental apartment complexes across the city.

The ordinance includes banning smoking inside individual units, on balconies and patios, in all indoor and outdoor common areas and within 25 feet of those locations at apartment complexes under single ownership with two or more leased units.

It also limits medical marijuana smoking at complexes only to designated outdoor smoking areas.

The restrictions will take effect starting April 5, with city officials opting to give property managers extra time to implement new procedures and update lease terms as well as allow residents to make housing choices in light of the new rules.

The council presented commendations to 13 Foothill High School students who traveled with their parents to Peru to volunteer with the organization MEDLIFE to help those in need.

The recognized students were Jaxon Abercrombie, Sophie Caponigro, Zara Fatteh, Inayat Johal, Daniel Kwon, Sara Ling, Ashley Liu, Sophia Ondi, Julia Tolari, Kimberly Wang, Saloni Wasnik, Jason Wong and Megan Yang.

The council received another update in closed session from city officials about their ongoing contract negotiations with the Pleasanton Police Officers Association. No action was reported after the closed-door meeting. ■

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- Identity Theft & Credit Card Fraud
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- Contra Dancing
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A basic overview of human health, the healthcare system, and healthcare careers



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Helping Houston

Mohr Elementary School students spent a morning last week packing 12,744 meals to send to families in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Through a partnership with the nonprofit Kids Against Hunger, second-through fifth-graders packed the meals into bags decorated by the kindergartners and first-graders. The effort was part of Kindness Week at Mohr.



PUSD

BART awarded \$8.8M for security projects

Aiming to protect Transbay Tube, create Critical Asset Patrol Team

BART officials will be getting nearly \$9 million for two security projects meant to protect the system against potential threats, according to an announcement last week.

BART was awarded \$8,798,769 for projects to protect the Transbay Tube and for a Critical Asset Patrol

Team that protects the Critical Asset Corridor, which is a passageway connecting San Francisco and Oakland.

The corridor contains critical infrastructure as well as the passengers traveling at predictable times in the Transbay Tube.

A total of \$7.5 million will be

spread among projects to protect the tube while the eight-member patrol team will receive \$1,298,769.

The money was awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency following a competitive selection process. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

VALLEY HUMANE

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low-income families.

The shelter hopes to expand their footprint, Sadek said, and increase their building space so they can take in more animals.

The birthday bash will take place from 5-8 p.m. at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. The community is invited to drop by

and enjoy cake, ice cream and furry friends — there will even be a “puppy smash,” Sadek said, where puppies will “go to town” on a giant dog cake made of carrots, peanut butter, applesauce and cream cheese frosting.

The celebration event is open to the public, and a donation of \$30 — \$1 for each of Valley Humane’s years — is appreciated.

For more information, check valleyhumane.org. ■

TURF

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as well as school physical education classes, Special Olympics and school events, the Amador Stadium field was in desperate need of replacement, according to school officials. The previous surface was showing signs of failure including clogged drainage, wearing away of the surface fiber and deterioration of the turf fill.

The Pleasanton school board in May approved an \$873,586 donation for the turf field and track resurfacing and awarded a contract to FieldTurf USA for the work. The Walker Family Trust, the Athletic Boosters and Safeway contributed the funds to cover the cost of the project.

The project started in July and was completed just in time for the first football game of the season Aug. 25.

“It came down to the wire,” Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon said. “It was very exciting to play the first home game of the season on the new field.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday featured speakers including Williams, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, PUSD superintendent David Haglund, school board president Joan Laursen and Amador Athletics Boosters president Steve Nimmo.

Also present at the event were Assemblywoman Catharine Baker; Morgan Ingram, an Amador alum and representative from Congressman Eric Swalwell’s office; City Councilwoman Kathy Narum; PUSD trustees Valerie Arkin and Jamie Yee Hintzke; and Eleanor Walker along with her daughter Laurie Walker-Whiteland on behalf of the Walker Family Trust. ■



Restaurant Profile

Sabio on Main

501 Main Street
sabiopleasanton.com
925.800.3090

Dinner:

Mon-Thu-3-9:30pm
Fri-3pm-10pm, Sat-5-10pm
Sun-5-9pm

Happy Hour: Mon-Fri- 3-6pm

Brunch: Sat-Sun- 11:30-3pm

Fun Fact!

Sabio is named for Spanish King Alfonso X, who was known as “el Sabio” or “the Wise One”... known to be the creator of tapas 800 years ago.

Meet the Owner



Jim McDonnell

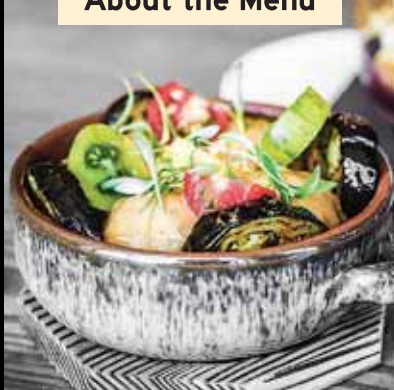
- » Jim opened Sabio two years ago. Although his professional background is in tech, he always dreamed of opening a restaurant.
- » His philosophy for Sabio is “Local. Sustainable. Community.” These are their words to live by and is what they do daily. They have been recognized nationally for their commitment to environmental stewardship.
- » Jim loves seeing the regular customers who come back weekly & monthly.

About the Drinks



- » Sabio’s goal is to have the “happiest happy hour in Pleasanton” so specials are run every day.
- » Sabio’s beverage pairings aren’t limited to wine. They get creative with cocktail pairings and draw inspiration from the seasonal menu.
- » Jeremy Troupe-Masi, Sabio’s wine director is also a level two certified sommelier.
- » Their recent “Game of Thrones” inspired cocktail menu was a huge hit! Look for more pop-culture themes to come soon.

About the Menu



- » Directed by Chef Francis X Hogan, the menu focuses on local and sustainable product and showcases the best of the season.
- » Chef Hogan has close relationships with local farmers and ranchers and works with them to drive the direction of the menu.
- » Sabio’s wine program was given the “Award of Excellence” by Wine Spectator - a very high honor.
- » One staple menu item since the beginning is the cauliflower. It’s representative of the opportunity to do extraordinary things with vegetables that are often underappreciated.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton PD investigating armed robbery attempt

A man tried to rob two female residents at gunpoint in a local apartment complex during the holiday weekend, according to Pleasanton police.

The incident took place just before 11 p.m. Sunday at Pleasanton Place Apartment Homes on Mohr Avenue, near the intersection with Santa Rita Road, according to Sgt. Steven Ayers.

Two female residents were walking in the complex that night when a man approached them from behind, pointed a black gun at one of the ladies and demanded she give up her gold necklace, Ayers said.

When she hesitated to comply, the man swiped at her neck attempting to take the necklace by force, Ayers said. Once the grab attempt failed, the man ran from the area eastbound on Mohr Avenue. Neither victim was injured during the incident.

Police officers arrived at the apartment complex in less than two minutes and scoured the area, but they were unable to find the would-be robber, the sergeant said.

The culprit was described as a clean-shaven black man in his late 20s or early 30s, standing about 6-foot-3 tall and weighing about 200 pounds with short black hair, Ayers said. The man remained at large as of press time Wednesday afternoon.

In other news

- Two vehicles were burglarized while parked outside the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station on the

Pleasanton side on Sunday, police said.

According to police, a patron reported their gray 2015 Toyota Sienna was burglarized between 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. while it was parked at the station, which is located at 5801 Owens Drive in Pleasanton.

The culprit smashed the left front window and ransacked the interior. The owner of the vehicle could not identify any lost items, police said.

Another victim reported that their gray 2014 Ford Fiesta was burglarized between 9:45 a.m. and 5:35 p.m. while it was parked at the station. The culprit smashed the driver's side window and stole two GPS units, police said.

- A young woman who died in a crash Monday night on Interstate 680 in unincorporated Alameda County has been identified by the county coroner's bureau as 19-year-old Isabelle Munoz of Manteca.

Shortly before 9:30 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to a crash on northbound I-680 south of Andrade Road near Sunol.

Munoz was driving a 2000 BMW when, for a reason yet to be determined, she suddenly turned right and struck the uphill dirt embankment. The vehicle overturned multiple times and came back to rest on the highway, where a 2006 Dodge struck it, according to the CHP.

Munoz was pronounced dead to the scene. There were three people from Dublin in the Dodge, a 66-year-old man driving it, a 65-year-old female passenger and a 32-year-old male passenger. The 65-year-old woman suffered minor chest injuries while the other two people were uninjured, CHP officials said.

- An allegedly drunk driver was

treated at a trauma center for injuries that were serious but not life-threatening after his car went off the road on Interstate 580 in Livermore, overturned and started a brush fire early last Friday morning, according to the CHP.

Officers who responded to the single-car crash on eastbound I-580 at North Flynn Road at about 1:25 a.m. Friday found a car about 200 feet down the hillside, CHP Officer Derek Reed said.

The vehicle had overturned and started a brush fire along the hillside and multiple Dublin-area CHP units began responding, according to Reed.

Two officers located the driver, who was unconscious and was trapped inside his vehicle with flames surrounding it, Reed said.

After the officers cut the driver's seatbelt, they removed him from the vehicle and began providing medical aid, according to Reed.

The additional CHP units that responded to the crash began fighting the fire with their fire extinguishers, Reed said. Firefighters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department arrived a short time later and extinguished the remaining brush fire.

Once the driver gained consciousness, he told officers that there weren't any other occupants in the vehicle prior to the crash, according to Reed. The driver was transported to a hospital to be treated his injuries, Reed said.

Investigators believe that alcohol was a factor in the crash and the driver has been arrested on suspicion of DUI (alcohol), according to Reed. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

Reme FauVel Pick November 4, 1922 – August 11, 2017 Pleasanton, CA

Reme FauVel Pick, the beautiful ripe age of 94, passed into eternal life peacefully on Friday, August 11, 2017. At her bedside with her were her family, friends and loved ones.

Born on November 4, 1922 to Phillip and Espinosa FauVel, she was born in Manila, Philippines, the 5th child of 7, and one of two girls.

She loved gardening, cooking, playing mahjong, exercising and was a wonderful leader and teacher. She also loved to write. Her memoir "The Blue Yoke" will soon be published and available on Amazon.com.

Reme was a survivor of WWII and the invasion of the Japanese in the Philippines. She was a woman of great substance and great faith.

Wife of Milton Pick, she bore 3 beautiful children, Manuel, Richard and Stephanie. The family migrated to the United States after the war and they have lived in Northern CA all these years. Reme has 6 beautiful grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Candice, Brittany, Brian and Michelle and 4 beautiful great grandchildren, Nora, Justina, Espe and Ella May. Committed to work, she worked as an insurance adjuster at Continental and USF&G for a total of 35 years.

Great mother, wife, friend, grandmother, and great grandmother, she will be deeply missed. Her departure leaves a big space in the hearts of loved ones, but her memory will forever carry on.

Reme's funeral service will be held Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 11:00a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton, CA. The family will receive friends after the service in the front of the church

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Society at stjude.org or call (800) 805-5856.



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 3

Robbery

- 10:53 p.m. on the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue

Theft

- 1:35 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:54 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:14 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Alcohol violation

- 3:41 p.m. at Fairgrounds Gate 4

Sept. 2

Shoplifting

- 5:14 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:22 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 12:38 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 8:41 a.m. on the 7800 block of Applewood Way
- 10:03 a.m. on the 7700 block of Redbud Court

Domestic battery

- 12:40 a.m. on Olive Drive

Sept. 1

Trespass/prowling

- 10:30 p.m. on the 11300 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Theft

- 10:15 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 11:30 a.m., 7900 block of Stonehurst Court; theft from auto
- 12:45 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 1:47 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:43 p.m. on the 4900 block of Owens Drive
- 2:52 p.m., 5400 block of San Jose Drive; theft from structure

Burglary

- 2:33 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Assault/battery

- 1:13 p.m. on 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Domestic battery

- 9:06 a.m. on Lexington Lane

Aug. 31

Theft

- 12:14 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:34 a.m., 3700 block of Kamp Drive; theft from auto
- 3:05 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

Drug violation

- 10:08 p.m. on Rheem Drive at Stoneridge Drive

Auto Theft

- 5:56 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Blvd.

Graffiti

- 9:38 a.m. on the 3200 block of Stoneridge Creek Way
- 11:37 a.m. on the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive
- 11:55 a.m. at Moller Ranch Drive and Foothill Road
- 1:30 p.m. on the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

Assault/battery

- 2:06 p.m. on the 6000 block of Corte Montanas

Burglary

- 8:21 a.m. on the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Aug. 30

Theft from auto

- 7:49 a.m. on the 5000 block of Rigatti Circle
- 9:18 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 10 a.m. on the 5200 block of Genovesio Drive
- 5:43 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 6:07 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive
- 6:45 p.m. on West Neal Street



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- PUD-117, Jitender Makkar:** Work session to review and receive comments on an application for Planned Unit Development Rezoning and Development Plan to construct six single-family homes, a public trail, and related improvements on an approximately 12-acre site at 2188 Foothill Road

Youth Commission

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Review Commission Meeting Schedule for School Year 2017/2018
- Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for School Year 2017/2018
- Selection of Committee Assignments
- Review Youth Commission Work Plan 2017/2018

Library Commission

Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider moving Library Commission meetings to a new day of the month

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve the Proposed Rules and Regulations for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery
- Parks Projects Quarterly Status Report for June – August 2017
- Parks Maintenance Division Quarterly Status Report for June – August 2017

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Economic Development Zone: A modern business model

By NELSON FIALHO

Two divergent perspectives exist relative to the Johnson Drive Economic Zone (EDZ) proposal: that it is a government giveaway or that it is a good, modern business model.



Is it a poster child for corporate welfare or a project expanding our economic base with little risk to taxpayers? Sixty-three percent of voters rejected last year's ballot measure that would have limited "big box" business in Pleasanton and asked city leaders to finish the process.

Why create an economic development zone? Pleasanton is a full-service city providing residents the gamut of services — from police and fire to public works and parks and recreation programs — and most pull from the General Fund.

As costs increase and our expectations for services expand, our willingness to look at additional revenues must keep pace. Everything has a price and no one wants to raise taxes. So what alternatives exist?

The EDZ was proposed to incentivize new businesses to locate in an underutilized area next to the I-680 and I-580 interchange of commercially zoned land, formerly home to the Clorox Company. When Clorox outgrew the space, an opportunity was presented to the city.

Cities have long used a variety of tools to encourage economic development, and the question never wavers: How to generate future income without sacrificing today's revenues? Just as Livermore successfully demonstrated in building needed traffic infrastructure to support its retail outlets, Pleasanton is looking at future sales taxes generated from a new Costco store to help pay for EDZ transportation improvements.

Put differently, the developer (Costco) will pay for their portion as well as advance that related to future development. The city, in turn, will repay the developer's advance from a portion of future sales tax revenues generated by the new store.

At a meeting dedicated to EDZ financing options, city leaders recently heard four options for EDZ-related transportation improvements, estimated to be roughly \$21.5 million: a sales tax sharing agreement; an inter-fund loan; a traditional bank loan or bond issuance; or nothing.

The first option involves an advance by Costco to the city of \$6,785,000, at 1.5% interest, whereby the city captures 60% of sales tax resulting from Costco and retires the advance with the remaining 40%. Advantages include no General Fund exposure, no outstanding obligation after 25 years or if the store closes, and no borrowing from other city funds.

The inter-fund loan would charge a similar interest rate, but funds that had been previously set aside for other purposes, such as infrastructure maintenance and pension obligations for retirees, would be unavailable for their original purpose.

A traditional bank loan would eliminate any sales tax sharing between Costco and the city but would cost approximately \$3 million more in interest. To do nothing would mean the city would miss an opportunity to grow revenues, reinvigorate an underutilized area and improve transportation needs in one fell swoop.

For more information, please visit the city's website at cityofpleasantonca.gov/JDEDZ or come to the next council meeting on Sept. 18. ■

Editor's note: Nelson Fialho has worked for the city of Pleasanton for 21 years, including serving as city manager since 2004, leading the city government through times of economic prosperity as well as the Great Recession.

Is Costco worth \$20 million of your money?

By MATT SULLIVAN

At its Aug. 29 meeting, the Pleasanton City Council gave the go-ahead to write a \$20 million check to Costco as the price to build a store in



Pleasanton. This public handout covers most of the \$21.5 million needed to construct the roadway and infrastructure improvements to mitigate the impacts from Costco, two hotels and other retail uses in the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone.

While the city's own policies mandate that development must pay its own way and other developers are

held to this standard, you may be asking why the city is being so generous to Costco? They have attempted to make the case that this is a good long-term fiscal deal for the city and therefore justifies the investment of public money. However, their analysis is both misleading and flawed.

They have characterized the city share of funding as limited to a \$6.7 million "tax sharing agreement" with Costco that will be paid back over time.

But the true cost to taxpayers is much more: \$1.5 million more in interest on the tax sharing "loan," the inappropriate diversion of \$10 million in public money from a transportation fund intended for other roadway projects, and an additional \$1.5 million to acquire right-of-way that should be paid by the developer.

This results in almost \$20 million in public money, \$1.5 million from Costco, and zero from project developer Nearon. This total doesn't include a regional transportation fee yet to be paid, construction cost overruns or additional right-of-way that might be required.

They are also assuming an unrealistic 3% annual increase in sales from Costco for 25 straight years. They have not considered the increasingly detrimental impacts to brick-and-mortar retail caused by online sales from Amazon and others, potential downturn caused by almost certain recession over that time, nor the sales tax revenue loss

from other local businesses that are transferred to Costco.

But even using their inflated sales projections the project won't break even for 22 years. Doesn't seem like prudent investment of public money to me.

This decision to squander our money is one of dollars and cents, but it's also one of values. As a community, do we value safe and uncongested streets, parks and sports fields, cultural amenities, police and fire services, and meeting the human needs of our residents that our taxpayer dollars provide? In other words, public money for the common good.

Or do we want a Costco so badly that we instead provide corporate welfare to a company with annual revenue of \$120 billion whose business model is both destructive to local economies and the environment? In other words, public money for private benefit.

Except for Karla Brown, the City Council has ignored the shortcomings of this deal and the objections of many, and have already made up their minds in favor of private benefit for Costco and Nearon. It's a slam dunk! That is, unless you make sure they know that your values are different from theirs. ■

Editor's note: Matt Sullivan served on the Pleasanton City Council from 2004 to 2012 and is a former Pleasanton Planning Commission member. He has been active in civic issues locally for more than 20 years.

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Ballistic United hires events director ahead of new soccer season

BUSC, Pleasanton RAGE ready for kick-off parade Saturday morning

Continuing to balance the goal of developing high-level competitive soccer while also appealing to the recreational players, the Ballistic United Soccer Club recently hired Tim Ryerson as its director of club events and partnerships.

The news comes as the BUSC boys soccer league along with the girls' Pleasanton RAGE program are set for their annual joint parade through downtown this Saturday morning to mark the beginning of the new youth soccer season.

With Ryerson now on board, the goal is to either increase or develop new or existing revenue streams and improve overall club profitability, according to BUSC officials. In addition, the new director will administratively and operationally work with club partners to enhance the delivery of the overall member experience through field development initiatives and healthy living educational programs.

"I am very excited to welcome Tim to the BUSC family," club president Sam Head said.

"Engaging Tim will allow us to build out cross-program activities and to go deeper with the existing programs," Head added. "We are working to keep costs in check and to continue to offer the highest quality programs, and Tim is key to helping us to realize this. Tim is also bringing some great ideas for cool new programs to benefit the well-being of all the kids in the club."

Ryerson brings a wealth of playing experience, as well as on the business side of youth soccer.

"I am very excited for the opportunity of working with BUSC in the capacity of director of club events and partnerships," Ryerson



BUSC

Tim Ryerson is the new director of club events and partnerships for BUSC.

said. "I have worked for over 20 years in youth club soccer, serving in both the East (Region I) and West (Region IV) as a volunteer, coach, coaching director, consultant and club administrator."

Ryerson played for Fremont Youth Soccer Club before moving to Maryland. There he played for Oakland Hills High in Columbia, where the team won the state title. After high school, Ryerson played at the University of Maryland, Baltimore where he captained the team to a 15-3-1 record in 1993.

Ryerson's appointment is yet another move in a positive direction of promoting the overall excellence of the club. Kevin Crow, the executive and technical director of BUSC as well as a former BUSC player, is excited too.

"It is of the utmost importance to balance both the rec and competitive programs in the club," Crow said. "Together, both make up BUSC and now having Tim join the club gives us a better chance to give each side the importance they deserve."

Ryerson is on the same page with

Crow, understanding the role of BUSC in the Pleasanton community.

"I look forward to using my vast experiences and education along with my work as a consultant to help celebrate the fact that BUSC is turning 50 in 2018," Ryerson said.

"It is a huge accomplishment for any nonprofit organization, business or service to reach that golden anniversary milestone, and it just goes to show that BUSC has done great things here in Pleasanton," he added. "It is my goal to establish partnerships within the local community and region that see the value in the BUSC membership and the BUSC vision, the mission and its core values."

Saturday's parade

BUSC and RAGE are set for the 46th annual Pleasanton Youth Soccer Kick-off Parade this Saturday morning downtown.

Officials recommend teams arrive by 7 a.m. and line up by 7:15 a.m. The parade is scheduled to start promptly at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary and Main streets, with players and coaches traveling down Main, turning onto West Angela Street and then back up Peters Avenue to the staging area.

A longstanding tradition in Pleasanton, the kick-off parade typically draws thousands to downtown to help the boys and girls usher in the start of their new soccer season. Club officials urge parents to allow enough time to drive, park and assemble by 7 a.m., and residents should prepare for heavy traffic in the area. Teams cannot throw candy or distribute any other consumables during the procession. ■



RAGE

Pleasanton youth soccer players, and their supporters, are set to fill downtown streets this Saturday morning for the annual season kick-off parade.

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Your Muslim Neighbor

Pleasanton mosque reaches out to dispel misconceptions, engage community

By ERIKA ALVERO



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Back in December 2015, a woman in Castro Valley threw coffee at a group of Islamic worshipers alongside Lake Chabot, after ranting at them and telling them that they were “deceived by Satan.”

The incident was video-recorded and made the rounds on social media.

It also made a group of Muslims at the Pleasanton mosque realize they needed to do something — coming at a time of already increased Islamophobic sentiment across the country, just a few weeks after the San Bernardino shooting when a husband and wife who practiced Islam killed 14 people and injured 22 others.

“We realized that the xenophobia against Muslims was starting to

rise, and that it would probably be wise if we could give a chance for all of our neighbors to get to know their Muslim neighbors a bit better,” said Dr. Asad Tarsin, an Islamic scholar, emergency physician and active member of the Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Pleasanton.

And thus, the “Your Muslim Neighbor” panels were born.

The purpose of the panels, organizers say, is to debunk misconceptions about Islam and to allow nearby fellow residents to get to know the local Muslim community. The series started off as a single event a month after the Lake Chabot coffee-throwing incident, and then was re-awakened a year later in the aftermath of the presidential election.

They’ve now held a total of seven panels, four of which were at the MCC in Pleasanton, located at 5724 West Las Positas Blvd., Suite 300. The next panel is set to take place at the MCC on Sept. 30.

The panel discussion offers a chance for the community to get to know the MCC, and ask any questions they may have about Islam — no matter what the question is.

“Islam has a lot

to offer the American community. It can be a source of peace and benefit and comfort not just for those who practice it and believe in its tenets but also for those who are lucky enough to know Muslims personally,” said Hina Khan-Mukhtar, a teacher and parenting columnist who also sits on the Your Muslim Neighbor panels.

Tarsin and Khan-Mukhtar are joined on the panel by Sara Kim, a white Muslim convert who runs a Lafayette ranch devoted to outdoor education; her husband Mike Kim, a Korean-American Muslim convert who is a former Navy officer and now the chief investment officer at a private real estate development and investment firm; and S. Mahdy Amine, a teacher and senior vice president of a cancer diagnostic and research laboratory.

The questions they receive at the panels run the gamut.

Some people ask about the Sunni and Shiite divide, while others ask about Sharia — Islamic law. Once, a man approached the podium and bluntly stated that all he wanted to know was where the panelists stood on ISIS.

“We were like, ‘we think they’re bad, we don’t like what they’re doing,’” recalled Khan-Mukhtar. The man said “Thanks” and walked out.

Panelist Hina Khan-Mukhtar (left) and volunteer Humera Nawaz at a recent Muslim Community Center prayer session.

The panelists welcome these kinds of questions because it means the attendees are being honest.

“I think there might be a fear of being politically incorrect, of looking stupid, of not wanting to offend people,” Khan-Mukhtar said. “So that might prevent people from asking questions. But we try to make them feel comfortable, to make it clear that there is no such thing as a stupid question.”

“And that we will not consider them racist,” added Humera Nawaz, an MCC volunteer at the panels.

“At the last panel somebody said, ‘I’m afraid that if I ask this question, people will think I’m the racist in the room.’ I assured them, you should ask them whatever you want, because I think that somebody else might be thinking the same and not speaking up. We’re in a very safe, open environment. That’s the reason we’re here,” she said.

Many questions they receive are based on misperceptions, according to Tarsin, and require some unraveling before they

can be answered. “Muslims are in this really unique scenario, where people really feel like they know us better than we know ourselves,” he said.

The country’s landscape has shifted, at least in terms of attitudes towards people of their faith, the panelists agree.

They all have seen a change in neighbors’ reactions to Muslims over the years, from less-frequent play date invitations for their children to outright hostility. Their children have faced bullying for their religion, leading some of the panelists to pull their children out of public school.



All five panelists now run a homeschooling cooperative in Lafayette that serves over 35 East Bay families, including their own.

Sienna Ranch is an outdoor education institute for young people, adjacent to the panelists' homeschooling cooperative in Lafayette and run by panelist Sara Kim. Khan-Mukhtar recalled two years ago that "Sienna Ranch got some complaints from community members, saying 'I'm not going to bring my kids to this ranch if you guys are going to harbor terrorists there.' Calling us the terrorists."

Times have been difficult, but there's also been a huge outpouring of support, the panelists said. After President Donald Trump's inauguration in January, a neighbor dropped by the MCC with a plate of brownies, saying that she didn't know what else to do, recalled Khan-Mukhtar.

Tough times also present an opportunity for dialogue, to discuss questions and topics that may have been buried under the surface previously.

One MCC board member, a Pleasanton resident, told the Weekly she decided to start wearing a headscarf about a year ago, a move that brings her pride as a practicing Muslim but also means her teenage son

no longer wants her to attend school events — he doesn't want his classmates and teachers to know his mother is Muslim.

"I can't hide my faith," said Zarina, who asked that her last name be withheld to protect her son's privacy. "I walk into the classroom, people look at me, they have their guards up, here's someone different. But at the same time, I'm a mom. And I have to watch out for my kids and be involved in what they're doing, participate."

The unfamiliarity factor is a driving force of the "Your Muslim Neighbor" panels, Tarsin said.

"This not meeting and knowing Muslims we saw as an important barrier to break," he said. "A lot of people just didn't know where to go, and they would show up to these panels with this enthusiasm, like, 'this is great, I would have never thought of how to do this or meet with people or chat with them, or come to a mosque.' For many people this was the first time they had been to a mosque. So it's also about providing that opportunity."

Tangential to the "Your Muslim Neighbor" panels, the MCC has held various interfaith events and has established relationships with nearby Christian and Jewish religious leaders.

Michael Minton is a Franciscan brother who used to serve at the San Damiano retreat center in Danville. Over the years, he's brought over 300 Christians to mosques in the Tri-Valley.

"A couple years ago it became apparent to me that Muslims are one of the peoples in our culture that people are extremely afraid of," Minton said. "I realized that part of

Clockwise from top left: Worshipers bow their heads during an Eid al-Adha service at the MCC on Sept. 1. (Photo by Erika Alvero). During "Your Muslim Neighbor" events, members of the MCC share a meal with local non-Muslims before the panels. Local leaders like Assemblywoman Catharine Baker have made appearances at the panels. (Photos courtesy of MCC).

my ministry should be to help Christians cross that line to embrace people who they're afraid of."

Some local government officials have also become involved with the mosque, with local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne making appearances at the March 13 "Your Muslim Neighbor" panel.

"We need to build mutual respect and understanding, rather than continuing to see a division, and we do that by getting to know one another," Baker said by email this week. "I also wanted to show my own respect and solidarity with constituents I'm proud to represent."

"I do believe that their decision to have these panels was a good idea," Thorne added. "I think they eliminate a lot of the fears and suspicion that many may have about having Muslims as neighbors."

"The one thing that I heard from this panel that was different from past interactions with the Muslim community was a complete and strong renouncement of extremism and extremist groups such as ISIS," the mayor said. "It actually reminded me of the way most Christians feel about the KKK and its use of religious symbols and ceremonies and trying to establish themselves as a Christian organization."

Widespread opinions and misconceptions won't be eliminated overnight, but the panelists hope that the "Your Muslim



Neighbor" events will slowly affect change, starting at a local level.

"I'm okay with drops in the bucket," Tarsin said.

"Personally I am. If one person leaves having changed their minds, for me that's enough. We've walked in here sometimes when it's packed to the max and we've done panels where it's sparse, and there's probably 40 people or so. For me, it's not a matter

of numbers. Each person is a person worthy of reaching." ■

HOOKED ON BOOKS?

Check out Friends of the Pleasanton Library semiannual sale



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Friends of the Library offers books for sale every day in its section of the library, as well as at its two big events each year.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Looking for a novel “en français”? Don't miss the Friends of the Pleasanton Library book sale the weekend of Sept. 22-24.

“We always have Korean, Japanese and Chinese books — and one year we had eight boxes of Russian — but this time we have a bunch in the French language,” said book sale coordinator Kate Roush.

The group holds its sales each spring and fall, but its members gather every week year-round to sort through contributions that are donated every day. They keep only the books, DVDs and CDs that are in almost pristine condition.

“We get 40 boxes a week that we sort through to see what we can keep,” Roush said. “A group of us gets together every Monday and we organize what has been brought in, by genre.”

When Monday is a holiday, they work on Tuesday — otherwise they would be totally swamped, she said. They end up keeping about half of the materials to sell, donating the rest to groups that serve populations in need.

“We donate a lot of books to Open Heart Kitchen, to Livermore elementary schools, to Tri-Valley Haven, to veterans' organizations,” Roush said. “We have a woman who comes in and gets 10 boxes a week for Open Heart Kitchen, and she says they all go.”

They discard any textbook, computer or travel book that is more than five years old.

“We don't want to give any false information,” Roush explained.

What can't be sold or donated is recycled. Sorting the books includes leafing through them to check the condition — and for anything left inside.

“We go through every single book,” Roush said. “We won't use one that is written in, other than a name, or if it has highlighting. We will donate it but not sell it.”

She noted it is interesting to see what folks use for bookmarks — and leave inside — such as money, photos, birthday cards and letters.

“We get photos of grandkids — that always breaks our heart. We are going to post those this year,” Roush said.

They all read the letters they find.

“There was a whole series of letters written during some wartime,” Roush recalled. “They were very, very old and faded.”

They also find gift cards, which they cash in to benefit the library as does other money discovered.

“Once we found a \$50 bill and everyone was very excited,” Roush said.

Some people use paper clips as bookmarks, which she cautioned “mess up the books.”

Each book sale earns \$15,000-\$20,000, plus money is raised from the bookstore inside the library, across from the main checkout desk.

“It is on the honor system,” Roush said. “We have a little box there and people put money in the box. It makes about \$1,500 a month.”

One volunteer sells donated books that

are considered high value or unique on Amazon, which earns another \$1,000 each month.

All of these funds pay for programs and activities and to purchase materials and furnishings that aren't in the library's budget.

The Friends' storage room at City Hall contains about 600-700 boxes, with materials organized into 30 categories, and the week before each sale, everyone kicks into high gear.

“We can definitely use volunteers for our setup Sept. 18, 19 and 20,” Roush said. “We have teenagers who move all those boxes over for us on the 17th. Then there will be about 25 of us in there, unboxing everything, and putting the books in the same direction and on the shelves. It looks really nice on Friday.”

Roush said that former coordinators Marilyn and Hal Swanson developed a program that runs the sales efficiently. Thirty or so teenagers deliver the boxes of books, using pickup trucks.

“All the boxes are color coded so they know where to put them,” Roush said. “I will know how many feet we will need for each genre.”

The categories at the sale include popular novels as well as mystery, home and garden, cookbooks, textbooks, classics, sports, non-fiction, self-help books, romance, science fiction and children's books.

“The last four or five years, all the foreign language stuff, audio visual as well as reading materials, as well as learn-a-language, has grown immensely,” Roush noted.

The book sale will be held in the large meeting room at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Cash, credit cards and local checks are accepted. ■

‘We get 40 boxes a week that we sort through to see what we can keep ... We go through every single book.’

Kate Roush,
Book sale coordinator



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Top: Book sale coordinator Kate Roush and longtime volunteer Hal Swanson check the program he developed to make sure the thousands of books will have the right number of tables at the book sale. **Above:** Donated books are stored in boxes that are color-coded according to category.

Book sale Sept. 22-24

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Sunday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., fill a shopping bag for \$7

For more information: visit www.friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org.



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A cappella adventure

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton is hosting Chanticleer, known around the world for its seamless blend of 12 male vocalists, at its St. Augustine campus, 3999 Bernal Ave., at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23. The voices range from soprano to bass and, under the direction of William Fred Scott, perform original interpretations of vocal literature from Renaissance to jazz and popular genres, as well as contemporary composition. Chanticleer is beginning its 40th season with "Heart of a Soldier," which covers centuries of music from early Byrd and Janequin to 19th century Russian soldier songs. Tickets are \$10-\$60, available at www.cityboxoffice.com or by calling (415) 392-4400.

Portraits express places

Harrington Art Gallery is presenting a special art exhibit, "The Faces of Oakland," with Bay Area urban landscape and portrait artist Michael Manente through Oct. 7. Landscapes are an excellent way of conveying a sense of time and place, Manente said, "but my favored manner of expressing my deepest feelings about the immediate surroundings is through portraiture." The portraits, including "The Protégé" (shown), are in the public exhibition places in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Donations appreciated.



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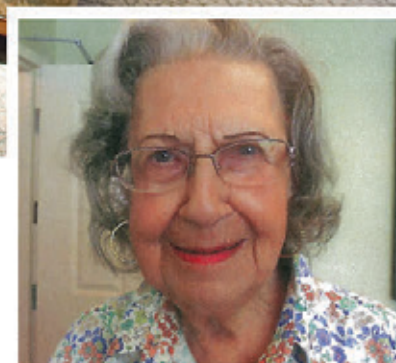
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SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE Drumming will help you gain access to your inner guidance & learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer, sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

Religion & Spirituality

TRI-VALLEY CULTURAL JEWS INTRO TO JEWISH CULTURE SCHOOL This Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn about (and taste) apples and honey, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and its Jewish Culture School. Curriculum provides hands-on, fun learning experience featuring dancing, singing and cooking. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore.

Community Groups

AN ART QUILTER'S JOURNEY The Amador Valley Quilters will meet on Saturday from 1:30-4 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Guest speaker Meri Henriques Vahl will present the lecture "An Art Quilter's Journey". She has won the Mancuso Brothers' Best Quilts of the World Competition three times. Her lecture will include artistic possibilities in quilting with her unique playful techniques.

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Health & Wellness

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FREE FALL PREVENTION EVENT FOR SENIORS Eskaton next Thursday is proud to host "Before the Fall," a never before seen documentary about fall prevention and recovery. Enjoy 30-minute educational film, join the Q&A with the Emmy-winning filmmaker Karen Christian and watch a demo of fun and easy exercises to help reduce your fall risk. The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave, Pleasanton. http://resources.eskaton.org/balance

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Gregarious Gator

Gator is a real hunk, a head-turner wherever he goes. This 2-year-old American pit bull mix is quite a dandy, with a sleek gray-and-white coat, four perfect white socks and a perfectly symmetrical white blaze on his face. He is also a very big boy and a goofball, but he can be good calm company for some quiet time together too. Meet gregarious Gator at the East Bay SPCA in Dublin, 4651 Gleason Drive.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389. Pleasanton Senior Center.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. For more information, please visit www.pleasantonlionsclub.org. Dinner available for \$15.

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Mike Gilman

- » Mike Gilman grew up in Danville has been active in the bay area restaurant scene for many years. He is inspired to provide a place for people to enjoy great food and drinks and just have a good time together.
- » Mike met owner, Peter Cedolini, a few years ago. He is thrilled to be overseeing operations. You can often finding him whipping up amazing cocktails behind the bar on Friday & Saturday nights!
- » Mike's biggest influence in the kitchen comes from his mom. Neighborhood uses her recipes for their house made Caesar and Blue Cheese dressings!

About the Menu

- » Neighborhood prides themselves on being a casual space with good food. It's about being fresh and offering favorite dishes... with a twist!
- » The Cheesesteak Egg Rolls served with sweet chili sauce and mustard are a must have!
- » Everything they do is homemade – salsa, guacamole, tomatillo sauce – and they all come from family recipes.
- » They constantly make little tweaks to the menu, so you'll often find a new seasonal dish or special. They are looking forward to introducing soups and chili in the fall.

About the Drinks

- » Neighborhood features a wide array of beer, wine and specialty cocktails.
- » The number one cocktail is the El Nino – a margarita with a kick of Cholula hot sauce.
- » Follow them on Facebook at @neighborhoodsportsbar to see up to date specials and happy hour.

Neighborhood Sports Bar & Kitchen will be participating in downtown Pleasanton's new savory and sweet tasting experience.

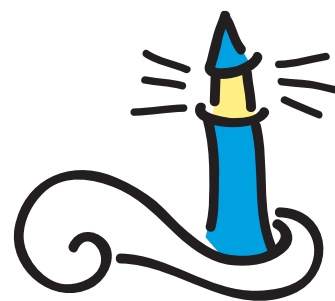
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2017. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT:
SUSAN CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2017)

Zachary's Chicago Pizza
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 534068

The following person doing business as: Zachary's Chicago Pizza, 337 Maint St. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Kevin Suto, 5801 College Ave. Oakland, CA 94618. This business is conducted by Kevin Suto, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Aug 7, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Kevin Suto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 7, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, and 15, 2017.)

INDIA GARDEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 534466

The following person(s) doing business as: INDIA GARDEN, 210 ROSE AVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): INDIAN VILLAGE RESTAURANTS INC., 17222 PRESIDENT DR., CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546. This business is conducted INDIAN VILLAGE RESTAURANTS, INC., a CORPORATION. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2009. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT, HARDEVINDER PAL, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on AUGUST 18, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, AUGUST 25, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 2017.)

Blueprint Transactions
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 533636

The following person doing business as: Blueprint Transactions, 911 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Liana Madnick, 911 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by Liana Madnick, an Individual. Registrant began transact-

ing business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 26, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Liana Madnick, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, September 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2017).

BASKIN ROBBINS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 534744

The following person doing business as: BASKIN ROBBINS, 2601 BLANDING AVE., STE D, ALAMEDA, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JIM SHEHS ENTERPRISES, INC., 2601 BLANDING AVE, STE D, ALAMEDA, CA 94501. This business is conducted by JIM SHEHS ENTERPRISES, INC., A CORPORATION. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein BASKIN ROBBINS JUNE 19, 2007. Signature of Registrant: Jihmei Sheh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on AUGUST 28, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)



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—Alice in Pleasanton



Alice, that is a great question. The short answer is no, you do not have to stage your home. You can sell any property in any condition provided it is priced properly. For some sellers, staging is problematic because they just don't have the time or energy to thin out closets, remove furniture, etc. Sometimes sellers just want to sell the property the way it is without having to do a long list of items that the Realtor or stager recommends. Sometimes there is resistance to change, for example after the passing of a loved one. These are valid feelings, and the good news is that no you do not HAVE to stage your home.

The biggest benefit of staging a home before putting it on the market is that you increase the appeal of the property. Buying a home is an emotional decision first. How the home "feels" to a potential buyer is arguably the biggest factor in determining if they are going to pursue it. The goal of staging and preparation is to make the house feel more open, spacious, and inviting. It does not have to be expensive. In fact, many home stagers can use most if not all of the owner's furnishings to transform the look and feel of the home. Things like rearranging or removing furniture, or adding greenery and light, bringing in accessories or art, and even painting can be done with a very small expense on the part of the seller. And the results can be dramatic. Because so much of the decision on the part of the buyer is based on the ...

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