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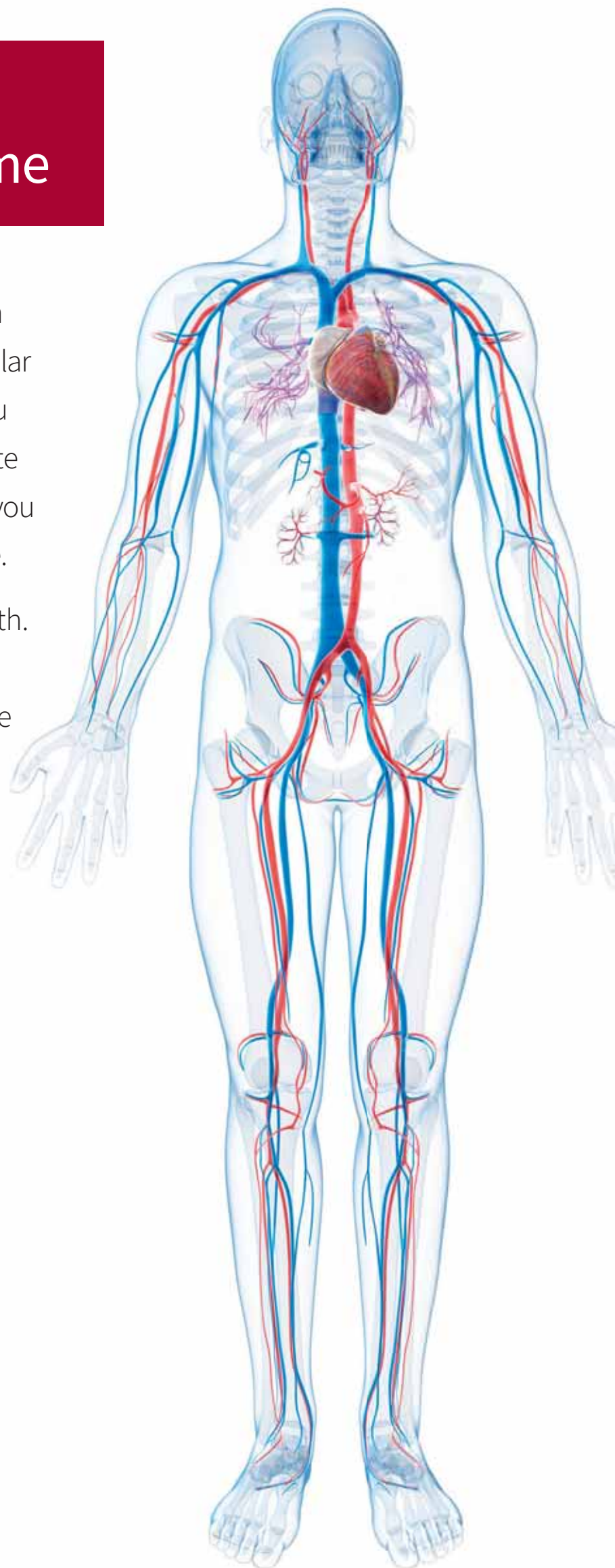
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# VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

## 'King Lear' — a gift when we need it

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's current production of "King Lear" beckoned to me since I wrote a story about it in July. The performances are being done live online to replace the Free Shakespeare in the Park that comes to Pleasanton each summer.

This year, actors perform alone in their own homes, captured on individual computers, and master techie Neal Ormond combines them on the sets as the action unfolds. I tuned in to see if, in my humble opinion, it works. Wow, does it!

Unfamiliar with "King Lear," I first looked up a synopsis. Such family dysfunction and political strife! Such blood and gore!

SF Shakes decided on "King Lear" before the pandemic began, but it turned out to be an eerily apt choice. Shakespeare composed the play in 1606 as he sheltered from a deadly plague ravaging London. Plus it is the tragedy of a nation disrupted by a vain and aging leader.

From past performances at Amador Valley Community Park, I knew SF Shakes has a delightful knack for adding modern tweaks to the 400-year-old plays. This time, brief news updates were heard via cellphone — Black Lives Matter protests, storms brewing — which made the themes current but without interfering with the Bard's text.

The pacing was excellent, marching forward without sacrificing emotion. And it had the immediacy of live performance — which, of course, it was. The production includes rich sets and costumes, until the scene changes to flat, bleak battle camps at the end.

The racially- and gender-inclusive cast is reflective of society today, and Jessica Powell as King Lear did a remarkable job capturing the conflict of being both king and mother. The 13 actors really understand and convey the emotion behind Shakespeare's language.

Their interaction was mesmerizing when I thought about each performing in whatever space they'd designated in their own homes. It was easy to forget they were not together onstage, as my mind flitted between the unfolding drama and the logistics of the production.

In Act III, because the Earl of Gloucester, played by Phil Lowery, needs to be tied up, his wife was recruited for the bit part. Also

fascinating was the sleight of hand used in Act V to pass a piece of paper from one character to another.

An ongoing chat feature enhanced my viewing as SF Shakes gave a running commentary. When someone commented on the excellence of the audio, SF Shakes responded: "The audio is crucial bc the actors depend on sound cues since they can't see each other."

I learned cast members do their own lighting, using instruments provided by SF Shakes as well as what they had at home. The actors also do their own makeup after getting private tutorials by a professional makeup artist.

The weapons were designed for the stage but were still considered weapons for shipping purposes, which meant special charges. Even knowing the knives were blunt, I was on the edge of my seat during the knife fight in Act V — I knew they were actually "fighting" shadows in their own separate homes but nothing was beyond this troupe.

The chat gave warnings when violence was imminent, such as, "If you're squeamish, look away." The bloody scenes, like all the action, were up close and personal. Another chat informed watchers: "The blood budget for this production was \$685 for 5 gallons of blood and 34 oz of blood jam!"

Perhaps most importantly, the chat feature allowed the audience to offer cheers, bravos and other enthusiastic kudos at the end. I hope this somewhat compensated the cast for not being surrounded by a live audience.

SF Shakes is producing "King Lear" live at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 4 p.m. Sundays through September plus Labor Day on YouTube with links through [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org). Following Sunday performances, at 7:15 p.m., is a live chat with cast members; sign up ahead of time for a Zoom invitation.

I can only imagine the myriad decisions director Elizabeth Carter must have made for this online production, but the result was spectacular. It is hard to believe that such a sad, bloody tale can be such a gift at this time — but it is. ■

*Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," appears in the paper on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.*

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A look inside the Calaveras Zone of the SCU Lightning Complex fires, which have been burning across multiple counties including Alameda County south from Sunol since being sparked by dry lightning on Aug. 16. Photo courtesy of ACFD. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXI, Number 21



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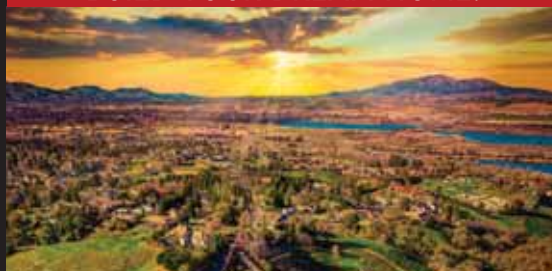
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## What have you done to prepare yourself and your family should you ever need to evacuate from your home at a moment's notice?



**Eric Drattell**  
*Lawyer*

I made a list of all of the important things we need to take with us from the house, we've assembled all of our necessities and we evacuated our horse to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, which is accepting large animals and is equipped to provide good care for them.



**Viviana Leon (with Moli)**  
*Artist*

We've gathered up and packed our RV with important documents and all of the other "Six P's Of Evacuation." Those important P's (aside from people and pets) are prescriptions, personal computers, personal memorabilia like old family photos and plastic (credit cards/debit cards/cash).



**Linda Drattell**  
*Author*

I put together a bag of medications, a first-aid kit and important photo albums and personal effects. It's waiting by the garage, ready to be packed up into the car in the event we need to evacuate.



**David Hubbard**  
*Retired*

All I have to do is round up my beautiful wife, our son and our cat, and hit the road, because I've already put all of our photos and important documents on Google Drive. And I get all my music from streaming. I live in the cloud.



**Brian Klees**  
*Retired*

I've studied up on hazard mitigation plans and have completed a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. I've also prepared plans and stored appropriate supplies to be self-sufficient for any extended emergency, and have encouraged my network of friends and neighbors to do the same.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### We're moving!

Just up one flight of stairs, that is.

The Pleasanton Weekly office is relocating to 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 203 — one floor above its current office suite in the same building. The address change takes effect on Tuesday (Sept. 1).

### LLNL scoping session

Federal officials have scheduled a public scoping meeting to be held virtually next Wednesday (Sept. 2) from 6-8 p.m. on the new site-wide environmental impact statement (SWEIS) for continued operation of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the next 15 years.

"The continued operation of LLNL is critical to NNSA's Stockpile Stewardship Program, preventing the spread and use of nuclear weapons worldwide, and many other areas that may impact national security and global stability," said the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The virtual public scoping session offers residents the chance to share their ideas on the scope and alternatives that should be considered. The overall public comment period ends Sept. 21.

Participants can join Wednesday's online meeting by computer, phone or mobile device. For details, visit the "NNSA NEPA reading room" at [energy.gov/nnsa](http://energy.gov/nnsa).

### \$3.3 million grant

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority last week was awarded a \$3.3 million grant in CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration.

LAVTA will use the funding for ongoing operation of bus and paratransit service in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin during the COVID-19 public health emergency, according to federal officials. This marks the second CARES Act grant for LAVTA; the agency received roughly \$3.5 million back in June.

### Programs postponed

County officials announced this month that its 2020 Alameda County Citizens Academy and its 2020 Youth Leadership Academy would be postponed due to the pandemic, and they would later reassess the feasibility of conducting the programs in the spring.

The decision was made in light of the group-setting and hands-on nature of both programs, which were deemed unsafe in light of COVID-19.

"This will provide an opportunity to re-envision and enhance both of our award-winning civic engagement academies," they said. "Alameda County is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of everyone living and working in our community." ■

## Pleasanton city leaders mull changes to policing in the community

Vocal residents call for better mental health response, no more D.A.R.E. or school officers

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton residents asked the city for more changes to the Pleasanton Police Department's use-of-force policies, to establish a mental health response program, and to eliminate both school resource officers (SROs) and the "D.A.R.E." anti-drug program from local campuses at a special meeting of the City Council last week.

The five-hour online meeting Aug. 20 included a lengthy review of the PPD budget, use-of-force policies and related staff recommendations, and more than two

hours of community input. Officials also used time that evening to identify areas for improvement.

It was the second community conversation on policing reform since last month, when city officials heard public comment at two meetings — one of them a July 21 event dedicated entirely to the issue. The council asked staff at the time to review PPD's "key existing department use-of-force policies," as well as the budget, calls for service and mental health response, among other facets.

Near the end of the meeting last week, Councilwoman Julie Testa

called the discussion that night "a really good beginning" but said she was "frustrated" by the absence of outside consultation to guide the department's policy revision process. She said the council "will have a missed opportunity if we don't go another step and look at the other policies around use-of-force."

"Looking at police policy is something we want a trained perspective for, but there are times when every organization needs an outside perspective and that shouldn't be a threat, and that's what I was hoping to see from this," Testa said. "I do hope that we look at the value of

having an independent police auditor type of oversight so that we do have an outside perspective."

"Most people have very positive experiences" with the PPD, according to Testa. But, she added, "there are times when things don't go perfect and where people do have concerns, and then they should have an independent place to turn."

Some attendees criticized the suggested amendments to PPD's use-of-force policies as lacking substantial change.

"What has just been presented is

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Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Neal Street is the site of the latest COVID-19 outbreak at a communal living facility in Alameda County.

## COVID-19 outbreak reported at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Center

Also: New employee cases at Sunrise of Pleasanton; latest update on Livermore veterans home

By JEREMY WALSH

At least one resident has died from the novel coronavirus and multiple other residents and employees have tested positive for COVID-19 at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as part of an outbreak that appears to have surfaced this month.

Based on data released by the state and reports from the community, there were 22 confirmed cases among Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab residents and 36 cases among employees as of Tuesday. No employees had died from the virus to date.

It is unclear when the resident death (or deaths) occurred but state data earlier last week did not appear to report any deaths

related to COVID-19 at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has reported other positive cases, but no other deaths, at skilled nursing facilities in the Tri-Valley.

The Weekly has also learned that two employees at Sunrise of Pleasanton, a senior living center in town, recently tested positive for COVID-19 but all resident tests have come back negative so far this month.

And newly reported data from federal officials offered a glimpse into the totality of the COVID-19 impacts — nearly 40 cases — at the Livermore Community Living Center for military veterans, where one resident died from the

virus earlier in the year.

COVID-19 data on skilled nursing facilities come from the state, as CDPH is solely responsible for tracking and reporting this data. The Alameda County Public Health Department, as part of its coronavirus dashboard, shares what the state reports in this category.

In Alameda County, the state has reported 843 confirmed cases in skilled nursing facilities and 104 deaths due to COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic.

These facilities accounted for more than 42% of the county's COVID-19 death total to date.

With regard to skilled nursing

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## County updates health order

Hair salons, nail care, communal pools can reopen outdoors today

By JEREMY WALSH

Some personal services can resume commercial operations outside and communal outdoor swimming pools can reopen under the latest Alameda County public health order scheduled to take effect today.

It will mark the first set of new business reopenings since the Alameda County Public Health Department hit the pause button on June 29 amid rising COVID-19 hospitalizations and positive tests.

"These outdoor activities we are allowing to reopen are relatively low risk, but whenever we increase opportunities for people to mix, we see an increase in cases," Dr. Nicholas Moss, the county's interim health officer, said in a statement.

"Simple actions — wearing a face covering, washing your hands often, and staying six feet away from people outside your home — protect everyone. As we continue to experience poor air quality, there is no better time to stay home as much as possible," he added.

Moss' order also reiterated that local schools cannot open for in-school instruction as long as Alameda County remains on the state's COVID-19 county watch list.

"While Alameda County remains on the State's Monitoring List, no school should be open for in-classroom instruction. We recognize the vital importance of classroom

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# Emerald High: DUSD officially names new high school

Board picks name as nod to city's Irish roots

By EMMA HALL

Dublin Unified School District has selected Emerald High School as the official name for the community's second comprehensive high school, which is expected to break ground next month.

The Emerald High name is a nod toward the Tri-Valley city's Irish namesake, according to DUSD spokesman Chip Dehnert. Originally founded in the 1890s, Dublin, California was named after Dublin, Ireland due to the significant Irish immigrant population of the local community at the time.

"(The community) wanted a name that was unique and clearly associated with Dublin," Dehnert said last week. "Something that would maintain relevance over time."

Inspired by Ireland's nickname as the "Emerald Isle," Emerald High School was chosen based on three categories the Board of Trustees set forth: a school can be named after an outstanding individual, a curriculum concentration, or a geographic reference.

A naming committee composed of

students, community members, parents and staff in November was given the task to deliver three names that fit into either of categories. The committee received 264 submissions, and after getting rid of redundancies, the committee had 120 to choose from.

"The committee then worked out a process to get from 120 to ultimately down to three," Dehnert said. "A part of what they did was filter through existing categories that were provided from board policies, and some of the names were able to be removed based on that."

Some suggestions included "Amador High School" or "Dougherty High School" but because of the existing Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton) and Dougherty Valley High School (San Ramon), those names were tossed.

The committee also drove away from names that would be divisive. One name suggestion in particular was "East Dublin High School," which was later eliminated with officials believing it would create more tension to the Dublin's so-called east-west divide.



Rendering shows student union building at the newly named Emerald High School. Construction is expected to break ground next month.

By February, the naming committee had three names: Alamilla Springs High School, Parks High School and Emerald High School.

Alamilla Springs was based on an area in Dublin from the 19th century where travelers would visit coming into the Bay Area. It was a natural spring, according to Dehnert, and served as "an oasis."

The name Parks High School was a reference to Camp Parks, the

military base that has been in Dublin since the 1940s.

Two public hearings were supposed to be held in March, but due to COVID-19, the second hearing was halted until this month. On Aug. 18, the name "Emerald High School" — which was the top choice of the naming committee — was unanimously approved by the board.

Emerald High's construction is split into two phases. The first phase,

currently in development, is making way to accommodate 1,300 students. The project is estimated to break ground next month.

Phase 1 is estimated to be completed by fall 2022, the project is funded with \$158 million through Measure H, which will cover a significant amount of costs for the overall \$166.2 million phase. The estimated cost of each phase will be \$258.2 million, with Phase 2 costing \$92 million.

Phase 2 has yet to be given a projected completion date but is estimated to fit the remaining amount of students needed.

Emerald High School will be located in an empty parcel of land between Central Parkway to the north and Dublin Boulevard to the south, where Grafton Street and Finnian Way intersect. The lot stretches 23.46 acres long.

Dehnert stated that in the last 10 years, there has been an approximately 92% increase in student population for DUSD compared to other Tri-Valley districts. To make way for those new students, Emerald is being built. ■

## PUSD, teachers' union solidify COVID-19 work agreement

Personal hygiene supplies, staff temperature checks are part of deal

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers confirmed a formal agreement over hybrid and remote learning during a special online board meeting last week.

The Aug. 19 meeting was "simply to approve the MOU with our teachers association for hybrid and remote learning" during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, PUSD spokesperson Patrick Gannon told the Weekly beforehand.

Both parties entered a memorandum of understanding (MOU) concerning returning to work for the 2020-21 school year, per orders from the state, as well as established reopening learning framework for K-12 schools.

Discussion during the meeting revolved "around minimum live remote instruction for grade levels" and "feedback from staff and board was that many teachers (are) exceeding this through direct instruction and working with students

individually and in groups," according to Gannon, who also added that "discussions will be ongoing and collaborative as we learn more from county health and state."

PUSD and APT agreed on several key areas related to health guidelines set by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), California Department of Public Health, Cal OSHA, and Alameda County Public Health Department, including providing teachers with personal hygiene supplies and protective

personal equipment (PPE).

The agreement also outlines a requirement for employees to wear face coverings and conduct self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before coming on to campus. Furthermore, district employees will receive at least 10 days advance notice when schools are scheduled to reopen in any capacity, and all classrooms and work areas will be cleaned and disinfected before students come back to campus.

PUSD will spend \$90,000 in

CARES Act funds on 300 Hotspots for teachers, and another \$166,000 for PPE gear will come from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) and general funds.

The MOU expires June 30, 2021 or whenever Gov. Gavin Newsom declares the state of emergency based on the COVID-19 pandemic to be expired, whichever comes first. Provisions of the MOU may be mutually reviewed by both parties as necessary. ■

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learning for children and youth, but we must take a slow and measured approach," Moss said.

"All schools should actively prepare for when students, teachers and staff return. When schools do reopen, strong safety measures like outbreak response protocols will be necessary to help prevent the spread of COVID-19," he added.

Alameda County remains on the state's watch list — where it has been since mid-July — due to its case rate being above 100 cases per 100,000 residents over the previous 14 days. The county's rate stands at 130.1.

Overall, the county has recorded 17,385 confirmed cases and 243 deaths from COVID-19 during the pandemic, as of press time Wednesday, according to ACPHD. Livermore continues to lead the Tri-Valley, now with 751 cases overall, followed by

Pleasanton (348) and Dublin (216).

Announcing the news late last Friday afternoon, Moss deemed this week would be an appropriate time to reintroduce new "low risk" business activities in outdoor settings.

The new order will authorize outdoor communal swimming pools to reopen as well as allow personal services to conduct operations outdoors, including hair salons, nail salons, barbershops, waxing services, skin care and non-medical massages. Operators must adhere to state guidance for the given industry and implement site-specific protocols and procedures to protect customers and employees.

The upcoming reopenings were welcome news for the city of Pleasanton.

"Just as we supported and worked with local restaurants that expanded their outdoor dining capacity through no-fee temporary outdoor use permits, the city will do the same for personal care services who are

looking to provide outdoor services as allowed under the new health order," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho told the Weekly.

ACPHD hadn't introduced new business reopenings since reauthorizing outdoor dining, all retail stores and outdoor fitness on June 19. The county would postpone future reopening plans 10 days later, citing an uptick in local cases and hospitalizations.

Today's order will also allow wineries to offer outdoor tastings by appointment without needing to provide food — a requirement under the preceding order.

Bars, breweries and pubs must still sell food in order to stay open for outdoor service, in alignment with state rules, according to Moss.

Tattoo, piercing and electrolysis businesses also cannot reopen either indoors or outdoors in accordance with the state health order.

Additionally, personal services

cannot do any treatment that requires a client to remove their face covering nor any eyebrow waxing or threading or eyelash treatments.

It is unclear when the following phase of reopenings will be scheduled — a list that includes indoor dining, bars, indoor personal services, gyms, offices for non-essential businesses, indoor museums and larger gatherings (still under 100 people).

Also still up in the air is when Alameda County schools will be allowed to welcome students back for in-person instruction.

The new health order clarifies "that schools must continue distance learning until such time that local indicators support reopening, even if the county meets the state's criteria for reopening schools by coming off the monitoring list for 14 days," according to ACPHD.

Alameda County is not yet accepting waivers applications from elementary schools to reopen for

younger students, as is an option the state offers.

"In the coming weeks, guidance on the operation of out-of-school time extracurricular programs will be shared with schools and community organizations. Stable groups of no more than 14 children will be allowed to come together for extracurricular activities, but the program will be asked to certify they are not conducting in-person instruction," according to ACPHD.

The new health order, technically signed last Friday (Aug. 21), didn't take effect until today (Aug. 28) because of the poor air quality caused by wildfire smoke.

"It's critical for residents and business owners to remember that the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. Alameda County is taking a step forward in its reopening plan, but hospitalizations and daily case numbers remain high," ACPHD officials said. ■

# Pleasanton council increases COVID-19 relief for local businesses

Loan amounts will be more than doubled for qualified businesses

By JULIA BAUM

Locally owned businesses negatively impacted by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic could receive extra financial relief after the Pleasanton City Council updated the city's COVID-19 Business Assistance Program last week.

The biggest change was the unanimous approval of higher loan amounts from the \$3 million business support loan fund. Depending on the number of employees, independent or locally-owned businesses with a physical location in Pleasanton and in good standing with the city may apply for more than double the original loan amount.

Now micro-businesses businesses with two to 10 employees are eligible for up to \$10,000 (or \$10,800 based in the downtown) and those employing 11 to 25 workers could receive up to \$20,000 (\$21,600 if downtown).

Many businesses chose not to apply for the program when it first launched because the original loan amounts were "not enough to meet their funding gap,"

according to city staff. Businesses previously approved for \$2,500 to \$2,900 micro-loans may now ask to borrow more money, based on employee count.

Loan repayment terms were also extended for a "maximum amortization of 36 months," instead of the original 34-month term.

Designed to support local businesses while sheltering in place, especially retail and restaurants, the Business Assistance Program issues financial assistance through deposit deferrals, zero-interest, unsecured, short-term loans, waived transient occupancy tax penalties and city utilities.

The city has also helped with communications and promotions, including building an "open for business" website and starting a COVID-19 business newsletter.

During a presentation to the council on Aug. 18, city economic development director Pamela Ott said almost 100 businesses had applied for the loan fund since the program launched in May.

Staff also recommended expanding program eligibility to

include home-based and professional businesses such as insurance, noting that their "offices" classification under Alameda County's reopening plan has excluded them from reopening. That proposal was rejected by council members on the reasoning that they were likely to pay less overhead than businesses renting commercial space and have access to other types of loans.

Nonprofit organizations were also excluded since the council noted that a number of local entities already receive grants and other public funding.

In order to qualify, businesses must have a physical location in Pleasanton, have paid a city business license tax by March 1 and be in good standing with the city. The employee count is based on the reported total on the recent business license application or renewal.

Previously qualified businesses may contact the Economic Development Department at [econdev@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:econdev@cityofpleasantonca.gov) to request an increased loan amount. New applicants can apply on the city website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■

## Stanford-ValleyCare receives national acclaim

Hospital earns various awards, recognitions for high-quality care

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton's Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has captured national acclaim in recent weeks, receiving new awards and recognitions from various national accreditation groups for its exemplary general care and excellence in several specialties.

In addition to collecting a number of accolades for quality, safety and specialty care, U.S. News & World Report designated Stanford-ValleyCare as the seventh highest quality hospital in the Bay Area and 37th in California, with particularly high praise being given to the hospital's record with colon cancer, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease treatments.

Distributed as a part of the sixth annual Procedures & Conditions ratings, the rating program is designed by U.S. News & World Report to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for various conditions and elective procedures.

"This is a tremendous step forward for our organization and for our community, and it represents amazing progress on the journey

that we're on to become the finest community-based, academic-affiliated health system in the United States," Rick Shumway, president and CEO of Stanford-ValleyCare, said in a statement.

"This recognition only comes with a tremendous amount of hard work, dedication and commitment to our patients," he added.

According to hospital staff, other accolades recently earned by Stanford-ValleyCare include:

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services awarded the hospital five stars, an honor given to less than 10% of hospitals in the U.S.

- The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization that measures safety and quality, issued the hospital an A, a grade received by a third of U.S. hospitals.

- Newsweek named Stanford-ValleyCare one of the best maternity hospitals in the nation; only 231 U.S. hospitals made the list.

- The American Heart Association gave the hospital a Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award for treatment that adheres to national evidence-based standards.

- The American College of Radiology has designated the hospital

a lung cancer screening center in recognition of its safe and effective imaging for detection of lung cancer.

- Blue Cross Blue Shield designated the hospital Blue Distinction Center Plus for its expertise and cost efficiency in bariatric surgery.

The Pleasanton hospital additionally has taken an active role in combating the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and for these efforts has been selected to participate in the National Institutes of Health's Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trials to evaluate leading therapeutics for COVID-19, officials said.

"Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare strives for excellence in clinical care, research and education," said David Svec, MD, chief medical officer.

"We are thrilled by these results and achievements from our providers and staff," he added. "The awards show all the work and dedication to deliver world-class health care in the East Bay for our patients and families. We will continue to focus on delivering outstanding clinical results, innovative programs and therapies, and leading education programs." ■



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## Fire at Dublin hot tub store

Crews battled a commercial structure fire inside a hot tub store in Dublin last week. The fire broke out just before 11:30 a.m. Aug. 19 inside Dublin Spa Center at a multi-tenant commercial lot on Dublin Boulevard. Alameda County Fire Department units, along with firefighters from other nearby agencies, responded to find the hot tub business with active flames and smoke, according to ACFD. Firefighters gained entry to the building and knocked down the flames, stopping forward progress by noon and preventing the fire from spreading to neighboring units. The cause of the fire is unknown, according to ACFD. There were no injuries.

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# Remembering Kenna Moirao, Dublin elementary school teacher

Frederiksen educator inspired 'excitement for learning in every lesson she gave'

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin Unified School District is mourning the loss of one of its own as Kenna Moirao, a longtime educator who taught third grade at Frederiksen Elementary School, died last week surrounded by family. She was 44.

An online memorial said Moirao "passed away peacefully" on Aug. 21; a cause of death was not revealed.

"It is with extreme sadness that we inform you of the heartbreaking news that our beloved colleague, teacher and friend, Kenna Moirao passed away on Friday, August 21, 2020 with her family by her side," DUSD Interim Superintendent Daniel Moirao said in a statement. "She will be dearly missed, forever

loved and never forgotten."

"This not only a loss of an exceptional professional, but a personal loss as well," added Daniel Moirao.

The interim superintendent said Kenna Moirao, an award-winning educator who received the 2019-20 District Recognition Award in spring, "will always be remembered as an inspiring, kind-hearted, energetic, positive and encouraging person who truly loved her school, her staff and most importantly, her kids."

Parents of Kenna Moirao's current and former students were saddened by news of her death.

In an online tribute, the Drake family from Dublin shared their appreciation and said, "Of all the teachers my sons have had,

(Moirao) was definitely at the top of the list. Her passion for teaching and the love for the kids was obvious. Her laugh was everything. She will definitely be missed. Rest in peace, Kenna."

Kenna Moirao is survived by her parents David and Diane Moirao, sister Tiffani, and nephew and nieces Jacob, Alyssa and Addyson. The school district declined to comment on the exact relationship between the interim superintendent and the late teacher.

In lieu of flowers, her family is asking that donations be made in Kenna Moirao's memory to the nonprofit organization Culinary Angels at [culinaryangels.org](http://culinaryangels.org).

DUSD said counselors were available this week "to support



DUSD

Frederiksen Elementary third-grade teacher Kenna Moirao died on Aug. 21.

our staff and students as much as we can during this difficult time in our school community," District

staff were also planning a video memorial with contributed photos of Kenna Moirao, due out soon. ■

## Cardboard doppelgangers fill in at Dublin High

DHS Leadership class sells cutouts for a good cause

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin High School students and teachers are coming back to the classroom soon — in cardboard form, that is.

While students continue learning at home during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the DHS Leadership class

is offering a way for their peers to be on campus in spirit by selling custom cardboard cutouts to be placed in classroom seats.

"We got the idea from the Oakland As and San Francisco Giants," DHS instructor Michael D'Ambrosio told the Weekly. "It's just like the baseball stadiums

— it's a cool way for students to connect with teachers, and teachers to connect with students."

Both sports teams recently started placing cardboard cutouts of fans in seats to simulate the appearance of a well-attended baseball game at otherwise-empty stadiums. D'Ambrosio

predicted the trend "will grow the longer we are in virtual learning."

For the price of \$20, students, teachers or community members can send in a photo of themselves, a pet, cartoon character, family member or a celebrity, and have it made into a life-sized cardboard cutout. The idea has already taken hold with the senior class, whom D'Ambrosio said is "thinking about sending in all of their baby photos, which I think is a pretty cute idea."

Dublin Unified School District officials called the cutouts a way of "making lemonade out of lemons and having fun with the whole shelter-in-place/distance learning situation."

The sales are also for a good cause; half of every purchase will

provide one week of breakfast for a child through the Pleasanton-based nonprofit Hively, which provides services and resources for local children and families.

Sales started Aug. 20 and have been extended. D'Ambrosio isn't sure how many orders have been made so far but he said that he's "absolutely" having a couple of cutouts made up — one of himself, and the rest is a surprise.

"It's unfortunate that we can't have students in the classroom, but it is exciting that kids are starting to get behind something that the whole community and school can enjoy," D'Ambrosio said.

Visit the DHS webstore to order a cutout. If you need financial assistance, contact [dambrosiomichael@dublinusd.org](mailto:dambrosiomichael@dublinusd.org). ■

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### USPS supporters rally outside Livermore post office

A group of about two-dozen community members rallied in front of the downtown Livermore post office last Saturday afternoon to show support for the U.S. Postal Service and "protest Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's recent staff changes and equipment removal, decreasing mail service just as increased service is vitally needed due to coronavirus pandemic's necessary precautions, particularly the need for mail-in voting," organizers said. The local rally, spearheaded by Livermore Indivisible, was among the "Save the Post Office" demonstrations taking place around the nation.

## POLICING

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a validation of those who claim that ‘8 Can’t Wait’ is controversial,” John Bauer said, referring to the campaign to reform use-of-force policies in police departments across the country. “Their argument is ‘been there, done that’ — and that’s what has been presented tonight. No major changes, only a few words added, deleted.”

During an earlier presentation, Police Chief David Swing said the department did not recommend changes to some of its policies like shooting at moving vehicles because “not all situations allow time for a warning.” There were no recommendations to change the department’s use-of-force continuum either.

**‘We can find the resources, but it will require some policy decisions on the part of the council in terms of the trade-offs.’**

**Nelson Fialho,**  
City manager

“It’s not possible for us to say what shall be done in all situations because it’s the nature of the dynamic (at the time),” Swing said.

A policy that requires a specific order of escalation of events “is not really aligned with the dynamic nature of police work” and takes away officers’ ability to exercise their professional judgment, Swing added.

However, department officials suggested adding language to its de-escalation training and practice policy “requiring officers consider and utilize tactics and de-escalation techniques when feasible and when doing so will not reasonably compromise the safety of the officers of the community.” They also lobbied for increased de-escalation training among the police force.

PPD also recommended updating its use-of-force policy with language about exhausting all alternatives before using force that “would require officers consider actions that may decrease the need for using force when circumstances permit,” as well as “encourages officers to utilize reasonably available alternative tactics which may persuade an individual to voluntarily comply or mitigate the need to use force.”

Proposals from the council and audience members for specialized mental health services and response programs prompted discussion about the city’s financial status and to consider the cost and need for certain PPD programs and services, including SROs and D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

The department’s \$30.6 million budget this year is largely earmarked for operations and investigations, with each division receiving \$13.7 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. Support services and administrative overhead also received \$3.1 million and \$3.6 million each, followed by \$2.8 million for the traffic unit and \$380,895 for animal services.

With many residents calling on city leaders to develop a response program for mental health crisis calls, Vice Mayor Kathy Narum asked if the current PPD budget had any money for outside mental health services. City Manager Nelson Fialho said the budget is already allocated for this year but there could be other sources.

“I think the question that you’re getting at, possibly, is: Are there revenue sources for a program?” Fialho said. “The answer to that, pre-COVID, would’ve been, ‘Absolutely, let’s get down to business and implement this as quickly as possible.’”

“Post-COVID is ‘no’. Our revenues have decreased,” Fialho continued. “Is there capacity within the budget to accommodate a program? The answer is yes; we can find the resources, but it will require some policy decisions on the part of the council in terms of the trade-offs throughout the entire city budget. I don’t think it’s monumental; it’s not impossible to do. I think it’s quite possible, actually — but we’re going to have to have that discussion publicly.”

Fialho added that it also “depends on the scope of the program,” noting that a program with mental health specialists available “as the bookends of activity” during identified peak periods for crisis service calls would be “more achievable” than a full-time staffed around-the-clock model.

What that program could look like is still undecided, but several types were reviewed as possible blueprints including one program in Eugene, Ore., named “CAHOOTS” that has drawn recent national interest for longtime success. A similar pilot program through Alameda County is currently underway in Oakland, Hayward and Fremont, and is being evaluated for its efficacy and possible countywide implementation.

Call types in the CAHOOTS response model include “arguments, welfare checks, suicidal ideation, public intoxication, non-criminal juvenile matters and civil standby.” Staff said one consideration for a program like CAHOOTS that’s still undetermined is “who would respond to the community needs based on legal authority, time of day, and safety of those responding.”

Councilman Jerry Pentin expressed his support for another alternate response model called PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team), which pairs clinicians with police officers to respond to

behavioral health crisis calls and is currently being piloted in different parts of Santa Clara County. With the PERT model, the clinician and officer arrive in an unmarked vehicle and generally not in uniform, though the officer may have “the full complement of safety equipment on his/her person if needed.”

The council also considered other model programs such as uniformed officers in marked police vehicles and a clinician in the passenger seat responding to mental health calls.

Callers on Aug. 20, particularly young people, supported the alternate response models.

Many of the 44 speakers that night also advocated eliminating the D.A.R.E. program and getting rid of SROs, which many current and former students said did little good. In the case of SROs — which are now commonplace on many American campuses to prevent school shootings, according to Swing — some students said their presence actually made them feel unsafe.

“We are students, not criminals,

and police officers have no place in an environment meant to foster learning,” high school student Anica Pohray told the council. “Please remove school resource officers from our schools; they don’t make us feel safe. They scare us.”

Yash Deshmukh also said he has “never felt any safer at school because an SRO was there.”

Deshmukh also criticized the D.A.R.E. program as “ineffective” and said, “Anecdotally, I can tell you it’s very ineffective.”

D.A.R.E. also drew disapproval from Foothill alum Megan Chung, who said the program’s \$291,295 budget could be better spent.

“What I believe that has been continuously ignored is the fact that D.A.R.E. has been proven to be ineffective,” Chung said. “Fact is that D.A.R.E. is ineffective, yet we spend nearly \$300,000 on it yearly when this money could be go towards helping homelessness or mental health.”

Testa, Narum and Councilwoman Karla Brown also questioned D.A.R.E.’s overall effectiveness but

did not call for its cancellation.

Brown said she’d heard “that D.A.R.E. is a good program but ... it really isn’t the long-term effect we all hoped for,” while Testa shared information from an American Journal of Public Health study that supported Chung’s statement.

“When my kids went through PUSD, they all went through D.A.R.E. ... but I often wondered why. Almost all of it seemed redundant given the health courses taught in school,” Testa said.

Recalling that “it scored very low on having value” in a previous survey of residents, Narum proposed taking another look at the program. “It was not deemed important to the great majority of citizens, unlike public safety and parks and many of the other things that we do,” she said. “I think this is probably the time to evaluate that program.”

The City Council and PPD is scheduled to host another virtual meeting about policing reform, alternate response models and other related topics at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17. ■



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# Bay Area transit agencies release COVID-19 joint safety plan

Sets expectations for riders and workers alike

A coalition of Bay Area transit agencies released a joint plan last week to assuage rider fears of contracting COVID-19 and suggesting ways for them to keep healthy as they return to public transit.

The “Riding Together” plan outlines the steps that more than two dozen transit agencies in nine Bay Area counties plan to take to safely welcome riders back, using guidance from the California Department of Public Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization.

Under the state’s mandate, riders must wear face coverings when

using public transit.

Some transit operators will have the capacity to provide face coverings as needed, but they will also have the right to refuse service to someone whose face is uncovered.

Riders will also be encouraged to maintain at least 3 feet of distance from each other, minimize talking and singing while taking public transit and use touchless fare payment methods like Clipper.

Transit stations will be cleaned and disinfected more frequently and modified under the Riding Together plan to prevent closely congregated groups of people,

be it in elevators or on station platforms.

Buses and light rail and subway cars will also be ventilated as much as possible to promote the flow of fresh air and prevent the virus’s airborne spread.

“Economic recovery can’t happen without transit,” said Jeffrey Tumlin, director of transportation for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. “And transit doesn’t work if our passengers and operators don’t feel safe.”

The SFMTA established a 30-member task force to draft the plan, seeking input from paratransit services, county health officials

and labor organizations.

The plan also includes employee health and safety standards that transit agencies must follow, including supplying workers with personal protective equipment and implementing a COVID-19 assessment before employees enter a transit facility or operate a vehicle.

Transit agencies will also conduct contact tracing as warranted if an employee tests positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus.

“Our trains, stations, and employees are ready to welcome back riders with reliable and safe service and to win back the confidence of the tens of thousands of

people who relied on BART before the pandemic,” BART General Manager Bob Powers said.

BART has implemented similar health and safety guidelines as part of its 15-step plan to entice riders back. BART’s ridership has hovered since March around 10% to 20% of its pre-pandemic levels.

In total, 27 public transit agencies and providers in Napa, Marin, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma counties are participating in the Riding Together plan.

The plan can be found at [healthytransitplan.org](http://healthytransitplan.org). ■

—Bay City News Service

## New nonprofit management certificate at LPC

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance collaborates on program

Las Positas College is partnering with the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA), which helps organizations throughout the Bay Area connect and create alliances with peers, to give professionals in the nonprofit sector access to specialized educational resources and training opportunities.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board of Trustees approved the partnership at its

Aug. 18 meeting, opening new pathways for students and professionals to fundamental learning and advanced intensive courses through TVNPA.

“We are very excited about this new partnership because of the many new opportunities it offers our students,” said Vicki Shipman, LPC career technical education project manager. “We believe that the skills and strategies

shared during TVNPA’s fall sessions will work in tandem with our new certificate program.”

With the new nonprofit management certificate program — which TVNPA said is “tentatively set to begin in 2021” — students will learn about “the fundamentals of managing a nonprofit organization, including finance, legal, operations, marketing, board development and the basics of

fundraising.”

A new Philanthropy Institute training series designed to complement the nonprofit management certificate is also set to launch in fall.

“Our passion is bringing nonprofit professionals together in a supportive, educational environment where they can enhance their skills and learn from others,” said Kathy Young, TVNPA

CEO and president. “We are delighted to partner with LPC. Students will be able to earn a Nonprofit Management certificate through LPC, and CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) credits through TVNPA’s new Philanthropy Institute.”

More details about the programs will be shared soon, officials said. To learn more, visit [tvnpa.org](http://tvnpa.org). ■

—Julia Baum

### NURSING

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facilities, CDPH only reports an exact number of cases or deaths if a facility has more than 10 on record — otherwise it is tracked as “less than 11,” with no precise number as a “de-identification” strategy.

CDPH only reports case data for skilled nursing facilities and not other communal living centers without a nursing function. So facilities such as the Livermore CLC or Sunrise as well as other senior facilities are not part of the CDPH data.

According to the state, CreekView Skilled Nursing in Pleasanton and Mocho Park Care Center in Livermore have both had at least one resident case and at least one employee case, with zero COVID-19 deaths, as of Tuesday.

Silver Oak Manor in Livermore and The Vineyards Healthcare Center in Livermore each had at least one employee case on record with no deaths.

Skilled nursing facilities have been of particular concern throughout the pandemic given the close quarters and pre-existing medical conditions of resident patients.

In Alameda County, an early outbreak at Gateway Care and Rehabilitation in Hayward claimed the life of a local elected official among its dozens of victims. Marshall Mitzman, who represented

Area 1 on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees, died from the virus on April 14.

#### Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab

Located on Neal Street several blocks away from downtown, Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is a multi-room skilled nursing facility operated by Generations Healthcare.

CDPH reported as of Tuesday that the facility has had “less than 11” resident deaths related to COVID-19, which would indicate at least one and up to 10. The exact number as well as the date of death(s) have not been confirmed.

Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab has also had 22 other confirmed cases among residents, according to the state, and community reports indicate that is multiple residents. The center has had 36 confirmed employee cases (no deaths) to date.

Generations Healthcare has not responded to a request for comment about the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab outbreak.

On its website, the company did list general information about its coronavirus response, stating, “At this time, based on current information related to local cases of COVID-19, we are restricting all visitors, except when medically necessary or for patients in

the active end of life stage. Your adherence to and support of this temporary restriction on visitors is greatly appreciated. We will be updating you regularly on this restriction.”

#### Livermore CLC

The Livermore Community Living Center, which is part of Palo Alto VA Health Care System and recorded one of the Tri-Valley’s first confirmed deaths from COVID-19 earlier in the pandemic, had 37 cases on record as of the end of July, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Total cases for the facility — including active and recovered — as of that time were 18 veteran residents and 19 employees. There had still been only the one COVID-19-related death for the Livermore CLC as of that time.

The exact timeframe for the string of cases at the Livermore CLC, as well as information about the resident who died, have not been released. But as of the end of July, the most recent positive test result was received on July 13, according to the VA.

Veteran residents who tested positive were transferred to the VA hospital in Palo Alto for care, while employees exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms were immediately isolated, according to VA officials.

“Currently, all Livermore CLC residents and staff are tested for

COVID-19 every seven days,” officials said. “Our Employee Occupational Health team is assisting in tracking employee movements within the CLC to prevent further spread of the disease. This ‘track and trace’ approach is an infection control and prevention standard operating procedure any time we identify a staff member who tests positive.”

Anyone who enters the Livermore CLC is screened for COVID-19, and the facility has a universal masking policy for all staff and residents.

The state does not consider the Livermore CLC to be a skilled nursing facility, so its data is not reported on the CDPH website.

#### Sunrise of Pleasanton

An assisted living and memory care facility for seniors, Sunrise of Pleasanton is located on Pleasant Hill Road and the corner of the Foothill Road-Stoneridge Drive intersection.

The facility, which also is not deemed a skilled nursing center, has had two employees test positive for COVID-19 in the past couple of weeks but all resident tests have come back negative so far this month, according to emails sent to Sunrise residents’ family members that have been obtained by the Weekly.

Sunrise had one resident case early in the pandemic back in

March, but the Weekly has not learned of any other confirmed cases in the time since.

Then on Aug. 11, executive director Melissa Malek informed families that an unidentified employee received a positive COVID-19 test two days earlier.

All employees and residents were tested on Aug. 15 and that round of tests yielded just one positive test, in a different employee (assigned to assisted living, not the “Reminiscence” or “Terrace Club” wards of Sunrise) who was asymptomatic and sent home for isolation, according to Malek.

All residents and staff tested negative during the latest round of testing, which took place last Saturday, according to another email.

“I want to assure you that we are continuously reinforcing our safety precautions with our team members,” the Sunrise executive told families. “Our teams are equipped with PPE and are using it properly to minimize the spread of infection. In fact, due to a recent recommendation by the CDC, we have added face shields in addition to masks when Care Managers are providing direct care in resident rooms.”

“In this time of unprecedented challenges and fast-evolving news and health updates, we are committed to keeping an open dialogue with you regarding important community updates,” she added. ■

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# FIRES, SMOKE RULE THE DAY (AND NIGHT)



**Lightning-ignited  
wildfires leave Bay  
Area on edge for  
second week**

BY JEREMY WALSH

CHP-DUBLIN

Cmdr. Christopher Sherry of the CHP-Dublin Office shared this photo of charred hills around Calaveras Reservoir as seen on Monday, eight days after the wildfires were first sparked.

**A** reality of life in California during the summer and fall is wildfire, and residents throughout the Bay Area have been living through a stark reminder early in this year's fire season.

A series of August thunderstorms — an unusual occurrence in Northern California — awed with remarkable visuals especially overnight Aug. 15-16, but brought with them lightning strikes, often in dry conditions, that ignited hundreds of fires in arid wildland over the course of a week.

As of Wednesday, there had been nearly 14,000 lightning strikes causing more than 700 new wildfires statewide that burned over 1.32 million acres (collectively, larger than the entire state of Delaware) with seven fatalities reported and nearly 1,700 structures

destroyed, according to Cal Fire.

After the first week of burning in primarily hot and windy conditions, fire crews began to make more significant headway in battling many of the wildfires earlier this week when potentially dangerous weather forecasts instead turned in their favor starting on Monday.

"Continued favorable weather conditions continue to aid firefighters in their efforts towards containment," Daniel Berlant, assist deputy director for Cal Fire, said in his daily statewide update on Wednesday morning.

"As firefighters continue to make good progress towards containment on all the fires, and thanks to the efforts of firefighters, two fires have been fully contained," he added.

Weather conditions including a

marine layer that arrived Wednesday were forecast to remain positive for a couple of days, helping the firefighting effort and improving the poor air quality dominated by wildfire smoke. But Berlant cautioned that firefighters and residents should prepare if conditions turn in the other direction this weekend.

"Warmer conditions are expected over the weekend. Isolated thunderstorms are still possible in the upper portion of Northern California and the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The rest of California will experience a return to a warm and dry weather pattern," he said.

As a result, Berlant urged people to stay alert and be prepared for a possible evacuation should it ever be needed.

## SCU Lightning Complex

Wildfires in and around the Bay Area include the so-called SCU Lightning Complex fires (named after the Cal Fire Santa Clara Unit, in whose area the fires are raging).

Originally a collection of 20 separate vegetation fires caused by lightning strikes Aug. 16 mainly in Alameda and Santa Clara counties, the SCU Lightning Complex would see its two largest fires merge south of Sunol last weekend before the weather conditions improved.

Burning primarily in rural and rugged terrain, the fire complex has threatened thousands of homes and resulted in evacuation orders and warnings in five counties, including a sweeping evacuation warning for parts of rural unincorporated Alameda County in the far south and east Tri-Valley.

The evacuation warning areas never reached the incorporated

cities of Pleasanton or Livermore, and none of the local areas had fallen under evacuation order as of Wednesday morning.

Thus far, the damage in the rural Tri-Valley has been less than other parts of the region.

"On one side of this, it is truly sad that during the pandemic we are now dealing with another emergency. Fortunate, for my district, aside from the extremely poor air quality we are experiencing, we have had zero properties damaged by the enormous fires," Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty told the Weekly on Tuesday.

"That is remarkable and brings me to the other side of this, and that is despite these fires, I am proud of the work that our public safety workers have done. They acted quickly, efficiently and collaboratively to assist in an effort that should not and will not go unnoticed," said Haggerty, whose District 1 includes most of the land in Alameda County affected by the fires.

All told, the SCU Lightning Complex had charred 365,772 acres as of Wednesday morning in mainly rural vegetative land in parts of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced and San Benito counties, according to Cal Fire.

Containment, which was difficult to come by during the first week, had increased to 25% as of Wednesday morning.

"Fire activity has lessened due to favorable weather conditions and increased humidity across the complex," Cal Fire officials stated Wednesday morning. "During the evening fire crews held existing control line around the fire perimeter, continuing to both reinforce

and add new containment lines."

"When weather and conditions are favorable, there will be a controlled burn operation inside the control line. This controlled burn will widen the buffer and consume fuel between the edge of the fire and the control line. If residents see large columns of smoke, it most likely will be from the controlled burn," they added.

As of Wednesday morning, the evacuation warning for rural unincorporated Tri-Valley to the south and east still remained in effect due to potential fire danger.

The warning applied generally south of Interstate 580 and east of Highway 84. It excluded the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, as well as some more-populated unincorporated areas such as Happy Valley and anything west of I-680 such as Castlewood. (Check fire.ca.gov for the latest evacuation map.)

"The evacuation warning is for the rural areas south and east of Livermore, particularly those with livestock that will take more time and effort to relocate. In areas like that it is critically important to maintain 'defensible space' around buildings," Livermore Mayor John Marchand told the Weekly.

He noted that the while the warning had not applied to anywhere within the Livermore city limits to date, the city's emergency operations team would continue tracking weather and fire conditions.

"The (team) has specifically trained for events like this. Our public safety and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel are working in person and remotely, day and night to keep everyone safe in our community," Marchand said.

## Wildfire action plan checklist

### Create an evacuation plan

- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- Include several different escape routes from your home and community. Practice these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of emergency.
- Have a plan for evacuating pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock.
- Develop a "Family Communication Plan" that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation.

### In case of immediate evacuation, remember the six P's

- People and pets
- Papers, phone numbers and important documents
- Prescriptions, vitamins and eyeglasses
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal computer hard drive and disks
- "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash

—Source: Cal Fire. To learn more, visit [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org).



ACFD

Billowing smoke above wildfire in rural Alameda County last week.



CHP-DUBLIN

A burned hillside in the aftermath of a wildfire in the Calaveras Zone of the SCU Lightning Complex.

Cal Fire has set up its SCU Lightning Complex incident command center in Pleasanton, where the Alameda County Fairgrounds opened its doors to the state agency. The fairgrounds has also been accepting evacuated livestock and horses into its barns.

Several dozen Pleasanton residents greeted firefighters with signs and words of encouragement from afar in a show of appreciation outside the fairgrounds on Tuesday morning.

More than 1,650 emergency personnel were assigned to the SCU Lightning Complex, and equipment included 224 fire engines, 42 dozers, 38 water tenders and five helicopters — plus 23 hand crews. No fatalities had been reported as of Wednesday morning, but there were three first-responder injuries and two civilian injuries. Twenty buildings and 17 minor structures were destroyed, and six other structures were damaged. Another 20,065 structures remained under threat.

“In what are already trying times, in a time where are all our resources are stretched very thin across the county and in this state, we have asked for even more from our public safety workers, and they responded,” Haggerty said. “Due to their efforts lives have been saved, structures have been protected and many animals, essential to farming in East County, will live on.”

The two largest fires within the complex — the Canyon and Reservoir fires south of Sunol — merged last weekend and expanded into Merced and San Benito counties, according to Cal Fire. The merged fires represented 360,668 acres and 15% contained as of Wednesday morning.

The Deer Zone fires in Contra Costa County that headed east from the northeastern face of Mount Diablo were fully under control at 3,104 acres as of Wednesday.

### Smoky skies

Smoke and poor air quality has enveloped the Tri-Valley and most of the Bay Area for nearly two weeks due to the SCU Lightning Complex and other lightning-induced wildfires raging elsewhere including Solano, Sonoma, Napa and Santa Cruz counties.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District extended its Spare the Air Alert through at least today due to smoky conditions, which not only filled the sky outside but saw many residents seal doors and windows to keep the ever-present smoke from coming inside their homes.

“The air quality impacts of these wildfires burning throughout Northern California are a testimony to the ongoing harmful impacts of climate change,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the district. “It’s important for us all

to continue to be vigilant and stay indoors as smoke continues to impact the region.”

Among the smoke impacts, the Alameda County Fairgrounds canceled or rescheduled multiple public events including drive-in concerts like Subtronics with Calcium and Level Up (now Sept. 12) and Sublime with Rome (now Oct. 2 and Oct. 3), while the cities and Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare were forced to close their COVID-19 regional testing center at the fairgrounds on multiple days due to the poor air quality.

Smoky conditions are even more problematic considering the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Wildfire smoke can irritate your lungs, cause inflammation, affect your immune system and make you more prone to lung infections, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that cause COVID-19,” according to the CDC.

“Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, preparing for wildfires might be a little different this year. Know how wildfire smoke can affect you and your loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic and what you can do to protect yourselves,” the CDC stated.

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org), [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov) or [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org). ■



Top: Alameda County Fire Department personnel continue work behind the scenes in the SCU Lightning Complex response. (Photo courtesy of ACFD)

Middle: Fire crews pull out of the fairgrounds in Pleasanton to begin their shift. (Contributed photo)

Bottom: Pleasanton residents show their support for firefighters in a rally outside the fairgrounds on Tuesday morning. (Photo by Chuck Deckert)

## Protecting your home from wildfire smoke

Barred from gyms, schools and sporting events by COVID-19 restrictions, then forced indoors by wildfires, Bay Area residents are coping with yet another health threat: smoke leaking into their homes.

Sealing windows and doors, cleaning the air with air purifiers or filters, creating indoor space closed to the outside and drinking lots of water are some of the strategies suggested by authorities including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These precautions are all the more important with wildfire smoke causing elevated levels of particulate pollution that could leak indoors.

The first step to keeping polluted air out is to block it from seeping in through windows and doors, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The district recommends caulking windows and using weather-stripping under doors. Instructions can be found on sites such as YouTube.

It’s also possible to simply use paper towels held in

place with painter’s tape. The latter material can be removed later without tearing off the paint.

People who have central air conditioning can use high-efficiency filters to capture fine particles from smoke, according to the CDC. If the system has a fresh air intake, it should be set to recirculate mode or the outdoor intake damper should be closed.

Portable air cleaners are good options, but not just any air purifier will do. For best results, the air cleaner should have a filter rated as “high efficiency” (high MERV) or HEPA, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Air purifiers should be non-ozone-generating.

Another option is to create a “clean room,” sealing off all windows and outside doors and cleaning the air in the room with a portable air purifier.

Staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water, and wearing an N95 mask (for adults) when outdoors can block the fine particulate matter in smoke.

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## Electing leaders takes an educated citizenry

Whether by mail or in-person, voting is more than simply filling out the ballot.

Without voters who are knowledgeable of local issues and candidates' positions on those issues, people are elected to office based on name recognition.

This is not a good way to choose leaders who will make decisions that affect our daily lives.

A saying often incorrectly attributed to Thomas Jefferson states, basically, that an educated citizenry is the cornerstone of a democracy. Regardless of who said it and the exact wording, the sentiment is spot on.

Our editorial staff spends a considerable amount of time and resources helping Tri-Valley voters become that "educated citizenry." In addition to candidate profiles and other news coverage, as a community service, we host candidates' forums where voters can hear directly from the people on the ballot.

Moderated by our publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh, our 2020 virtual candidate forums will include questions solicited from residents in the weeks prior to the event so the topics addressed mirror voter concerns.

In the tradition of newspapers across the country, we will endorse candidates after the forums and explain our reasons. Whether voters agree with us or not, we hope that outlining our thought process will lead to more and better research on the candidates and the issues.

Candidates for Pleasanton mayor and council have been invited to attend a virtual forum from 5-8 p.m. next Thursday (Sept. 3). A forum for the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees candidates is being arranged with a date to be determined.

Dublin mayor and council candidates will face off Thursday, Sept. 10.

In addition to the shelter-in-place order requiring virtual forums this year, also

complicating matters is districting for some cities, school and special districts. For example, Dublin Unified School District (which has a forum scheduled Thursday, Sept. 17) is divided into five sub-areas and there are contested races for only two of the three seats on the ballot. The city of Dublin, however, is not divided into districts. The city of Livermore, though, is divided into districts, but the school district is not.

The two candidates for Livermore mayor (at-large) and the two candidates for Livermore City Council District 3 seat will face off Tuesday, Sept. 22.

We will also moderate a forum for San Ramon mayor, City Council District 1 and City Council District 3 candidates from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

Visit [PleasantonWeekly.com/candidate-forum](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/candidate-forum) for information on registration for the Sept. 3 Pleasanton mayoral and council forum and to submit a question for consideration. Check [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) for information about the other forums. ■

## LETTERS

### Karla Brown for mayor

Dear Editor,

After living in many places over the years, Pleasanton is the first place I've called "hometown" since my childhood home in Massachusetts. I care about Pleasanton and want to keep it a great place in which to live.

When I vote, I look for a candidate I can support on the issues I care most about. I look for a candidate who can listen and can learn. Pleasanton will choose a new mayor in November, and I'll be voting for Karla Brown.

On the local issues I care about, Karla has staked out clear positions I support:

She's pledged to not accept campaign donations from builders or developers; she supports "slow and smart growth" that minimizes in-town traffic issues and eases school overcrowding; Karla will protect our beautiful downtown and opposes replacing its low-rise restaurants and shops with multi-story housing; she knows that impacts to current Pleasanton residents from state-required housing mandates must be minimized; and Karla will continue to fight to preserve our scenic ridgelines, clean air, and safe drinking water.

On Nov. 3, I'll gladly vote Karla Brown for mayor because I care about Pleasanton, I care about these issues and I know Karla does too.

—J.P. Maille

### Jarod Buna for council

Jarod Buna is a clear choice for Pleasanton City Council. Jarod is invested in the community's well-being and its future growth. As a firefighter I trust he has Pleasanton's public safety as a top priority. Jarod comes from a public safety family and understands the importance of a safe community.

—Chad Englert

### Blankets For Kids

I want to thank all of the wonderful people who have been helping us with Blankets For Kids. Since we have been sentenced to staying at home, these lovely people have volunteered their time to get the fleece blankets ready for others to tie.

So, we are still in business. There are over 350,000 abused and neglected children — in ordinary times. During these last months, there are many more. Stress causes a lot and a soft, cuddly blanket is a welcome gift.

A big "Thank You!" to volunteers.

—R. Jo Molz

### Kelly Mokashi, a positive asset for PUSD board

I believe Kelly would be a positive asset as a trustee for the PUSD school board. She has a strong educational career with a lot of valuable experience, as a former educator, an adult trainer and as a curriculum specialist — that all serve as a strong foundation for her future role as a school board member.

Kelly is very passionate about

education in many ways. As we are both former educators, we have similar principles, such as advocating for more arts integration and STEAM (science, technology engineering, arts, and mathematics) in all subject areas.

I have seen first-hand how she has engaged our own children to learn in fun and creative ways, including hands-on projects, differentiation of instruction, and innovative activities that help them develop their creativity and ability to think outside the box.

Kelly has a strong positive character and she has the tenacity to stand up for what is in the best interest for students. She has the know-how to work with others especially, when there are many different viewpoints and opinions. She works well with others in a professional diplomatic way, especially when solving difficult problems.

These are just a few examples of why I feel Kelly would be a great asset for the PUSD school board.

—Ashley Conk

### Extend the comment period

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory plans to conduct a full site-wide environmental impact statement (SWEIS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze the lab's environmental impact over the next 15 years.

This is the only opportunity for the public to influence the lab (a federal nuclear weapons lab with two Superfund cleanup sites) until 2036. Tri-Valley CAREs, a LLNL watchdog group, has requested a SWEIS for years.

SWEIS timing now, during a global pandemic and a presidential campaign, seems calculated to minimize public input into nuclear lab activities. We at CAREs won't let them get away with this!

The National Nuclear Security Administration claims, "U.S. nuclear weapons infrastructure is aging and historically underfunded." Having squandered hundreds of billions of dollars on weapons of mass destruction with massive yearly budget increases for nuclear weapons activities, LLNL now asserts half its

### Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. Oct. 25. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this fall — which means an author could write one letter on the Pleasanton mayor race and a second letter on City Council, but not two letters on City Council.

We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us, and anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to [letters@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:letters@pleasantonweekly.com).

operating buildings are inadequate or substandard.

Why then haven't existing funds been used to maintain lab infrastructure? Are we willing to spend billions more on weapons during a pandemic and joblessness crisis, while the country cries out for improved medical and climate research? The lab's budget for such research is tiny.

SWEIS comments allow the public to assist NNSA in determining lab alternatives — e.g. cleanup and funding vital scientific work like climate change solutions or health research.

Tri-Valley CAREs seeks to extend the comment period allowing time for more public engagement. Please join us in impacting the future of the nuclear weapons lab. Check [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org) for updates.

—Mary Perner

Board president, Tri-Valley CAREs

**Just what the city needs**

Jarod Buna and I have been friends since high school. His positive attitude and the ideas he has to preserve the way of life Pleasanton is known for has made him my choice for City Council. With all the

challenges facing our community, Jarod's quick wit and sound moral compass is just what this city needs.

—Samuel Sotelo

**Climate action: More relevant than ever**

Concern over climate change remains high among Americans, even with the COVID-19 pandemic and elections. The busy hurricane season and wildfires raging throughout add to this anxiety. The 2020 hurricane season is breaking records as this is the earliest in the calendar year that five storms have

made landfall since records began in 1851.

At the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), we're pushing Congress — both Republicans and Democrats — to show ambition and come together on bipartisan climate legislation, primarily the "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act" (HR 763).

The Energy Innovation Act is simple, comprehensive and effective. It will reduce America's emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years.

The Energy Innovation Act will improve health and save lives by reducing the pollution that Americans

breathe. Poor air quality causes an estimated 114,000 U.S. deaths each year and sickens thousands more. This is particularly relevant during the pandemic because people living in areas with higher air pollution are more likely to die from the disease.

The Energy Innovation Act has support in Congress: 81 representatives have signed on as co-sponsors. Local CCL members are working to get Rep. Eric Swalwell on board as well.

It is high time that we work together to face this urgent issue.

—Sophia Chung



# 18th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public FY2018-19

## Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Activities

In November 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the County's 1986 half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan to enhance the County's transportation system. 2000 Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to review all Measure B expenditures for compliance with the Expenditure Plan.

**The IWC concludes that 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures during FY2018-19, except as noted on the last page of the full report. However, opportunities for improvement remain.**

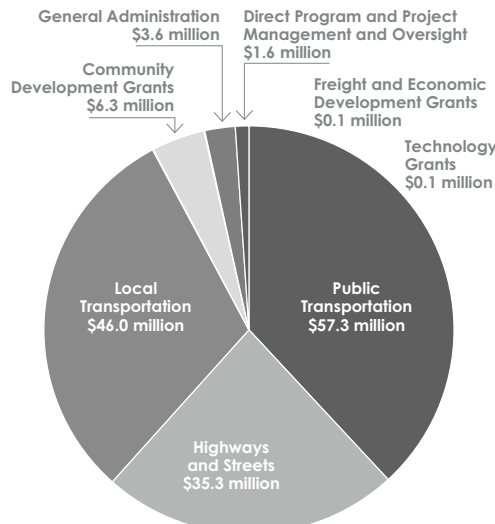
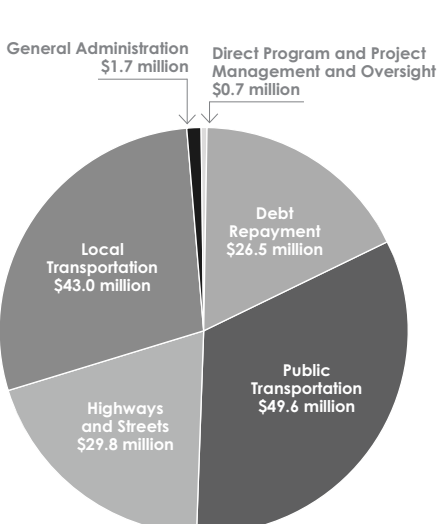
In November 2014, Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, which increased the County's half-cent transportation sales tax to one full cent, extended the tax through 2045 and set forth a 30-year Expenditure Plan for essential transportation improvements in every city throughout the County.

The 2014 Measure BB established an Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) that reports its findings annually to the public to ensure appropriate use of sales tax funds and provides oversight by reviewing Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC replaced and assumed responsibility

for CWC activities in July 2015. The IWC does not opine on other funds the Alameda CTC manages and/or programs. This 18th annual report reviews expenditures and IWC activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 (FY2018-19). The full report is available at [www.AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2020Report](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2020Report).

## Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax measures. In FY2018-19, Measure B revenues for Alameda CTC totaled \$167.2 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$151.3 million. Measure BB revenues totaled \$166.8 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$150.3 million in FY2018-19.



## Measure B and Measure BB Funded Programs

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 60 percent of Measure B and 65 percent of Measure BB funds on a monthly basis to programs by formula and through competitive grants to Alameda County, cities and transit agencies for allowable transportation needs.

In FY2018-19, Alameda CTC expended \$90.9 million in Measure B funds and \$94.5 million in Measure BB funds on programs, including local streets and roads, mass transit, special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian safety and other investments, and freight and economic, community, and technology development.

## Measure B and Measure BB Funded Projects

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 40 percent of Measure B and 35 percent of Measure BB funds to capital projects. In FY2018-19, Alameda CTC expended \$31.6 million of 2000 Measure B funds and \$51.3 million of 2014 Measure BB funds on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail extensions, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

## Independent Watchdog Committee Activities

IWC members performed the following activities from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

- **Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Monitoring:** The IWC monitors specific programs, capital projects and issues of concern.
- **Independent Audit of Alameda CTC:** The IWC reviews the independent auditor's plan for the audit before it begins and reviews the draft audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report regarding Measure B and Measure BB revenues and expenditures.
- **Audit and Compliance Report Review:** The IWC members review audited financial statements and compliance reports, including performance measures, received from Measure B and Measure BB direct local distribution (DLD) recipients to ensure expenditures comply with the requirements in the applicable Expenditure Plan.
- **Issues Identification Process:** IWC members may request and receive information if they have concerns regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. In FY2018-19, the topics of Measure BB implementing guidelines and Measure B and Measure BB annual revenues and expenditures were addressed using this process.
- **Annual Report to the Public:** Each year, the IWC establishes a subcommittee to develop the annual report to the public regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures and to discuss distribution and outreach for the annual report.

## How to Get Involved

Independent Watchdog Committee meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in vacancies on Alameda CTC's advisory committees, contact Alameda CTC. Visit [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org) or contact the IWC at [IndependentWatchdog@AlamedaCTC.org](mailto:IndependentWatchdog@AlamedaCTC.org) to learn more.

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## Culinary Angels dispense tasty nutrition

Incredible edibles delivered to patients with serious health challenges

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Maximum nutrition is vital for folks fighting serious disease — exactly when the patient and caregiver are already overwhelmed.

Enter Culinary Angels, which provides two deliveries a month of nutrient-rich meals, using organic, locally grown produce and volunteer help. Now the group is looking for more people to serve and is starting a fundraising campaign to cover costs.

"I have always been a health advocate, and I've loved to cook and to cook for people," founder/executive director Lisa McNaney said. "I really understand the advantages of nutrients and how they affect food."

This helped when McNaney, now 52, was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 37, and years later when her daughter was diagnosed at 18. Then, her mother died of ovarian cancer, and a dear family friend was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Through these crises McNaney, a Livermore resident, provided nutritional sustenance.

"I stepped in and gave foods I knew they could benefit from," she recalled.

Friends soon were sharing the outreach to others they knew undergoing health challenges.

"Then it just took off," McNaney said. "We started Culinary Angels with five recipients — and now we have serviced over 4,200 meals to recipients and their caregivers."

Including caregivers distinguishes Culinary Angels from others, McNaney said.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for caregivers," she explained. "It's the hardest job. They feel completely helpless and responsible at the same time. And they are sleep deprived — that person is really depleted."

When Culinary Angels began in November 2016, organizers spent their first six months kitchen-hopping before someone suggested the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

"We are not a faith-based group, but we approached them because we knew if we were going to be bigger we needed a more industrial-type kitchen," McNaney said, "and the partnership was born."

"We also have wonderful partnerships with Sunflower Hill and Fertile Groundworks," she noted. "They supply us with about half of our produce, which cuts our costs in half."

About 95% of meal recipients are actively undergoing treatment for cancer, when good nutrition is

critical for keeping up strength and energy and maintaining a healthy body weight. Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare and Kaiser Permanente Dublin help by distributing informational pamphlets to newly diagnosed patients to peruse in the privacy of their homes.

"The people who qualify are those going through a short-term, acute health-care challenge," McNaney said.

Clients receive meals twice a month for six months, which is based on the customary length for chemotherapy treatments.

"We want to be there during this acute time. We check in with them on the 11th delivery, and we might encourage them to stay on a little bit longer," McNaney said. "We hope they will continue eating healthy foods, continuing with the nutritional education they learn from us."

All of the recipes are posted at [www.culinaryangels.org](http://www.culinaryangels.org).

Culinary Angels is currently serving 175 meals every month throughout the Tri-Valley, with 102 active volunteers plus director McNaney and chef Claudia Castillo Holley.

"Claudia has a master's in holistic nutrition and she comes up with every single recipe based on what the gardens have available," McNaney said. "We offer protein and vegetarian meals."

"We utilize everything we're



Culinary Angels founder Lisa McNaney, currently executive director, digs in to help prepare meals for delivery with volunteer David Moirao.

COURTESY OF CULINARY ANGELS

given," she added. "We make all our own veggie broth, and we blanch, chop and freeze. Claudia is wonderful at using resources — she's incredibly creative."

Some 45 food preparers, who have passed a state-accredited course on food handling and safety, help to prepare, cook and package the twice-monthly deliveries,

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Culinary Angels chef Claudia Castillo Holley, who will be featured in an autumn cook-off and a series of online cooking classes, as part of a fundraising campaign called Nourish the Need.



COURTESY OF CULINARY ANGELS

Volunteer coordinator Cathy Griggs displays a bounty of onions.

### Money needed for nutritious meals

Culinary Angels recently launched a four-tiered fundraising campaign called Nourish the Need.

"While Culinary Angels is reliant on the thousands of volunteer hours donated by those working in the kitchen and delivering meals, we also have monetary costs that include culinary equipment, food and compostable packaging," founder/executive director Lisa McNaney said. "Nourish the Need donations will help to offset some of these costs at a time when the need is growing and more critical than ever."

The four tiers for monthly contributions are as follows:

- \* \$10 — which provides one meal to a recipient.
- \* \$20 — for a meal to a recipient and the caregiver.
- \* \$60 — meals twice monthly for three months.
- \* \$120 — meals twice monthly for six months.

Also on tap for the Nourish the Need campaign this fall are a Harvest Chef Cook-Off between chef Matt Greco from Salt Craft restaurant in Pleasanton and Culinary Angels chef Claudia Castillo Holley, and a series of virtual cooking classes by chef Claudia. More details will be released soon.

To donate, visit [www.culinaryangels.org/donate](http://www.culinaryangels.org/donate). Culinary Angels accepts donations through credit card, PayPal or by check to 4435 First St., No. 142, Livermore CA 94551. Call 243-1211.

# Pleasanton spirits to come 'alive'

Annual Ghost Walks will be offered online

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main has announced that its popular Ghost Walks held each year during the Halloween season are moving to Zoom.

"This family-friendly tour, held for over 13 years, is a staple of the Halloween season, and we can't wait to bring it to you in the comfort of your home," museum director of education Sarah Schaefer said. "Although this year will be a little bit different because of COVID-19, we still expect our virtual Ghost Walk to be a popular event, so we are recommending you get your tickets now."

The virtual tours will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24 and 31, with two hosts guiding each virtual tour of downtown Pleasanton's most haunted locations. Ghosts, portrayed by professional actors this year, will share the

history and hauntings of each site. Each tour will be limited to about 150 participants so the hosts can answer questions and keep people engaged.

When people sign up, they will also be emailed a Ghost Walk companion e-book with recipes for spooky snacks and treats as well as Halloween-themed cocktails and mocktails to help them get in the Ghost Walk spirit at home. The e-book will have more about the history of the Ghost Walk and tips for ghost hunters.

Ghost Walk has successfully brought the haunted side of Pleasanton to "life" through the stories and experiences collected from psychics, ghost hunters, and shop workers over the years. Ghost Walk is spookier than it is scary.

"It's not a haunted house type of program where people jump out to scare you," Schaefer noted.

"This has been true of our in-person Ghost Walk and will continue to be true this year when the Ghost Walk is virtual on Zoom."

In November, a related virtual program will feature local ghost hunters leading investigations into haunted locations downtown, bringing their findings and techniques to participants.

But first, the October Ghost Walk tours are available at \$15 per screen, not transferable to multiple screens. Tickets, which are non-refundable, must be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) and must include the email to receive the Zoom invitation.

Museum on Main, 603 Main St., in Pleasanton, is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19, but information can be found on the website, its Facebook page and YouTube channel, or by calling 462-2766. ■



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Tickets are on sale now for the online incarnation of the Museum on Main's popular Ghost Walk program.

# Enjoy 'Vineyard Vibes'

Sunday concert series to feature local musicians

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

In an effort to help Tri-Valley arts survive the pandemic, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is launching a series of virtual Sunday evening concerts, "Vineyard Vibes," each beginning at 6 p.m.

Retzlaff Vineyards has made its stage available for the concerts, and performers are donating their services. Advance Creative, a video production agency in Livermore, is also donating its services to record and edit the shows.

The concerts will feature local musicians in a range of genres, as follows:

- Sept. 13 — Livermore jazz favorites Matt Finders and Friends.

- Sept. 20 — Livermore Valley Opera stars performing classical arias and musical theater songs.

- Sept. 27 — David Victor, formerly of the band Boston, playing an acoustic set of original music.

- Oct. 4 — Crawdad Republic, folk and bluegrass-inspired band that sold out the Bankhead Theater last New Year's Eve.

- Oct. 11 — Lauryn Marie, who recently won the StarsDay Dreamcatcher competition.

The events are free, but registration at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org) is required for online access.

Performers have been hit hard by the pandemic, noted organizers, as have venues and theaters such as the Bankhead, and



"Vineyard Vibes" is a truly local effort to support local arts. A tip jar will be available for performers, and donations can be made to the arts center during the performances and immediately afterward.

"Vineyard Vibes" is sponsored in part by the Bankhead Theater's 2020-21 Season Sponsor, UNCLE Credit Union. ■

# Encore Players pandemic show rescheduled

Readings from novels, poems and more to take place Aug. 31

Encore Players' show, "Pandemic of 1918: Readings from Novels, Poems, Children's Stories, Letters, and Written Memories," will take place on Zoom from 7-8 p.m. next Monday (Aug. 31).

The original virtual show was

scheduled for Aug. 18 but had to be canceled due to power outages.

The Encore Players was formed in Livermore in 2014 to provide an outlet for amateur actors and directors to share their love of theater with the community and to give "seasoned"

actors an opportunity to perform.

"Pandemic of 1918" is sponsored by the Livermore Public Library and Friends of the Livermore Library. The access link is [zoom.us/j/99428922882](https://zoom.us/j/99428922882). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## CULINARY

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which often provide multiple meals.

McNaney said Culinary Angels has hardly missed a beat during the COVID-19 crisis.

"We had a quick pause because

the whole campus closed down," she said. "Then we delivered all the organic produce in bag to our recipients."

Soon it was allowed to resume as an essential food organization.

"We haven't had any slowdown in our service, although we have increased our safety protocol and limited the number of volunteers

we have in the space," McNaney said. "I am grateful we can continue to feed the people who need it the most. So many are not able to go out with their compromised immune systems."

Culinary Angels has the capacity to serve more, she said, urging people to visit [www.culinaryangels.org](http://www.culinaryangels.org) to learn more. ■

# PFLAG launches campaign to be kind

Aim is to create future that is kinder, braver, more just

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley and Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation have announced the launch of the foundation's third annual #BeKind21 Campaign as communities across the world face the trauma of a pandemic, ongoing racial inequalities and a host of global challenges.

"This campaign aims to create a culture of kindness and foster healthy communities," said Cynthia Germanotta, co-founder and president of Born This Way Foundation. "Our #BeKind21 initiative is an opportunity for all of us to put kindness into action."

From Sept. 1-21, the campaign invites schools and colleges to kick off the new school year by establishing kinder habits, and for corporate partners, nonprofit partners and all other participants to head into the fall with a spirit of compassion and kindness in their communities.

PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley, which for 25 years has supported families and friends of LGBTQ+ youths, will participate in the challenge by asking people to make small changes in the language they

use to help create more inclusive communities.

Partnering on the challenge are more than 150 schools, nonprofit organizations, government institutions, sports teams and corporations across the country.

"We believe that being kind is advocating for a world that values, validates and respects all people," Germanotta said. "Together we are building a movement based on actions that create a future that is kinder, braver and more just."

Individuals who take the pledge at [bornthiswayfoundation/bekind21](http://bornthiswayfoundation/bekind21) will receive kindness suggestions, tips and inspiration from Born This Way Foundation's co-founders and partners. The foundation, led by Lady Gaga and her mother Cynthia Germanotta, was started in 2012 to support the wellness of young people and empower them to create a kinder and braver world.

PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley holds a monthly support group for allies, friends, family and parents of LGBTQ+ children and adults, which meets the third Monday of every month, currently via an online session. Learn more at [srvpflag.org](http://srvpflag.org). ■

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Golden State Killer sentenced to life; apologizes to victims

Joseph DeAngelo, probably better known as the Golden State Killer, was sentenced last Friday in Sacramento to 12 life terms for the killings, rapes and other crimes committed in California, including some in the Tri-Valley.

DeAngelo, 74, was sentenced to the maximum time allowed by law and will spend the rest of his life in prison. He was once a police officer and terrorized the state over 13 years in the 1970s and 1980s.

More than 30 years passed before he was identified as the slayer.

Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Michael Bowman said at Friday's hearing that DeAngelo deserves no mercy.

Midway through the hearing, DeAngelo took off his white mask, gathered himself and addressed the court. Wearing a white shirt on top of an orange one, DeAngelo said, "I've listened to all your statements. Each one of them. And I am truly sorry to everyone I've hurt."

DeAngelo pleaded guilty to more than a dozen murders and more

than a dozen kidnappings and other crimes. He was identified through investigative genetic genealogy in 2018, prosecutors in Contra Costa County said.

DeAngelo killed his last victim in 1986. Prosecutors said that DeAngelo admitted to crimes against 87 individuals at 53 separate crime scenes. Charges were filed against him for offenses he perpetrated against 26 people and DeAngelo admitted to uncharged crimes against 61 more.

Uncharged crimes occurred in Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Alameda, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare and Yolo counties.

Prosecutors decided to allow DeAngelo to plead guilty to some of the offenses and admit the uncharged ones in consultation with victims and their families.

The scope of the case involved more than 1.3 million pages of discovery, and if charges were filed for all of the offenses the proceedings may have taken as many as 10 years. The decision allowed the victims and their families hear DeAngelo admit what he did.



Joseph DeAngelo

For the past three days, the victims described how DeAngelo's actions affected them. DeAngelo pleaded guilty to 13 counts of first-degree murder and 13 felony counts of kidnapping to commit robbery.

DeAngelo admitted to killing Claude Snelling in 1975 in Tulare County, Katie and Brian Maggiore in 1978 in Sacramento County, Debra Alexandria Manning in 1979 in Santa Barbara County, Robert Offerman in 1979 in Santa Barbara County, Cheri Domingo in 1981 in Santa Barbara County, Greg Sanchez in 1981 in Santa Barbara County, Charlene and Lyman Smith in 1980 in Ventura County, Keith and Patricia Harrington in 1980 in Orange County, Manuela Wittuhn in 1981 in Orange County and Janelle Cruz in 1986 in Orange County.

The charges against DeAngelo also included four cases of kidnap and robbery that involved rapes from Contra Costa County, including one in San Ramon in October 1978 and one in Danville in June 1979. The district attorney's office had to pursue kidnapping charges and not rape due to the statute of limitations for those crimes.

DeAngelo admitted to those San Ramon Valley crimes, as well as an uncharged rape case in Danville from December 1978.

Prosecutors said DeAngelo's crime spree started in 1975 when he was a police officer with the Exeter Police Department and the crimes continued after he was fired from the Auburn Police Department in 1979.

Prosecutors said DeAngelo started with peeping through windows and his offenses escalated through stalking to serial murder.

DeAngelo was also nicknamed the "Visalia Ransacker," the "Original

Night Stalker" and the "East Area Rapist."

### In other news

• Authorities have identified the 21-year-old man from Dublin who died after crashing his vehicle into a parked semi-truck in Oakland last weekend.

Kamalpreet Singh Sahni was pronounced dead at the scene just before 1 a.m. Saturday, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

A 19-year-old woman and a 7-month-old baby girl — both from Antioch — who were in Sahni's vehicle were taken to a local hospital for treatment and were in stable condition, Oakland police Officer Johnna Watson told the Weekly on Monday afternoon.

The passengers' names were not released publicly, but supporters of Sahni's said on a GoFundMe page over the weekend that they were Sahni's baby daughter and the girl's mother.

The situation unfolded just after 12:30 a.m. Saturday when the Oakland Police Department was dispatched to a report of a crash involving a moving vehicle and a parked vehicle in the 1300 block of Frontage Road, according to Watson.

The preliminary investigation revealed Sahni was driving northbound when it veered off course and struck a big-rig that was parked in the center median lane of the roadway, according to Watson. The crash occurred between 10th and 11th streets on Frontage Road, which runs alongside Interstate 880.

Sahni died at the scene, while his two passengers were taken to the hospital for treatment, Watson said. The Oakland Fire Department and Falck ambulance personnel assisted in the emergency response.

The crash remains under investigation, and it is unknown at this point whether alcohol or drugs were a factor, according to Watson.

• A Concord man was killed in a head-on collision on Crow Canyon Road just outside the San Ramon city limits last Saturday afternoon, according to the California Highway Patrol's Castro Valley office.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the deceased driver as 36-year-old Liupua Talivaa. According to his LinkedIn profile, he worked as a carpenter in the Bay Area.

Talivaa was traveling at an unknown speed northbound on Crow Canyon Road in unincorporated Alameda County toward San Ramon around 3 p.m. Saturday when he allowed his vehicle to cross the double-yellow lines and strike an oncoming vehicle head-on, according to CHP-Castro Valley.

The Concord man, who was not wearing a seatbelt, sustained fatal injuries in the crash that occurred a couple hundred feet from the San Ramon city limits, according to the CHP.

Witnesses reported Talivaa had been driving recklessly, weaving in and out of traffic on the windy two-lane stretch of the county road, according to the CHP. Investigators believe drugs or alcohol were a factor.

The driver of the other vehicle, a 26-year-old man from Walnut Creek, was transported to a hospital with major injuries that were not considered life-threatening, according to CHP-Castro Valley.

That stretch of Crow Canyon Road was closed for more than 2-1/2 hours Saturday afternoon for the crash investigation and cleanup. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

## Kimberlee Faye Hammond

August 9, 1959 – August 10, 2020

Kimberlee Faye (Henry) Hammond, 61, of Millersville, Pennsylvania, passed away at her home on Monday, August 10, 2020 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was the beloved wife of Brian Lee Hammond, with whom she shared 24 years of marriage.



Born in Livermore, Kim grew up in Pleasanton, and was a graduate of Amador Valley High School, class of 1977. After high school, she went on to earn an Associate

Degree in Acting from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena. For most of her life, Kim was a professional actress and vocalist and performed in both musicals and theater.

In her spare time, Kim enjoyed sewing, embroidery and crafting projects. She was an avid doll collector. Kim loved all things Disney. She was a former member of Pleasanton Presbyterian Church.

Most of all, Kim loved spending time with her family - her daughters, Alice Renier and fiance Nick Shea, Emilie Renier and fiance Garrett Schnathorst and Katherine Hammond, her mother, the late Mary (George) Williams, father Philip Henry and stepmother, Terry Henry, of Pleasanton, brother Chris Henry and wife, Anne, of Livermore and sons Christopher and Michael. She was a descendant of the Buttner, Henry and Ziegenfuss families, all of whom settled in the Tri-Valley area in the 1800s.

Services and interment will be private.

Arrangements entrusted to Dewald Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., Quarryville, PA. To leave an online condolence visit [www.dewalds.com](http://www.dewalds.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Kim's memory to The Michael J. Fox Foundation by mail at Donation Processing, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, or online at <https://www.michaeljfox.org/donate>.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 20

#### Auto theft

- 8:05 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 2:47 p.m. on the 000 block of West Angela Street

#### Vandalism

- 11:21 a.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:08 p.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

- 6:18 p.m. on Hopyard Road

#### Assault/battery

- 11:26 p.m. on the 2400 block of Santa Rita Road

### Aug. 19

#### Drug violation

- 6:16 a.m. on the 5200 block of Springdale Avenue

#### Assault/battery

- 1:10 p.m. on the 7300 block of Stonedale Drive

#### Burglary

- 3:18 p.m. on the 100 block of Neal Street

### Aug. 18

#### Theft

- 7:01 a.m., 6700 block of Payne Road; theft from auto
- 10:57 a.m., 4600 block of Denker Road; theft from auto
- 1:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:33 p.m., 4100 block of Holland Drive; auto theft

- 5:45 p.m., 600 block of Junipero Street; auto theft

#### Robbery

- 12:15 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### Aug. 17

#### Vandalism

- 7:51 a.m. on the 4100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Drug violation

- 11:43 a.m. on the 3000 block of Crestablanca Drive

### Aug. 16

#### Drug violation

- 1:06 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

- 7:22 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

- 10:58 p.m. on the 4900 block of Hopyard Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 4:23 a.m. at Owens Drive and Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 1:46 p.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; auto theft

- 6:32 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### DUI

- 5:38 p.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Domestic battery

- 8:25 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

#### Weapons violation

- 10:07 p.m. on the 4900 block of Hopyard Road



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Pleasanton native Lemoine gets first taste of MLS action

Ballistic United alum now a young reserve for Houston Dynamo

At only 20 years old, Pleasanton's Nico Lemoine has experienced more on the soccer field than most people will in their entire careers.

Now a member of the Houston Dynamo in Major League Soccer, Lemoine packed a lot of different experiences on the pitch while on his road to being a professional soccer player.

From the beginning of his life, there have been strong bloodlines for Lemoine to be a successful soccer player. Both his father Sean and his late uncle Erik were standouts in the youth, high school and college ranks. Nico's grandfather Chuck was a longtime local soccer coach as well.

From his under-9 to U-13 playing days, Lemoine was getting it done for Ballistic United Soccer Club. At that point, BUSC's Developmental Academy was in its infancy stage and players in search of high-competitive soccer at his age had to go elsewhere.

Off Lemoine went to the DeAnza Force in the South Bay, where

he started playing at the age of 14 with the Force U-16 team. From there, Lemoine went into the United States U-17 National Team Residency, wearing the colors of the USA in international competitions.

He then came back to the Bay

**'That was amazing to play against LAFC ... I wasn't really nervous, but more excited than anything.'**

**Nico Lemoine,**  
Houston Dynamo

Area and had a spot on the San Jose Earthquakes Developmental Academy team for over a year, spending the summer of 2017 training with the Earthquakes United States Soccer League affiliate, Reno 1868.

In 2018, he joined the Dynamo's Academy during and led the team in assists with six that season in the U.S. Soccer Academy League.

He then signed a contract with the Dynamo USL affiliate — Rio Grande Valley FC — heading into the 2019 season. Finally this all led to June 11 of this year when Lemoine signed with the Dynamo and became an MLS player.


After just two weeks of training, Lemoine found himself with the Dynamo in Orlando for the MLS is Back Tournament.

"That was great — I was super stoked for it," Lemoine said of joining the MLS parent club. "At first it was hard to believe, but then I got super excited. I just kept working hard and wanted to be ready if Tab (Ramos, the Houston coach) called on me to play."


That didn't take long, as Ramos called upon Lemoine in the team's first game in Orlando — a 3-3 tie with the Los Angeles Football Club.

"That was amazing to play

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COURTESY OF HOUSTON DYNAMO

Nico Lemoine dons the Houston Dynamo orange during his MLS debut earlier this summer.

against LAFC, one of the best teams in the league," Lemoine said. "The speed of play, the tempo, was crazy. It was so much faster. I wasn't really nervous, but more excited than anything."

The uniqueness of the tournament being at Disney World with all the MLS teams sequestered in hotels because of the COVID-19 pandemic took some time to adjust.


"It was different being in the bubble," he said of the arrangements. "We all had our own rooms and that took time to adapt. It was really lonely to a degree."

As Lemoine has every reason to look optimistically at his career the rest of playing days, he always looks back at the BUSC years as the foundation that got him going.

"My Ballistic days were the best days," Lemoine said. "From under-9 to under-13, those were my boys. I still talk with them all today. Ballistic is where I fell in love with the game." ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his "Pleasanton Preps" column, email acesmag@aol.com.*

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and subsequently issued Executive Order N-25-20 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>

- Presentation on City's work plan to address Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and approve an agreement with Carollo Engineers in the amount of \$437,374 to prepare a basis of design report for PFAS Treatment and Wells 5, 6, and 8 Rehabilitation Project
- Approve policy direction to begin the design process for an all-abilities playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park
- Consider approval of modifications to the City's Down Payment Assistance Program to increase the maximum loan amount, restructure the loan terms, and adopt a shared appreciation loan policy for repayment

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# Calendar

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## Public Forums

**PLEASANTON CITY CANDIDATES FORUM** A virtual forum for Pleasanton candidates for mayor and city council is set for 5-8 p.m. Sept. 3 via Zoom. The Pleasanton Weekly is partnering with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce to present. Weekly publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh will moderate. The event will be livestreamed and a full recording of the forum will be available afterward. Registration is required to watch live; visit [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) for details.

**NNSA VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration will hold a virtual public scoping meeting for a new site-wide environmental impact statement for continued operation of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. 6 p.m., Sept. 2. Visit [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).

## Talks & Lectures

**SHOWTIME WITH ENCORE PLAYERS** Livermore's community theater group has rescheduled its presentation "Pandemic 1918: Readings from novels, poems, children's stories, letters and written memories" to 7-8 p.m., Aug. 31. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Library

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## Comedy

**COMEDY WITH LIZ GRANT & FRIENDS** Robert Mac, a grand prize winner of Comedy Central's national stand-up competition, joins the cast to deliver his smart, brainy, dead-pan style of comedy. Also featured is Tony Sparks, known for his hilarious animated ad-libs. The show will go on virtually. 7:30, Aug. 29, \$15. Visit [danvilleca.gov/village theatre](http://danvilleca.gov/village theatre).

**YAKOV SMIRNOFF - UNITED WE LAUGH** Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents a virtual comedy special: United We Laugh. Yakov Smirnov is a Russian Immigrant who loves America and being American. United We Laugh is a virtual comedy special that will leave you in stitches laughing and shedding a tear at the same time. 6 p.m., Aug. 29, \$25. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Outdoor Recreation

**SAN RAMON NATURE FOUNDATION - EXPERT GROWERS' SERIES** The series will be presented on Zoom to registered participants who will also receive a private YouTube link for watching at their convenience. Fred

## PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/E. SCHOLZ

## Meet Kerr

Kerr may only have one eye but it doesn't hold him back! Kerr is a happy, playful 2-month-old kitten. He enjoys climbing cat towers, running through a play tunnel and jumping around with his two siblings. While Valley Humane Society remains closed during shelter-in-place, they are coordinating adoptions by appointment with approved adopters. Email [info@valleyhumane.org](mailto:info@valleyhumane.org) for more information.

## Government

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING** The regular meetings of the Pleasanton City Council are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Currently being held virtually. 7 p.m., Sept. 1. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**LIVERMORE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees holds regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month to conduct business of the District. Currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Sept. 1. Visit [livermoreschools.org](http://livermoreschools.org).



TINA GREGORY

## Grocery drive-thru at St. Michael's

Volunteers from St. Michael Catholic Church delivered fresh groceries to 34 seniors and homebound residents in Livermore as well as handed groceries to-go to dozens of cars that visited its drive-thru event at the church last Saturday. Church officials and volunteers are now offering the free grocery drive-thru on the first and third Saturdays of each month to help fill the gap for those in need by giving away kits of fresh food (such as fruits, vegetables, eggs and more). The donation effort is supported by food and financial contributions from local businesses and parishioners. To learn more, visit [StMichaelLivermore.com](http://StMichaelLivermore.com) or call 925-447-1585.

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 15-19 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

### Pleasanton

- 6045 Acadia Court** B. & E. Katz to X. & J. He for \$980,000
- 4022 Alvarado Street** Luna Living Trust to H. & T. Li for \$858,000
- 3016 Calle De La Mesa** Ballas Living Trust to Y. & H. Zhai for \$1,305,000
- 6140 Corte Padre** D. & W. Bankert to Dhaliwal Trust for \$810,000
- 7755 Country Lane** R. & J. Conte to Y. & H. Liu for \$2,125,000
- 4366 Fairlands Drive** K. & B. Lane to M. & S. Chakraborty for \$800,000
- 2872 Garden Creek Circle** M. & O. Oksyuk to A. & G. Randhawa for \$1,000,000
- 1548 Germano Way** K. & S. Yamasaki to A. & M. Freeman for \$2,650,000
- 3151 Gulfstream Street** Marr Sanchez & Associates to G. Chavez for \$1,195,000
- 1627 Holly Circle** Baggett Trust to Orbell Family Trust for \$978,000
- 3816 Hot Springs Court** Kemp Living Trust to K. & G. Reddy for \$915,000
- 1038 Laguna Creek Lane** Lee Trust to S. & Z. Abbas for \$2,420,000
- 3538 Mendenhall Court** R. Stiriti to K. & S. Kottha for \$1,237,500
- 8080 Mountain View Drive #B** S. Fiorio to N. Brunnett for \$565,000
- 1798 Paseo Del Cajon** S. & V. Sathe to J. & K. Austin for \$1,229,000
- 3002 Paseo Granada** J. & R. Reynolds to D. & S. Tran for \$1,446,500

- 3392 Rosada Court** G. Hamilton to T. & M. Haynes for \$662,000
- 4288 West Ruby Hill Drive** Whittington Family Trust to R. & Y. Gao for \$2,450,000
- 5703 San Antonio Street** Mohammed Trust to N. & G. Panaman for \$1,192,000
- 7333 Tulipwood Circle** P. Le to S. Howard for \$1,005,000
- 1417 White Stable Drive** Vongemmingen Trust to N. & K. Samanta for \$1,625,000
- 169 Wild Flower Lane** Rose Trust to V. & F. Gal for \$1,040,000

### Livermore

- 2834 4th Street #1101** K. & G. Chang to S. & D. Kim for \$680,000
- 5629 Arlene Way** P. Watts to J. & N. Grant for \$980,000
- 764 Barleta Lane** K. & D. Mcfadden to Simonson Trust for \$1,550,000
- 1194 Bava Common** P. Thompson to Dierkes Trust for \$765,000
- 4277 Baylor Way** Perea-Family Trust to Ridenour Trust for \$930,000
- 6119 Bella Oaks Court** Gateway Equity LLC to J. & J. Mcdaniels-Brown for \$1,400,000
- 2146 Bella Vista Place** D. & R. Backman to Akik Living Trust for \$1,625,000
- 596 Caliente Avenue** D. Ozbirn to Y. Li for \$700,000
- 3878 California Way** A. Boyer to R. Mays for \$800,000
- 2652 Chateau Way** Bertoldo Family Trust to Chance Family Trust for \$525,000
- 118 Diamond Drive** Tomita Trust to H. & J. Warshauer for \$890,000

- 2163 Elsa Common** A. Ly to V. Lay for \$800,000
- 550 Estates Street** Sills Trust to J. Zuniga for \$750,000
- 6277 Forget Me Not** Hamilton Living Trust to P. Williams for \$595,000
- 2264 French Street** D. Clark to Morrison Living Trust for \$1,462,500
- 749 Hazel Street** R. Bettencourt to Y. Colorado for \$743,000
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- 1284 Marigold Road** M. Thome to J. Mottram for \$620,000
- 1516 Mendocino Road** Dianda Living Trust to A. & M. Ready for \$827,500
- 24 Meritage Common #1405** Smith Family Trust to S. Hashimoto for \$535,000
- 5953 Ocean Hills Way** Mcdoulett Family Trust to R. & D. Rycerski for \$760,000
- 738 North P Street** P & J Builders LLC to C. & D. Mamaug for \$1,100,000
- 1026 Padua Way** Lortie Family Trust to P. & J. Hughes for \$1,335,000
- 5318 Sandra Way** J. & D. Vonbuskirk to A. & D. Romaniuk for \$729,000
- 1164 Sierra Court** L. & R. Hammerschmidt to A. & D. Augustine for \$870,000

- 1496 Spinel Court** A. & D. Arbo to S. & R. Matharu for \$1,202,000
- 394 Summertree Drive** M. Hur to J. & J. Bohnsack for \$1,090,000
- 851 Sunset Drive** M. Maratsos to A. Bielski for \$605,000
- 1770 Vancouver Way** Lombard Family Trust to J. & N. Briana for \$750,000
- 1809 Warsaw Avenue** C. & T. Chance to H. & A. Akapian for \$920,000

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- 8239 Aldea Street** A. Harman to S. & A. Desai for \$1,080,000
- 11191 Brittany Lane** Wieser Family Trust to Y. & J. Zhou for \$1,750,000
- 6580 Conestoga Lane** D. Kim to S. Khan for \$457,500
- 3123 Copper Peak Drive** Toll Ca Viii Lp to S. & A. Palusamy for \$2,350,000
- 5686 El Dorado Lane** Calatlantic Group Inc to H. & A. Vaid for \$849,000
- 7661 Frederiksen Lane** Groenewold Family Trust to A. & A. Lai for \$1,025,000
- 3352 Giovanni Way** Souza Family Trust to D. & V. Mathimohan for \$970,000
- 7599 Ironwood Drive** Sievers Trust to E. & A. Calloway for \$759,000
- 6852 Langmuir Lane** Lazo Trust to K. Chen for \$860,000
- 6585 Oxford Place #45** V. & D. Kent to Aragon Trust for \$649,000
- 7967 Regional Common #806** A. Gonzalez to I. & A. Stewart for \$825,000
- 8240 Vomac Road** P. & B. Harjehausen to Bradshaw Living Trust for \$878,000

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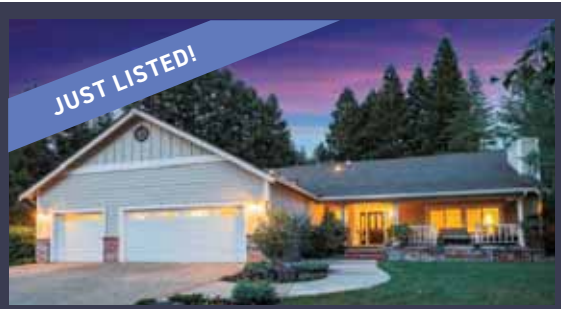


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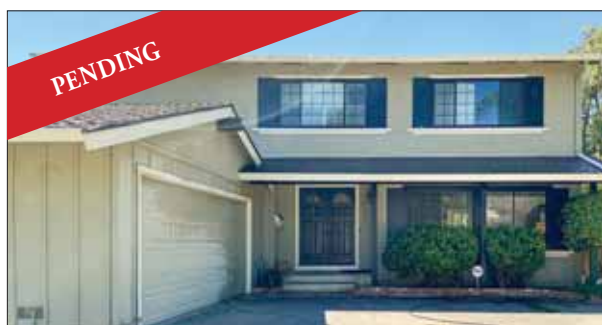
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