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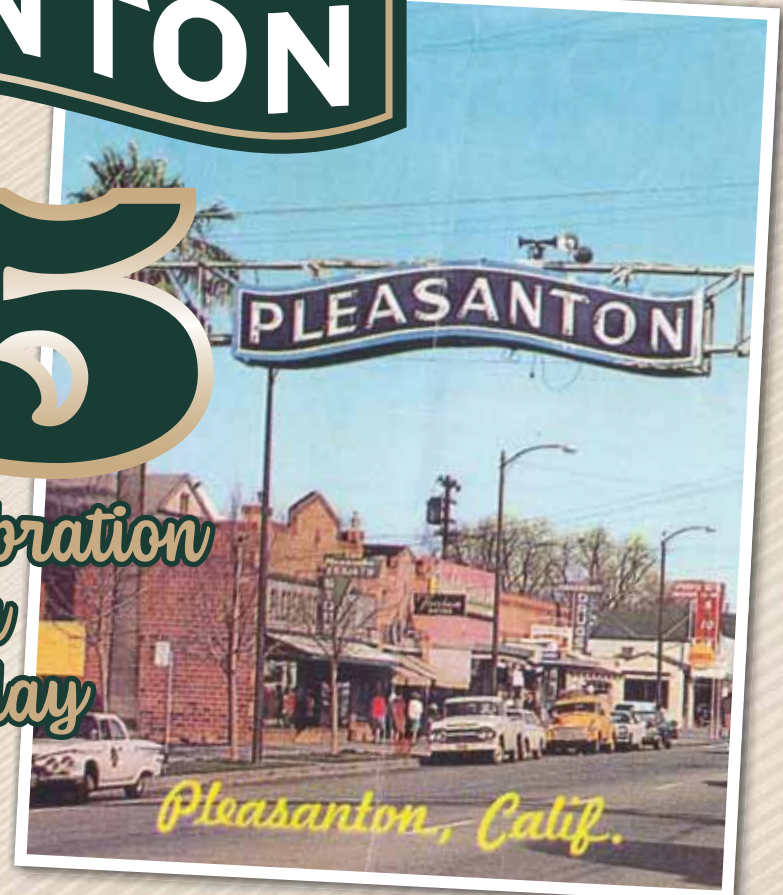
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TIM TALK



By Tim Hunt

Amazing progress in Eswatini

Visiting Project Canaan in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), it's amazing to see what God has done in the last 11 years.

My bride and I traveled there in July for the 10th anniversary celebration of the children's home and farm. It was 11 years ago in June 2008 that I stood on the plateau overlooking 2,500 acres of bush in the Swazi countryside. Heart for Africa co-founder and president, Ian Maxwell, had asked his Swazi representative Shirley Ward to find 100 acres for a farm. Instead, she found 2,500.

When I stood with board colleagues, Ian and others, the organization was teetering on the edge financially and we were looking at a \$1 million purchase. We moved ahead to check it out and God delivered a donor before the end of summer. A year later, the purchase was completed, and the land was dedicated.

In 2012, the first baby moved in with just two buildings — the baby home and the farm manager's building on site.

Today, 239 children from infants to 8-year-olds live there. The children's campus includes the baby home, preschool, toddlers' home and four dorms for older children. A fifth dorm is under construction and two two-story classrooms will complete the elementary school.

Across the valley, the farm is again flourishing now that the project to bring spring water from the plateau down to storage tanks has been completed.

It includes drip-irrigated fields, a dairy with more than 120 head, 5,000 laying hens, a one-acre greenhouse with both hydroponic areas (you should see the tomatoes and cucumbers) and an aquaponics area with tilapia and planting trays.

During our six days of service, we worked on the farm (my bride worked with Camp Canaan for the children) and then did height and weight checks at a rural church to determine if the nine-year-old feeding program was having the expected impact. Just looking at the kids, compared to children I have seen on my other eight trips, they showed no sign of malnourishment.

The highlights were the 10th anniversary celebration where I was privileged to speak as the first chairman and the Music on the Mountain worship service for three hours on Sunday. The 10th anniversary took place in the newly

constructed amphitheater overlooking the large reservoir that was built with funds from Rotary International. Performances by the children, including a play that told the story of how Project Canaan came to be, brought down the house.

What's been notable over the last nine years is how much favor Heart for Africa has built with the social welfare leaders in the country. It's now the preferred home for infants who are abandoned or cannot be cared for by their mothers. More than 600,000 children in Eswatini are identified as orphaned or vulnerable out of a population of 1.37 million (without one or both parents). AIDS has wiped out a generation and more than 25% of the population carry the virus.

Heart for Africa, on average, receives a new child every 11 days.

In addition to the farm and the children's home, Heart for Africa also operates an expansive artisan manufacturing program with Swazi beads and jewelry. It's woodshop, established by long-term volunteer Jere Scott (an 86-year-old retired church builder) makes all of the furniture for the children's homes and also made chairs for a nearby golf clubhouse.

More than 300 people, who support an average of 13 people each, work at Project Canaan.

One telling moment came at a board celebration dinner at the Maxwell's home, which overlooks the farm. Janine Maxwell pointed out that when they moved in 2012, there were only cooking fires visible on the ridge beyond the farm. Now electric lights can be seen in many homes thanks to employment offered at the farm.

One more note: The 36 hours after the 10th anniversary celebration were very challenging for the leadership and staff. Wildfires, fanned by Santa Ana-type winds, raged around the farm.

There's no fire engines or fire hydrants (it's in a very rural area about 40 minutes from the nearest big city), so it was fought by hand and with backfires. The older children were evacuated for a couple of hours and the baby home was twice evacuated before winds subsided and the fires burned out.

Fortunately, only one structure (the thatched roof chapel) was lost and there were no significant injuries. We all were praising God for his goodness.

To learn more, please see www.heartforafrica.org. ■

About the Cover

The Pleasanton community is ready for the marquee downtown event of the summer, the city's 125th Anniversary Celebration, which runs from 3-9 p.m. today (Aug. 2) in honor of the quasiquicentennial of Pleasanton's incorporation. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.



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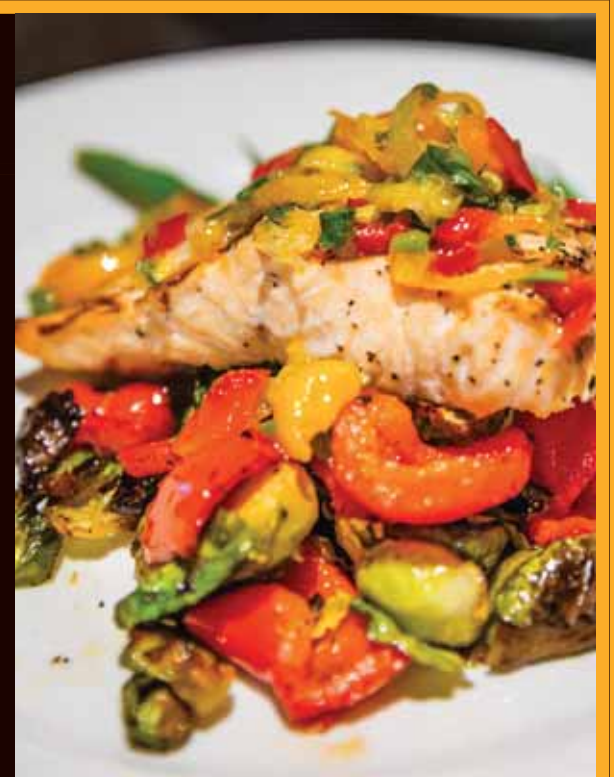
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Rachael Prather

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I am careful to always be a very good listener. I also encourage each of my important people to do all they can to be their best self. And paying a compliment in recognition of their efforts never hurts when it comes to keeping important relationships healthy.



Randall Brown

Realtor

I try to stay in touch very personally, like preparing a meal together, shoulder to shoulder and eye to eye, and then sitting down together to enjoy it. Doing a project together that benefits others is another great way I maintain and nurture my important relationships.



Grace Brown

Middle school student

I try to always be honest, and never lie, because I've discovered that lying to someone who is important to you always destroys the relationship. But being honest, even if it's negative, keeps relationships strong. Also, I think it is sometimes OK to say "no" to the people who are important to you. They don't resent you for it. In fact, they respect you.



Debby Fernandez

Associate city planner

I try my very best to stay in personal contact with the people who are important to me, whether it is getting together for a meal, participating in social events, or going on vacations, or art, wine and music festivals. Basically anything that brings us together in real time/space.



Jane Stanek

Administration

I visit with people, face to face. Nothing can substitute for that. For example, I visit my beloved mother, who is in her 80s, once a week. There's nothing else like it.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Tri-Valley Heroes

The Pleasanton Weekly is continuing to solicit nominations for the eighth annual Tri-Valley Heroes program.

The 2019 Tri-Valley Heroes will honor standout residents in eight award categories, open to all who live or work in the Tri-Valley communities: Arts and Culture, Community Spirit, Courage, Environmental Stewardship, Innovation, Rising Star, Role Model and Lifetime Achievement.

The program aims to honor residents or organizations in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk and Diablo who exemplify characteristics such as perseverance, strength, character, kindness, conscience and selflessness.

The nomination deadline is Sept. 16, and the award ceremony will be held Oct. 21 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club.

The Weekly is also seeking sponsors to provide vital financial support for the annual program. To learn more or submit a nominee, visit PleasantonWeekly.com.

Check out the stars

Summer is an ideal time for stargazing, with milder evening temperatures while constellations, planets, galaxies and nebulae parade across the evening sky, according to East Bay Parks officials.

A chance for some summer astronomy is set for this Saturday from 8:30-10 p.m. at the Arroyo Road Staging Area of Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. The Tri-Valley Stargazers Club will be there with telescopes to enhance the viewing.

The program is free. The Arroyo Staging Area is at the end of Arroyo Road, which is the extension of South L Street in downtown Livermore. Call 510-544-3249.

Financial reporting

Credit rating firm S&P Global recently reaffirmed the AAA rating for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Series 2014 sales tax revenue bonds (limited tax bonds).

The bonds of approximately \$137.1 million were sold in March 2014 and are secured by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax measure, and have a scheduled final maturity date of March 1, 2022.

"The issuance of these bonds has enabled ACTC to deliver critical voter-approved transportation infrastructure improvement projects efficiently, reducing project costs while creating local jobs and fulfilling promises to voters," ACTC officials said. ■

Board names new Fairlands principal

Also: PUSD confirms deal with city for Foothill football to practice at Patelco

By JULIA BAUM

Fairlands Elementary School will have a new leader when the school year starts Aug. 12, but it will be one with a familiar face.

At a special meeting Tuesday night, the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees — with the exception of Trustee Steve Maher, who was absent — voted to appoint current Fairlands vice principal Heidi Deeringhoff as the new head principal.

Deeringhoff briefly shared her gratitude with the board that evening. "I'm really looking forward to continuing to serve our community," she said. "I'm just so

eager to continue my work and to be a lead learner there, so thank you so much for the opportunity."

Starting at PUSD in 1995 as a teacher and then an instructional coach, Deeringhoff has spent the past two years at Fairlands as vice principal. During that same time, Deeringhoff also served as part-time vice principal at Mohr Elementary.

She will be replacing former



Heidi Deeringhoff

principal Shay Galletti, who just moved into her new role as the district director of elementary education. A new vice principal at Fairlands has not been named yet.

The district congratulated Deeringhoff for her promotion in a statement, calling her a "positive and dynamic leader" with a "strong understanding of systemic interventions and restorative discipline to keep student growth and success at the heart of every decision she makes as a leader."

Fairlands is one of five PUSD schools who will have a new principal in the 2019-20 school year.

Two new vice principals were

also announced Tuesday night.

After six years as vice principal at Donlon Elementary, Alex Ramirez is making a move to Hart Middle School, where he will retain the same job title. Ramirez previously spent eight years teaching at Hart before being promoted to Donlon.

"I'm excited to take on this new challenge and I'm heartbroken to leave Donlon because it is an awesome community," Ramirez told the board. The search for his replacement is underway.

Foothill High School is welcoming

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JEREMY WALSH

Crowd gathers at Flagpole Plaza in downtown Livermore for a rally in support of the city's new ordinance regulating flavored tobacco and electronic smoking paraphernalia.

Flavored tobacco ban fallout

Supporters rally to back Livermore ordinance as referendum petition looms

By JEREMY WALSH

The city of Livermore has taken aim at teen vaping — and might well find itself squaring off against the e-cigarette industry as a result.

Nearly 100 people of all ages gathered downtown on Tuesday morning in support of the new city ordinance set to take effect next week that would ban the sale of flavored tobacco in Livermore, as well as severely restrict businesses from selling electronic smoking paraphernalia and establish a city tobacco retailer license program for the first time.

But as the rally was getting underway, news filtered through the group that Bay Area vapor product company JUUL Labs could be on its way to submitting a referendum petition with enough signatures to force the City Council to back off its ban or put the issue on a citywide ballot.

"We want healthy kids. We don't want kids addicted to nicotine," Jannell Gladen, co-founder of Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore, said in remarks to open the rally at Flagpole Plaza.

"Now big tobacco has come

into Livermore, and unfortunately I've just heard they collected enough signatures," Gladen told the group. "We won't stand for it. The parents won't stand for it. The community won't stand for it."

A spokesperson from San Francisco-based JUUL confirmed to the Weekly that they have surpassed the threshold of 5,269 signatures needed to qualify for a referendum and they plan to continue obtaining more signatures on their petition while exploring

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Key funds for new garage at BART

Construction to start in spring; opening set for mid-2021

By ELAINE YANG

The effort to construct a new parking garage at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station took another step forward last week as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) announced the Tri-Valley project was among those to share in \$9.3 million in funding from bridge toll revenue.

Based on project cost estimates, the \$7 million allocated from Regional Measure 2 revenue to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) represents the final piece of funding needed to build the new parking structure adjacent to the existing BART garage on the Dublin side of the station.

"This is a great way to improve the quality of life for a lot of commuters who don't live within walking distance of a BART station or bus stop," Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who is also MTC chair, said in a statement.

"Among the ways to reduce congestion on East Bay freeways is to make it more convenient for people to ride transit; and one of the best ways to improve convenience is to solve the chronic parking shortages at so many of our key transit stops," Haggerty said.

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Livermore initiative validated; council orders analysis of alternative plan

City faces adopting 'Central Park Plan' or sending downtown debate to the ballot

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The Livermore City Council certified the validity of a resident-submitted petition challenging the council's Downtown Specific Plan on Monday night, opening the door for city voters to possibly make the ultimate call through the ballot box.

The initiative petition contained 8,111 signatures in total, and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office conducted a sample examination and determined the petition achieved the minimum threshold of 5,269 valid signatures (10% of registered Livermore voters), according to city staff.

During their regular meeting Monday, council members unanimously decided to delay a final decision on whether to rescind their plan in favor of the initiative proposal or send the issue to the ballot, and instead they directed city staff prepare to an informational report — referred to as a "9212 report" — on the petition and proposed plan alternative.

The topic is expected to return to the council for consideration during the Aug. 26 regular meeting.

"What we need is information and we, for the approved downtown plan, we went through a lot of that analysis, the cost of the infrastructure," Livermore Mayor John Marchand said at Monday's meeting, which was attended by nearly 100 residents.

"And I think as I've mentioned before, the (design) drawing associated with the initiative — we don't have that information; we don't have the costs, the traffic impacts," Marchand said, later adding: "I think people need to understand what the costs are associated with both the city plan and the drawing associated with the initiative. We need to make sure that all of those will be included in the report."

Approximately 40 residents spoke to the council Monday night, debating the pros and cons of the city's plan and that of the petitioners, with roughly half vocalizing support for each side.

A key point of contention for the petitioners, from the resident group Better Livermore and supported by Friends of Livermore, is advocating for the replacement

of a proposed boutique hotel next to the city's iconic Bankhead Theater with a large central park and moving the proposed hotel to the west side of South Livermore Avenue.

The council held an hours-long hearing last week before authorizing city staff to move forward with a development agreement with PresidioCo East Bay and/or 2205 Railroad Avenue, LLC for proceeding with a boutique hotel next to the Bankhead. The council adopted an ordinance confirming the agreement on Monday's consent calendar.

In addition to the hotel, which would hold 135 rooms on a 1.4-acre site at 2205 Railroad Ave., Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan contemplates a black box theater, science museum, shopping and retail options, additional parking, 130 units of affordable housing and a large new park named in honor of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association.

But supporters of the initiative petition think city voters should make the final decision on which downtown plan to proceed with.

"I ask you not to adopt (the city's) development agreement for a hotel on the east side. By adopting, you are interfering in the voters' right to choose a better plan," said Jean King, chair of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center board of directors, although she did stress that comments represented her personal opinion. "Put the 'Central Park Plan' on the ballot let the voters vote and then adopt the development agreement for the downtown plan that the voters want."

Unify Livermore, a group that backs the city-approved downtown plan, has criticized the petition proponents for pushing an unvetted plan and has accused them of using misinformation to garner support for their alternative.

During the meeting, Marchand called out the Central Park Plan for a lack of detail and public outreach, saying, "People keep referring to it as the citizens' plan, the Central Park Plan; it's a drawing. Where were the scheduled workshops and public hearings in the development of that drawing? I

never heard of one ... I never saw any public outreach on it."

"Financial sustainability, to those of us sitting up here, is really important so where is the financial sustainability on this drawing? There were no public hearings there was no analysis no traffic analysis," the mayor added.

Now presented with the initiative petition, city staff will now prepare a "9212 report" to analyze the proponents' petitioners' plan alternative and review the plan's fiscal impact, effects on land use, infrastructure funding, effects on the city's General Plan and other factors such as traffic impacts and potential effects on local businesses.

After the report is reviewed at the Aug. 26 meeting, the council will have the choice of adopting the petitioners' proposal without alteration, placing the measure on the Nov. 3, 2020 regular municipal election ballot or calling a special election that must be held within the following 88 days.

City staff added that the report is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000. ■

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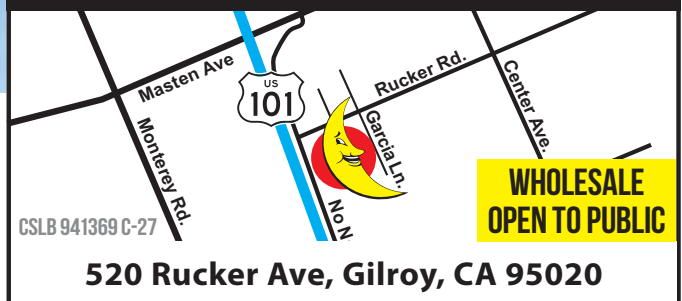
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Lab foundation hires first executive director

Allen has 20+ years in grant-writing, project development

BY ELAINE YANG

Danville resident Sally Allen has been selected as the first-ever executive director of the Livermore Lab Foundation, the nonprofit arm supporting Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Allen, an experienced project manager and former foundation program officer and consultant, has a history of more than 20 years of involvement in the philanthropic, nonprofit and public sectors.

"The opportunities ahead are tremendous," Allen said in a statement last week. "I look forward to partnering with the Lab, our community and constituents to advance the research initiatives and programs that can and will change the world."

Allen's appointment represents an important step for the young nonprofit that focuses on the advancement of science and multidisciplinary research initiatives at LLNL, according to foundation board president Dona Crawford.

"The board of directors is thrilled to have Sally Allen as the foundation's first employee and executive director," Crawford said in a statement. "Her knowledge of philanthropy, specifically foundations and program development, will help LLF immensely."

"We've already had three very

successful years with programs like Girls Who Code and our summer internships for college students, as well as the start of two new research partnerships in climate change and ALS," Crawford added. "Now, Sally's expertise will help us expand our research impact even further — as well as help us create programs that inspire the next generation of scientists."

Allen's priorities will be to pursue public and private grant funding, as well as seek support from individuals and corporations for educational programs and laboratory initiatives, foundation officials said.

Prior to joining the foundation, Allen was an independent consultant providing grant writing and business development support to private and nonprofit organizations, including Code Write Draw. She also served as a program officer for The James Irvine Foundation, where she managed more than \$20 million in grants and program development.

Earlier in her career, she worked nearly seven years for the city and county of San Francisco as a project manager and analyst. Allen served as president and vice president of the Sycamore Valley Elementary School Shark Fund in her hometown as well. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University.

For more information, visit <https://livermorelabfoundation.org>. ■



Sally Allen

BART board appoints deputy as next general manager

Powers plans 'listening tour' soon to gather rider, employee input

The BART Board of Directors voted unanimously last week to hire a current agency employee to replace its recently retired general manager.

Robert "Bob" Powers will take over for Grace Crunican, under whom he served as deputy general manager since 2017, according to BART.

Powers has been working at BART for seven years, most recently as the agency's interim general manager following



Bob Powers

Crunican's departure.

"He has a tremendous understanding of the district's operations, workforce, and aspirational vision for the future and will provide a smooth transition keeping BART focused on the work ahead," BART Board President Bevan Dufty said after the July 25 vote.

Powers, who will make \$385,000 a year, said he plans to go on a "listening tour" in order to hear directly from riders and BART employees.

"I'll work to protect the public's investment by delivering major projects that will improve and expand service for our riders like the

Fleet of the Future, overhauling or aged infrastructure, a new train control system, expansion into Silicon Valley and addressing quality of life issues," Powers said.

Prior to his BART tenure, Powers worked for the departments of transportation in both Seattle and Baltimore. He holds degrees in civil and structural engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

As BART's top administrator, Powers will oversee a \$2.4 billion budget along with the agency's 3,600 employees. ■

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Bauer-Kahan scores triple legislative victory

Bills on food allergens, gun safety, criminal justice reform

BY JULIA BAUM

Three bills written by Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) were signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom this week.

The newly chaptered pieces of legislation by the freshman Assembly member cover gun safety, criminal justice reform and food allergens.

"These laws will keep our kids safe from gun violence, give the poor a little more justice in the criminal justice system, while at the same time saving our state hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, and take another critical step to keep kids and adults alike safe from deadly food allergens," Bauer-Kahan said in a statement.

Her Assembly Bill 1532 was inspired by the 2013 death of a 13-year-old Danville girl after a severe reaction to a peanut allergy while at summer camp.

Named in the girl's honor, the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Act seeks to "protect individuals with severe

food allergies, requiring all food handlers to have a simple certification in safe food handling practices for major food allergens," according to Bauer-Kahan. The law also adds organized camps to the food facility definition, which would trigger required training for food handlers at camps.

Giorgi's parents, Louis and Joanne Giorgi, "played a critical part" in the bill's passage and also started the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation in Natalie's memory, according to Bauer-Kahan.

Another new law, AB 1421, aims to both fix inequities in the law and save taxpayers money related to criminal probation. People already on probation and "who are otherwise abiding by the terms of their supervision" will no longer face being re-arrested and



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

incarcerated for not being able to pay court-ordered fines, fees, assessments or restitution, according to Bauer-Kahan.

"This bill will ensure that the safety of the public is balanced correctly with smart fiscal responsibility," she said.

The average cost to house a county jail inmate last year was approximately \$58,268 or \$160 a day, according to the Board of State and Community Corrections. A 2015 report by the Public Policy Institute of California found the average cost for someone on probation was only \$12.15 a day, bringing the difference between jail and probation to \$53,830 annually.

The final legislation, AB 1292, updates how firearm transfers in the case of a will or trust are handled "so these firearms don't fall through the cracks or into dangerous hands," according to Bauer-Kahan.

She said the "common sense" law modernizes guidelines that haven't been touched in almost 30 years and "also ensures that good actors are not penalized due to out-of-date laws." ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Civic Arts Commission
Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave

- Review and Discuss the Library and Recreation Department Strategic Plan 2019-2024

Human Services Commission
Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Review and Discuss the Library and Recreation Department Strategic Plan 2019-2024
- Approve Human Services Commissioner Assignments to Various Committees
- Discuss and Identify a Tri-Valley Most Critical Human Service Need to Address a Human Services Needs Assessment Strategic Action

Parks and Recreation Commission
Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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Centennial Trail reopens after undergoing flood repairs

Zone 7 infrastructure sustained \$14M in damage from past winter storms

By JULIA BAUM

A stretch of the Centennial Trail in Pleasanton has reopened to the public after being temporarily closed for repairs to a damaged bank slide in a flood control channel overseen by the Zone 7 Water Agency.

The trail section between the entrance on West Las Positas Boulevard onto Arroyo Mocho and the bridge by Val Vista Park has been closed since mid-spring, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) contractor hired for the project recently wrapped up work after several months of construction.

Local flood channels sustained approximately \$14 million in damage during the winter storms of 2016-17 such as downed trees, toe erosion, channel bank slides and embankment washouts.

According to Zone 7 representatives, the damage was “so extensive that they have required three summer construction seasons of work and permitting to address.” Much



A stretch of the Centennial Trail in Pleasanton was reopened on July 26 after repairs to an adjacent flood control channel were recently completed.

of the damage happened along local creeks and flood channels in Zone 7's western service area including along the Alamo Canal next to Interstate 680 near West Las Positas and South San Ramon Creek near Dublin High School.

The federal government included the service area immediately afterward in a major disaster declaration, and Zone 7 staff began

coordinating with USACE as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the California Office of Emergency Services to repair and rebuild damaged flood control sites. The sites were then assigned different priority levels and added to a monitoring program to ensure those most critically damaged were addressed first.

A total of 96 sites have been

repaired since 2017 with another 25 sites up for evaluation and possible repair next year. Originally more than 200 sites with potential issues were identified but Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor told the Weekly that some were less damaged than originally believed and said that could still be the case when inspectors revisit the remaining sites next year.

“Sometimes when you go back, a lot of times those smaller ones, they're not as bad as you thought they were,” Pryor said.

Work completed on the trail included excavating slipping soil, reinforcing and rebuilding the slope with more structurally sound soil than fill, anchoring to the slope and revegetating the area with native plant species.

The trail closure was “unavoidable” because “space on the access road is limited, with equipment and materials occupying its entire width” and “public safety is always a top priority.” Federal and state environmental regulations only

allow construction in the channels between April 15 and Oct. 31, and unseasonal rains this spring cut the repair season even shorter.

Three more bank slides farther north are scheduled for repairs between August and October, including the Alamo Canal and South San Ramon Creek sites. The Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Parkway project, a flood protection and habitat restoration plan set along the Medeiros Reach of Arroyo Mocho, has been delayed.

“We were originally hoping to do construction this summer but it doesn't look like we'll be able to get all the permits,” Pryor said.

The total repair cost for the Centennial Trail is approximately \$1.6 million; \$900,000 was funded by USACE and \$700,000 came from Zone 7, which funds its flood protection operations with a portion of the 1% property tax revenue.

For more information about Zone 7 flood projects and repairs including an interactive map, visit www.zone7.com. ■

TOBACCO BAN

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other options to counteract what they see as an ill-conceived and unpopular policy.

“The full prohibition of vapor products is widely opposed by San Francisco voters, San Francisco opinion leaders, and public health experts across the country and world. Despite that, the city of Livermore has rushed a similar ban into law with minimal public input or consideration,” the JUUL statement read.

“We are exploring all options, including a potential referendum to give the voters a say on this critical matter of public health, because there are ways to fight youth access of vapor products while recognizing that adult smokers should have access to alternatives, since cigarettes still kill 40,000 Californians every year,” the statement added.

The referendum petition had not been filed with the city as of Tuesday afternoon. The proponents would have until Aug. 8 — the day that the new ban would go into effect — to submit their petition. Signature verification by Alameda County election officials would follow, to ensure the names were of registered Livermore voters, before the council's hand would be forced.

With parent and education leaders among those demanding action to confront teen vaping in Livermore, council members held a lengthy public debate on proposed new tobacco regulations on June 24 and confirmed their support with a second reading and final adoption on July 8.

The new ordinance outright bans

the sale of all flavored tobacco within the city limits, as well as creates a new prohibition of the sale of all tobacco products within 1,000 feet of a “youth-populated area.”

Additionally, the new regulations include a ban on the sale of all electronic smoking devices (unless it is a new product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration) as well as prohibits selling electronic smoking/vaping fluids that are flavored (FDA-approved fluids could be sold only if non-flavored).

The ordinance also establishes a new tobacco retailer license program in the city to be overseen by the Livermore Police Department.

The city reports having 71 tobacco retailers currently operating, mainly grocery stores, convenience stores and gas stations. The council confirmed the license fee prices during its meeting Monday night: \$1,005 for new licenses; \$969 for a license renewal.

Standard ordinances are written to take effect 30 days after the council adoption while allowing critics that lag time to pursue a referendum petition if desired.

And Livermore residents have been encountering signature-collectors around town in the days after the council adoption, with the Aug. 8 referendum deadline looming.

In a show of force for the city ordinance they helped inspire, local residents and community leaders gathered at Flagpole Plaza at South Livermore Avenue and First Street in downtown to generate more public support for their cause.

Rally-goers held signs like “Nicotine hooks Livermore kids” and “Stop Big Tobacco. Stop JUUL” as well as poster boards highlighting candy-like vaping flavors that often stock shelves.

Other speakers included the Livermore Indivisible citizen group, local students and Livermore Valley

Joint Unified School District officials, including the principals of all three high schools.

“Vaping is like candy. Vaping will kill us at an early age, just like smoking,” Granada High School student Regina Molitoris said. “We're here to urge you to help keep the ordinance alive, so we as teenagers and you will not get addicted to vaping and smoking by the ‘Big Tobacco’ companies.”

Of the flavored tobacco industry, LVJUSD school board president Craig Bueno added, “It is fundamentally wrong. As a community,

we're doing the right thing. This is Livermore. We're smart. Let's continue to do the right thing. Say no to it. Keep fighting it.”

Pleasanton is among the Bay Area communities keeping a close eye on what happens with the Livermore referendum. The Pleasanton Youth Commission has listed vaping prevention as a priority for the year and commissioners are working with city staff on potential regulation recommendations to the City Council while city officials continue to track the aftermath of the ordinance in Livermore. ■



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Construction begins on bridge permanently linking public parks

Sycamore Grove project spearheaded by Tri-Valley Conservancy

By SAMANTHA LAUREY

Local nonprofit Tri-Valley Conservancy hosted a groundbreaking ceremony last week to mark the start of construction on a new bridge at Sycamore Grove Park that will permanently connect a 44-mile trail through five parks from Livermore to Fremont.

Dubbed "Valley Trail Connections," the project has taken several years for the nonprofit to coordinate with multiple public agencies and private supporters, including the 2014 purchase and preservation of the 74 acres of land where the trail will connect.

Completion of the new bridge in the months ahead will provide permanent access to that part of the park, plus serve as the missing link in the regional trail connectivity, according to Laura Mercier, executive director

of Tri-Valley Conservancy.

"Thanks to our partners and donors, we're finally at the last step of the Valley Trail Connections project which will link 25,000 acres of open space, help improve creek habitat and allow year-round access for park visitors to these amazing preserved lands," Mercier said in a statement.

The bridge will be built on the Arroyo del Valle Trail near the Arroyo Road entrance to Sycamore Grove. The trail system will be linked with Del Valle Regional Park, Ohlone Regional Wilderness, Sunol Regional Wilderness and Mission Peak Regional Preserve. The route will be a part of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which is one of 30 national trails in the country that stretches 1,200 miles from Mexico to San Francisco.

With work getting underway, the Arroyo Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park has been closed since July 15 to make way for the bridge construction.

Once the bridge is completed, it will be open year-round for park visitors with horses, bicycles, strollers and wheelchairs. The previous footbridge was not accessible to all users and the area was plagued by flooding issues during the wet months.

The groundbreaking event on July 22 also featured representatives of Alameda County, city of Livermore, East Bay Regional Park District, and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District using golden shovels to turn dirt marking the ceremonial start of the project.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty announced that



CATHARINE SHERRADEN

Work is underway on the new bridge to connect the dead-end trail in Sycamore Grove Park with others, making it part of a continuous 44-mile regional trail.

the bridge will be officially named after his predecessor, late former county supervisor Edward R. Campbell, who helped spearhead the South Livermore Valley Plan, which protects the natural and agricultural land in south Livermore.

In addition to the public agencies spotlighted on July 22, other key contributors to the "Campbell

Bridge" project included Alameda County Transportation Commission, Bay Area Barns and Trails, California State Coastal Conservancy, Chevron, Dean Witter Foundation, Friends of Open Space and Vineyards, Sierra Club, Teichert, The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation and Zone 7 Water Agency. ■

PRINCIPAL

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a new vice principal, Malcom Norrington, who is coming over from Amador Valley High, where he taught English through the school's

home and hospital program. Norrington, who has more than six years of experience teaching high school, previously worked for 13 years as a police officer.

Norrington told the board that he was "humbled" for the chance to

serve the Foothill campus. "I'm excited to serve that community and do everything necessary to continue the excellent academic tradition at the school," Norrington said. "I'm just very honored and humbled."

Also Tuesday, the school board

unanimously approved an agreement with the city of Pleasanton to give the Foothill football teams temporary shared use of Patelco Sports Complex fields while the artificial turf on the Falcons' regular athletic field is being replaced.

The agreement allows Falcons football players and coaches "to practice on a city field at the Patelco complex while the field at Foothill is being renovated" at no cost. It is valid through July 30, 2024, although either party could terminate the contract sooner with 30-day written notification.

None of the trustees pulled the item from Tuesday's consent calendar, so it was approved without discussion.

The Foothill field renovation project, already expected to displace all of the Falcons' preseason practices, could impact the regular season as well. Foothill recently reached out to its opening week rival, San Leandro High, about relocating the first football game, scheduled at Foothill on Aug. 23. Community members have been concerned about players being at a disadvantage by losing any home games.

In addition to voting on the shared facilities contract, the board approved a revised job description for executive director of facilities, construction and bond programs, and a \$58,500 professional development contract on Tuesday. ■

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GARAGE

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The proposed \$34 million, 537-space parking structure aims to provide a needed addition to the parking supply at Dublin-Pleasanton, where the existing BART garage with nearly 3,000 spaces is often filled early on the morning commute. Haggerty joined state and local leaders in devising the plan after BART declined to move forward with building its own second garage at the station.

The project, which held a ceremonial groundbreaking last October, is expected to see onsite construction begin on the new garage next spring, with the opening scheduled for mid-2021.

The \$7 million commitment from MTC supplements \$20 million in state funds awarded to the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority for the project through the Transit and Intercity Rail

Capital Program, plus another \$7 million in vehicle registration fee money contributed by the ACTC.

The other \$2.3 million in funding awarded by MTC last week will go to completing a trio of commuter parking lots served by AC Transit's transbay buses through MTC's Bay Bridge Forward initiative. The three commuter parking lots now under construction in the East Bay — two lots beneath Interstate 880 at High Street and Fruitvale Avenue in Oakland and a third lot adjacent to Interstate 80 at Buchanan Street in Albany — are scheduled to open by the end of this year.

Regional Measure 2 was approved by Bay Area voters in 2004 and raised tolls by \$1 on each of the region's seven state-owned toll bridges to finance highway and transit improvements in the bridge corridors and along their approaches, as well as to provide operating support for transit services in the bridge corridors. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

National Night Out set for next Tuesday

Pleasanton residents and police personnel, like communities throughout the Tri-Valley and the United States, will come together to celebrate National Night Out with neighborhood block parties next Tuesday (Aug. 6).

The 36th annual National Night Out is a crime- and drug-prevention event sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Pleasanton Police Department.

“National Night Out is designed to heighten crime- and drug-awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community

partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back,” said Shannon Whitaker, PPD community relations coordinator.

PPD started participating in National Night Out 20 years ago with four neighborhood block parties. Since then, the event has grown to over 40 block parties, coming from mostly registered Neighborhood Watch groups.

The parties in Pleasanton usually vary from potlucks to barbecues to ice cream socials, and in the past have included live bands, bounce houses and kids parades. Local officials — PPD, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, elected city and state officials, and representatives from other allied agencies — try to visit as many of the block parties as possible that night.

To learn more about Tuesday’s event, contact Whitaker at

931-5242 or srevel-whitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

In other news

- A vegetation fire burned about 15 acres on a Pleasanton hillside last Saturday night but was quickly halted without injuries or damage to buildings.

The fire was reported shortly before 9 p.m. in the area just east of Independence Drive at Bernal Avenue. Residents said it “was visible on the hillside near a large oak tree and spreading quickly,” according to PPD.

The LPPD, Alameda County Fire Department, and Cal Fire responded, while Pleasanton police closed streets and worked to notify people in some 50 nearby residences. Streets were reopened around 11:15 p.m.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. “We did receive reports of juveniles in the area at the time

the fire started, but we were not able to identify a specific cause,” LPPD deputy chief Joe Testa told the Weekly.

- The Livermore Police Department has announced a \$2,500 reward for information that leads to the arrest of Jorge Luis Tellez, the 21-year-old Livermore man accused of killing a local high-schooler during an argument outside a Taco Bell last month.

Police identified Tellez as their suspect in the hours after the July 8 shooting that killed 16-year-old Emmanuel Moseby, a Livermore High student and a former junior varsity football player. The teen, who was shot in the abdomen during an argument near the Taco

Bell restaurant at 985 E. Stanley Blvd. shortly before 9:25 p.m., died at a local hospital early the next morning.

Tellez has been at-large since and is considered armed and dangerous, according to LPD Sgt. Steve Goard. Police searched Tellez’s home on July 9 but he was not there, and police have been unable to locate him since. They are hoping the new \$2,500 reward will help them find their suspect.

“Tips do flow in pretty rapidly but he is still not apprehended. Our detectives are out in the field following up on all of the tips that come in,” Goard told the Weekly on Monday.

Tellez remained at-large as of press time Wednesday. Detectives ask anyone who has information about the shooting or Tellez’s whereabouts to call their tip line at 371-4790. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service



Jorge Luis Tellez

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 28

Theft

- 6:31 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 7:27 a.m., 7800 block of Knollbrook Drive; auto theft
- 12:03 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 2:31 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:20 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:42 p.m., 3000 block of Tonopah Circle; theft from auto

Drug violation

- 12:53 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

July 27

Burglary

- 7:45 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 7:23 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 2:13 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 6:10 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Domestic battery

- 3:49 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

Fraud

- 1:30 p.m. on the 1800 block of Palmer Drive

July 26

Theft from auto

- 8:14 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 8:13 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 1:08 p.m. on the 6200 block of Corte Altamira

Missing person

- 12:32 p.m. on Garibaldi Place

July 25

Theft

- 8:12 a.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; theft from auto
- 8:31 a.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 2:40 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:12 p.m. on the 300 block of Christina Court
- 6:05 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting
- 8:45 p.m., 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; bicycle theft

Vandalism

- 11:25 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive
- 8:45 p.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

- 7:26 p.m. on Valley Avenue

Drug violation

- 12:22 a.m. at Boulder Street and Boulder Court

July 24

Theft

- 3:47 a.m. on the 3300 block of Stoneridge Creek Way
- 5:48 a.m., 4400 block of Muirwood Drive; theft from auto
- 3:31 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 3:50 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 4:26 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:04 p.m., 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue; bicycle theft
- 8:43 p.m., 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 10:43 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

- 6:19 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

- 3:15 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

July 23

Theft

- 1:33 a.m., 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 3:47 a.m. on the 3300 block of Stoneridge Creek Way
- 7:23 a.m., 8000 block of Canyon Creek Circle; theft from auto
- 11:40 a.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 2:51 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 5:21 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:59 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 9:37 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Drug violation

- 1:32 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road
- 9:16 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Weapons violation

- 8:36 p.m. on the 6400 block of Randall Court

Graffiti offense

- 9:31 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Fraud

- 7:50 a.m. on the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive

July 22

Theft

- 8:48 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 6:14 p.m. on 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 8:50 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 10:07 a.m. on Sterling Greens Circle
- 2:08 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Weapons violation

- 2:22 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Missing person

- 2:04 a.m. on Golden Road

July 21

DUI

- 12:59 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 3:23 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

- 1:04 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

- 7:57 p.m. at Bernal and Pleasanton avenues

Burglary

- 1:31 p.m. on the 9100 block of Olson Court

Vandalism

- 8:57 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Richard Sutton

June 26, 1962 - June 22, 2019

Richard Sutton passed away on Saturday, June 22nd after a valiant battle with cancer. He touched many lives along the way with his one and only sense of humor, backed by the most genuine caring heart.

Richard was born in Los Angeles and moved to the Bay Area to continue and grow a long standing, respected career with Arcadia, Inc. He achieved many successes both personally and professionally and the architectural skylines of Northern California are proof of that. He mostly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, boating, swimming, snowboarding, barbecuing, cracking jokes and laughing all along the way. He loved to travel vowing to never go to the same place twice because there was so much of the world to see. He was an avid dog lover and spared no expense on his dog Molly.

Richard is survived by his loving wife Katie, and the pride and joy of his life, his son Parker. He is also survived by his sisters Sheila and Deborah Sutton and brother-in-law Chris Cannon, mother-in-law Mary Kuduk and father-in-law Daniel Kuduk, sisters-in law Alexandra Busse and Jordan Kuduk and brother-in-law Steve Busse along with nieces and nephews.

His spirit, laugh, and heart will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of his life on Sunday, August 11th, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Dublin Ranch Golf Course Clubhouse, 5900 Signal Hill Drive, Dublin, CA.

Contact: Dublin Ranch (925) 556-7040



PAID OBITUARY



MIKE SEDLAK

Expect Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks to be filled during the 125th Anniversary Celebration concert this evening.

Downtown is set for the party of the century (plus a quarter).

Pleasanton's 125th Anniversary Celebration — in honor of the quasicentennial of the city's incorporation — will kick off at 3 p.m. today, highlighted by a "Happy Birthday" sing-along and cake-cutting at 5 p.m., the unveiling of the Museum on Main's new exhibits on local history, and Public Eye rocking an extra long set for a special Concert in the Park in the evening.

"Having spent most my life in Pleasanton and seeing how much this community has grown over the years, I think this is the perfect time for our community to

gather and celebrate our wonderful hometown," said Laura Olson, the outgoing executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), which spearheaded organizing today's anniversary party.

"Our hope is that lifelong residents and new residents alike can come together and experience the true character of Pleasanton," Olson added.

The downtown celebration, set to run from 3-9 p.m. at Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks and surrounding streets, will culminate a summer of celebration in honor of the city's 125th anniversary.

The Pleasanton City Council got

the fun started on June 18 — the actual anniversary of the city's date of incorporation, June 18, 1894 — with a special recognition ceremony.

The scores of audience members in the council chamber heard a historical overview of the incorporation process from city recreation coordinator Mark Duncanson and remarks with commendations from Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and representatives on behalf of Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, State Sen. Steve Glazer and U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell.

Pleasanton teen musician Lauryn Hedges also gave a live performance of her original song "Our



PDA

Public Eye, shown at last year's Concert in the Park, will rock the stage for an extended set tonight during the 125th Anniversary Celebration.



JOHN A. BENSON PHOTOGRAPHY

The city of Pleasanton handed out pieces of these cakes at the City Council ceremony on June 18. A much larger cake is planned for the 125th Anniversary Celebration tonight.

Pleasanton

Anniversary celebration takes

By JEREMIAH

Home," a four-minute ode written in honor of the 125th anniversary whose harmony and lyrics embody her adoration for her hometown — and echo the sentiments expressed by many residents reflecting on the city's milestone. Hedges' chorus encapsulates:

*In Pleasanton
What a place to live
Oh, Pleasanton
It's where my heart is
Isn't the name so fitting?
For this place that we've seen grow
Now let's celebrate our home*

*Our home (hey!)
Now let's celebrate our home
Our home (hey!)
Home*

An original "Our Home" music video, complete with modern footage and historic images from around Pleasanton, is available on the city's website and on YouTube.

The city coordinated a series of special activities throughout the summer to recognize the anniversary.

This year's Pleasanton Public Library Summer Reading Game program, which wraps up with carnival-style games and activities outside the library today and tomorrow, has been themed "Reading Through the Years: Pleasanton Celebrates 125!"

The Firehouse Arts Center held "Coffee with the Curator" on June 25, an art demonstration with Heather Martin on July 10 and the new "Play Date Art Exhibition" opened this Thursday.

The activities continue even today, with the Pleasanton Senior Center presenting an anniversary social with games and refreshments from 12:30-2 p.m.

Also in the anniversary spirit, the downtown Museum on Main is reopening today after being closed since mid-June for building repairs and renovations to its permanent history gallery space in preparations for its new permanent exhibit, "Growing Pleasanton."

Representing the first facelift for the museum's permanent gallery space in nearly 20 years, "Growing Pleasanton" focuses on better ways to tell the stories and history of the community while allowing greater access to the collection's 3-D objects, images and archives, according to executive director Jim DeMersman.

A new temporary exhibit, "Pleasanton at 125," which also opens today at 10 a.m., aims to spotlight the city's evolution since incorporation-era issues like dusty streets



Built in 1914 on land donated by the Women's department, public library and council chamber, the building is now known as the Museum on Main.



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Street curbing was one of the town board's first priorities after incorporation, after ordinances for business licensing and public morals. In January 1895, they required Main Street property owners to install redwood-plank curbs. Shown: Ed Harold and a work crew install curbs on part of Main Street around 1895.

town turns 125

Looking over downtown today

BY WALSH

and stray livestock to more modern topics such as balancing rapid development with a high quality of life, DeMersman said.

The Pleasanton Police Department has even gotten in on the act, recreating historic city police photographs with modern officers and posting the images in a “then-and-now” format on social media.

But all of the special activities of the summer have served to lead up to today's 125th Anniversary Celebration, the marquee community event of the year for the city and PDA.

“Every day I have the privilege of representing a community I have called home for the last 43 years — a place where I raised my family and seen this city grow into the community of character it is today,” Mayor Jerry Thorne told the

Weekly.

“The 125th Anniversary Celebration on Aug. 2 is a wonderful opportunity for all those who appreciate Pleasanton to come together to honor our 125 years of history and celebrate our future,” he added. “It promises to be a spectacular time, and I encourage all to join in celebrating our first 125 years.”

The downtown celebration will run from 3-9 p.m. today, free for anyone to attend. Highlights include live entertainment, face painting, cornhole games with Pleasanton city staff and special discounts on to-go orders from participating downtown restaurants, according to the PDA.

Thorne and fellow City Council members will lead a “Happy Birthday” sing-along at 5 p.m., followed by cutting of the large birthday



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The Pleasanton City Council is joined by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (center) and representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley and State Sen. Steve Glazer at ceremony in June.

cake — with slices available for the first 500 guests. The first 1,000 people can receive a Meadowlark Dairy treat in a signature 125th anniversary cup.

Since the 125th Anniversary Celebration coincides with the PDA's weekly Concert in the Park, high-energy rock group Public Eye (a popular draw each year at the summer concert series) will play a longer set tonight, from 5:30-9 p.m., for concert-goers watching in Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks.

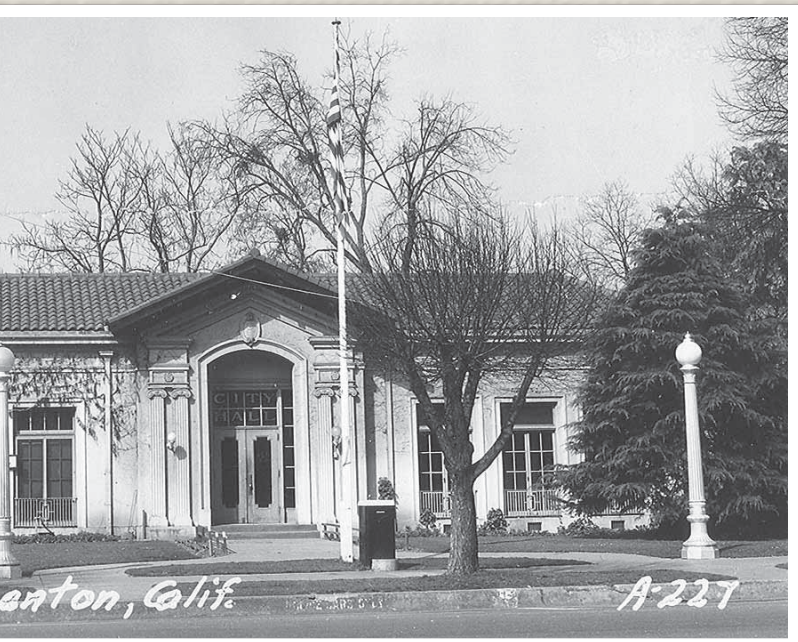
“The entire community is invited as we celebrate the history, heritage and hometown spirit of our incredible city,” said Tiffany Cadrette, the

PDA's incoming executive director. “We are honored to provide an opportunity for lifelong residents to come celebrate the city they know and love, while inviting our newer residents to come and discover more about this special place we all call home.”

Tonight's PDA showcase seeks to offer a festive commemoration for the whole Pleasanton community, but the celebration will also come with mixed emotions for Olson, who is stepping down as PDA executive director this weekend after nine years at the helm to relocate with her family from her hometown to Alabama.

Reflecting on her time in Pleasanton, Olson told the Weekly, “I used to ride my bike downtown, I walked home from Amador along Main Street, my first job out of college was on Main Street ... this place is part of who I am and I'm so grateful for my years in downtown.”

“As the economic development director for the city of Pleasanton, my mom was actively involved in the Centennial Celebration 25 years ago, so it feels very fitting that my last event in my position with the PDA is celebrating this next milestone for Pleasanton,” she added. ■



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Women's Improvement Club, this building was once Pleasanton's city hall, police station, and women's improvement club all in one. In 1984, it became the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Museum on Main.



CITY OF PLEASANTON

The Summer of Celebration included a “Coffee with the Curator” event at the Firehouse Arts Center, home to the Harrington Gallery.

Opinion

LETTERS

Support for Livermore vaping ordinance

Dear Editor,

As a Livermore resident, with two kids in our school district, I want to thank the Livermore City Council for adopting the ordinance regarding the sale of flavored tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

Having thought the battles against big tobacco targeting young people were fought and largely won decades ago, I was surprised to hear from my kids and the schools that vaping has become extremely popular among the kids.

This new generation of nicotine products is even more pernicious in their appeal to young people now than Joe Camel was back in the day: the kid-friendly flavors and sleek packaging lure young people to use it, and the nicotine hooks them.

As we should have learned long ago — nicotine is addictive, is poisonous to our kids and should not be marketed to young people. I applaud the Livermore City Council

for doing the right thing to protect our kids.

—Marla Kirby

Let's support the Pleasanton chamber and our business community

As a proud Pleasanton resident and board member of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, I would like to ask the residents of this great city to support and champion the chamber's member businesses.

The business directory of all the members can be found on the chamber's website (www.pleasanton.org) or by downloading the ChamberPlus smartphone app from your phone's App Store.

While on the chamber website, watch the recently completed video of interviews with chamber members highlighting their reasons for being active members. Membership renewal and new member numbers are at an all-time record for the year.

I encourage you to learn more about the chamber and how our members are supporting our strong and healthy community.

—Nathan Rearick

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

TAKE US ALONG



Friends at the beach: Aline Stewart and Linda Taylor Deike brought the Weekly with them to the Tropic of Cancer, Exuma Island, Bahamas. They have been friends since their sons (now 25) met at Sunshine Preschool in Pleasanton as 5-year-olds — and their younger daughters hit it off as well.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

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EUGENE O'NEILL FOUNDATION

Tao House blends Eugene O'Neill's interest in Eastern thought and wife Carlotta Monterey's love of Asian art with Spanish-style bricks.

Playwright in the hills

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

What Pulitzer prize-winning playwright lived in Danville?

Members of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, work hard to spread the word that O'Neill spent seven of his most productive years, 1937-44, living in the home he and wife Carlotta Monterey built in the Tassajara hills.

"I often speak at civic clubs, and oftentimes at least half of the audience will say they were previously unaware of Tao House," foundation president Dan McGovern said.

The 20th annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, which runs Aug. 24 to Sept. 29, is the perfect opportunity to explore Tao House and its grounds as well as the works of the famous playwright. The site is managed by the National Park Service, and visitors take a shuttle from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in

downtown Danville.

O'Neill (1888-1953) is the only American playwright awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature as well as four Pulitzer Prizes. He was among the first to use realism in his works with characters, often marginalized, who spoke in the vernacular. He also tackled controversial issues such as the power of the unconscious mind.

The O'Neills used his Nobel Prize award money of \$40,000 to purchase 158 acres in the west Danville hills and build their Tao House, blending his interest in Eastern thought and her love of Asian art with Spanish-style bricks.

In his study at Tao House, he wrote his greatest plays: "The Iceman Cometh," "Long Day's Journey into Night," "A Touch of the Poet" and "A Moon for the Misbegotten."

This year the Eugene O'Neill Festival is dubbed "Haunted Poets,"

Eugene O'Neill Festival, beginning Aug. 24, includes 'Long Day's Journey into Night'

presenting works by O'Neill and his contemporary Tennessee Williams, who both wrote plays to exorcise the demons of their pasts.

"Long Day's Journey into Night," directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes at the Old Barn theater at Tao House, is O'Neill's semi-autobiographical stage masterpiece about the turbulent "Tyrone family."

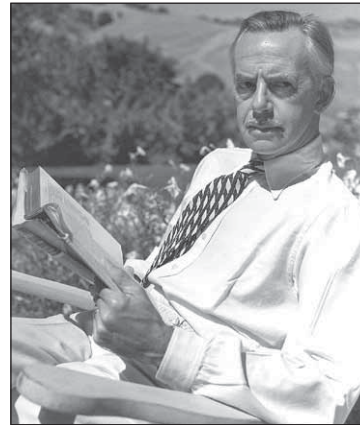
"Long Day's Journey" is still the best attended play at Tao House," McGovern said. "It is considered not only O'Neill's greatest play but by many people the greatest American play."

The festival is also presenting "The Glass Menagerie," an autobiographical play by Williams. Its characters are based on Williams' melodramatic mother and mentally fragile sister. This play will be presented at the Village Theatre in Danville and is directed by Chloe Bronzan.

A third play at the festival is "The Second Girl" by Irish-American playwright Ronan Noone. It is set in the kitchen of the Tyrone family on the same day in 1912 that "Long Day's Journey" takes place.

This work, also directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes, tells of the plight of all immigrants trying to make their way in a new world. It will play twice at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley; a playwright reception will be held at 6 p.m. on Aug. 24, before the evening performance.

"Second Girl" is quite interesting," McGovern said. "My wife Carolyn and I saw a performance in Galway, Ireland, two years ago."



EUGENE O'NEILL FOUNDATION

Playwright Eugene O'Neill on the grounds of Tao House in the west hills of Danville.

Last year the Eugene O'Neill Festival teamed up O'Neill enthusiasts in Ireland to present "One Festival, Two Countries." It began in Danville then continued in the Irish town of New Ross for its first celebration of the playwright, whose father James O'Neill set sail from there to America in 1847 at the age of 5.

The collaboration seems fitting, McGovern noted, because Eugene O'Neill stated: "The one thing that explains more than anything about me is the fact that I'm Irish."

"Eugene O'Neill's work is very popular in Ireland, especially his earlier works," McGovern said.

The New Ross celebration continues this year with the second annual O'Neill Festival of Theatre from Oct. 9-13, and McGovern is

co-chairman.

"We are taking our production of 'Long Day's Journey' to Ireland," he said.

The McGoverns are among O'Neill enthusiasts who travel the world to see plays and visit notable sites of the playwright. These include the old family home in New London, Conn., where they stayed when father James O'Neill had breaks in his lifelong career performing "The Count of Monte Cristo."

"Carolyn and I were fortunate enough to attend a production in that house a year ago," McGovern said. "The parlor is really quite small so there were only about 22 in the audience."

The Old Barn at Tao House seats 95, making for another intimate experience.

To learn more about the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House programs, the playwright and the festival, visit www.eugeneoneill.org or call 838-0249.

McGovern noted that the Danville Town Council is supportive of the foundation as members work to preserve and herald the treasure in the hills.

"I make every effort to meet everybody who attends one of the festival performances, and I am delighted to find every so often folks who say they've always intended to come and at last they have," McGovern said. ■

20th annual Eugene O'Neill Festival

On the stage

- "Long Day's Journey into Night" by Eugene O'Neill, Old Barn, Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Thursdays-Sundays, Sept. 14-29; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; evening performances at 7:30 p.m.; \$40.

Picnic meals from Sideboard available for \$25, reservations required. Everyone is driven by shuttle from Museum of the San Ramon Valley to the Tao House, with early shuttles for picnickers and the chance to tour Tao House.

- "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville, Fridays-Sundays, Aug. 30-Sept. 15; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; evening performances at 8 p.m.; \$25-\$35.

- "The Second Girl" by Ronan Noone, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville; 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25; \$15-\$25. Meet the Playwright reception at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

Tickets for all shows: www.villagetheatreshows.com or call 314-3400

Other festival events

- Concert: Irish soprano Clodagh Kinsella and pianist Keith Stears,

"Irish Airs and Arias," Village Theatre; 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5; \$25.

• S.S. Glencairn trilogy of sea plays by Eugene O'Neill, performed by Irish actors aboard the S.S. Balclutha at San Francisco National Maritime Historical Park, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Tickets and information: www.maritime.org.

Festival previews

- Rakestraw Books, 3 Railroad Ave., Danville; 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, Director Eric Fraisher Hayes and Dramaturg William Davies King discuss "Long Day's Journey"
- Lafayette Public Library; 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13.
- Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco; 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15.
- Danville Public Library, 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 19.

Free events

- Hills of Solace: Annual Hike to Tao House, 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 8. Meet at Front Street Park across from the library. Reservations recommended.
- Secrets of O'Neill's Danville: History Walk, 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21. Led by Beverly Lane, past president of Eugene O'Neill Foundation. Starts at Front Street Park.



EUGENE O'NEILL FOUNDATION

Actors (from left) Ryan Hayes, Kevin Copps, Carole Swann and Ben Elie, who star in "A Long Day's Journey into Night," pose in the Tao House study where Eugene O'Neill wrote the masterpiece.

'Nostalgic Niles'

Historic train ride leads to museums next weekend

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Niles Canyon Railway is joining with the Essanay Silent Film Museum and the Niles Depot Museum next weekend to present "Nostalgic Niles," a chance to learn more about the colorful past of this historic area, now part of Fremont.

"We have put together an amazing program for just that weekend of short films and silent films, matching our train schedule," Niles Canyon Railway board member Gail Hedberg said.

Niles Canyon Railway is operated by the nonprofit Pacific Locomotive Association, which began rebuilding the line in 1987 and now runs vintage steam trains between Sunol and Niles each Sunday.

May marked the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, when the golden spike completed the country's rail system at Promontory

Summit, Utah.

In September 1869, four months after the famous spike ceremony in Utah, the first train traveled the stretch from Sacramento to the pier at Alameda, said Henry Baum, president of the Pacific Locomotive Association. The 20 miles of track through Niles Canyon had been completed by 1866, and it was sold to the Central Pacific Railroad.

"The train went over the Altamont Pass and through the Niles Canyon," Baum said. "That made it the first train able to go all the way on the Transcontinental Railroad."

The Niles Canyon Railway started holding special monthly events in May to mark the historic anniversary, Hedberg said, and Aug. 9-11 will be "Nostalgic Niles" with trains running that Saturday and Sunday, and buses traveling between Niles train station and downtown museums. The Pacific Bus Museum also will have

restored historic buses on display.

From 1912-16, Niles was a hub for making silent movies, and Essanay Film Manufacturing Co., based in Chicago, had a back lot at the western mouth of Niles Canyon. The main streets of Niles and the canyon were the setting for many cowboy adventures as well as "The Tramp" starring Charlie Chaplin.

The Essanay Silent Film Museum is a repository of artifacts from the era as well as a theater where fans can enjoy early works in the same place where Chaplin and Broncho Billy Anderson saw themselves on the screen.

Cost of the round-trip train ride is \$20 for adults; \$15, seniors; and \$10 for children 3-12. During "Nostalgic Niles," an additional \$10 will buy a wristband that includes the bus ride in Niles to the museums and admission to the movies.

"And if someone has no interest in seeing any of the silent films or investigating the Niles Railway Museum, the town has amazing shops and places to eat," Hedberg said.



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"Nostalgic Niles" next weekend is a chance to ride the historic Niles Canyon Railway to the Niles district and take a bus to the Essanay Silent Film Museum to enjoy old movies.

"It's a nice place to visit."

The weekend of railroad-themed movies kicks off at 7:30 p.m. next Friday (Aug. 9) with a presentation by Baum, who will discuss the history of the railways between Sacramento and Oakland/San Francisco, followed by three silent films.

For the weekend film schedule, go to nilesfilmmuseum.org. For information about train schedules

and boarding locations, visit ncry.org.

The latest project of Niles Canyon Railway volunteers has been laying tracks from Sunol to Pleasanton that will eventually end up at Bernal Avenue near Main Street, Baum noted.

"Hopefully by the end of the year, we can be past Happy Valley Road," he said. ■



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Celebrating the '60s

The Family Stone will bring the sound and sense of the '60s to the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m. this Saturday night, celebrating the hits of Sly and the Family Stone nearly 50 years to the day that they appeared at Woodstock. Hits included "Everyday People" and "Dance to the Music" but the group is also praised for being the first mixed-race, mixed-gender, mainstream band in rock 'n' roll history. Remaining tickets are \$35. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Opera announces 2019-20 season

For first time, women will direct the operas

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Opera has announced its 28th season for 2019-20, two fully staged operas directed for the first time by women.

Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin" will open the season Sept. 28, running through Oct. 6, directed by Candace Evans. She was the stage director for the 2015 production of "Lucia de Lammermoor."

This best-loved opera by Tchaikovsky is based on Alexander Pushkin's human verse drama.

"This is a beautiful opera about love denied, unfulfilled and love lost, set to Tchaikovsky's best music," Livermore Valley Opera's artistic director Erie Mills said. "This opera requires a powerful cast, and LVO's cast is wonderful."

A double bill will be offered March 7-15 — Zemlinsky's "A Florentine Tragedy" and Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" — with Layna Chianakas directing. She sang the role of Rosina in "Barber of Seville" in 2008, and she will sing the role of the nurse,



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Candace Evans

Filipievna, in "Eugene Onegin."

This double bill is the West Coast premiere of a fully staged production of "A Florentine Tragedy," as well as its pairing with "Gianni Schicchi," a comedy. Both are set in Florence, both were composed in 1917, and both are based on fragmentary tales by two literary giants: Oscar Wilde in the first case, Dante Alighieri in the second.

"We are very excited to premiere these operas," Mills said.

The Livermore Valley Opera performs at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. Tickets for the operas range from \$20-\$90. New ticket pricing is \$20 for ages 20 and under; and \$40 for ages 40 and under. Ticket price includes pre-opera talks and artists' reception in the lobby after each performance.

Opening night gala tickets are separate, for \$95. Visit www.LVO.com for tickets or more information, or call the Bankhead ticket office at 373-6800. ■



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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill football finds preseason practice field; start of season is another story

Also: Triton Water Polo finishes great summer with title

One thing I have learned over the years as a writer is if you are going to criticize or call out organizations in the paper, then when there is credit due, you must point that out as well.

A couple of weeks back I wrote about how the Foothill High football teams were going to have a problem finding a place to practice as their field is being replaced. The team doesn't have much space at the school, and when they asked to use the beautiful fields at the Patelco complex off Bernal, they were denied by the city.

Since then the city met with the Pleasanton Unified School District and an agreement was reached for Foothill to use the Patelco fields for a few weeks, thus giving the three Foothill teams a chance to use high-quality fields while their field is finally getting redone.

A big "well done" to both the city and PUSD for agreeing on something beneficial to a large group of Pleasanton student-athletes!

But all is not shiny on the field replacement.

Originally scheduled to start June 1, the project finally was begun on July 29 (we hope).

The schedule I was provided on July 28 lists the completion date as Aug. 29. That is one week after the first scheduled home game for the Falcons and the day before their second scheduled home game.

Best case scenario has Foothill losing one home game — and the revenue that comes with it, something sorely needed in this day of zero district support.

Worst case? Possibly the second home game as well, if there is even a one-day delay. Given that the project is just about two months behind, the smart money would go with another lost home game.

This isn't just the football team that suffers from the lack of revenue, as other sports programs at the school staff the snack bar during the games to help raise money for their financially strapped

programs.

Now we are looking at least two revenue-generating games going out the window.

Foothill coach Greg Haubner has already checked with San Leandro (opening night) and Heritage (game two) about changing the locations of the first two games. Justifiably at this point, Haubner is not optimistic about getting the home game with Heritage.

It's been a tough summer for the Foothill program as due to the original construction start date of June 1, Haubner was forced to schedule summer passing league games on the road (could have been played at Foothill with all the delays). He was also forced to cancel the Foothill summer youth football clinics as well — also something that could have been held if they knew the replacing of the field was going to start two months late.

Here's hoping things go smoother quickly for all the young men in the program.

Triton Water Polo

The new Triton Water Polo Club under-18 boys team ended its inaugural season by winning the Bronze Division championship on July 23 at the Junior Olympics in Orange County.

With players from both Amador Valley and Foothill, the Tri-Valley Tritons beat Carlsbad 9-7 in the championship game and finished the tournament with an overall 8-2 record.

The Tritons' weekend started off with two tough losses on the Saturday, one of which ended in a shootout. Then the team went on to win eight consecutive games on their way to the championship, playing against opponents from Nevada, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Texas and California.

The Junior Olympics celebrated its 50th year of existence and is the largest youth water polo event in the country, with 500 teams earning their spots through

a highly competitive qualifying tournament in June.

Registration for the Triton Water Polo Club winter season will open on Sept. 14 for boys U12, U14, U16 and U18 age groups. Information about the Triton Water Polo Club can be found at www.tritonwaterpolo.com. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.

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From 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2 at Delucchi Park on First Street, celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the City of Pleasanton. Public Eye will be rocking the Concert in the Park stage from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with high energy rock and roll hits. Sponsor booths and fun activities will bring the entire community together to commemorate our wonderful city's history, heritage and hometown spirit

GEORGE, THE CONCERT At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave., Nick Bold brings his passion for "the quiet Beatle", George Harrison, to a new level in a tour-de-force performance. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 to \$30 and are available at firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the center Box Office.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS: KAREN MARGUTH
At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 at Inklings, 530 Main St., a new chapter will begin with the first concert under the new promotion. The guest artist is vocalist Karen Marguth, who will be joined by John Burr (piano), Matt Finders (bass), and Kelly Fasman (drums).

Family

FAMILY CAMP-OUT AT SCHAEFER RANCH PARK From 3 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Aug. 3 to Aug. 4, at 9595 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, join us for a camp-out in our backyard. A variety of games and activities are planned, including a campfire, entertainment, arts and crafts, active group games and of course, s'mores. Campers must bring a tent and sleeping bags.

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE At 10 a.m. on Aug. 10, at 6754 Bernal Ave., join us for a bike ride to explore Dublin and Pleasanton

on two wheels. This will be an easy-paced 11-mile ride open to all skill levels, using multi-use trails and bike lanes in both cities. Helmets, signed waiver release and a properly working bike are required. Visit mikesbikes.com for an online waiver. Youth ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Tricycles and bicycles with training wheels are not eligible for the ride. Recommended age is 10 and up.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 6, at the Valley Trails Neighborhood, 3350 Hopyard Road, celebrate community unity at a National Night Out BBQ, sponsored by St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Chabad of the Tri-Valley, and Lynnewood Methodist Church. There will be fun activities for the whole family, hot dogs, hamburgers, and kosher food supplied by the hosts. Bring a side dish to share.

Lessons & Classes

SEMINAR: IT COULD HAPPEN TODAY
At 12 p.m. on Aug. 8 at the Pleasanton Chamber, 777 Peters Ave., this free educational seminar is about earthquake insurance and preparing your home for an earthquake. Learn about financial incentives for retrofitting. Send your RSVP to arya.wong1@farmersagency.com.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SERIES
Livermore Indivisible invites the community to join Aug. 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the Livermore Civic Center Library Community Rooms, 1188 South Livermore Ave. Featured speaker Cheryl Cook-Kallio, state coordinator of We the People/

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/E. SCHOLZ

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No competition here ... Adam Levine is the clear winner in Kitty City! This 4-month-old kitten is ready to rock. He'll bring his star power to your home and delight you with his performances. Don't leave this kitten marooned for long. Meet Adam Levine at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656 for more information.

Project Citizen, will discuss the constitutional separation of powers. Bring your questions for a lively Q&A. \$5 donation (optional) requested. Contact Mary, marykontrary@yahoo.com, or visit livermoreindivisible@gmail.com for more information.

each of the three Pleasanton high schools and Cal Poly SLO with annual study abroad scholarships.

Religion & Spirituality

BIBLE ADVENTURE DAY From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Aug. 9 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., "Come and Help Us Build A Land Where We All Can Live" is the theme of our 2019 Bible Adventure Day. Children who are 4 years old through entering 5th grade can join in this day long celebration of creativity, Bible-learning and building with tools, hands and hearts. Contact Office@lynnewood.org or call 596-0353 for more information or to register. A \$15 registration fee includes lunch. Children may also opt to participate from 9 a.m. to noon only.

Sports

5TH ANNUAL MATTHEW YOUNT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 3-STICK GOLF TOURNAMENT On Aug. 9, the 5th Annual Matthew Yount Memorial Scholarship 3-Stick Golf Tournament, hosted by the Pleasanton Lions Club, will be held at the Pleasanton Golf Center, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Check in is at 2:30 p.m. and Shotgun start is at 3 p.m. Golf will be followed by a barbecue dinner from Cabana Dave's, beverages, raffle and a silent auction. The cost for golf is \$85 per person, which includes golf, beverage and dinner. The student price is \$50, and the dinner only price is \$40. Proceeds benefit

Volunteers

FREE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC
From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, get help in getting a domestic violence restraining order. Tri-Valley Haven staff and volunteers will assist you in completing the forms and documentation needed to petition the family court for a protective order. No appointment is necessary, just drop-in. This is a free, confidential service. For more information about the services provided, please call Tri-Valley Haven at 449-5847 ext. 2606.

HOPE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS
Learn more about the rewards of becoming a Hope Hospice volunteer at one of our one-hour informational meetings at 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. The next dates are Aug. 7 and Sept. 4, and you can choose from either 3:30 or 5:45 p.m. Patient needs have grown significantly in recent months, and we'd love to have your help. Send questions or your meeting RSVP to Nikki Tildesley at 829-8770 or nikit@hopehospice.com.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Brava Garden Eatery
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560515
The following person doing business as: Brava Garden Eatery, 724 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nose Head LLC, 824 Camelback Place, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. This business is conducted by Nose Head LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 21, 2019. Signature of Registrant: German A. Lopez, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 21, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 2019).

Givin' is Livin'
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 561260
The following person doing business as: Givin' is Livin', 3123 Central Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Givin' is Livin' Foundation, 3123 Central Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Givin' is Livin' Foundation, a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 12, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Trisha Shah, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2019).

Heartfelt Spaces
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 561325
The following person doing business as: Heartfelt Spaces, 18400 Cotton Court, Castro Valley, CA 94552, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nancy Costa, 18400 Cotton Court, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by Nancy Costa, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Nancy Costa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019).

O&L Professional Detailers Dublin
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 561523
The following person(s) doing business as: O&L Professional Detailers Dublin, 6405 Golden Gate Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Omar Villasenor, 3767 Vineyard Avenue, #19, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Juan Carlos Villasenor, 3596 Utah Street, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Co-partners. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 22, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Omar Villasenor, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 24, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 2, 9, 16, 23).

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG19025541 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Venkata Lakshmi Peddada-West filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: Venkata Lakshmi Peddada-West to Bhoomika Jaji. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: August 30, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, 3rd Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2019. Wynne S. Carvill JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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LIVERMORE

3982 Stanford Way	\$689,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Marti Gilbert	3 BD/1 BA 216.4063
2455 Wood Hollow Dr	\$1,599,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties	4 BD/4 BA 519.8226/980.0273
2238 Vintage Ln	\$1,649,000
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland	5 BD/4 BA 846.6500

PLEASANTON

1401 Elliot Cr	\$849,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire	2 BD/2 BA 462.7653
186 Junipero St	\$835,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties	2 BD/2 BA 519.8226/980.0273
7761 Applewood Way	\$1,080,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson	3 BD/2.5 BA 359.9606
1510 Calle Enrique	\$748,000
Sat 2-4 Cindy Gee	3 BD/2 BA 963.1984
875 Bonde Ct	\$1,299,888
Sun 2-5 Sylvia Desin	4 BD/2 BA 413.1912
6397 Calle Altamira	\$1,149,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire	4 BD/2.5 BA 462.7653
4472 Comanche Way	\$729,500
Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland	4 BD/2.5 BA 846.6500
6095 Corte Calera	\$1,195,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Al Zielske	4 BD/2 BA 998.2201
4197 Cristobal Way	\$960,000
Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley	4 BD/2 BA 519.9080

1577 Harvest Rd	\$990,000
Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley	4 BD/2 BA 519.9080
1018 Via Di Salerno	\$2,490,888
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties	4 BD/3.5 BA 519.8226/980.0273
1251 Vintner Way	\$1,189,000
Sat 1-4 Kris Moxley	4 BD/2 BA 519.9080
2654 Willowren Way	\$1,198,000
Sun 1-4 Cina Piper	4 BD/2.5 BA 200.0202
3427 Byron Ct	\$1,235,000
Sat 1-4 Joyce Jones	5 BD/2.5 BA 998.3398
1915 Foxswallow Cr	\$1,340,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley	5 BD/3 BA 519.9080
53 Golf Rd	\$2,150,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Cina Piper	5 BD/3.5 BA 200.0202
8213 Regency Dr	\$2,499,999
Sun 2-4:30 Cindy Gee	5 BD/3.5 BA 963.1984
5756 Dalton Creek Way	\$1,998,888
Sun 1-4 Mark Lafferty	6 BD/4 BA 216.6203
1535 Rubino Ct	\$3,698,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties	6 BD/6.5 BA 519.8226/980.0273
900 Sycamore Rd	\$2,948,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties	6 BD/7 BA 519.8226/980.0273

SAN RAMON

1129 Rosamund Dr	\$1,700,000
Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee	4 BD/4.5 BA 963.1984

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 17-28)

Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$460,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,000,000
Average sales reported: \$1,198,000

Dublin (June 17-28)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$525,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,974,000
Average sales reported: \$993,000

Livermore (June 17-28)

Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$218,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,450,000
Average sales reported: \$800,000

San Ramon (June 17-28)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$456,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,600,000
Average sales reported: \$1,075,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 17-28.

Pleasanton

- 6415 Amber Lane** M. & A. Ferreri to R. Stramler for \$1,337,500
- 9455 Blessing Drive** Sousa Family Trust to Jimenez Living Trust for \$2,100,000
- 1909 Brooktree Way** H. & T. Halter to J. & S. Dash for \$1,201,000
- 7750 Canyon Meadow Circle #E** Zupan Living Trust to D. Ho for \$460,000
- 6878 Corte Sonada** L. & C. Heffernan to H. & T. Halter for \$1,445,000
- 4264 Dorman Road** Cain Family Trust to P. & A. Aeimula for \$1,000,000
- 3681 Dunsmuir Circle** C. & R. Swift to K. & M. Fasheh for \$1,200,000
- 3980 Fairlands Drive** C. & D. Olson to D. & K. Patel for \$1,127,000
- 2910 Garden Creek Circle** A. Agarwal to D. & S. Jayaraman for \$905,000

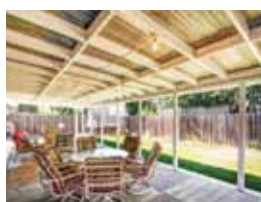
- 2533 Glen Isle Avenue** M. & R. Gupta to Jain Living Trust for \$1,053,000
- 2198 Goldcrest Circle** P. Potap to S. & H. Tsang for \$880,000
- 4229 Holland Drive** Privari Living Trust to M. & P. Odonnell for \$925,000
- 1479 Irongate Drive** E. & M. Jenkins to B. & A. Khare for \$1,830,000
- 267 Junipero Street** J. Brewer to P. & J. Madson for \$1,140,000
- 2517 Leona Place** B. Ni to M. & D. Feldsine for \$1,945,000
- 4002 Nice Court** Winterbottom Trust to D. Day for \$690,000
- 3545 Norton Way** J. Steed to P. Krishnan for \$625,000
- 198 Peters Avenue #D** Daggett Family Trust to D. Deichler for \$530,000
- 1217 Piemonte Drive** S. & C. Kim to X. & Y. Xu for \$2,250,000

Source: California REsource

Wonderfully Updated Charmer!



OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



3982 Stanford Way
\$689,000

Super cute, remodeled throughout. Kitchen, bath and floors. Remodeled in the last 2 years. Kitchen is updated with granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, built-ins and wood plank floors. A slider to front courtyard from kitchen eating area provides natural light. The backyard offers an expansive overhang and patio for outdoor entertaining. Bring your first time homebuyers, downsizers or investors. This property is for everyone!

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Open House: Sat., Aug. 3 & Sun., Aug. 4 1-4pm



6095 Corte Calera, Pleasanton

- Located in Del Prado, central Pleasanton, court location
- Clean and neat 4 bedroom 2 bath with new A/C and furnace
- New stucco, paint, and fence
- A massive backyard at 16,000 sqft that includes: side yard access for RV or boat, large concrete patio for bikes & scooters; large grass area for pets
- The Bernal freeway exit to 680 is less than a mile away
- Desirably located near downtown Pleasanton, Alameda county fairgrounds, and sports park
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6397 Calle Altamira, Pleasanton
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1,956± SqFt | 7,981± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,149,000



NEW PRICE

2341 Greenberry Court, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,894± SqFt | 7,208± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,129,000



2373 Sandpiper Way, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,736± SqFt | 7,114± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,139,000



1715 Beachwood Way, Pleasanton
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 2,087± SqFt | 7,500± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,319,000



5099 Monaco Drive, Pleasanton
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 2,985± SqFt | 10,010± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,528,000



1471 Maple Leaf Court, Pleasanton
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 2,788± SqFt | 7,800± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,589,000



PENDING

3836 Appian Street, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1,726± SqFt | 3,636± SqFt lot
Offered at \$1,089,000



SOLD \$24K OVER ASKING

5130 Genovesio Drive, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1,624± SqFt | 3,550± SqFt lot
Sold for \$1,122,000



SOLD

1832 Zenato Place, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 3,039± SqFt | 18,146± SqFt lot
Sold for \$1,900,000



SOLD \$11K OVER ASKING

5982 Via Del Cielo, Pleasanton
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 3,200± SqFt | 11,210± SqFt lot
Sold for \$1,630,000



SOLD

39 Silver Oaks Court, Pleasanton
5 Bed | 6.5 Bath | 6,400± SqFt | 4-car garage
Sold for \$4,150,000

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Active



1759 Spumante Place, Ruby Hill
5 Bed | 4.5 Bath | 6,403 Sq Ft | 0.54 Acres
\$3,248,888

Pending



2550 Jolene Court, Pleasanton
5 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 3,650 Sq Ft | 0.46 Acres |
\$1,992,550

Listed & Sold



301 Kalthoff Common, Ruby Hill Vineyard Estates
Represented Buyer & Seller | \$3,688,888

Listed & Sold



1841 Spumante Place, Ruby Hill
Represented Buyer & Seller | \$2,725,000

More Sold Properties

- 1695 Germano Way, Pleasanton | SP: \$2,835,000
- 4630 Lilac Ridge Road, San Ramon | SP: \$2,300,000
- 203 Vallecitos Road, Livermore | SP: \$1,738,000
- 2285 Brandini Drive, Dublin | SP: \$1,455,000
- 5579 Carnegie Loop, Livermore | SP: \$1,350,000
- 1796 Beachwood Way, Pleasanton | SP: \$1,260,000
- 701 Hollyview Court, San Ramon | SP: \$1,200,000



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Marjorie Wallace

4304 W Ruby Hill Drive – Pleasanton – \$2,799,000
Spectacular home in Ruby Hill with breathtaking panoramic views of Mt. Diablo, vineyards and the hills. This home is a must see! Recently completed updating including, new Master bathroom featuring over-sized shower with designer custom tiles & fixtures, & dream walk-in closet with custom cabinetry. This beautiful home embodies the Ruby Hill Lifestyle!



Open House Sun 2-4:30

Cindy Gee

8213 Regency Drive – Pleasanton – \$2,499,999
Resort Style Living at its best! This home has the most expansive great room with an incredible remodeled Gourmet Kitchen with Granite tops. This 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath features the Master downstairs with views of the Pleasanton Ridge and the lovely yard, sitting area, and cozy fireplace. Close to BART, shopping, award winning schools, Historic downtown Pleasanton.



Open House Sat & Sun 1-4

Gina Piper

53 Golf Road – Pleasanton – \$2,150,000
Gorgeous & meticulously maintained home nestled on one of Castlewood's most desired streets. The unique floor plan features three bedrooms & a Jack-and-Jill style bathroom on the ground floor. The spacious master feels like a private sanctuary & includes a luxurious bathroom with dual vanities, & an oversized walk-in shower. Short drive to historic downtown Pleasanton, 580, & 680.



Open House Sun 1-4

Gina Piper

2654 Willowren Way – Pleasanton – \$1,198,000
Beautiful home nestled in Pleasanton's highly desired Birdland neighborhood featuring an open & bright floor plan flooded with an abundance of natural light. The spacious kitchen features stone counters w/ stainless appliances. The convenient location is great for commuters & easy access to highways 580 & 680, BART and the ACE Train station.



Open House Sat & Sun 1-4

Al Zielske

6095 Corte Calera – Pleasanton – \$1,195,000
Great Del Prado central Pleasanton court location! This updated 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home with new Air Conditioning and Heating units, new exterior stucco, paint and fences around the property. This home has a massive backyard, 16,000 Sq.Ft. that includes large side yard access for RV or boat, large concrete patio & large grass area!



Open House Sat 2-4

Cindy Gee

1510 Calle Enrique – Pleasanton – \$748,000
Gorgeous upgraded executive townhouse Downtown Pleasanton! Gourmet kitchen including stainless appliances, granite, & laminate floors. This charming 3-bedroom, 2 bath home freshly updated with new carpet, new paint, updated bathrooms, charming private patio/ yard., features an upstairs master suite with a large closet. Close to Historic downtown Pleasanton!



John Manos

7110 Cross Creek Circle – Dublin – \$580,000
This charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath ground floor condo features all newer wood style floors throughout, new interior paint, updated kitchen with newer cabinets, stone counter tops, and stainless steel appliances. Both bathrooms have been updated with all new shower over tub enclosures and new wood style floors. All this close by schools K-12, I-580/608, two BART stations & more!



Rosie Yandell

2569 San Leandro Blvd – San Leandro – \$419,888
Tucked in the back of the complex, this lovely end unit is light & bright and has 2 patios, one of which has been professionally designed! Entry leads to a gracious living room with a fireplace and slider out to front patio. The master bedroom is spacious and also has a slider leading to the lovely rear patio/garden. This home is in a great location – easy access to 880 or 580 and close to BART.

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PLEASANTON HILLS



4 BD | 3 BA | 3,000 SF

CALL FOR SHOWING

Desirable Large "Harrington" Model in Pleasanton Hills. Walk to Downtown! Solar Powered Home (No Lease Payments), New Attic Insulation installed 2018, Newer HVAC installed 2018, Four Bedrooms, Three Bathrooms with Approximately 3,000 Square Feet. Large Private Rear Yard with In-Ground Pool. Remodeled Kitchen. New Carpet, Newer Wood Flooring, Some Plantation Shutters, New Interior & Exterior Paint, New Electrical Outlets, Light Switches/Fixtures, and Door Hardware. Great Schools Nearby, Commute Friendly, Neighborhood Park, Plus Direct Neighborhood Access to Mission Park, Possible 5th Bedroom Option. Call The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group for a Private Showing.

2238 VINTAGE LANE, LIVERMORE



5 BD | 4 BA | 4,137 SF

OFFERED AT \$1,649,000

Country Style Farmhouse Style Home on Premium Estate Lot! This Spectacular Custom Home is a Hidden Treasure and Truly a Must See! Enjoy Reading, Sipping a Cup of Tea or a Glass of Your Favorite Livermore Valley Wine in the Swing on Your Own Covered Front Porch. Amazing Private Grounds with Beautiful Landscaped Areas, Mature Trees, Vegetable Planter Box Area, Lawn Area, Built-In Pool, Spa, Waterfall, Outdoor Kitchen BBQ Area with Cozy Fireplace. This Home has Character and Welcomes You in with a Gracious Entryway, and Adjacent Formal Living and Dining Rooms. High Ceilings, Wainscoting, and Window Seats. Open Kitchen Includes Walk-In Pantry, Center Island and Breakfast Bar. Adjacent Family Room Has Built-In Cabinets, Gas Fireplace, and French Doors to Rear Grounds.

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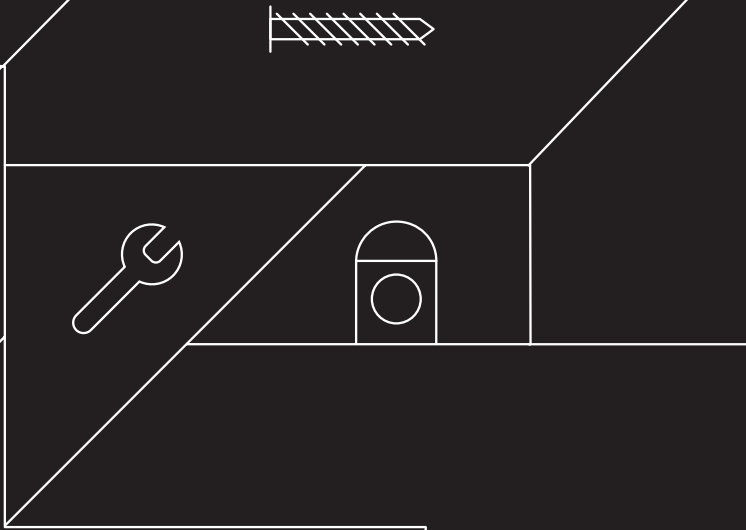
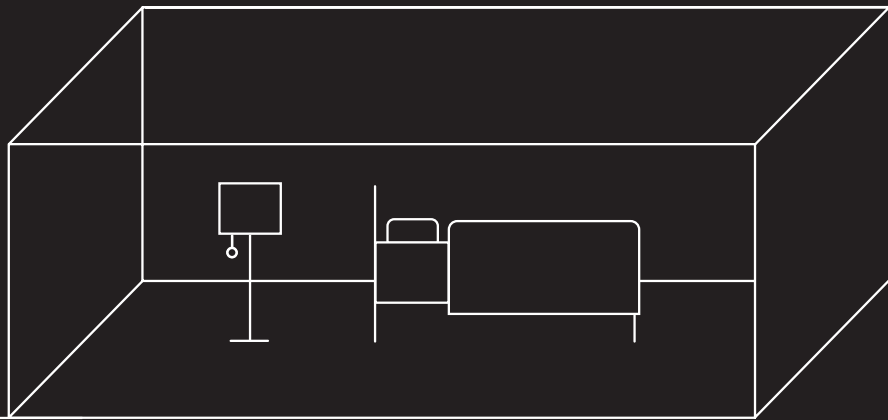


4 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,474 SF

OFFERED AT \$729,500

Upgraded Townhome in Premium Location within the "Las Positas Townhomes Community". New Granite Kitchen Countertops. Remodeled Bathrooms, Upgraded Dual Pane Windows, Crown Molding, New Doors & Door Hardware, Upgraded Baseboards. Easy to show and staged! Adjacent to and Looks Out Over Large Greenbelt Area with Mature Trees & Playground! Located Away from and off Busy Streets. Convenient Location for Schools, Grocery Shopping, Access to 580, 680 and the BART Station. Low HOA Dues of only \$285 include Water/Sewer, Common Area Maintenance, Exterior Maintenance, Insurance, Greenbelt & Playground!

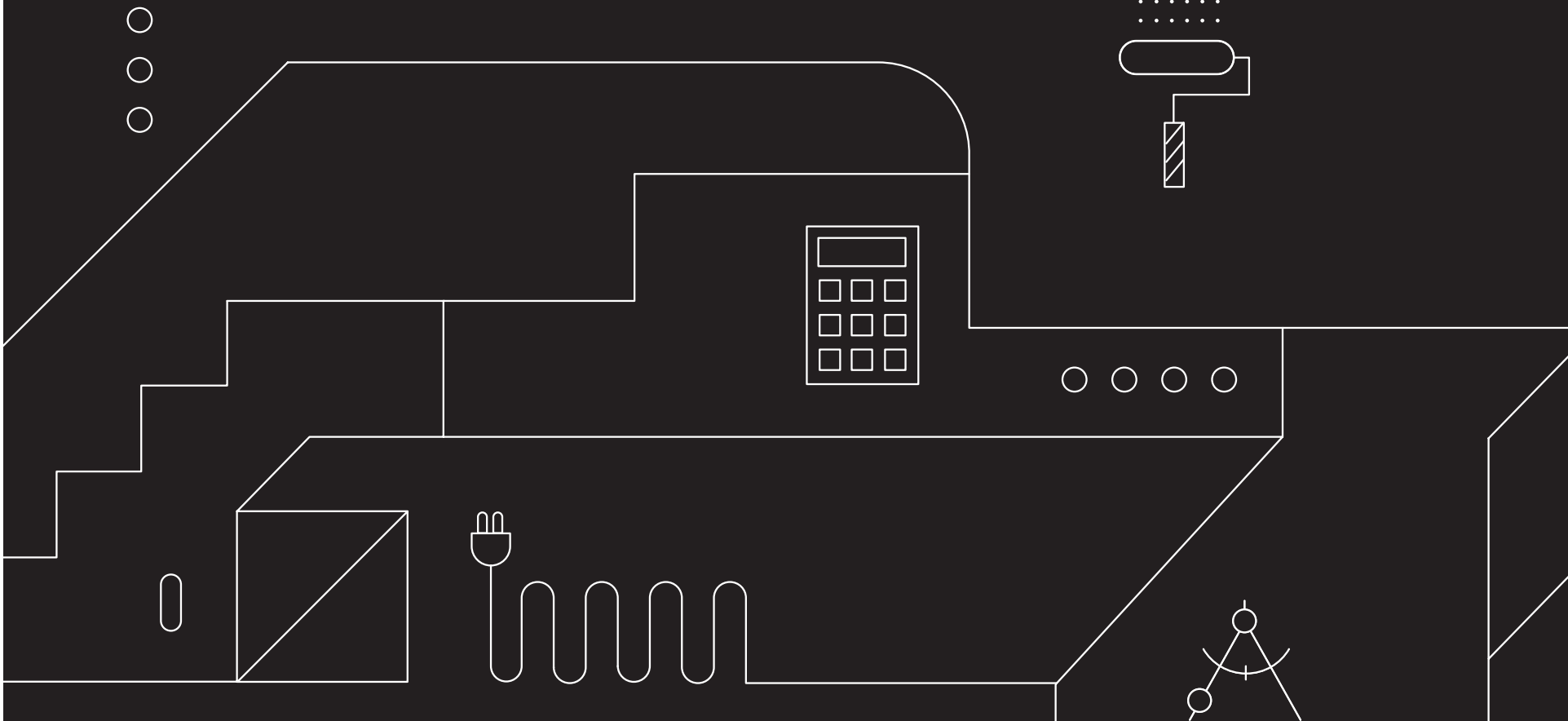
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