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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Downtown Planning: Are developers now making the decisions?

A task force that's about to wind up its 2-1/2-year effort to recommend a new "vibrancy plan" for downtown Pleasanton appears to have changed course.

Its new recommended plan could now allow ground-floor residential units downtown. Three- and four-story apartments and condos could be built behind shallow storefront retail shops on Main Street.

After hearing comments from members of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the leadership of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, a majority of the members of the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) task force voted Feb. 25 to accept their recommendations to allow higher-density mixed-use buildings in the core downtown district.

The only requirement would be that they must be built behind 50-foot-deep retail and commercial storefronts.

These would be similar to the higher-density three-story building now nearing completion on Spring Street, just off Main, which also has ground floor retail spaces.

The task force also broke new ground by considering a request by Joe Barone to eventually tear down his restaurant at 475 St John St. and rezone land he owns on the street for single family homes.

Rezoning requests are typically made to the city planning staff and decided by the Planning Commission, not a task force. No notices were sent out about the possible zoning change, as required by the city.

In a letter sent last Monday to Mayor Jerry Thorne and other members of the Pleasanton City Council, Planning Commissioner Nancy Allen questioned the new direction of the Downtown Specific Plan task force.

She wrote: "I was excited about the direction of the DSP task force prior to the Feb. 25 meeting. I thought many of the recommendations would help create a more vibrant retail center for our residents. However, I was concerned with the sudden reversal of DSP recommendations at that meeting.

"If left to stand, I believe these recommendations will reduce our retail vibrancy and turn our existing Main Street and connecting side streets into more of a dense residential area vs. a vibrant and unique retail-oriented downtown that excites our residents. I think there are unintended consequences that have not yet been fully explored. Hopefully I am wrong."

Another elephant in the task force's room concerns the proposed relocation of the public library, police station and city offices to Bernal Community Park, a project that could cost upward of \$200 million.

Determining what to do with the land where city offices sit at the south end of Main Street was a key assignment for the task force.

Critics have questioned the plan, but the task force was told to proceed as if the public will approve it when the city takes it to voters next year.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said this week that it could take 10, 20 or even more years for the city to be able to fund an entire relocation project, which would include a new police headquarters building.

Allen said her biggest concern is that the task force plan is moving forward without much public input. Only one or two members of the public have been coming to meetings of the task force and Planning Commission when the downtown plan has been discussed, with developers and those with downtown business interests doing most of the speaking.

"We need to engage the public in what changes are being considered to ensure our plan creates a better downtown for our residents," Allen said.

After the task force's final meeting April 22, its recommendations will go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing, and then to the City Council where a final decision will be made on a new downtown plan. ■

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

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## Have you heard the Baby Shark song?



**Diane Carrol**  
School Development Director

I have! And I understand why it is so wildly popular with young children. But I'm hardly a young child and so I can't get it out of my head fast enough. No matter how many times I hear it, it just doesn't get any better for me. Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo.



**Joyce Edwards**  
Retired Teacher

I have indeed. I find it very annoying and can't understand why it has become so popular. I think it will die off soon though, or at least I hope that it does, because it doesn't have any enduring qualities.



**Dick Levy**  
Lawyer

Oh yes. It's a very bouncy and catchy tune, although the lyrics are a bit mundane. I think it would be much better if it were backed up by a full orchestra. Maybe two full orchestras.



**Alexandra Perry**  
Chef

Yes! I first heard it at camp, many years ago when I was a child. I have no idea how it has survived all these years and become so popular. It's just such an ear worm. Now that you've reminded me of it I will probably be singing it in my head all day long now. So thanks for that.



**Ricky Sanchez**  
Elementary school student

I love that song! It has dance moves that I learned from watching videos. During recess, I do all the moves and burp the whole song. The littler kids and the yard duty ladies think I'm so funny.

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## DIGEST

### Mother's Day contest

Mother's Day on May 12 is fast approaching, and the Pleasanton Weekly is again holding its popular Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, with photos due by Thursday, April 11.

Staff members of the Weekly will choose the eight pairs of finalists, which will be posted online April 17 for the public to vote on which mother and daughter most look alike. A story announcing the winners will appear in the May 10 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

First-place winners will receive four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash. Second-place winners will receive two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send photos in jpg format (at least 300 dpi) to Dolores Fox Ciardelli at contest@PleasantonWeekly.com, along with the names of the mother and daughters, ages if the daughters are under 18, and any other information to share. Previous first-place winners are not eligible to compete again.

### Talking to teens

Pleasanton's Community Education Series is hosting an interactive workshop for parents/guardians and their teen/tween: "What Teens Wish Their Parents Knew."

Teen Esteem will facilitate the workshop, and parents are encouraged to attend with their teens, as discussions revolve around parents wanting their teens to talk to them more, and teens wanting parents' undivided attention when they listen.

The event begins at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, in the Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Registration is recommended at pleasantonfun.com, course No. 13430.

Teen Esteem speakers are young adults who work to help young people navigate the challenges they face every day. For more information on the Community Education Series, contact Andrea McGovern at 931-5359.

### Let's go fly a kite

The Boy Scouts of the Twin Valley District (Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin) are inviting families to fly a kite at their Cub Scout Kite Day from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at Ted Fairfield Park, 3400 Antone Way in Dublin.

Organizers hope to fill the air with kites and will have kites available to borrow. The event will also have information on how boys and girls can join Cub Scouting.

## Innovation Tri-Valley presents #GameChangers awards

Pleasanton's 10x Genomics, Lambda School among honorees

By TIM HUNT

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group celebrated a diverse group of companies, firms that are operating on the cutting edge of their industries, at its 4th annual #GameChangers recognition event last week at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Companies honored ranged from an organic pet food company in Danville to a manufacturer of compostable cardboard cold storage containers in Livermore, to a Danville drug company seeking to eliminate opioid overdoses by re-engineering the compound to a San Ramon marketing firm.

Innovation Tri-Valley honored eight companies and singled out one of its original members, Sensiba San Filippo with its Founders Award.

Pleasanton honorees included 10x Genomics and Lambda School. 10x co-founders Serge Saxonov and Ben Hindson accepted the award. It's the Tri-Valley's first home-grown unicorn (a private company valued at more than \$1 billion) and will move into its new headquarters next to Stoneridge Mall this year. 10x designs and manufacturers diagnostic tools that accelerate the pace of research into genetics.

Lambda School trains people

to work as software engineers and does so with no upfront cost. The revolutionary model aligns the student's interests with that of the school. The 30-week intensive program is designed so graduates can start working right after graduation. The cost of the program is paid back as percentage of their income. If a student doesn't make more than \$50,000 annually, there is no cost for the training. The approach is so successful that 83 percent of graduates are hired within six months with a median starting salary of \$70,000.

Livermore's honoree is Vericoool, a company started to eliminate Styrofoam from the United States.

Its cardboard shipping containers are designed for medicines and food products and can be re-used or composted. Company founder Darrel Jobe told the audience he grew up on the streets of Richmond, homeless at 13 and a gang member who was in and out of trouble with law enforcement. With help, he turned his life around and now offers formerly incarcerated men jobs. He challenged others attending to do the same thing.

Other companies recognized include:

• Coast + Range is a Danville-based

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## Fair plans star-studded concerts

Season passes, tickets available now online

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

This summer's Alameda County Fair concerts will include a little country, some rock 'n' roll, and powerhouse performances every night. The fair runs June 14-July 7 with the theme "I Spy Summer."

The Big O Concert Series includes big entertainment names: WAR, Ashanti, Trace Adkins, Gin Blossoms, Lifehouse, Sheila E, Loverboy, Roots & Boots Tour with Sammy Kershaw, Collin Raye and Aaron Tippin, Aly & AJ, BB King Blues Band featuring the Voice's Michael Lee, and Tommy Castro & the Painkillers — Killin' It Live Record Release Tour.

Some tribute bands will be making their first appearances at this year's fair: Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars), KISS Revisited (KISS Tribute), James Garner's Tribute to Johnny Cash, and Aja Vu (Steely Dan).

Concerts take place at 8 p.m. each night, and reserved seats went on sale online Wednesday for season pass holders and yesterday for the general public. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$60, with \$15 for the tribute shows. All ticket prices include admission to the fair.

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State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and State Senator Steve Glazer met with residents in Dublin to answer questions and discuss the pressing issues facing both the Tri-Valley and State.

## Bauer-Kahan and Glazer host Dublin Town Hall

Legislators meet with residents, discuss pressing issues

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Working with a new colleague can sometimes be challenging, but State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and legislative veteran State Senator Steve Glazer showed a united front at their joint Dublin Town Hall March 12, where they discussed the various issues affecting the Tri-Valley, as well as how they are working together to represent their constituents.

"Obviously I have a great

partner in the legislature. She has a great legislative program, some of the bills I'm co-authoring are hers, some of my bills she is co-authoring," Glazer said of his counterpart. "I think we are really working together well with our staffs here in the district."

Approximately 80 residents from throughout the East Bay gathered at the Dublin Civic Center, to listen to their representatives discuss the critical issues affecting the region and

state, as well as ask their most pressing questions.

An attorney by trade, Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) was first elected to the State Assembly by voters in this past November's Election. Serving in the 16th Assembly District, she represents Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley.

Glazer (D-Orinda), a former mayor of Orinda, won a special election to the State Senate in

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# Upcoming Run for Education features new attractions

A's mascot appearance caps event highlights

By JULIA BAUM

Thousands of community members are storming the streets of Pleasanton on April 14 for the annual Run for Education. The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE), which has organized the event for the past seven years to raise money for all 15 Pleasanton public schools, hopes to break the piggy bank and beat last year's final fundraising tally of \$100,000.

"Funds will basically go to pay for supplemental staff at schools," said PPIE executive director Steve McCoy-Thompson in an interview. "It helps to pay for extra librarian

hours, and we're also paying for student intervention specialists. These are special teachers who help students with reading and math."

Support counselors, STEAM projects and other academic programs are also supported by money raised at the fun. The event starts at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and has three distances for participants — the 5k, 10k and 15k. The 5k travels under the Pleasanton arch, through downtown, and finishes at the fairgrounds, while the 10k winds along the Marilyn Kane Trail and through other Pleasanton parks

and neighborhoods. For the very ambitious, the 5k and 10k courses are combined into one extended challenge.

For the first time, the 5k run is now "exactly 5k, so if a high school student or anybody who wants to run and document that as part of their own program, it's an officially sanctioned run," McCoy-Thompson said.

About 3,000 students, teachers and other residents pound the pavement each year and "right now we have about 1,800" signed up. While there's always a good turnout of avid athletes, McCoy-Thompson said, and while dogs,

scooters and bikes aren't allowed on any of the courses, everyone else is welcome to join, no matter their level of fitness.

"They don't have to run," he added. "You can come and you can stroll with friends, and many people in the 5k, they're walking with babies in strollers. It's really casual, it's designed to be a family-friendly event."

Young ones under 12 are invited to join Oakland A's mascot Stomper for a special quarter-mile Kids' Challenge this year. The elementary school with the highest participation rate will also be awarded with an ice cream social provided

by event sponsor Workday, and teachers who encourage five or more students to run will receive special awards like A's tickets and family passes to Bay Club. District teachers will also receive a 75% discount on race registration.

The PPIE Run for Education starts at 8 a.m., April 14 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. All attendees will receive a T-shirt and finisher's medal, and are invited afterward to enjoy food, music, entertainment and an awards ceremony. Registration is \$19-\$55, depending on the course. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.ppierun.com](http://www.ppierun.com). ■

# Longtime Amador teacher nominated for LifeChanger award

Special education teacher Aimee Buckley up for national honor

By JULIA BAUM

An admired longtime teacher at Amador Valley High School was recently nominated for the 2018-19 national LifeChanger of the Year award, underscoring several decades of dedication and service for students in her special ed classes.

"It was definitely a surprise" to learn about the nomination that a relative submitted last year, Aimee Buckley, whose career at Amador spans 18 years, told the Weekly.

"Obviously, I was honored to be nominated," Buckley said. "The best part of the nomination was that students and former students and parents had an opportunity to go on the (nomination) website

and leave me messages about how I affected them and that was really, really special."

Parents and former students who spoke to the Weekly about Buckley said that, in fact, she's really special as well. Motivational speaker Josh Burger, who graduated in 2010 and still lives in Pleasanton, attributes much of his success to Buckley's influence. Learning how to tutor his peers in Buckley's supplemental math class during senior year laid the groundwork for Burger's future of helping others in leading by example.

"Aimee kind of guided me on how to tutor somebody in a way that's not too coddling, so I don't

give them everything, and teach them step by step," Burger said. He describes class time with Buckley as being "always fun and casual" and that she "made learning enjoyable."

"She had a lot of patience for certain students, all of her students, really," he added. "She was always engaging."

A boring classroom goes against Buckley's teaching philosophy so "I try to...keep it entertaining but also have that depth of knowledge," Buckley said. "I have a lot of very anxious learners--students who receive special education services have to fail for a long time before you can get those services--so I try to sneak in learning."

Kim Bentley's older son Chandler experienced Buckley's light-hearted approach to learning one time by tapping into one of his lifelong interests.

"He's always loved dinosaurs," Bentley said. "People on the spectrum, they really focus and this is one of his focus things since he was little."

In addition to advocating for Chandler to work as a TA in a library, Buckley also invited an archaeologist to her classroom for a special presentation that she put together just for him.

"She went above and beyond for that," Bentley said. "He came in and talked with Chandler, gave a speech and gave him a little fossil.

(Chandler) also decided he wanted to try to add a dinosaur mascot to Amador so she worked with the school paper and got an article in."

Students and parents say that Buckley had a major influence on their learning experience but Buckley insists that she's actually learned everything about teaching from them.

"My students are teaching me all the time about grit and determination and not giving up when the deck is stacked against you," she said. "They're pretty amazing."

The winner of the LifeChanger Award will be announced in May at a special award ceremony in Hawaii for the grand prize finalists. ■

## San Ramon Regional names new Chief Nursing Officer

Sirivar to be tasked with managing hospital's nursing units

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Nurses are known by many as the lifeblood of any hospital, and to keep the circulation flowing at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, hospital officials have selected Wendy Sirivar to serve as its new Chief Nursing Officer, effective immediately.

Sirivar will be tasked with overseeing the nursing population at San Ramon Regional, as well as the hospital's quality and infection control departments.

"Wendy is a wonderful addition to our executive team," Ann Lucena, CEO of San Ramon Regional, said in a statement. "She has proven her ability to develop strong teams that provide superior patient care and service excellence. Her leadership will



Wendy Sirivar

help us continue to deliver on our vision of being a community built on care."

Sirivar is expected to hit the ground running after serving as the hospital's interim Chief Nursing Officer for the past three

months. Prior to this appointment she has served as the director of the emergency department, a position she held since 2015, according to hospital officials.

She began her career as an emergency room staff nurse at a large pediatric and adult trauma center in Colorado. San Ramon Regional officials said before joining the hospital Sirivar was located within the Sutter Health System in San Francisco, where she "filled a variety of leadership roles."

She earned a bachelor of science degree in Nursing from Colorado University and a masters in healthcare administration, with a specialization in organizational leadership, from Colorado State University. ■

## AWARDS

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manufacturer of pet food designed to upend the \$32 billion business. It's food, designed by veterinarians and scientists is organic and based on dog's natural diet as carnivores. The company's algorithms allow it to customize food for pets throughout their lives as their owners take a simple survey on the website.

• Elysium Therapeutics of Danville is tackling the opioid crisis by designing pain relievers that protect individuals from fatal overdoses. Its founder said that the company has proved in concept its plan to include chemicals in the pain reliever that negate the effects of an overdose. For instance, if a person took eight pills, the compound would allow the body only to assimilate the equivalent of one pill.

• Amber Solutions of Dublin is bringing next-generation smart products to homes. Their electric outlet has shrunk from the size of a 30-pack of gum to one stick

with its next generation designed to be as thick as the gum paper folded up. That allows lots of room in the gang boxes for a multitude of sensors that could warn of intruders, carbon monoxide concentrations or other hazards. It plans to launch its first series of electrical products this fall.

• SABA Software is a 20-year old company that moved its headquarters to Dublin in the last few years. It makes software designed to help employees and teams maximize their performance with continuous feedback that connects directly to the company's success. It has customers around the world.

• Creative Digital Agency of San Ramon focuses its business on reaching the challenging mobile audiences of people 20 to 40 years of age. It's been recognized as a top firm by the Mobile Marketing Association. Its digital and other creative solutions have been supplied to clients such as Airbnb, Merck Animal Health, Alameda County and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. ■

# Veteran receives Quilt of Valor

Quilters show appreciation through craft

Buddy Loggins recently received his Quilt of Valor, presented to him by Karin Linforth, one of many quilters in the program who shares her time and talent to show her appreciation for veterans by creating handmade quilts for them.

Loggins entered the Army after high school in 1962, trained at Fort Ord and served across the country.

In 1966, he was transferred to Germany and France and served as a rifleman, in CBR warfare and on Calibration teams, and earned his E6 and SFC E7. He left the military in 1969 and began contract work for the U.S. Army.

Loggins joined Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post No. 8066 where he served assisting returning veterans with their job searches. He also has worked with GTE, HP and Kaiser Permanente in managerial roles, has had a four-year career as a Realtor, and owned a heating and air company. He transferred his original American Legion Post No. 47 membership in Albuquerque to Pleasanton, where he has served at Post No. 237 as 2nd Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander.

As a proud member, Loggins said his focus has been "to honor, support and serve our veteran community." ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



QUILTS OF VALOR

Buddy Loggins (standing, left) holds his Quilt of Valor, presented to him by Karin Linforth. Also shown in the photo are (front, l-r) Elliot Callender, Life Member, VFW Post No. 6298, Korea Veteran, and Dave Caldwell, Commander, VFW Post No. 6298, Vietnam Veteran.

## TOWN HALL

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May 2015 and was re-elected to a four-year term in 2016. He represents the 7th District, which encompasses most of Contra Costa County and the eastern portions of Alameda County, including Pleasanton.

At the town hall the lawmakers reviewed their legislative packages, and answered a number of questions from the audience. Topics covered included Education, gun control, women's health, housing and daylight saving time, to name a few.

### Education Funding

A fact that is well known to many educators, Bauer-Kahan highlighted that the amount of funding California dedicates towards education is among the lowest in the entire country. Which is why she is supporting AB-39 Education Finance, which would greatly increase state funding for education, and make the Golden State one of the biggest investors in education in the country.

"It would take us from about \$9,000 per pupil on average to \$17,000. It would take us from the bottom ten in the country in education funding to the top ten in education funding," she said. "I think that is really where our money should be spent in the state and our priority."

## CONCERTS

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Season pass holders get discounts on reserved headliner seats, as well as free reserved seats at tribute shows and free bleacher seats at any show with some restrictions.

Free seats may be available the day of the show by using a smart

## Higher Education

Bauer-Kahan and Glazer have both proposed legislation to support California college students. Glazer's SB 14 would place a \$4 billion bond on the March 2020 ballot that would be used for facility improvements at California universities. He has also introduced SB 114, which incentivizes colleges participation in programs aimed at increasing four-year graduation rates among students.

For her part Bauer-Kahan has introduced AB 1344, which seeks to protect college students by requiring out-of-state online, for-profit colleges to abide by the same regulations that apply to in-state colleges.

### Gun Control

Both legislators acknowledged that California has done a lot in terms of gun control, but there is always room for improvement. Glazer said that this year legislators are working on limiting the number of guns that can be purchased in a month.

"We've done a lot in the area on public safety and gun reform. Whether that's background checks or waiting periods... there are so many things where we have made positive steps," Glazer added. "Not to take away a gun for hunting, not to take away a gun for home protection, but to take away these weapons of war

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from our streets and limit the carnage that can occur."

### Housing

Inspired by young active duty military members in Camp Parks who are often unable to find adequate housing due to the high cost of living in the Bay Area, Glazer has introduced SB-644, which would prohibit a landlord from demanding a security from a military service member in an amount greater than one month's rent.

### Daylight Savings

Proposition 7 —approved by votes in the Nov. 6 Election — will install permanent daylight savings time and remove the traditional biyearly time change, if approved by both the state and federal legislature.

Bauer-Kahan acknowledged that it is a complicated process with many moving parts, but a bill is on its way to consider the change.

### Climate Change

A long time environmental lawyer, Bauer-Kahan cited battling climate change as one of her top priorities. Highlighting that reducing commuter congestion is one way to increase quality of life and reduce on negative environmental impacts.

"I also have three children who are inheriting this world and I feel really strongly that the battle over climate change should be a priority for all of us," she said. "And it is something I am committed to doing every day."

Rep. Bauer-Kahan and Senator Glazer will again meet with constituents in Martinez on March 28,

where they will be joined by Assemblymember Tim Grayson (D-Concord) at the city's Civic Park Assembly Hall, 1375 Civic Drive. Interested residents are invited to RSVP by calling Rep. Bauer-Kahan's district office at 328-1515. ■

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# Dublin Chamber of Commerce selects new President/CEO

## Houston to lead city's business advocacy efforts

By RYAN J. DEGAN

To lead in its efforts to promote and support the business community in its city, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce has named longtime resident Inge Houston to serve as its new President and CEO.

Most recently Houston has worked in project development for the local restaurateur, Strizzi's Restaurants, Inc., but according to her LinkedIn profile, has also operated as a real estate professional in Dublin for just under 30 years.

In a release announcing the decision, Houston said she was attracted to the job due to the wealth of business opportunity in front of Dublin.

"Dublin is experiencing a tremendous amount of growth and businesses want to be part of the excitement. I believe that the



Inge Houston

Chamber has an important role in making this a successful community," Houston said in a statement released Tuesday. "Large corporations like Patelco, IKEA, Carl Zeiss and De Silva Gates Construction want to be in Dublin along with countless medium and small businesses. There's a lot going on, new industries, businesses. I'm very excited by that."

Steve Lehman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, announced the decision earlier this week, and

stated he believes Houston will be a quick study in the position.

"She's got great leadership skills and qualities," Lehman said Tuesday. "Inge's close ties to the community and high energy will be a huge asset to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Inge and the Board are committed to growing and diversifying our membership."

Houston has a bachelor of arts degree in social science with an emphasis in tourism and history,

and a business minor from California State University, Chico.

While she lives in San Ramon with her husband, Guy, two sons Madison and Sumner, and daughter Glynnis Rose, Houston has been active in the Dublin community since the 1990s.

"Dublin has been my home, social center, source of community involvement, place of worship and my favorite place to shop and relax for over 35 years," Houston said. "I know Dublin inside and out." ■







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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### County supervisors reaffirm big changes to Urban Shield

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 last week to reaffirm its decision of two weeks ago to make sweeping changes to the much-debated "Urban Shield" law enforcement training program.

In approving the changes at the end of an emotional five-hour hearing the board majority disregarded Sheriff Gregory Ahern's warning that the changes likely will cause the county to lose the \$5.5 million it was slated to receive from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the program.

Ahern said in his opinion the board's vote to eliminate military-type SWAT teams and competition from the annual training exercises violates the Department of Homeland Security's requirement that funding be used for such exercises.

Ahern said he believes that when the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative, which administers the grants for the Department of Homeland Security, meets soon it won't agree with the changes and "that funding will go away."

He said, "The \$5.5 million would have to be reallocated and two other agencies (local governments) are working to get access to that money."

The sheriff's office started Urban Shield in 2007 because it believed the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, showed that law enforcement agencies weren't well prepared for such attacks. More than 100 agencies and thousands of people, including some from foreign countries, have participated in past conferences, which are held each September.

But critics, including the Stop Urban Shield Coalition, have alleged

that the training program is militaristic, racist and xenophobic and has a negative impact on communities of color and immigrants.

A 4-1 Board of Supervisors majority agreed with many of the critics' complaints at a meeting in March 2018 when it voted to allow the exercise to continue in its old format for one final time last September but called for its format in 2019 and future years to focus more on training for natural disasters and less on terrorism and on weapons vendors.

The board's March 2018 vote called for forming an ad hoc committee on Urban Shield to offer a new vision and strategic approach for emergency management in the county.

The committee came up with 63 recommendations after a long series of community meetings and the Board of Supervisors voted on Feb. 26 to approve most of them.

Among the approved changes are eliminating military-type SWAT teams and competition from the annual exercises, eliminating its weapons expo and vendor show component, getting rid of the "Urban Shield" label and evaluating law enforcement participants' compliance with their departments' use-of-force policies.

Ahern met with the ad-hoc committee last week in an attempt to resolve his disagreement with some of its recommendations and the two sides agreed on some matters, but continued to disagree about others.

The Board of Supervisors voted on the recommendations a second time on March 12 because the committee asked it to reaffirm its support of the changes that were approved.

Board of Supervisors President Richard Valle indicated toward the end of the lengthy meeting that he was disappointed the board appeared to be divided on the recommended changes.

He said, "I want to achieve a victory for everyone and I don't want to divide the board."

Valle said, "I'm very cautious about my vote" and then asked Alameda County Counsel Donna Ziegler for permission to take a five-minute break to eat chocolate.

After the break Valle joined Supervisors Wilma Chan and Keith Carson in approving the changes, with supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty voting against them.

"We applaud the Board of Supervisors for keeping their promises and commitments to our communities," Amber Akemi Piatt, director of the Health Instead of Punishment Program at Human Impact Partners, said in a statement.

Piatt said, "Their vote builds a culture of preparedness for Alameda County and sets us up to become a more inclusive, resilient, and safe region."

The Stop Urban Shield Coalition said in a statement that it is "looking forward to supporting county decision-makers on implementing the recommendation and developing new, more expansive emergency preparedness programs that can serve as a model nationally."

### In other news

- A passenger in a car on Interstate Highway 580 was shot and injured Sunday evening in the second freeway shooting in the East Bay in two days, the California Highway Patrol said.

The 24-year-old woman was riding in a Honda Accord as it headed east on I-580 near the Isabel Avenue (Highway 84) interchange about 5:45 p.m. Sunday when she was hit in the leg by one bullet, said CHP Officer Tyler Hahn.

The Accord continued east about four miles to Vasco Road, where the driver stopped to call the CHP, Hahn said. The CHP called paramedics,

who met them there and took the woman to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley.

Hahn described the woman's injuries as non-life-threatening.

Hahn said there was no specific description of a suspect vehicle provided. Hahn could not say where the woman lives.

Sunday's shooting happened about 28 hours after an Antioch woman died in a solo vehicle accident on eastbound Highway 4 near the Willow Pass Road interchange in North Concord, in Contra Costa County. Bullet holes were discovered in the woman's driver's-side door after the accident.

Destinee Shaharisha-Jenae Hillery, 25, of Antioch was pronounced dead at the scene Saturday.

The CHP is seeking suspects in both cases. Hahn said Sunday night it isn't known whether the two shootings are related in any way. ■

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### March 14

#### Drug violation

- 11:11 p.m. on Owens Court
- 6:03 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto
- 7:49 a.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 8:11 a.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 9:51 a.m. on the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; theft from auto
- 5:30 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Alcohol violation

- 3:24 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive
- 11:26 a.m. on Hopyard Road at Elmridge Court

#### Assault/battery

- 9:52 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

### March 13

#### Theft

- 5:43 p.m. on the 3600 block of Washington Street

#### Burglary

- 12:45 p.m. on the 6300 block of Paseo Santa Maria; residential burglary

#### Drug violation

- 6:07 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### March 12

#### Theft

- 8:04 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road theft from auto
- 1:23 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:12 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway
- 6:07 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Alcohol violation

- 12:26 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 4:41 p.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Blvd.

### March 11

#### Drug violation

- 11:09 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Theft

- 7:46 a.m. on the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 10:44 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
- 11:37 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
- 12:59 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 3:18 p.m. on the 3300 block of Santa Rita Road
- 4:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:18 p.m. on the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Burglary

- 12:37 p.m. on the 4600 block of Shasta Court; residential burglary

#### Domestic battery

- 3:11 a.m. on the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 7:11 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Missing person

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# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Injury inflicted on us all

Dear Editor,

The Tri-Valley Cultural Jewish Community extends love to and stands with our Muslim friends at this time of grief and mourning in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New Zealand mosques.

No matter how far away a tragedy like this happens, we are all one human body, and this injury has been inflicted on us all. The wound is fresh now, and scars will remain, but we seek to help with treatment. Not only in healing but in continuing to campaign against hate and violence and show love to all.

Reach out to Muslim friends and neighbors now and show them they have your support. And consider donating to one of the organizations

designed to help the families of the victims of this terrorism.

A body that hurts itself is one that does not function for long. A body in harmony is healthy. Caring for others is to care for oneself. This is how we, humanity, survive.

—*Scott Pepper,*  
*Board of Directors,*  
*Tri-Valley Cultural Jews*

### Honoring good people doing great things in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has a 56-year history of recognizing Chamber businesses and individuals for the philanthropic services they perform in our community. We are proud to recognize the businesses and individuals below for the positive impact they have made in Pleasanton.

The Chamber encourages every business to include community

service as part of their business model to help improve the quality of life for those living in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. A strategic community service program has bottom line benefits that outweigh any financial cost by improving your company's brand, recruitment and sales.

In 2019, the Chamber has a strong focus on supporting and encouraging members to include philanthropy as part of their business model.

The honorees for the 56th annual Community Service Awards on March 25 are: Business Philanthropy: Black Tie Transportation and Omni Fight Club; Excellence in Business: Ogden Costa Creative Group; Distinguished Individual Service: Joe Carlucci and Susan Hayes; Excellence in Service: Sunflower Hill; Green Business: Sabio on Main; and Lifetime Achievement: Ted C. Fairfield.

The Chamber is also pleased to announce a new award for this annual event, the "Chevron Fuel Your School Teacher Award." Chevron has partnered with the Chamber and will be presenting an award focused on education to a Pleasanton Unified School District teacher.

We encourage those not currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce to expand your network and join the Chamber. To learn more, visit [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org). To our current Chamber members — thank you for your support.

—*Herb Ritter,*  
*Chamber board president*

### Anonymous posters have no credibility

During the week of March 8, there are four or more hot topics getting attention on the Weekly's Town Square online forum with a wide range of anonymous posters:

- "Commission endorses east side, housing policy, Merritt property for city's priority list"
- "Pleasanton unified report card"
- "Letter: Teacher integrity,

clarifying misconceptions"

- "Community petitions city for extra crossing guard at Vintage Hills Elementary."

One of the four topics mentioned above was posted by an anonymous poster, and followed with commentary from additional multiple, anonymous posters.

The other topics are posted by editor of the Pleasanton Weekly, reporter Julia Baum and a joint letter by PUSD officials — reliable and credible sources for information.

If anonymous posters want to be heard and respected for their opinion, they have a responsibility to identify themselves, to stand up, stand out and support their opinions, and their charges of misconduct. Anything short of that renders their anonymous post useless, with no credibility whatsoever.

When posters provide their identity, they immediately have credibility by way of their commentary and their identification, which puts their targets of poor performance on notice that they are being called out — called out to provide rebuttal, to defend their behavior, defend their positions, because credible sources have challenged them.

—*Michael Austin*

### The cemetery

When you purchase a burial plot in the Pleasanton cemetery, the city will tell you what you can and cannot do with it.

Even down to placing a headstone on the grave. The maker of the headstone said they would do it free, they have done it other times in Pleasanton.

When I purchased the plot I own from the Odd Fellows it was to have perpetual care? What does that mean?

As far as I see there is no care. Yes they mow the weeds but little else.

Why is Graham-Hitch involved in managing the cemetery?

—*Robert Hadley*

## Thank you for the Holiday Fund

### Open Heart Kitchen

Thank you for being a loyal supporter of Open Heart Kitchen last year. Because of you, more children, adults and seniors can count on food from Open Heart Kitchen.

Donations from caring people like you make it possible for us to serve about 6,300 meals each week. Hunger is affecting seniors on a fixed income and families struggling to make ends meet and your gift provides a healthy meal that they otherwise may not be able to afford.

As we look forward to continue to rise to the challenge of addressing hunger in our community, I

am pleased to announce a new addition to the Open Heart Kitchen team: Denise Bridges as the new development director. We welcome the opportunity to connect with you personally and to give you a private tour of our programs.

We've also released our 2018 year-in-review, along with a delicious recipe from our chefs. Again, thank you. Your gift provided fresh, nutritious food for our most vulnerable neighbors in the Tri-Valley, and I sincerely hope that you will continue to support those that need a helping hand.

—*Heather Greaux,*  
*Executive director*

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**Planning Commission**  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

**PUD-130, P18-0078/0079/0080/0081, Ponderosa Homes**

- Work session to review and receive comments on applications for various entitlements for four parcels (10807, 11021, 11033 Dublin Canyon Road and the parcel west of 11021 Dublin Canyon Road) totaling approximately 128.5 acres, including annexation, general plan amendments, and Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning and development plan to demolish two homes and construct 33 single-family detached homes with related on- and off-site improvements, and public land dedication and improvements.

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## GARDEN CLUB OFFERING 'TRIED-AND-TRUE' PLANTS

Sale has everything from roses to veggies  
to pots to grow them in

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**  
Photos by **MICHELLE SUSKI**

Pay for plants but the advice is free at the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club's annual plant sale being held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 6, at Amador Valley High School.

"What is unique about our plant sale is that these are tried-and-true plants donated from our members' gardens," event co-chairman Bill Tallon said. "These are plants that do well in our climate."

"Besides bargain prices, you can get free advice from our members volunteering at the sale," he added.

The sale has something for everyone — from apartment dwellers wanting to enhance their balconies to seasoned gardeners with land to grow their own vegetables. Plants

are arranged in orderly sections of edibles, ornamentals for both shade and sun, roses, succulents, shrubs and some trees.

"Our members start several months in advance, planting or re-potting some of their favorite plants from their gardens to donate to the sale," co-chairman Daniel McCright noted. "Since the garden club has over 200 members, we get quite a variety of plants for buyers to choose from."

Another popular part of the sale is Maudie's Boutique.

"This is a booth that offers recycled 'yard art and garden treasures,'" explained Lois Barber, club co-president. "Look here for gardening implements, plant pots and more."

Club members volunteer for potting parties at homes that have lots of plants to donate. A dozen gardeners



Garden club member Stephanie Ericson carries a tray of donated plants to the 2018 pricing party.

who call themselves "Hearty Potters" recently went to the Pleasanton home of Don and Judy Person to transplant nearly 100 plants for the sale.

"We are always grateful to those with abundant gardens who donate plants," co-president Dolores Bengtson said.

Nancy Harrington has set aside 200 plants to donate from her garden. Michelle Tallon experimented with starting plants from seed inside her home greenhouse on a heated surface.

"The plant sale is our major fundraiser, which helps us carry out several community service projects during the year," Bengtson said. "For example, in March, club volunteers provide programs about Arbor Day for every second-grade student in Pleasanton's public schools."

Throughout the year, club members care for the Sensory Garden at Centennial Park in Pleasanton, next to the Senior Center. In Livermore they maintain the Rose Garden and replenish the planters along

First Street in conjunction with Alden Lane Nursery.

Members also grow edible plants at Eden Garden in Livermore, with most of the harvest being donated to neighbors in need, and they have helped with a garden at Camp Arroyo, which serves students for outdoor education and provides camp experiences for children with serious diseases.

The gardeners also spread their wealth by making packets of seeds available at the Pleasanton and Livermore libraries to encourage others to discover the joys of gardening.

Proceeds from the plant sale help fund all of these projects. ■

### Join the club

The Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. every second Thursday of September through May in the multipurpose room of Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Membership is \$25 per year, and applications — at a reduced fee — will be available at the plant sale. For more information, visit the garden club's website at [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).



Succulents and flowering plants suitable for both sun and shade are among the donated plants for sale.

## DAR recognizes student winners

Contests include citizenship, essays

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

The José Maria Amador chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is based in Pleasanton, recently recognized students for taking part in its three 2018-19 programs:

- DAR Good Citizen Award
- American History Essay Contest — "The Women's Suffrage Campaign"
- Comparing Ship Technology

The Good Citizen Award for demonstrating qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism went to Madeline Baalman, a senior at Dublin High School. Receiving honorable mention were Samantha McCue of Foothill High and Bailey Morita of Valley High School in Dublin.

Four students from different grade levels were presented American History Essay Awards for their descriptions of "The Women's Suffrage Campaign" to pass the 19th Amendment,

which as ratified in 1920 to grant American women the right to vote and hold elective office:

- Sarrinah Farheen, Bella Vista Elementary in San Ramon, fifth-grade winner as well as District IV winner
- Olivia Kang, Hart Middle School in Pleasanton, sixth-grade winner
- Aditya Dawar, Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton, seventh-grade winner
- Priyal Sharma, Windemere Ranch Middle School in San Ramon, eighth-grade winner

District winners go on to compete at the state level.

Essay winner Rohan Jayaram read his winning entry, "Comparing Ship Technology: The Ships Columbus Used Versus the Ships of Today," which discussed the advantages and disadvantages of these late 15th-century ships compared to the modern ships of today and how they would have been prepared for the voyage.

The DAR presented certificates, pins, and in some case scholarship money to the winners. The students were also honored with certificates from Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Amanda Martin representing U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, Dublin City Council members Jean Josey and Shawn Kumagai, and San Ramon City Councilman Dave Hudson.

The ceremony was held at the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Pleasanton, led by Debbie Janes, chapter DAR Regent. The Young American Patriots (YAPS) Fife and Drum Corps opened the event with music of the Revolutionary War period including Yankee Doodle.

The contests are held each year by the DAR, whose mission is historical preservation, promotion of education and encouragement of patriotic endeavor. For more information about joining, contact Janes at [jmadar.regent@gmail.com](mailto:jmadar.regent@gmail.com). ■

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# Let's go to the park

Pleasanton offers plenty of outdoor activities as spring beckons

BY JEREMY WALSH

After one of the wettest Bay Area winters in recent memory, residents are ready to get outside and enjoy the sunnier weather of spring that has started to sneak through the clouds in recent days.

Pleasanton has a wealth of parks and trails to offer fans of the great outdoors, and the list continues to evolve and improve.

## Take the Callippe Preserve Hiking Trail

One of the hidden gems of the city's public parks network, the 3.5-mile trail surrounding the city-owned Callippe Preserve Golf Course presents scenic views of the southeast hills, Pleasanton Ridge, Mount Diablo, the golf course and more.

While it might not have the name recognition of say Augustin Bernal Community Park or the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail or Bernal Community Park, the Callippe trail is just as popular among those who frequent it.

"I think probably most people in

Pleasanton don't even know about that trail," said Matt Gruber, landscape architect for the city. "But the trail is really good."

Gruber and city staff hosted perhaps their most well-attended community input hike at Callippe last year when they were collecting resident feedback related to the Trails Master Plan Update.

The mostly off-road trail features slight elevation changes — so it's good for beginner and moderate hikers alike — and moves through the natural terrain that has always been a calling card of southern Pleasanton, including grazing lands, open space and under large oak trees. Of course, the golf course and spread-out neighborhood is nearby as well.

Wildlife is another main draw of the Callippe trail. It's a popular spot for birdwatchers, where hawks, vultures, turkeys and more are particularly active there. Deer, foxes and other furry critters are no stranger to the trail area as well.

The Callippe trail offers a full loop around the golf course, with some walking down Happy Valley Road



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City naturalist Martha Cerda talks about the tule home project, which residents can view from the walkway up to the Alviso Adobe.

and Westbridge Lane required. It is open to hikers and equestrians (and dogs, on-leash), but is off-limits to bikers.

Part of the city's long-range goal is to see improvements along the paved portion of the trail, including a sidewalk along Westbridge, according to Gruber. But those improvements — along with any possible new public trails — would likely occur as part of private development in that part of town.

## Alviso Adobe

Across Pleasanton, residents can find Alviso Adobe Community Park — another one of those public amenities that those in the know call a hidden gem.

The 7-acre city park opened 11 years ago at 3465 Old Foothill Road, right off Foothill Road just south of the high school. The centerpiece is the Francisco Solano Alviso Adobe House, built in 1854 and now

registered as a California historical landmark.

Designed as an interpretive park, the Alviso Adobe Park offers a connection to centuries of Pleasanton history, from its Native American beginnings to the era of Spanish Ranchos to the site's use as the Meadowlark Dairy in the mid-1900s to now as an immersive indoor and outdoor learning experience.

"We hear a lot of the times that it's like a hidden gem," said Martha Cerda, city naturalist at Alviso Adobe. "I think even Pleasanton residents who have lived here for years don't know about the adobe — which is great to hear, that it's their first time here and they're excited about the place."

"And because they've grown up here, there's like an emotional tie for them when they see some artifacts, or when they hear stories or even read our interpretive displays," Cerda added. "But even those people who aren't from Pleasanton, they still love the area. It's a beautiful park."

With its historic landmark, educational center, walking paths, calm sitting areas and easy access to the new Castleridge Trailhead for the Pleasanton Ridge, the Alviso Adobe Park offers a little something for everyone.

"We do focus on cultural history, but we also focus on environmental and natural history. So something I really like doing is finding ways on how to connect both natural and cultural history," Cerda said.

One of the new elements at Alviso Adobe aiming to achieve that goal is a tule home replica under construction just inside the entrance — to help give a glimpse into what life



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The city had a positive turnout at its community hike at Callippe Preserve Hiking Trail last year, with a group of residents taking advantage of the public trail around the city-owned golf course and offering their thoughts on Pleasanton's trail network.



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The Parks and Recreation Commission recently endorsed this new design for the Mission Hills slide, which is due for renovations soon after more than 30 years. The slide is the city's most popular park attraction, city landscape architect Matt Gruber said.



Clockwise at top left: Resurfacing the basketball courts at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park was among the city's park projects last year. Photo by Jeremy Walsh. Above: Volunteers clean up along the Arroyo Mocho trail and canal off Hopyard Road for Earth Day 2018. This year's Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for April 13 for ages 7 and older. Photo courtesy of city of Pleasanton. Left: After hearing feedback from many residents, the Pleasanton City Council created a new city project to add lighting to new or existing sand volleyball courts. Parks officials will decide soon whether that list will include the courts at Tennis Park (shown). Photo by Jeremy Walsh.

was like for the area's native Ohlone people, who would build and live inside these home structures centuries ago.

The Alviso Adobe is a popular destination for school field trips, seeing upward of 160 classes of third- or fourth-graders come through each year, according to Cerda. There's also the Ridge Runners weeklong summer camp for youth, with a special spring session scheduled for next month.

Other Alviso activities coming up include "Earth Day Cleanup" on April 13, "Hiking with a Naturalist"

(with a paint and hike theme) on April 20, "Arbor Day Picnic" on April 27 and "Nature Storytime" about birds on May 7.

### Recent and upcoming projects

The city is working on renovations to what Gruber calls its most popular park amenity: the big slide at Mission Hills Park on Junipero Street.

The 30-year-old slide has become difficult to maintain to an operational standard, according to

Gruber, and the Parks and Recreation Commission recently endorsed a design concept to replace the single slide with two slides side-by-side and an interactive climbing path rather than stairs.

As bocce continues to grow in popularity, the city is moving forward with design for renovations of the bocce courts at Centennial Park at the Senior Center.

That after crews finished resurfacing five city basketball courts last fall, including the pair at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park.

Parks officials are seeking public feedback related to the new tot lot proposed for the Valley Trails community as part of the Sycamore housing development on the former church property at 6900 Valley Trails Drive.

Other medium-range parks projects include replacing the playground equipment at Hansen Park and pursuing better signage at Pioneer Cemetery.

Bigger-ticket items are on the docket as well, such as the City Council set to consider adoption of the Trails Master Plan Update next month and preliminary design work continuing related to renovating Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks in downtown.

The city also decided this month to prioritize in the coming two years efforts to bring an all-inclusive playground to Pleasanton, adding or expanding skate park facilities, designing the Bernal Community Farm and finding a way to add lighting to a new or existing sand volleyball court.

Park improvements in Pleasanton extend beyond the city's scope too.

The East Bay Regional Park District plans to break ground in June on a new nature pavilion at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area off Stanley Boulevard.

"Shadow Cliffs is well known for its swimming, fishing, picnicking, and boating, but there is so

much more there, and the new Interpretive Nature Pavilion will help encourage park visitors to explore additional activities in nature like hiking, biking, and nature watching," EBRPD spokesman Dave Mason said.

The estimated \$900,000 project will add the 1,000-square-foot educational hub complete with exhibits highlighting the natural and cultural history of the park, as well as information about the recreational opportunities available in the park's nature area.

EBRPD is also celebrating its 85th anniversary this year, with a slate of activities set to be revealed in the weeks to come. One of the key programs will be "Free Park Fridays" with free access to all district parks from April to the end of the year.

*Editor's note: This story provides only a snapshot of Pleasanton's vast and popular parks and trails network. Explore more at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) or [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org).* ■

### Other outdoor activities

**Barrel Tasting Weekend**, Livermore Valley Wine Country, March 23-24.

**Family Cycling Workshop**, Hart Middle School, March 23.

**Livermore 7th Annual Roanne's Race**, Robertson Park, March 30.

**Goodguys 37th All American Get Together Giant Car Show**, Alameda County Fairgrounds, March 30-31.

**Annual Plant and Seed Swap**, Pleasanton Library, April 6.

**Bras for the Cause**, Stepping Out for Cancer Kures, April 13.

**Pleasanton Public Art Walk**, Gary and Nancy Harrington, April 13.

**Pleasanton Run for Education**, PPIE, April 14.

**Bunny Hop Egg Hunt**, PDA, April 20.

**Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour**, East Bay Regional Park District, April 28.

**Wine Stroll**, PDA, May 11.

**Spring Antiques and Collectibles Faire** in downtown Pleasanton, May 26.

**Hook and Ladder Run** at Wente Vineyards to support firefighters, June 4.

**Concerts in the Park**, Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks, Friday nights June 7 to Aug. 30.

**2019 Alameda County Fair**, June 14 to July 7.

**Relay for Life of the Tri-Valley**, Granada High School, June 22.

**Pleasanton's 125th Anniversary Celebration**, Aug. 2.



If the Mission Hills slide is most-popular, the zip line at Bernal Community Park is probably the second most popular park amenity in Pleasanton, according to city landscape architect Matt Gruber.

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill earns five consecutive wins over two weeks

Also: Highlights from baseball, tennis, lacrosse, softball

The Foothill High boys volleyball team has run off five straight East Bay Athletic League wins over the last two weeks.

The week of March 11, the Falcons beat San Ramon Valley and Dublin.

In the 25-16, 25-17, 25-22 win over San Ramon, the Falcons were led by Mason Ward (7 kills, 6 digs),

Andre Doty (9 kills, 3 blocks) and Azfal Peermohammed (22 assists, 2 kills). In the 25-21, 26-24, 24-26, 25-13 win over Dublin Daniel Qian (16 kills, 3 blocks), Doty (11 kills, 6 blocks) and Peermohammed (33 assists, 14 service points) led the way.

The week of March 3, the Falcons beat Cal, De La Salle and Livermore. The 25-15, 12-25, 25-19, 25-20 win

over Cal featured great play from Qian (12 kills, 6 digs), Peermohammed (36 assists, 2 kills) and Doty (7 kills, 5 blocks).

Foothill beat De La Salle 25-21, 25-17, 28-26, with big games coming from Peermohammed (30 assists, 4 aces), Kyle Neuman (9 digs, 6 service points, 5 kills), and Kyle Kim (6 digs, 5 service points).

Against Livermore, the Falcons won 25-13, 25-8, 25-17 with strong play coming from Ward (11 service pts, 9 kills), Sid Majigud (7 service pts, 6 kills), and Vai Kota (7 kills).

#### Amador volleyball

The Dons split games the week of March 11, losing to Monte Vista and beating Granada.

The loss to Monte Vista was a 23-25, 25-16, 25-17, 20-25, 15-11, five-set thriller. Outstanding work from Colton Brooks, Will Sadler and Luke McFall and solid defense by Taylor Melendrez were the highlights for the Dons.

A 25-13, 21-25, 25-17, 25-18 win over Granada provided the split. McFall and Logan Miller led team in offense and outstanding effort from Devon Kost on defense were the keys.

#### Foothill baseball

On March 13 the Falcons beat Livermore 5-3 in their opening EBAL game.

With the game tied 3-3 in the top of the sixth, Cory Steinhauer ripped a two-run home to give the Falcons the lead.

Josh Anderson pitched the final



DARRIN ROBINSON

With the game tied 3-3 in the top of the sixth, Foothill's Cory Steinhauer's home run drove in two runs and gave the Falcons the lead during a March 13 game against Livermore.

four innings, striking out eight and giving up only three hits.

The Falcons had 10 hits with multiple hits by Caleb Lammle and Nico Mallot.

#### Amador tennis

The Dons pulled out a thrilling 5-4 win over rival Foothill.

Aadarsh Triapthi, Ben Deriquito, Eswarsai Ramineni, Sankalp Sharma all won their singles matches with Sharma's win deciding the match.

Nithilan Muruganandham and Ethan Allavarpu teamed up to win their doubles match, the lone one for the Dons.

#### Foothill softball

The Falcons opened the EBAL season with wins over Livermore and Granada.

On March 12, Foothill fell behind 1-0 to Livermore, but rallied in a big way for a 7-1 win.

Ally McElroy, Emma Chandler, and Hailey Hayes each had a double for the Falcons with runs being driven in by Gianna Lyng (2), Maddie Heinlin (1), Hailey Hayes (1), and Nicole May (1).

May went the distance in the circle with 14 strikeouts.

Two days later May came back with a no-hitter in the 5-0 win over Granada. May finished with nine strikeouts and no walks.

Courtney Beaudin had a three-run home run, with Hope Alley and Hayes adding RBIs as well.

Caelin Cavanaugh, Beaudin, and Hayes each hit a double.

#### Foothill girls lacrosse

The Falcons won two games the week of March 11 to raise their season record to 5-2.

The team made a strong showing against College Park with a 20-4 victory.

Kayleigh Montana scored five goals and Audriana Templeman scored four to pace Foothill. Four Falcon players scored two goals each in a balanced scoring attack.

Foothill was back in EBAL action Friday and posted a 14-4 victory over Livermore.

Montana and Eva Bull combined for nine goals for the Falcons. Lexi Whitney added two goals for Foothill with Ananya Kuttikkad, Sam Symons and Alex McMillin adding one each.

The Falcon defense was keyed by goalie Paige Doyle (12 saves), while Melissa Garcia, Kyra Shah, Kayleigh Dennen, Immie Bernstein and Olivia Murphy pressured the ball all night. ■

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EAST BAY SPCA

noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities. Afterward, attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe. No reservations are needed. Go to [seniorcenterfriends.org](http://seniorcenterfriends.org) for more information.

## Government Meetings

**BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE** At 6:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., the Parks and Recreation Commission meets to advise the City's Traffic Engineering Division on bicycle, pedestrian and trail related items.

## Support Groups

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY FAMILY/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (PLEASANTON)** From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, at 5674 Stoneridge Drive, #114, families network, encourage, and support each other through the challenges of advocating and caring for adult loved ones who are diagnosed with a severe mental illness. Resources and information are provided as well. There is no cost. Visit [nami-trivalley.org](http://nami-trivalley.org) for more information.

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP** From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group meets for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit [nami-trivalley.org](http://nami-trivalley.org), or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, at (714) 296-3444 for further information.

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## Families

**TEEN WELLNESS WORKSHOP** What Teens Wish Their Parents Knew. The City of Pleasanton's Community Education Series is hosting an interactive workshop for parents/guardians and their teen/tween at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Teen

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are available. Join more than 30 Livermore Valley wineries, meet winemakers and sample wines still in development-right out of the barrel. There are a number of transportation services available. Go to [visitrivalley.com](http://visitrivalley.com) for tickets and more information.

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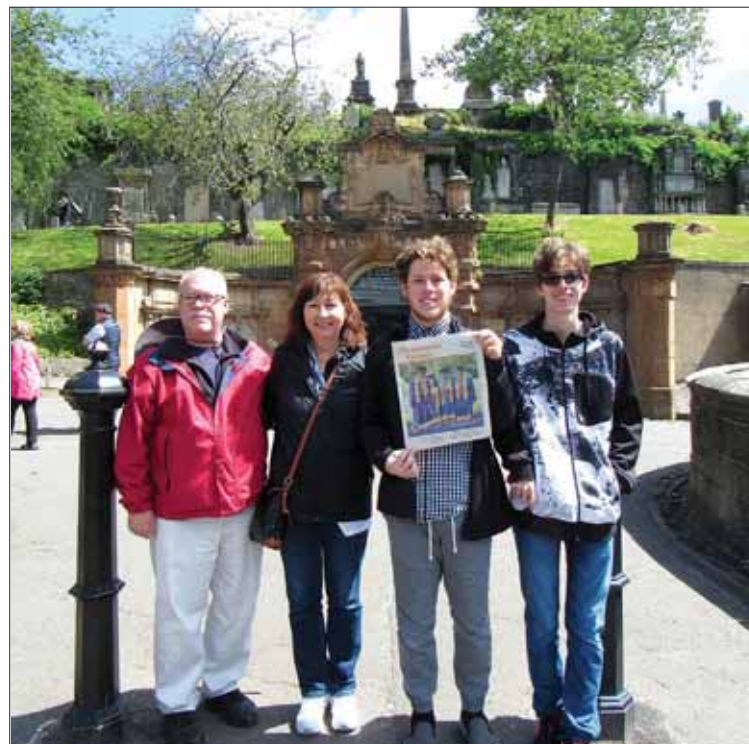
## Fundraisers

**FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE** Friends of the Pleasanton Library Spring Book and Media Sale is from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 22, for members only, at 400 Old Bernal Ave. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, the sale is open to the public. Visit [friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org](http://friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org) for more information.

## Food & Drink

**BARREL TASTING WEEKEND IN LIVERMORE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY TASTING ROOMS** Starting at noon on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, one and two day tickets

## TAKE US ALONG



**City of the Dead:** Scott Johnson, Linda Johnson and recent Amador Valley High graduates Matthew Johnson and Nicholas Horton take a break to read the Pleasanton Weekly before starting a tour of the Glasgow Necropolis (also known as the "City of the Dead") in Glasgow, Scotland during their trip to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland last summer.

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## Homebuyers Love Pleasanton's Parks

By DAVID STARK

Health-conscious home buyers love Pleasanton's parks.

"I love Pleasanton because I know there are over 40 community parks and that's amazing if you like to jog, there's jogging trails; if you like to bike, there's bike paths; if you like to garden, Pleasanton has community gardens, they have something for everybody," said Nancie Allen, 2019, President of the Bay East Association of Realtors.



David Stark

The park experience in Pleasanton has expanded well beyond the acres devoted to soccer and softball. Current park amenities range from skate parks and BMX tracks where tomorrows stunts are perfected today to the Alviso Adobe where visitors encounter the past.

Allen said each of Pleasanton's parks contribute to an overall community characteristic, "It's just a healthy vibe in Pleasanton."

Shopping at the Stoneridge Mall and the downtown experience are two of Pleasanton's big draws, but the outside calls and home buyers are answering.

"I'm seeing outdoor space become more important to home buyers and shopping doesn't always do that. Being about to go outdoors and run around in the sun, that's a big deal," Allen said.

Asked how parks rank versus shopping and dining, Allen said "I think it's almost even depending on the time of year."

Allen said some homebuyers are willing to pay a premium to be near parks and the opportunity to be outside.

"Homebuyers will ask 'how much extra is it going to be to be close to a park?' and the answer is 'How do you put a value on your health?' Yes, it may cost you a bit more, but it could be worth it," Allen said.

Quantity isn't the only issue when it comes to parks playing a decision in the home buying process. Allen said quality is equally important. "If it's not a well-maintained open space, or a park, it's actually going to be detrimental, but Pleasanton does a great job of maintaining all of these."

She concluded, "For people who like to be outside during the weekends, Pleasanton offers a plethora of places to go."

*Editor's note: David Stark is the public affairs director for the Pleasanton-based Bay East Association of Realtors.*

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (February 11-15)

**Total sales reported:** 8  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$505,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,090,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,139,000

### Dublin (February 11-15)

**Total sales reported:** 13  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$550,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,639,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$894,000

### Livermore (February 11-15)

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$359,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,328,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$760,000

### San Ramon (February 11-15)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$426,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,550,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$890,000

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during February 11-15

### Pleasanton

- 8087 Arroyo Drive #1** Robert A Bogert Trust No 1 to M. Menon for \$505,000
- 140 Barias Place** Kontech Usa Inc to H. & J. Lee for \$1,129,000
- 5375 Black Avenue #4** C. Paniagua to J. Yee for \$675,000
- 7818 Flagstone Drive** Thomas M Reese Trust to E. & S. Saul for \$1,240,000
- 125 Ray Street** Kucich Ltd li to Joan Kucich Trust for \$550,000
- 7211 Rosecliff Court** Joseph B Nubla Living Trust to J. & F. Botelho for \$2,090,000
- 2421 Via Espada** Durban Family Trust to A. & S. Gopinathan for \$1,150,000
- 4113 Walnut Drive** J M Pepper Separate Trust to Loonestta Holdings LLC for \$1,495,000

### Dublin

- 3158 Alexa Cruz Terrace** D. & W. Zapanta to R. & M. Kamalesha for \$1,225,000
- 7716 Bonniewood Court** R. Stone to H. & J. Coombes for \$730,000
- 8067 Brittany Drive** Flyhomes Investments Ca LLC to F. & H. Ding for \$1,265,000
- 3606 Capoterra Way** J. Kirubaharan to C. & K. Tseung for \$894,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #462** P. Hsia to G. & F. Yassini for \$612,000
- 2070 Forino Drive** J. Conway to H. & V. Manian for \$1,465,000
- 7349 Hansen Drive** K & G Hunt 2012 Living Trust to B. & W. Mandel for \$1,040,000
- 10109 Marshall Canyon Court** N & T Prendergast Family Trust to S. Ng for \$1,639,000

Source: California REsource

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**879 Oak Manor Way - Pleasanton - \$2,388,000**  
 Custom home nestled along the ridge on the west side of Pleasanton. Desired floor plan with guest suite on the main level, 3 additional spacious bedrooms and 4 full bathrooms, bonus room, an office and 4-car garage. Gourmet kitchen with island, gas range, dual ovens, built in refrigerator, walk-in pantry and warming drawer. Backyard with multiple patios, dog run and private deck off the family room. Over 5,000 sq ft of living situated on over an acre of land, this is it!



Mike D'Onofrio

**5921 Running Hills Ave - Livermore - \$664,990**  
 Convenient location and quiet street! Great opportunity & best value for a 4 bedroom detached home in Livermore! Functional floor plan with a 2 car garage PLUS side yard access! Newer dual pane windows & sliders, newer wood flooring, central heat & air! Charming, large & private backyard with patio, fruit trees, storage shed & spa! Within minutes to highly rated schools, commute routes, shopping, restaurants & historic downtown!



Eileen Manger

**6568 Conestoga Ln - Dublin - \$468,000**  
 This 1 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom townhouse is nestled in a quiet location in Dublin's Heritage Commons neighborhood, this adorable townhouse has it all. The functional floor plan includes an attached garage with a full driveway, a spacious upstairs bedroom with a separate full bathroom, new dual pane windows, new AC and heater, new kitchen, entranceway and bathroom floors, new dishwasher, newer oven and microwave and newly painted walls throughout.



Elizabeth Sullivan

**1055 Innsbruck St - Livermore - \$989,950**  
 Great Value, Location & Schools! Remodeled 5 years ago/quality custom staircase/ceilings, walls textured, 6 panel doors, remodeled kitchen ceiling raised, granite counters and 3-car garage. This highly quality upgraded home is ready for you to enjoy. Vacation at home with your beautiful pool complete with covered patio and lawn area for games.



Gina Piper

**1522 Calle Santiago - Pleasanton - \$714,888**  
 Adorable 3 BR, 2 BA Park Villas townhouse nestled in Pleasanton's highly desired Del Prado neighborhood. No adjoining living space walls, this unit lives and feels like a single family residence and includes a private backyard, front patio area and 2-car attached garage. Excellent location is within an easy walk or bike ride to highly rated schools and Pleasanton's bustling downtown.



Rosie Yandell

**5648 Belleza Dr - Pleasanton - \$728,000**  
 East-facing townhouse is full of natural light! Updated kitchen features granite counter tops, new dishwasher & gas range, stainless steel appliances, and large single-basin stainless steel sink. The living/dining room area has vaulted ceilings. Updated bathrooms feature newer fixtures, and a newer shower door in the master. Enjoy the park-like landscaping from your balcony.



Beverly Herrera

**3254 Belvedere Ct - Pleasanton - \$2,189,000**  
 An entertainer's delight in one of the best neighborhoods in Pleasanton. Gorgeous pool, spa and waterfall. Rich maple hardwood floors throughout downstairs and plantation shutters throughout entire home. Chef's kitchen features refaced kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, gas cooktop, double oven, built in refrigerator, stainless steel appliances and island with sink.



Coming Soon!

Gina Piper

**4355 2nd St - Pleasanton**  
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**3458 SMOKETREE CMNS DR, PLEASANTON**

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- Private Patio • Attached Garage w/ Exterior Access

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**AVAILABLE**



**1152 CRELLIN RD, PLEASANTON**

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- Located in Vintage Hills

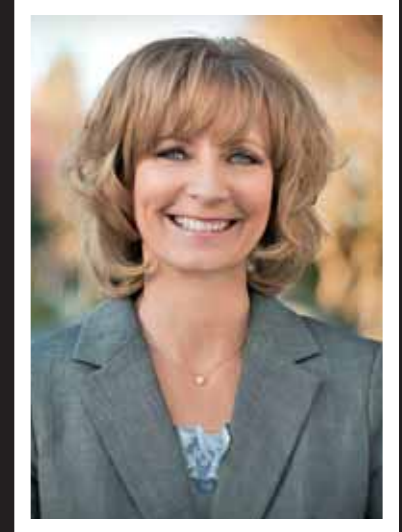
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OPEN SUN 2-4



**448 Bunker Lane**

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**Downtown Area**

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Gorgeous luxury estate remodeled throughout with 5 BR, 3 BTH, pool, 1/3 Acre flat lot, & more! Offered at \$2,195,000

1.5 ACRES



**6350 Alisal Street**

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JUST SOLD



**Castlewood Heights**

Gorgeous home featuring 5 BR + Loft, 4.5 BTHs, 3 car garage, and huge .28 Acre cul-de-sac lot. Sold for \$1,775,000

## Inside Real Estate – Online Foreclosure Listings

A week seldom goes by where I don't hear from one of my clients who is all excited because they saw a foreclosure listing online. Usually those are what we call a pre-foreclosure listing. It is kind of bait and switch unfortunately. Everyone wants a deal. Everyone wants to pay 50 cents on the dollar for a home. These sites list these pre-foreclosure listings as if they are available for sale, and the reality is they are not.

What is a pre-foreclosure listing? A pre-foreclosure listing means that a notice of default has been filed against the property. It means the owner is behind in their payments. These homes are not for sale right now. There is no listing agent, there are no open houses, and there is no process to view the home. It is not available. It just means the owners likely missed a couple of payments.

So, can you go knock on their door and see if they want to sell? Be my guest. I doubt they are going to be very happy to hear from you. Most owners are embarrassed that their information is out in the public sphere and would probably be openly hostile to someone trying to take advantage of their situation.

So what do we do with that? Short answer, probably nothing. Most of those...

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**1695 Germano Way, Ruby Hill**

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**7287 Royal Oaks Court, Pleasanton**

5 Bed 4.5 Bath 4,791 Sq Ft 0.34 Ac \$2,299,888

Listed & Sold



**203 Vallecitos Road, Ruby Hill Vineyard Estates**

Represented Buyer & Seller \$1,738,000

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3 bd/2 ba, 1,611+/-sqft, 7,570+/-sqft lot  
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**1063 NELSON COURT, PLEASANTON**



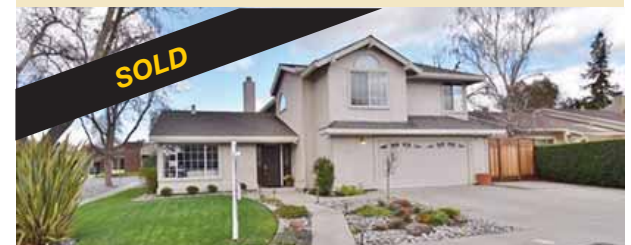
5 bd/3 ba, 3,179+/-sqft, 10,453+/-sqft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,649,000

**2686 CALLE ALEGRE, PLEASANTON**



4 bd/3ba, 2,854+/-sqft, 12,968+/-sqft lot  
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# 879 Oak Manor Way, Pleasanton



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**7336 Cronin Cir \$565,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/1.5 BA  
Andrea Rozran 858.4198

**11829 Killcullin Ct Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA  
Julia Murtagh 997.2411

### LIVERMORE

**347 Basswood Com #15 \$689,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2.5 BA  
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**185 Heligan Ln #10 \$595,000**  
Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA  
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**1306 Lakeland Dr \$799,000**  
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Miranda Mattos 336.7653

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### PLEASANTON

**5459 Black Ave #2 \$689,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA  
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**5949 Corte Arboles \$879,888**  
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Blaise Lofland 846.6500

**7336 Cronin Cir \$565,000**  
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**4722 McHenry Gate Way \$1,170,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA  
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**4758 McHenry Gate Way Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA  
Tim McGuire Team 462.7653

**724 Saint John Cir \$1,298,000**  
Sun 12-3 3 BD/2.5 BA  
Susie Steele 413.9306

**7234 Valley View Ct \$899,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2.5 BA  
Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 980.9265

**6307 Alvord Way \$1,088,000**  
Sun 2-4 4 BD/2 BA  
Dave & Sue Flashberger 463.0436

**3562 Ballantyne Dr \$1,275,000**  
Sat/Sun 2-4 4 BD/2.5 BA  
Doug Buenz 463.2000

**869 Castlewood Pl \$2,850,000**  
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**5099 Monaco Dr \$1,559,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/3 BA  
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**879 Oak Manor Way \$2,388,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/4 BA  
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**4457 Sutter Gate Ave \$1,339,000**  
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**1588 Foothill Rd \$2,359,000**  
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**636 Norante Ct \$3,675,000**  
Sun 1-4 5 BD/5.5 BA  
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**7287 Royal Oaks Ct \$2,299,888**  
Sun 1-4 5 BD/4.5 BA  
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**23 Twelve Oaks Dr \$2,288,000**  
Sun 2-4 5 BD/3.5 BA  
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**448 Bunker Ln \$2,100,000**  
Sun 2-4 6 BD/4.5 BA  
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**SOLD!**

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**SOLD FOR \$1,505,000**

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