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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

A stroll downtown

With Pleasanton entering the red tier last week, I was curious to know how the first few days would look downtown.

So my wife and I walked the commercial core last Friday evening after grabbing some fried bites (plus a Dole Whip) curbside at the fairgrounds' Grab-N-Stay Fair Food Feast. A nice reminder of what we missed with the 2020 Alameda County Fair cancellation.

Really, it's probably a good thing we didn't eat downtown. Just imagine the hell I'd be put through, the favoritism complaints, if I talked here about what restaurant we picked. I mean, what if I said that the best ramen shop in the East Bay, in my view, is on Main Street, or that her favorite store in all of Pleasanton is in downtown? Could you imagine?

Pleasanton's phased public reopening is progressing in lockstep with the rest of Alameda County, so the news March 9 meant indoor dining could return on a smaller scale, retail shops could expand customer capacity and fitness studios could restart inside — among other key changes.

I have deep respect for the businesses and employees across the Tri-Valley who have worked so hard to remain in operation and adhere to fair rules and guidelines during this health pandemic.

It's been tough out there. It is tough still.

We need employers to be safe and thrive. We need employees to be safe and thrive. We need patrons to be safe and thrive.

Here are my quick-hitting observations from our Friday evening stroll...

The crowd levels were strong — but not overwhelming — on that crisp and clear night, creating what I thought was a fairly comfortable environment on the whole, especially for someone who takes COVID spread prevention seriously like me.

It seemed as if many restaurants were having a good evening, long-time favorites and newer offerings alike, buoyed by the return of indoor tables to supplement popular outdoor dining and take-out. The few retail stores still open at that hour also all appeared to have customers.

Looked like many residents were out to "Shop Small-Support Local," as the Pleasanton Downtown Association promotes.

The vast majority of people walking the sidewalks were wearing face coverings. All of the restaurant and retail workers I saw wore masks.

The vast majority of diners sitting at outside tables were not, regardless of whether they had food in front of them or drink in hand.

Plenty of people took advantage of the long-desired return of indoor dining. Many restaurants, to my eye, were following the 25% capacity limit inside. A couple were not.

I continue to be struck by how well-embraced the outdoor dining experience has been during the pandemic. Block after block of downtown Pleasanton have canopies and tents temporarily replacing parking spaces to give restaurants more room for patrons outside.

Of course, I also can't help but think of the times in 2017, 2018 or 2019 when I saw a city staffer or resident promote the idea of adding parklets downtown or have the audacity to suggest a street be closed off to cars permanently in the future, only to be essentially shouted down. Surely no one saw this pandemic coming to boost that argument, but now I wonder if the tables in parking spots will be here to stay.

Speaking of new developments, work continues on the addition to the Bank of America building, due to be completed in late spring to house Zachary's Chicago Pizza. That's next to the Veterans Memorial Building, which with a prominent sign is helping VFW Post 6278 mark its 75th anniversary this month.

The Planning Commission, at a public workshop next Wednesday, will talk about initial plans for potentially tearing down Barone's restaurant on St. John Street and adding homes there and the next-door property.

Middle 8 owners say the new bar is close to opening on the south end of Main Street, and a Gilman Brewing Company taproom is coming fully online soon on the north side.

Pleasantly surprised by how few business vacancies there are despite the difficult conditions. Also have to wonder what kind of movement, if any, will there be to fill the open spots at the old Dean's Cafe and Cafe Main — plus the newer two-story building that replaced Union Jack Pub.

Not business news, but also very exciting for downtown: The Pleasanton Library welcomed back indoor patrons this week. The Museum on Main is reopening its halls next Tuesday. Hopefully conditions will allow the Firehouse Arts Center to join soon.

After all, if the COVID-19 trends and vaccinations continue, the orange tier won't be too far away. Yellow and green too, for that matter. ■

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Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown poses outside the Civic Center complex one week before delivering her first State of the City address. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XXII, Number 8

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How are you feeling about children returning to school in the midst of the pandemic?



Melissa Vickers
Teacher

I'm a kindergarten teacher and have never felt better about anything in my entire life. It has been so difficult this past year, trying to teach my kids virtually. I really did do the best that I could. But there is just no substitute for students and their teacher all being together in a real rather than virtual classroom, in the same physical space. Everyone seems to learn and absorb better, including me.



Evan Finocchio
Lawyer

My kids are really happy to be physically back in school, together with their friends and their teachers. They are really resilient and don't seem to mind having to follow a whole bunch of COVID protocols if it means they can actually go to school.



Claire McLaughlin
Reading specialist

I am so happy to be back in school and so are my students. We did the Zoom thing for so long and the kids were really cooperative, but there is just no substitute for teaching in person, face to face. We are all better off for it.



Jazmin Sanchez Campos
Special education aide

We are feeling very positive about how PUSD is making this easy for us as parents and is always willing to help in any way. My daughter, who is in fifth grade, was looking forward to getting back to school because she missed her school, teacher and friends. She is so happy to be back.



Samantha Chao Thomas
Patient care coordinator

My freshman enjoyed his first day on campus at Foothill last week. He didn't feel restricted by the different safety protocols the school had in place. Instead he focused on the positives of being in school. He felt more motivated and enjoyed the in-person interactions with his teachers and other students.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Museum reopening

The Museum on Main is set to reopen to the public on Tuesday (March 23) with “The Newest Americans: New Citizens Reflect on What America Means to Them.”

The traveling exhibit offers a unique look at U.S. citizenship and the immigration process under national policy during the past four years. It features 29 portraits and interviews, capturing the experiences of immigrants from 23 countries and promoting discussion of America’s legacy as a nation of immigrants.

The front door will be locked, and visitors must knock for entry, which will be limited to 10 at a time. Masks are required. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. “The Newest Americans” will be on display until April 30.

Affordable project

Dublin officially moved forward Tuesday with nonprofit developer Corona Ely Ranch to develop a downtown housing project for low-income seniors and special needs residents.

The City Council unanimously approved entering the agreement and directing \$5.01 million from its affordable housing fund for the project, to be built on 1.3 acres at 6541-6543 Regional St.

The development would feature 70 to 144 affordable units and fall within the city’s Transit Oriented District of the Downtown Dublin Specific Plan. It’s a property the city has been trying to use for housing since 2018.

“I’m actually excited to see this finally move forward,” Mayor Melissa Hernandez said. “Projects do take a long time — they don’t happen overnight.”

Other project details like parking and building heights haven’t been finalized. Once Corona Ely Ranch gets the necessary permits, it would come back to the city for final approval.

—*Bay City News Foundation*

Pool incident

A student was taken to the hospital last week following an apparent pool accident on the Amador Valley High School campus.

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department personnel responded to Amador on the evening of March 9 after a school representative called 9-1-1 to report a medical issue with a student in the swimming pool. LFPD arrived to find one patient in need of medical assistance. The student, who was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for treatment that night, has since recovered. ■

Pleasanton council may appeal potential regional housing allocation

An adjustment is possible but a ‘large shift’ is unlikely, staff said

By JULIA BAUM

City leaders are considering an appeal of Pleasanton’s currently estimated regional housing needs allocation (RHNA), following a lengthy discussion on Tuesday during which staff said an adjustment to the number of housing units ultimately assigned for the city is possible, but not to expect significant changes.

Community development director Ellen Clark told the council that “a large shift in the city’s RHNA allocation is unlikely as a result of the appeals process,” but said it’s “important to go through the process” and exhaust available avenues to “get to a number that’s more fair for the city.”

Pleasanton had an estimated

RHNA count of 4,900 new residential units for the upcoming Housing Element cycle in September, a 2.3 fold increase since the last housing cycle. But a more recent draft RHNA methodology — submitted last month by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), which determines the RHNA total for each Bay Area community — projects 5,965 units, nearly triple the number from the last estimate.

The addition of another 1,000 units is based largely on Plan Bay Area 2050 figures, and increases Pleasanton’s very-low and low-income allocations more than 1,600 units, and the above-moderate income category by over 1,700 units.

About 23% of the total allocation of 1,514 units have been produced in the current housing cycle,

according to staff. That includes 353 affordable (very-low, low- and moderate-income units), according to city staff.

“In contrast, 1,310 above-moderate (market rate) units have been produced to date, more than twice the RHNA allocation of 553 units,” staff said. “Meeting the RHNA for below-market-rate units, given past production trends and the large increase in these categories, is going to continue to pose a significant challenge.”

A final methodology report was submitted by ABAG several months ago; during that time, ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission also released the final draft Plan Bay Area 2050, which showed “a significant increase in projected

housing growth in the Tri-Valley.”

Councilmember Kathy Narum wondered if other cities are successful pursuing an appeal, whether their numbers could be redistributed to Pleasanton. Clark said, “If it’s sort of a zero-sum game, there’s a total allocation and it gets moved around, so someone has to absorb someone else’s reduction.”

Concerns about the methodology include how it “overlooked issues of significance or jobs production the South Bay, in particular over the past decade, and really seem to fail to allocate the sorts of housing numbers that would cause some communities in South Bay counties to have to build housing to meet the needs of the jobs that

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JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Planning Commission on Wednesday is scheduled to discuss the owners’ concepts for redeveloping these two properties on St. John Street. Both scenarios currently on the table include tearing down the Barone’s restaurant (right) and retaining the two-story house next door, with primarily new residences being added across both parcels.

Barone’s site eyed for redevelopment

A proposal includes 11 single-family homes, with 7 ADUs

By JULIA BAUM

A proposal to redevelop the site where Barone’s Restaurant currently stands downtown will be the subject of a public work session with the Pleasanton Planning Commission next week.

Ellen Clark, the city’s community development director, confirmed to the Weekly that plans to build an 11-unit detached single-family residential project — seven of which would also include accessory dwelling units (ADUs) — at the properties at 475 and 493 St. John St. will be discussed at the meeting.

An alternative option for an 1,988-square-foot commercial/office building on one of the lots fronting St. John Street (with one less residential lot) has also been proposed by the applicant.

“The commercial building would retain the appearance of a residential structure, but would be configured inside to accommodate office uses,” Clark said.

Under both scenarios, the existing restaurant building (475 St. John St.) would be torn down while the two-story house next door (493 St. John St.) would be retained, with redevelopment

spread across the neighboring parcels.

The commission and city staff expect and encourage input from the public on the types of uses on the site, “particularly the amount and type of commercial” as well as the type and density of new residential units, that are appropriate for the location and that best meet the goals and priorities laid out in the Downtown Specific Plan, Clark said.

Clark added that “things like the overall site plan, street

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Christmas fatal crash spurs legal actions

Families clash, public agencies sued over 2019 wreck on Foothill

By JEREMY WALSH

The scene in Pleasanton on Christmas night 2019 sent shockwaves through the region as three Dublin teenagers were killed and two others seriously injured in a solo-vehicle crash along a narrow stretch of Foothill Road.

Now, more than a year after the violent crash that gripped the Tri-Valley as a holiday tragedy, a series of lawsuits and claims also paint the picture of a preventable accident with plenty of culpability to go around, targeting the city, county and state governments, family members of the teen driver who died and even one of the surviving passengers.

Dublin High School student Javier Ramirez Jr., 16, was behind the wheel of the vehicle carrying four teenage passengers when it crashed into a pole and then a large tree, ripping the car in half just north of the entrance to The Club at Castlewood on Dec. 25, 2019, according to court records.

Ramirez died at the scene, as

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PUSD enrollment down more than 400 students this year

Student population will be flat in short-term but should eventually recover, staff say

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District enrollment this year shrank by more than 400 students and is expected to remain flat for a while but eventually recover, according to a staff presentation at the Board of Trustees' regular meeting last week.

There were 410 fewer students enrolled this year in PUSD compared to fall 2019, especially in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten classes. According to the district, a recent follow-up to a demographer's report from last year forecasted "a declining/flattening of enrollment with growth occurring at a modest rate and later point."

The original report anticipated "continued enrollment growth and increased growth from potential new housing projects," but now staff is predicting that actual enrollment in the short term "will remain flat and

be somewhere between 2019 and 2020 projections."

"Much of the changes in the projections are related to the loss of enrollment in 2020-21 and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic," staff said.

Though "it's very difficult to really know where our enrollment is headed," assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami told the board on March 11, "In the short-term, I think we're going to be flat with hopefully a rebounding of enrollment, and hopefully our enrollment will increase in the next couple of years."

"In the short- and medium-term, there's a flattening of our enrollment as it relates to kids coming from new housing," Sheikholeslami said, noting that some developments such as the East Pleasanton project and multifamily housing near Stoneridge

Mall have "stalled," which the demographer adjusted for accordingly.

Looking ahead, both the East Pleasanton project and the city's future housing requirements brings the number of future new housing to "about 6,000 units."

"There's a lot that has to go from that draft report until the city then gets their allocation, and then what type of housing that will actually be and how they will be zoned," Sheikholeslami added. "But at least we know in the long term there needs to be new housing in the community, and that will increase student generation from that, we just don't know the specifics of it because that information is not available at this time."

Trustee Mary Jo Carreon asked if the district's enrollment numbers would rise if there were a plan to go back full-time next year, "and do we

have plans to try to get that in place?"

"That is the million-dollar question," Sheikholeslami replied. "It's not going to be an instantaneous recovery." With some students having left the state or country, "how those choices are reversed and how those families come back is a factor."

"There's not a lot of houses on the market, you're not getting new families coming in, right?" Sheikholeslami said. "I think it'll take a little bit of time. I do think there will be a little bit of rebound if things get back to more normal, but the level of rebound is really, really hard to predict right now."

Because funding is based on last year's enrollment levels, it will not be impacted in the coming year, but Sheikholeslami warned the district's 2022-23 funding will "be based on its actual enrollment for that year, and so if we do lose that projected

enrollment, we might be looking at a \$1.2 million loss of revenue."

Trustee Kelly Mokashi inquired about key strategies to address that loss, and Sheikholeslami answered the district's brand "is key to being able to rebound and attract students back to our schools."

"The key to that is creating opportunities for students who have different needs," he said. "The independent study and Virtual Academy can be a great leverage for those students who really find that as the pathway."

Continued outreach to PUSD families and taking advantage of certain factors "that are in our control" could also help leverage the district's branding. However, Sheikholeslami explained that the Pleasanton Virtual Academy could help increase revenue for the district.

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KaiserAir to take next steps toward seeking move to Livermore

Opponents form citizen group, voice displeasure to Airport Commission

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore Airport Commission heard a verbal update from city staff and disapproval from some resident speakers Monday about the proposal to relocate the corporate offices of Oakland-based charter airliner KaiserAir to the Livermore Municipal Airport, which would also include the development of air facilities that could accommodate Boeing 737s.

Still in the early stages, Kaiser Air is currently working with city building and planning staff on completing a planning general application to submit to the city's planning

division, according to assistant airport manager Sean Moran. There is no deadline associated with the application; however, the project can't move ahead to the Planning Commission or to City Council until the documents are submitted.

The proposal already received an initial stamp of approval from the Airport Commission back in February, and if the forthcoming application makes it past the Planning Commission, the City Council would ultimately make the decision to approve or deny the 45-year lease.

If approved, the project would house KaiserAir's corporate offices

comprised of 30 to 40 employees and provide space for approximately six KaiserAir corporate aircraft — including one or more of the company's Boeing 737 aircraft.

Several residents attended the virtual Airport Commission meeting Monday night to express concerns during public comment about potential noise impacts.

"At times there's a plane every five minutes or every 10 minutes," said Kamal Aggarwal, a Pleasanton resident who attended the meeting along with other members of a recently formed community coalition called the Livermore Airport

Citizen's Group (LACG).

"This has actually gotten worse over the last year. Some may say it's because we are home longer — that's why we notice more. And that is also true, but at the same time what we understand is that (the airport) is trying to accommodate more planes." He added that pilots appear to be flying in a direction over residential neighborhoods as opposed to a different route over the San Francisco Premium Outlets.

LACG is comprised of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin residents who regularly experience planes from the Livermore airport flying over their homes.

The group's organizers launched livermoreairportnoise.org, a website where they explain their opposition to the proposed project along with a link to a change.org petition where they are collecting signatures in an effort to thwart the KaiserAir expansion. The petition had reached nearly 4,000 signatures toward its goal of 5,000 names, as of Tuesday evening.

Aggarwal, who lives in the

Pleasanton Meadows neighborhood, said his home is roughly two miles away from the Livermore airport. "737s are inherently much, much louder than the double props that currently fly out," he said, describing that the double prop planes — also known as twin props — sound more like a lawnmower, whereas 737s sound more like thunder.

In addition to noise, the group's website cites safety and the possibility of diminished property values as concerns surrounding the KaiserAir project.

The proposed development is planned for a 45-acre vacant parcel north of West Jack London Boulevard and south of Taxiway Lima and includes a "fixed based operator" (FBO) facility, offices, aircraft maintenance facilities, fuel farm, self-service aircraft fueling facility, corporate hangars, parking spaces and box t-hangars.

The Airport Commission will continue to receive verbal updates about the project during their meetings to keep abreast of its progress, Moran said. ■

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frontage/character, relationship to surrounding uses and development, parking and circulation, and so on, are of interest."

In the past, the Pleasanton City Council discussed the policies that mention commercial uses on downtown sites like the one for Barone's, "and with those policies in mind, staff has strongly encouraged the applicant to include a commercial component in this project," Clark said. "They've done

so in their proposed alternative plan, and we look forward to the commission and public's input on the proposal."

The Planning Commission meeting, designed as a workshop to receive feedback on the initial project concepts without any final decisions to be made, is scheduled to be held virtually next Wednesday (March 24) starting at 7 p.m. The city staff report had not been made public as of press time this week. Once posted, it can be viewed at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

Tri-Valley students bring home C-SPAN documentary awards

Amador's Avdey takes 3rd for 'Frontier'

Tri-Valley student filmmakers won big last week at C-SPAN's national 2021 StudentCam competition.

Now in its 17th year, the nationwide cable network's contest invites middle and high school students to make a short documentary. This year's theme was "Explore the issue you most want the president and new Congress to address in 2021."

Agamroop Kaur, from San Ramon's Dougherty Valley High School, earned \$1,500 for the second-place documentary (West Division) "BIG Tobacco BIGGER Epidemic," on youth vaping, which will air throughout the day on April 6 on C-SPAN.

Another Tri-Valley student, Philip Avdey from Pleasanton's Amador Valley High School, earned \$750 for a third-place documentary (West Division) about space exploration, "Frontier."

A trio of students from Alameda Community Learning Center in Alameda collaborated on

an honorable mention recipient, "Crumbling Foundation: Ending the California Housing Crisis." Aidan Gleason, Julia Dashzeveg and Oliver Cantal brought home \$250 for their work.

More than 2,300 students across the country submitted more than 1,200 films. The most popular topics were health care, environmental and energy policy, equal rights and equity, criminal justice and policing, and education.

"With the continual shift in the educational landscape, it is difficult to overstate just how challenging the pandemic has proven for schools across our nation," said Craig McAndrew, director, C-SPAN education relations, in a statement. "We are so impressed by the resilience and ingenuity of this year's prize-winning students who have delivered among the finest short films in the history of the StudentCam competition."

The prize-winning videos can be seen at www.studentcam.org. ■

—Tony Hicks, BCN Foundation

Library reopens for in-person visitors

Coincides with new 'Take-Home Laptop Lending' service

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Residents who have missed going inside their local library are in luck because the Pleasanton Public Library has opened its doors for a new "Grab and Go" service, allowing patrons entrance to the building for the first time all year.

Officially reopening indoor operations on Tuesday, the move coincides with the library's new "Take-Home Laptop Lending" service, which enables visitors the opportunity to check out LTE-enabled Chromebooks from the library's sidewalk service.

"Providing a safe environment for patrons and staff members has been — and will continue to be — our No. 1 priority throughout this phased reopening," library spokesperson Nick Binzoni told the Weekly.

Launched in order to help provide residents who previously relied on the library for computer and internet access, staff say the laptop lending service will provide users internet access anywhere a cellular signal is present.

"Access to the internet and technology has been one of the biggest equity gaps for library users to emerge from the COVID-19 library facility closure," library

staff said in a statement.

"Library staff have reported an uptick in the number of phone calls requesting internet access these past few months. Callers report needing to look for new jobs, apply for unemployment, and seek applicable resources, yet the inability to pay for access to technology also looms large with callers, even those who have not actually lost their job or those who have been able to receive unemployment benefits," they added.

An initial \$5,000 innovation and technology grant application written by library staff was accepted by the Pacific Library Partnership in late 2020 to help fund the Grab and Go service, with additional funding to be provided by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library — funding that will continue for at least the next two years, according to staff.

In order to accommodate visitors during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the library has started using a "COVID-19 Code of Conduct Addendum" that requires a health screening prior to entry, face coverings are mandatory for all patrons ages two and up and mandatory social distancing of at least six feet.

Patrons must also keep their visit limited to one hour or less and only

20 visitors will be allowed in the building at any one time.

While residents will once again be able to rent physical books and movies, access public computers and even obtain a library card inside, in order to ensure the safety of visitors and staff library staff did note that chairs and tables for reading or studying won't be available, nor will extended research assistance, used book sales and interactive toys for children.

All children under the age of 12 must also be in direct supervision of an adult.

For residents not yet ready to return to in-person visits, the library is still offering its sidewalk service, which offers residents to drive by and pick up their rentals without having to enter the building.

Residents who want to learn more about library services or how to checkout a laptop can visit the library in-person or check the city's website, www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

The Pleasanton Library, at 400 Old Bernal Ave., has reopened indoors with hours of Tuesdays through Thursdays, 12-6 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Sundays and Mondays. ■

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Officials emphasize safety of each available COVID-19 vaccine

Health officers in 10 counties in the greater Bay Area on Monday emphasized the safety of the three available COVID-19 vaccines in an effort to curb skepticism and encourage residents to get vaccinated.

The health officers in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma counties as well as the city of Berkeley issued the joint statement as vaccine hesitancy has ticked up following the federal approval of the vaccine developed by Johnson & Johnson, which requires just one dose.

“What we can say with certainty is that all three vaccines provide levels of protection that are comparable to some of the best vaccines we have for other serious infectious diseases for which we routinely vaccinate people,” the health officers said.

Concerns about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine stem from its perceived lack of effectiveness in clinical trials.

In phase three clinical trials, which included some 40,000 participants, the J&J vaccine was roughly 66.1% effective at preventing symptoms after four weeks, 85.4% effective at blocking severe cases and 100% effective

at preventing deaths and hospitalizations, according to the company.

The two-dose vaccines developed by Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech showed slightly higher effectiveness at 95%, leading to some concern that the J&J vaccine is undesirable.

The health officers argued, however, that the clinical trial results are not perfect comparisons due to their different trial populations and the different phases of the pandemic in which trials were completed.

The three vaccines have also not been studied head-to-head, the health officials said.

“If this had occurred in the absence

of a prior announcement and implementation of 94 and 95% efficacy (vaccines), one would have said this was an absolutely spectacular result,” National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci said about the J&J vaccine during a media briefing in January.

In addition, the J&J vaccine has several benefits that those from Pfizer and Moderna do not, including much less cumbersome storage requirements and the need for only one dose, eliminating the need to return for a second dose three weeks after the first.

“With COVID-19 continuing to circulate as we work toward community immunity, our collective medical advice is this: the best vaccine is the one you can get the soonest,” the health officers said.

Residents in each of the 10 counties are encouraged to contact their medical provider or public health department if they have questions about the vaccines.

Residents can visit <https://myturn.ca.gov> or call 833-422-4255 to find out if they are eligible for a vaccine or sign up to be notified once it is their turn. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

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For every student who attends, stays with or returns to PUSD, the district receives state funding, “and for students within the greater

Tri-Valley area that feel (Virtual Academy) is the right fit for them, if they were to attend our school district, we would get the revenue for them attending our school district as well,” Sheikholeslami said.

“It can play an important role in

retention,” he added. “It can play an important role in bringing some students back who have left, and it could play a role for students in our local area who would find this as a good education model for them, and then that would be a net add of students”

Another staff recommendation that Mokashi asked about is reconsidering the school enrollment boundaries. The enrollment areas for TK through fifth grade projects expected to grow the most are Alisal Elementary School with 216 additional students, 193 at Lydiksen, 89 at Hearst, 87 at Donlon and 81 at Vintage Hills.

The Mohr Elementary enrollment area is expected to lose the most students (106). Otherwise, Valley View’s east and west enrollment boundaries are both projected to decrease by 29 students each, followed by 28 for Walnut Grove and just 8 in the boundary area for Fairlands.

A count of students living in the district’s elementary school attendance areas, as well as TK, special

day class and out-of-district students, came to a total of 5,948. 1,202 of those students are enrolled but not living in the attendance area.

The number of middle school students enrolled but not living in their respective attendance area was much lower, at just 261. Total enrollment for grades 6 to 8 this year is 3,420, and almost evenly split among all three middle schools — 1,167 students at Hart and Harvest Park, each, and 1,064 at Pleasanton Middle.

Amador Valley High has 2,700 students enrolled this year — nearly 500 more students than at Foothill. The alternative site Village High has 103 students, while other programs including independent study and Middle College have between 15 to 45.

“The city’s plan for housing for 2023 hasn’t been started yet,” Mokashi said. “What timeline would we want to think about that boundary change?”

The enrollment boundaries haven’t changed since 2000, and

Sheikholeslami said, “It’s very typical that school districts of our size need to recalibrate every so often, it’s just the way it is.”

“If you don’t recalibrate, you’re going to have to shift students around because you can’t just keep building in one (area) and one school being low,” he added. “Student services (department) has done a really great job of doing that over the years. However, it does leave families in difficult situations when they can’t attend their local school.”

Mokashi replied, “The sooner we can focus on that (boundary issue), it might help the mobility issues of the students.”

Staff will present a plan in April to form several committees “that would start to look at that process and bring recommendations back.” Sheikholeslami said the boundary changes “will probably be next year’s work,” and the district will “also synchronize with the city and work with them as they develop their RHNA (regional housing needs allocation) plan.” ■

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High schools welcome students back

This was the scene outside Foothill High School on the morning of March 11 as all Pleasanton Unified School District middle and high schools reopened for their first day of in-person instruction of the 2020-21 academic year. After Alameda County entered the state’s COVID-19 red tier on March 9, PUSD became the first public school district in the county to fully reopen for all grade levels two days later. A hybrid learning system, with both on-campus and remote-based instruction offered, will remain in place through the end of the school year amid the pandemic.

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did twins Mark and Michael Urista — also 16-year-old Dublin High students. Jared Reynoso, a cousin of the Urista brothers, and Dublin High student Samantha Vargas Arceo survived but sustained serious injuries.

The school and Dublin community at-large mourned together in what seemed at the time like a very public grieving process in the days after the horrific wreck.

The legal fallout may well play out in a very public fashion, too.

The Uristas' parents, along with Reynoso's family, filed a civil complaint in Alameda County Superior Court in November seeking damages for wrongful death and personal injury against Ramirez's family, the dead teen's estate and the owner of the car. They've also named Arceo as a defendant, for failing to intervene and stop "a dangerous and incompetent driver."

Meanwhile, in a separate lawsuit filed in the county court this January, Arceo — via her guardian — has also sued the owner of the car, but their lawsuit further seeks judgment against the city of Pleasanton, Alameda County and Caltrans, alleging unsafe road conditions.

The Urista and Reynoso families

also pursued individual claims with the city of Pleasanton over the road conditions, but their claims — like Arceo's own claim — were denied in August based on the fact the stretch of Foothill Road is in unincorporated Pleasanton and thus in the county's jurisdiction, not the city's, according to city attorney Dan Sodergren.

A claim typically precedes a lawsuit against a public agency, pending the agency's rejection, but thus far only Arceo has sued the city of Pleasanton. The Alameda County Counsel's Office did not respond to a request for comment on whether claims were filed with its office over the crash.

Attorney Bill Berg of the Alameda-based Berg Injury Lawyers, which represents the twins' parents Andrew Urista and Ana Reynoso and Jared Reynoso and his guardian Angelica Reynoso, declined to comment when contacted Monday because the litigation is still pending.

Attorneys with the Bond Legal Group out of Irvine, which represents Arceo and her family, had not responded to a request for comment as of Tuesday afternoon.

The results of the California Highway Patrol's investigation into the triple-fatal crash have not been shared publicly to date. It is also unclear whether any adult faced potential criminal charges

related to allowing the potentially unlicensed Ramirez to drive the car that fateful Christmas night with passengers, which is not legal until the age of 18.

The situation unfolded just before 10 p.m. on Dec. 25, 2019 with a vehicle carrying all five occupants traveling southbound on a narrow, windy stretch of Foothill Road several blocks south of the Pleasanton city limits.

The CHP reported at the time that, according to witness and on-scene evidence, the vehicle crossed into the northbound lane of Foothill Road for unknown reasons and then struck a power pole and a large tree on the side of the road, feet away from Castlewood's Valley (Golf) Course.

The force of the crash tore the vehicle in half, ejected two of the occupants and trapped three others inside the vehicle, according to the CHP. The Urista brothers and Ramirez were pronounced dead at the scene. Reynoso and Arceo were both hospitalized with serious injuries.

In a claim filed with the city, Arceo's lawyers revealed the now-17-year-old broke her legs, ankles, hip, nose and vertebrae in the crash.

Their subsequent lawsuit, on the girl's behalf via her guardian, Hilda Arceo Garcia, places blame on the city, county and state for the

"dangerous and defective condition" of Foothill Road contributing to the crash.

Lack of nighttime lighting, poor roadway design, insufficient safety signage, unreasonable speed limit, no shoulder, and the location of utility poles and trees were among the reasons they argue that the stretch of Foothill Road was unsafe.

The suit also named the owner of the car, Marco Antonio Lopez, as a defendant, for entrusting his vehicle to Ramirez and thereby allowing it to be driven "in such a careless, negligent and reckless manner as to cause it to leave the roadway, strike objects and split in half."

The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages as well as a jury trial.

It's unclear whether Lopez is represented by an attorney.

Also unspecified is the relationship between Lopez and the Arceo family because the Reynoso/Urista lawsuit labels Lopez, Arceo Garcia and young Arceo as the defendants responsible for entrusting the car to Ramirez.

The Reynoso/Urista attorneys allege that Ramirez did not have a driver's license and was known to drive recklessly at high speeds.

To that end, they argue the girl should have confronted Ramirez in the car as he allegedly drove wildly

— and the result of not doing so was catastrophic. They see Arceo's actions as "malicious and oppressive" and ask the court "to make an example of her ... to deter her and others from engaging in such conduct in the future."

The complaint also lists Javier Ramirez Sr. and Zuleika Ramirez as defendants, along with the estate of the late Javier Ramirez Jr. It is not clear whether they have attorneys.

The suit seeks compensatory and punitive damages for wrongful death, personal injury and property damage. The extent of Reynoso's physical injuries was not specified in the complaint.

Sodergren told the Weekly that the city had not been served with any lawsuit related to the triple-fatal crash as of Monday afternoon.

He said the city denied all of the claims filed in this case because "the segment of the street where the accident occurred is located within the county of Alameda. Because the city did not design, control, own or maintain the roadway at issue, the claims have been denied."

The claims, which were denied on Aug. 5, were listed among 12 separate cases of litigation listed on the Pleasanton City Council's closed-session agenda for Tuesday evening. The reason for the discussion was not specified. ■



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Alameda County set to receive \$324M in federal COVID relief funding

Priorities are health, food security, housing for residents, Supervisor Carson says

California's counties and large cities can expect to receive money from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in two parts with the first coming in 60 days from last week, according to preliminary information provided by U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna's office.

The U.S. Treasury will disburse the second part one year later. Cities with fewer than 50,000 residents will receive the money from the state following a disbursement from the Treasury.

Alameda County will receive \$324 million while Oakland will get \$192 million. Berkeley will receive \$68.3 million.

Khanna (D-Santa Clara) and representatives from the East Bay and South Bay, said in a joint statement on March 11, "There has never been



a more urgent need for massive investment in our local and state governments.

"The American Rescue Plan Act is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to meet the severe needs of this economic and public health crisis."

Khanna and the others said, "We are eager to get to work sponsoring more vaccination sites, instituting

better safety measures for in-person learning in our public schools, distributing additional relief for our small business owners and so much more."

Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson last Friday said the board's priorities for spending the money are the health of residents and food and housing

security. Supervisors will be putting together a three-year spending plan for the relief the county is receiving, he said.

Some of the money from the American Rescue Plan will likely go toward extending existing contracts established with funding from the previous COVID-19 relief act, Carson said.

A fact sheet from Khanna's office says how the money can be used by cities and counties.

Broadly, it can be used "to respond to the pandemic or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits."

It can also aid impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.

Money can be used for up to

\$13 an hour of additional pay for workers who during the pandemic are performing essential work, as determined by the city or county.

Money can be used to provide government services that were affected by a reduction in city revenue caused by the pandemic.

Cities and counties can use the money to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure or transfer the money to a private nonprofit, public benefit corporation or tribal organization "involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo."

Also, the money may be transferred to a special purpose unit of a state or local government.

Recipients must use the money in the same way cities and counties must. Periodic reports must be sent to the Treasury describing how the money was used.

The bill prohibits cities and counties from depositing the money into a pension fund or using it to offset a tax cut implemented after March 2. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

Christopher David Pope

October 6, 1952 – February 27, 2021

Christopher David Pope, 68, of Pleasanton, Ca., died February 27, 2021 at the Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Medical Center of cancer. Pope was born Oct. 6, 1952, in Bonne Terre, Mo., the son of William H. and Carmen Perrier Pope. He attended St. Joseph Catholic grade school in Bonne Terre, St. Joseph Catholic High School in Farmington, Mo., and graduated from North County High School in Desloge, Mo., in 1971.

Pope worked at Thomure's Standard station and Merchants Wholesale in Bonne Terre during high school. Following graduation, he attended Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., for a year. He joined the United States Navy in October of 1972. He served on the USS Vreeland and the USS Albany, spending most of his naval career in the Mediterranean. He earned the rank of Postal Clerk Petty Officer 3rd Class and received the National Defense Service Medal.

With an honorable discharge from the Navy in May of 1974, Pope moved to California and worked at National Semiconductor in Santa Clara, Ca. He married Evette LaPoint in 1985 and they had two children, Tyler and Danielle. The family made their home in Pleasanton, Ca., for 35 years. Pope worked for Cal-Steam and Diablo Plumbing. He coached his son's CYO basketball team as well as his daughter's softball team for many years. Chris loved his family, his friends and music.

Pope was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Jennifer Pope Heligman. He is survived by his wife Evette LaPoint Pope of Pleasanton, Ca.; his son Tyler Pope of Pleasanton, Ca.; his daughter Danielle Pope Barnes (David) of Sacramento, Ca.; and one granddaughter, Kamryn Aubree Barnes. He is also survived by seven siblings: Carmen Pope Burrows, Gregory Pope (Holly), Francesca Pope Zielinski, Kate Pope Hodel (Tony), Suzanne Pope Ferguson, Timothy Pope, Joseph Pope (Melissa), and Julianne Pope Edgar (Randy) as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Private services will be held at a later date.



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COUNCIL

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they've allowed for over the past few years," Clark said.

On the flip side, she noted that "those same housing units seem to flow out to other parts of the region, and particularly to the East Bay and North Bay" — especially rural and small communities — and show "a pattern of land use that's really counter to what the state has been attempting to achieve" of concentrating housing near jobs and public transportation.

"The methodology seems to have failed on many of those points. Those are some really compelling

arguments to bring to the table in an appeal," Clark added.

Councilmember Jack Balch asked if a change of 1,000 units is possible, to which Clark replied, "There's not been a significant shift in the numbers, so a handful of maybe a couple hundred seems like the sorts of order of magnitude that have been granted in appeal."

During public comment, former councilmember Becky Dennis said she didn't "buy the state's numbers about what housing we should build."

"We should try to fully mitigate our own housing impacts," Dennis said. "The appeal that we want to make about our numbers, I would really focus on the above moderate-income numbers even. That's really going to kill our ability to meet state climate goals, so that's in conflict."

Dennis added, "It would be better really to take, even if you added numbers in low and very low income housing, and sort of let the above moderate folks take care of themselves. Because if we do manage to convert some commercial properties to housing, we'd be lowering our own housing demand that is shown in our nexus studies."

Emphasizing the need to maintain a balance between jobs and housing locally, Dennis suggested the city "look for some legal refuge in a superior goal" and base their appeal on that instead of the methodology.

"Which is to say: We aren't going to be like the communities around us, we are going to take care of our own needs, and that involves X many units of affordable housing in these income levels, and we can prove that all through our nexus study," Dennis said.

Dennis concluded by suggesting

updating the housing fee structure, "because to the extent that we buy the workforce housing that we need, we can basically open that up more to the workforce locally and we can get some good credits for that."

An appeal is still on the table but staff said only a "very low proportion of (RHNA) appeals are ultimately granted," and recommended using the most recently published estimate as a working number while the Housing Element update moves forward, to give sufficient time to complete the update.

Review and approval of the RHNA methodology is expected to be completed by the beginning of April, with draft RHNA allocations being issued to local jurisdictions by May. Final allocations will be issued by the end of the year.

Along with the report, the council also approved two contracts related to the Housing Element update on Tuesday night.

Because of "the extensive changes to state law and the strict deadlines posed by these laws," the city has entered a \$302,001 contract with Lisa Wise Consulting, and a \$343,170 contract with First Carbon Solutions. The totals include a 15% contingency for general work under each contract.

Most of the cost for both agreements will be paid by approved Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funding — \$300,000 and \$61,755, respectively — with the remaining (up to \$283,416) to be paid by the lower income housing fund, as the city has done during prior Housing Element updates.

The city also applied for an additional \$100,000 in competitive grant funding, which has not yet been approved. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Police: Officer shoots knife-wielding man in Danville

Two days after a police shooting in Danville, authorities on Saturday identified the man who remains in critical condition with a gunshot wound as well as the sheriff's deputy who fired the shot on March 11 — the same officer who pulled the trigger in a fatal police shooting in downtown Danville in 2018.

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office alleges Tyrell Wilson, a 32-year-old transient, was throwing rocks onto Interstate 680 from the Sycamore Valley Road overpass and then approached responding Danville police Officer Andrew Hall with a knife in hand, refusing to drop the weapon.

Hall, a sheriff's deputy assigned to the Danville Police Department under the town's contract with the county for police services, fired his duty weapon and hit Wilson one time, causing serious injuries, according to the sheriff's office.

Wilson remains in critical condition at an area hospital as of Saturday evening, officials said.

Hall, who has worked the past 7-1/2 years as a law enforcement officer, has been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy while the sheriff's office and Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office conduct their investigations, officials said.

Hall is the same Danville police officer who fatally shot 33-year-old Newark resident Laudemer Arboleda at close range while Arboleda tried to drive around police vehicles trying to block his path in downtown Danville on Nov. 3, 2018.

Arboleda's mother has filed a wrongful death lawsuit in federal court alleging the fatal shooting was unjustified given the circumstances of the incident, including that Arboleda was experiencing a mental health crisis.

The outcome of the DA's office investigation in that 2018 case is still pending. It was not immediately clear when Hall was cleared to return to full active duty after the Arboleda case.

"Our criminal investigation into the Arboleda shooting is ongoing. A public report would be released if no charges were filed against the officer. I don't have a timeline of when our investigation would be complete," said Scott Alonso, spokesperson for the DA's office.

These were reported to be the town's first officer-involved shootings since 2001.

Last week's incident unfolded around 11:45 a.m. March 11 when Danville PD received multiple reports from motorists that someone was tossing rocks onto I-680 from the freeway overpass at Sycamore Valley Road, according to the sheriff's office.

Officer Hall arrived at the scene and attempted to approach the



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Police allege this man, whose face they covered with editing software, approached a Danville PD officer with a knife before the officer discharged their gun, hitting him once on March 11.

person in question — later identified as Wilson, whom officials said is homeless and living in the area of the nearby Sycamore Valley Park and Ride.

Sheriff's officials allege Wilson responded to Hall's advance by pulling out and opening a folding knife. The officer reportedly ordered Wilson to drop the knife several times.

Authorities said Wilson refused to comply and began to advance toward the officer, who fired his weapon and struck the man once. It is unclear how many shots were fired.

A wounded Wilson was taken to a local hospital for treatment that afternoon. According to the sheriff's office, he was listed in critical condition as of Saturday evening.

Sheriff's officials released a photograph with their press release on March 11 which they said showed the transient approaching the officer knife in hand. The photograph appeared to be pulled from a police body camera; the video footage of the incident has not been released.

The shooting is being investigated by the sheriff's office and the DA's office, under the county's officer-involved shooting protocol.

The news of Hall's involvement in a second police shooting in less than 2-1/2 years sparked a strong reaction from an attorney at the Law Offices of John L. Burris, which represents the Arboleda family.

Attorney Melissa Nold tweeted on Saturday night, "Danville PD Officer Andrew Hall murdered my client's son, Laudemer Arboleda in 2018. Officer Hall shot another man on Thursday. That's what happens when you refuse to discipline or charge an officer when they murder an innocent man."

Arboleda's death occurred in the wake of a suspicious circumstance call on Nov. 3, 2018, when a resident in a neighborhood near downtown Danville called police to report a man acting strangely, walking toward several homes with bags in his hands and then circling the neighborhood in his car that Saturday morning, police said at the time.

Danville police officers soon tracked down the vehicle in question but said the driver — later identified as Arboleda — immediately drove away from police. A short pursuit

ensued before other officers parked their cars at a downtown intersection in an attempt to box in Arboleda's car.

As Arboleda tried to drive around the car blockade at a slow speed, Hall was exiting his police cruiser and running toward a gap in the police cars, according to sheriff's video footage from that day. When the evasive car was only a few feet from him, Hall began to backpedal and fired approximately 10 shots into the moving vehicle. Arboleda died at the scene.

Contra Costa County Sheriff David Livingston defended the deputy later that month, saying the case involved "a dangerous and reckless person trying to run down and murder a police officer." The sheriff also discounted the family's allegation that race was a factor in Hall's decision to fire at Arboleda, who was of Filipino descent.

The civil rights lawsuit filed by Arboleda's mother alleges Hall used excessive force and was unreasonable in firing at a slow-moving vehicle in downtown at a man experiencing a mental health crisis. The suit also questions whether Arboleda's skin color factored into the officer's decision to use lethal force.

In other news

- A Walnut Creek man with the memorable name Rocky Lee Music faced the music last week in federal court in San Francisco, where he pleaded guilty to a count of carjacking in a Tri-Valley case and was sentenced to five years in custody.

April 19 of last year was a big day for Music. At about 7:30 a.m. he was observed in the Lake Merritt area of Oakland "driving a van erratically, swerving across lanes of traffic, and then driving through brush and partially into the lake," according to the government sentencing memorandum.

When bystanders went to help, he fled the scene. He was arrested the same day and booked into Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on suspicion of auto theft.

However, at 7:23 p.m., he was released from jail by Alameda County authorities as part of a California Judicial Council policy, created in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, of releasing without bail people arrested for misdemeanors and low-level felonies to reduce overcrowding at county jails.

By 8 p.m., Music had made his way to the 5200 block of Campus Drive in Dublin, where he saw a Toyota Prius parked on the side of the road. The driver was sitting in the car.

Music attacked the driver and pulled him out of the car, then drove away, even as the driver tried to hang on, prosecutors said.

Dublin police responded and subsequently found a security camera that contained footage of Music approaching the car and then driving it away.

Music was not done for the day.

Less than a half hour later, San Ramon police responded to a call reporting an attempted carjacking at the San Ramon Library.

A woman had been sitting in her Toyota Scion talking to a friend on her phone when a man later identified as Music approached the car and attempted to open the door. The woman's door was locked and she was able to drive off, according to a government filing.

The police found the Toyota Prius taken in the first attack in a nearby Valero gas station parking lot.

By 9:17 p.m., an officer found and confronted Music. When Music ran, the officer released a K-9 dog to stop him. Music assaulted the K-9 before he was subdued and arrested.

Music has a history of playing musical chairs with the criminal justice system.

The government noted that this was not the first time Music "has engaged in new law violations while on release or other forms of supervision. Instead, it has been a recurring theme in his criminal history."

Music's "record includes several failures to appear, probation violations, and revocations."

In the last 10 years he has

"sustained eight felony convictions," according to the government's sentencing memorandum, which include drug and theft charges as well as "a violent felony in 2016 when he was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon."

Music's back story is one full of drugs and alcohol, according to the sentencing memorandum he submitted. According to his sentencing memorandum, "the system continued to arrest and release Mr. Music, and Mr. Music continued to cycle in and out of jail, each time trying unsuccessfully to control his addiction on his own."

Given the violent nature of the carjacking and his prior offenses, the federal sentencing guidelines suggested a range of 77-96 months. However, because Music pleaded guilty before trial, the prosecutors recommended a sentence of 60 months.

U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers concurred at the sentencing on March 8. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available March 17, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- **Climate Action Plan Update**

Review the draft strategies and actions for the Climate Action Plan Update (CAP 2.0)

- **P20-1037, Richard Yee/Robson Homes, LLC (Barone's Site), 475 and 493 St. John Street**

Work Session to discuss a proposal to retain the existing two-story, single-family home, demolish the accessory dwelling unit, existing restaurant, ancillary structures, and related improvements for the construction of: 1) 10 detached, two-story single-family homes and seven second-story accessory dwelling units above detached garages; or 2) nine detached, two-story single-family homes and six second-story accessory dwelling units above detached garages, an office building with parking lot, and related site improvement located at 475 and 493 St. John Street.

- **PUD-114-01M, Guy Houston for Pleasant View Church of Christ, 11300 Dublin Canyon Road**

Work Session to discuss an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Major Modification to PUD-114, to include a Minor Subdivision and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct and operate a 24,971-square-foot church and community center at 11300 Dublin Canyon Road.

THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 14, 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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PLEASANTON'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE TAKES FOCUS AT STATE OF THE CITY

'We are in this together, and we are stronger as a team,' Mayor Brown says



MIKE SEDLAK

By JULIA BAUM

During most years, the annual State of the City address marks another normal year of progress for the community, highlighting the work of Pleasanton's city leadership and giving residents a peek into the year ahead.

But the year 2020 was like no other, and instead of looking back on the usual subjects like local development projects, first-term Mayor Karla Brown reflected mostly on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in her first official address last week.

Hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce with CEO Steve Van Dorn giving opening remarks, the one-hour virtual event on March 9 was also attended by public officials such as the entire Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees, as well as representatives from the offices of State Senator Steve Glazer and Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley.

Brown, who was elected mayor in November after serving eight years on the City Council, delivered her 37-minute speech remotely, the theme of it being "we are in this

together, and we are stronger as a team."

"There is no question as we reflect on this past year, that the pandemic and its impacts continue to be the primary challenge faced by our city," Brown said. "As a councilmember and now as mayor, I have had the privilege of witnessing how the entire Pleasanton community has come together in response to this deadly virus."

Brown summarized how the city spent much of the time since March 2020 providing essential resources and services to its most vulnerable residents, including delivering over 100 meals a week through the Meals on Wheels senior lunch program, offering rides to medical appointments and grocery shopping trips through the senior paratransit program and sheltering unhoused residents.

"We had already seen a rise in food insecurity, and an increased need for housing, mental health resources and access to health care. COVID-19 has only amplified those community needs for our most vulnerable residents," Brown said.

The city and Alameda County

Fairgrounds also created a food distribution site with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Tri-Valley Haven and Open Heart Kitchen, serving more than 2,600 Tri-Valley residents each week. Many city staff members helped in preparing meals at Open Heart, as well as packing and delivering groceries to seniors, and providing free child care to local front-line workers at Gingerbread Preschool.

Recognizing the increased need for help during the pandemic, the city also fully funded more than \$1.2 million in grant requests last year to local nonprofits like Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven and CityServe of the Tri-Valley, as well as Axis Community Health, Hively, NAMI Tri-Valley and Sunflower Hill. Brown added, "These important organizations are frequently looking for volunteers. I hope you will join me and volunteer."

Though most local businesses have "showcased their resilience and creativity" and managed to stay afloat by adjusting their business

model, such as switching to takeout, delivery or curbside pick-up, or offering outdoor classes or virtual sessions, some "have struggled to stay afloat due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic."

"As you know all too well, this pandemic has impacted every aspect of our community, including our Pleasanton businesses," Brown said.

To support the business community this past year, \$3 million in COVID business loan assistance was allocated by the city for Pleasanton businesses. Individual loans for up to \$21,600 have been granted to some applicants, and the city has also loaned more than \$1.25 million to help 109 local businesses with business expenses such as payroll, supplies and protective equipment. Brown noted that the program is still open and accepting applications.

Another \$100,000 was also matched by the city through the Alameda County CARES Grant program, which issued another \$200,000 to more than 100 local businesses.

Demand for food and grocery delivery grew while residents sheltered in place, which led to local businesses that use third-party delivery services such as UberEats and DoorDash being charged up to a 30% surcharge. Calling the fee "excessive," Brown lauded the city's approval of a temporary 15% cap on such services until the local emergency is lifted.

During summer and early fall, the city and Pleasanton Downtown Association created the "Weekend on Main" program, which closed off Main Street from vehicle traffic from Fridays through Sundays.

"Many of our residents told me how much they enjoyed downtown during the street closures, and I am pleased to announce that we are working on bringing 'Weekend on

Main' back again this spring and summer," Brown said.

By temporarily waiving permit fees, local restaurants were also able to make use of outdoor areas such as parking lots and on-street parking spaces for expanding their outdoor dining capacity.

'There is still much more to be done. We will continue to get through this pandemic, and we will restore the health of our residents and our economy.'

Brown added she is "so happy to see people having fun dining downtown again — although many are wearing parkas."

"We know that when we sustain our local businesses, we support our entire community. Working together, we will succeed as a more resilient Pleasanton," Brown said.

Though resilient, Brown added that "without question the pandemic has greatly impacted the local economy and the city's budget."

Property taxes are up \$1 million, according to a report received by the City Council the other week, but the city is also facing a current \$9 million shortfall, "of which a significant portion is a result of reduced hotel taxes due to the global decline in business and leisure travel."

The city's income has been reduced due to curtailing its spring and summer recreation programs,



CITY OF PLEASANTON

One of the slides from Brown's presentation, these photos show city workers pitching in to prepare meals and deliver groceries for seniors during the pandemic in 2020.

but by making short-term reductions and “drawing on budget reserves that were set aside for rainy days just like this,” Brown said the city “is poised to weather this short-fall and recover with minimal impact to essential services.”

Adding to the good news, Brown announced the city currently has “approximately \$45 million in its 115 Pension Trust that is available to pay down the city’s pension liability.”

Recognizing that “struggling businesses result in hardships for their employees” as well, Pleasanton also “took it one step further” after the state and county implemented rent deferral and an eviction moratorium by partnering with CityServe to create an “Emergency Rental Assistance Program.”

To date, more than \$630,000 in grants have been issued to help 207 households in Pleasanton pay their delinquent rent due to the health crisis. The city also waived late fees on delinquent utility bills for many residents.

For Pleasanton’s unhoused population, which has increased in recent years, the city’s homeless outreach team has two dedicated officers that have helped approximately 25 individuals find temporary or permanent housing by working with local community organizations and service providers.

There was still “business as usual” that needed to be handled this past year, and city staff were praised for shifting to remote operations quickly in order to keep the city running smoothly, using digitized submittal and review processes and conducting virtual building inspections from smartphones and other devices “to ensure the safety of the applicants and the city inspectors.”

The pandemic commanded much of the city’s attention and resources in 2020, but other important issues also took center stage. When the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minneapolis last Memorial Day sparked worldwide protests, riots and demonstrations, Pleasanton was no exception.



From left: Pleasanton librarian Katie Delang and Ruby Quinn, who works at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, worked alongside Anita Chander to provide child care at the city’s Gingerbread Preschool.



MIKE SEDLAK

Brown has kept busy with a number of city business items during her first few months as mayor, including leading City Council meetings remotely from her office in City Hall.

‘We know that when we sustain our local businesses, we support our entire community. Working together, we will succeed as a more resilient Pleasanton.’

In addition to working to create a safe route for organizers of local peaceful protests, the Pleasanton Police Department and city leadership hosted a series of community conversations on policing in Pleasanton “to listen directly from residents, and to learn how we can best serve the Pleasanton community together.” Discussions centered around additional de-escalation training, evaluating the city’s DARE program, and the role of resource officers at PSD sites.

Shortly after receiving public feedback, a Police Chief’s Advisory

Board composed of community members was approved to advise and provide direct input to Police Chief David Swing, as well a mental health pilot program.

The SCU Lightning Complex Fire also challenged the community in late summer, delivering hazy skies darkened by thick smoke during an inopportune heat wave and forcing residents to take cover indoors during what was “definitely a scary time.”

“If the pandemic was not enough, Northern California was ravaged in 2020 by heat waves and arguably the worst wildfire season in California’s history,” Brown said. “Some of our Tri-Valley neighbors and friends were forced to evacuate their homes. Without fail, our heroes in the fire department quickly reacted to ensure fire containment, while also sending our own (Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department) firefighters throughout the state to assist with other wildfires.”

As the saying goes, not all heroes wear capes, and Brown said the Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department “emerged as a leader” during the pandemic, taking initiative to create a virtual library and recreation center that has been providing local youths and adults with creative online activities such as a weekly storytime, virtual book

club, and a student learning center offering free tutoring and academic resources.

Brown announced that residents could look forward to the Pleasanton Library reopening for indoor service this week, with limited capacity and some modifications including social distancing and wearing face masks.

Ahead of the day, staff “will continue to use enhanced safety and cleaning protocols in our city facilities, which now include a high-tech UVD robot,” Brown said. “Our new robot does an excellent job of disinfecting surface and airborne particles against COVID-19.”

Other examples of how workers have been preparing quietly in the background for Pleasanton to eventually reopen include operations services staff doing “a fantastic job” maintaining the city’s 44 community and neighborhood parks, and over 24 miles of trails, as well as resurfacing more than 4.2 million square feet of local streets during the city’s annual summer pavement management program.

The work should be “a welcome benefit for anyone who drives through our city,” Brown said, adding that “less cars on the road helped to make the process easier.”

Celebrating the city’s work with the county to open the COVID-19 vaccination site at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, Brown said the location “is critical” when it comes to inoculating the region’s essential workers including teachers and childcare providers, as well as seniors.

Closing out the online event, Brown called it “an honor and a privilege to serve as mayor of the city of Pleasanton, but I know we are not completely out of the woods yet.”

“There is still much more to be done. We will continue to get through this pandemic, and we will restore the health of our residents and our economy,” Brown said. “We are in this together, and together we are making history with our resilience and our positive attitude.” ■

Watch the speech

The full video of the Pleasanton State of the City event is available with the online version of this story, via the Chamber of Commerce’s YouTube page. The recording is also airing locally on TV30.



10X GENOMICS

During her speech, Brown called 10x Genomics, which plans to expand its corporate presence in the city, “a true success story that started here in Pleasanton.” She recently visited the company’s headquarters, posing here with co-founders CEO Serge Saxonov and chief scientific officer Ben Hindson.



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Throughout the pandemic, city leaders have been promoting the mantra “Pleasanton Together,” epitomized by this collage photo shared during the State of the City slideshow.

Master gardeners selling 'Incredible Edibles'

Purchase online, then pick up at Alviso Adobe park

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Incredible Edible Plant Sale is being held soon by the UC Master Gardener Program of Alameda County — with orders placed online starting March 28 and curbside pickup in Pleasanton from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10-12 at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road.

A selection of vegetable seedlings and culinary herbs will be for sale at \$4 for each 4-inch pot, and proceeds go toward the master gardeners' community education programs.

"The master gardeners are all volunteer," explained Maria Lopez, who is coordinating the sale along with Gail Myers and Patti Joki. "Master gardener volunteers are trained agents of the University of California Cooperative Extension who provide research-based knowledge and information on home gardening. The money made on the sale will provide education to the community."

The edibles for sale will include tomato plants — heirloom, cherry, slicers, container and paste varieties — as well as peppers, from sweet and juicy to hot and spicy, plus squash, zucchini, pumpkins and other vegetables and herbs.

Due to COVID restrictions, plants need to be ordered in advance, at www.incredibleedibleplantsale.com, which will have photos of all the plants for sale.

"We grew our seedlings in a greenhouse at Las Positas College and have transferred them to our hoop houses at the Alviso Adobe Community Park where we are transplanting them into individual 4-inch pots to grow and sell," Lopez said.

When buyers place their orders for the

plants online, they will sign up for a time slot, she added, and only cash and checks will be accepted.

She noted that home gardens have become even more popular during the pandemic.

"Because everybody had to stay home, people started to garden more and became sustainable," said Lopez, who grows tomatoes, bell peppers, zucchini and many herbs in her raised gardens. "It is satisfying to grow your own fresh vegetables."

The volunteers have been busy building the temporary hoop houses, which provide drainage and frames for plastic coverings, at Alviso Adobe and are also preparing labels and descriptions for each plant.

"We don't have a sale every year but we would like to," Lopez said. "We are looking for a permanent spot."

The Alameda County Master Gardeners are working on plans to develop a demonstration garden in Pleasanton near the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail in Pleasanton that will offer hands-on learning through garden talks, workshops and demonstrations.

They have five demonstration gardens so far in Alameda County. Their 7,000-square-foot parcel of land in Livermore focuses on water conservation and low maintenance, featuring "Water Wise" plants as an alternative to the traditional home landscape; the Pleasanton garden is being planned to feature herbs, fruits and vegetables.

For more information about the Alameda County Master Gardeners, visit acmg.ucanr.edu. ■



ACMG

Plant sale project leaders (from left) Gail Myers, Maria Lopez and Patti Joki in front of a hoop house with new seedlings at Alviso Adobe Community Park.



DOLORES BENGTON

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club members (from left) Judy Matthew and Lois Barber pose with the rose bushes made possible by a \$1,000 Plant America Grant from National Garden Clubs Inc.

Everything coming up roses at Hansen Park

National Garden Club awards \$1,000 grant to replace diseased, 'spent' rose plants

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club never hesitates to dig right in to maintain public gardens but keeping the plants at their blooming best also takes money.

So, members were thrilled to learn in January that they'd been awarded a Plant America Grant of \$1,000 from National Garden Clubs Inc to renovate the Hansen Park Rose Garden in Livermore.

"The National Garden Clubs always receives hundreds of funding applications so LAVGC was pleased to receive the maximum amount granted," longtime member Dolores Bengtson said.

Dana Boyd, who heads the rose garden maintenance with Gayle Pawloski, wrote the proposal to replace 36 rose bushes in the garden that had died or become "worn out." The application needed to demonstrate local support, funds, labor and materials, and show the resulting project was plant-related.

The small island park, on First Street where it meets Holmes Street, features the rose garden, a fountain, a sculpture and an old-fashioned wagon on display.

"It's a city park, and we were asked about 10 or 11 years ago if we would help take care of it," recalled Boyd.

She and Lois Barber headed up the maintenance for many years until Barber, who just turned 90, recently handed over her reins to Pawloski although she continues to volunteer.

The rose garden is home to a great variety, and efforts are being made for replacement. Now 39 new plants have been purchased and the total at Hansen Park will be 460 rose bushes, Boyd said.

Some of the rose bushes have been affected by the canopies and roots of the deodar cedar and redwood trees in the park, Boyd also noted.

"Alden Lane Nursery helped us to choose roses that would do well in that specific environment," Boyd said.

Support from the local community includes both Western Garden Nursery and Alden Lane giving substantial discounts and donations, rose fertilizer donated by Kellogg Garden Products, and Bumper Crop soil amendments courtesy of W.C. Stone. Livermore Parks Department will provide the heavy labor.

"They are removing the diseased and diminished roses, and they will dig the new holes for us," Boyd said. "We always do the pruning and put the trimmings on tarps, and then the city comes later and disposes of the trimmings."

In normal years, Boyd said, garden club members donate 576 hours a year to maintain Hansen Park Rose Garden. Last year, with the pandemic and the smoky air conditions due to fires, the club worked a total of 300.

"Everyone can work in their own separate area," Boyd explained, wearing masks and distancing. "We use our own tools and trimmers."

"I love the garden, as do the other people who work there," Boyd added, and she often sees drivers enjoying the roses from their cars as they halt for the stoplights. "It's a little beauty spot to bring a bit of nature to people in their cars. I also see people go through with strollers, and they will pick up their babies and let them smell the roses."

The new rose plants are being cosseted at Alden Lane for a few weeks, and planting day is scheduled for tomorrow, March 20.

"We are hoping to get a great turnout from the garden club to mix the soil amendments and plant the roses," Boyd said. "We can beautify America, one little park at a time." ■

Community of Character announces scholarship winners

Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships go to four high school seniors

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Four high school seniors have been selected by the Community of Character Collaborative as recipients of the 2021 Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships. Applicants must explain in writing how they reflect the six characteristics adopted by the schools and the city — compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline — through their service and community involvement.

The scholarship was created to honor the memory of Juanita Haugen, founder of the collaborative, who died in 2007 due to cancer. Haugen was a former president of the local school board as well as the California School Boards Association. Students from Pleasanton high schools are eligible to apply.

The scholarship recipients will be honored at the organization's annual luncheon fundraiser, which also honors other community members for their character and service. Nomination forms will be at www.CommunityOfCharacter.org. Last year's luncheon was canceled, and this year's may be a virtual event.

Luana Yeung



Luana Yeung, a senior at Amador Valley High School, is the daughter of Peggy and Kenny Yeung. She grew up in a household with immigrant parents, and learned from her mother that being frugal is a virtue.

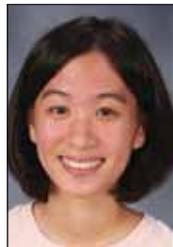
"Self-discipline and respect have been my core values through my advocacy on social justice issues," Yeung wrote. "I empathize with those that come from under-represented backgrounds and all that are struggling to hold their identity in the ever-changing community around them. I face different challenges every day, and each interaction brings experiences of having

to prove myself while staying grounded in humility and justice."

At Amador Valley, she was co-founder of Students for Social Change, ASB vice president and treasurer, an intern with the Go Green Initiative, volunteers student coordinator for TEDx events and student representative of the AV Green Team, and was captain of the tennis team. She was a volunteer advocate and juror at the Tri-Valley Youth Court; a teacher assistant at the Yang Fan Academy; and is currently an assistant tennis coach at Lifetime Activities, where she teaches groups of children tennis fundamentals.

Her future plans are to attend a university that holds enhanced global justice and policy research institutes, to pursue an education that encompasses both the STEM and humanities learning driven by human connectedness and empathy.

Ellie Sara Huang



Ellie Sara Huang is a senior at Amador Valley High, and is the daughter of Dennis Huang, who grew up in New Jersey, and Connie Chen, who was raised in Taiwan.

Huang wrote about responsibility and compassion: "It is my responsibility to fulfill my duties with my best effort. When I recall my days volunteering at the Senior Center, I see that my experience has been more about learning than giving. From assisting seniors, I learned more about who I am and how I can contribute to the community."

The summer after graduating from Harvest Park Middle School, she began volunteering at the Pleasanton Senior Center, and for three summers, volunteered as a technical tutor, teaching the seniors how to interact with electronics. She also served meals at local shelters, a tradition her family hopes to continue every Christmas Eve.

This past holiday season, she helped her parents deliver much needed food to the local Tri-Valley shelter.

At Amador Valley High, she was co-president of the Science Olympiad Team and president of the Neuroscience Club. She was also principal flutist for the All-State Symphonic Band, the All-Northern Honor Band, and was a section leader for the Amador Valley marching band.

Inspired by her experience working with seniors, she wishes to develop user-friendly devices to help those with disabilities.

Anastasiya Markova



Anastasiya Markova, a senior at Foothill High, is the daughter of Olha and Maksym Markova. Born in Ukraine, she moved to the United States at 11, meeting the challenge to learn English, make friends

and adapt to new environments and cultures.

"Responsibility for my actions and thoughts always drives me to be a better person because I know that I am in charge of becoming a better version of myself every day," Markova wrote. "Compassion is the quality I try to work on the most, because it is the quality that I see others often forget about. Moving from place to place, I saw different types of lifestyles and perspectives on the world which opened my eyes to different struggles people go through. I try my best to be grateful for my life, kind to others and remember that everyone has a unique story."

She was president of Technovation Girls club at Foothill, on the PTownLife staff, Peer Advocates leader, council member of the Student Interdistrict Action Council, an intern for Student Conservation Association, a volunteer leader at the Dublin and Pleasanton Rec Department Summer Camps, a cabin counselor at New Horizons

Outdoor School, and networked through the Built by Girls Mentorship program.

She hopes to intern at businesses related to groundbreaking technology in mental health and cognition.

Ella Grijalva



Ella Grijalva is a senior at Foothill High, the daughter of John and Julie Grijalva. She comes from a close and huge extended family that provided many role models.

"I am inspired by the Special Olympics athletes' hard work and dedication," Grijalva wrote. "The athletes have taught me to be respectful of all differences and to have compassion for all people ... These friendships always remind me of the importance of respect, compassion and acceptance, regardless of ability or disability."

She has volunteered at Special Olympics and helped host Zoom dance parties for its athletes. She has volunteered with Recreation for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (RADD) and was asked to help coach its volleyball team. She volunteered with fundraisers for Sunflower Hill and was in its summer internship program. She has also volunteered for Foster a Dream, Juvenile Diabetes, Pleasanton Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, March of Dimes, Valley Humane Society, American Cancer Society, Open Heart Kitchen and Valley Children's Museum.

At Foothill, she is a three-time captain on the tennis team and was named Scholar Athlete and Rookie of the Year, and received the Foothill Falcon Award. She has been on the Foothill School Site Council for three years.

She has applied to major in leadership and community engagement at Colorado University Boulder's School of Education to study nonprofit management. ■

Assistance League holding Tea Party in a Box

Fundraiser will support programs in the community

Assistance League of Amador Valley is having a Tea Party in a Box fundraiser in early May, limited to 250, and the deadline for reservations is April 12.

The tea boxes, designed for one person, are prepared by Crown & Crumpet Tea Salon in San Francisco, and each contains two tea sandwiches, a souffle quiche, a mini sausage, one scone with clotted cream and jam, and three sweet treats as well as a tea bag, utensils, napkin and a sugar charm.

The idea is to order boxes for a good friend or two and enjoy them while welcoming spring in a private backyard.

This special fundraising event benefits Assistance League of Amador Valley's philanthropic programs. The cost of each box is \$55, with proceeds helping Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry, as well as several other community programs that help those in

need.

The boxes can be picked up in Pleasanton early afternoon on May 1, in time for an afternoon tea party. If enjoyed the following day, some refrigeration is required.

Arrangements can be made to deliver purchases of six boxes or more.

Tea Party in a Box is being held in lieu of the annual spring Mad Hatter's Tea. Assistance League of Amador Valley also has the following fundraisers on its schedule:

- Third annual Poinsettia Sale — Dec. 3-4, 2021.
- Second annual Crab Feast — Jan. 28, 2022.
- 25th annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party — April 30, 2022.

Purchase tea boxes at www.assistanceleague.org/amador-valley. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

From surviving to thriving

Alan Hu Foundation to offer webinar by psychologist

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Alan Hu Foundation is sponsoring a free webinar by a leading researcher on the effects of traumatic stress on mental health, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on March 30.

Dr. Debra Kaysen will draw from her experiences with developing accessible and scalable strategies for improving mental health, including addressing COVID 19-related mental health concerns among health care workers and others. She will discuss specific strategies to help mitigate stress associated with COVID-19 and to help build resilience.

Kaysen is a clinical psychologist and professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University. Her clinical and research specialty is in treatment for those who have experienced traumatic events, including sexual-minority women, Native Americans, sexual assault survivors, torture survivors and those in active duty military.

Participants may join the webinar beginning at 6:15 p.m. After the presentation, the webinar will include 15 minutes for questions and answers. To receive the Zoom link, email by March 30 to alanhufoundation.org/events.

The Alan Hu Foundation was created by Xiaofang Chen and Chih-Ching Hu in memory of their son, Alan, who died by suicide in 2018 at the age of 15. Their mission is to promote mental health, raise awareness and remove stigma surrounding psychiatric disorders, and to support fundamental research for cures.

To learn more and to support the Alan Hu Foundation, visit alanhufoundation.org. ■

Editor's note: Anyone in need of support can contact Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's 24-hour confidential crisis line at 800-309-2131 or CrisisSupport.org, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, via text at 800-799-4889, chat or SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

LIVERMORE SOLAR PROJECT APPROVAL

Board OKs utility-scale solar in North Livermore

It only took Dave Haubert, District 1's new supervisor, two months to break a significant, big campaign promise. Vowing during the run up to the election to favor the creation of a "solar siting policy" before approving utility-scale solar, Haubert led the 5-0 vote by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Aramis project earlier this month.

Vowing to continue to "work" on a solar policy, the environmental and legal flaws of this project were dismissed by the supervisors. Next month will be an appeal hearing and vote on a second utility-scale solar plant, across the street from the Aramis project. A solar policy will not be in place by that time. Does anyone question the vote of Haubert and the supervisors?

Once this second project is approved, developing a solar siting policy should be easy for Haubert and the supervisors ... put it in the now-industrialized North Livermore Valley. The disregard for violations of General Plan zoning, proven environmental impacts and the general inappropriateness of siting this solar factory in North Livermore was discouraging, but not unexpected from a Board of Supervisors who have never accepted the protections to

open, scenic and agricultural land offered by Measure D.

How could they justify this decision? They did it by making this a zero-sum choice. Save the environment for our grandchildren or have open space. This ridiculously simplified overstatement is a cop out that is going to become the "de rigueur" for solar developers and politicians. Supervisors are not elected to just make tough decisions; they are elected to make smart decisions and be leaders.

Options abound for Alameda County to develop clean energy sources that do not require covering existing agricultural lands and open space. Are those options, "turn key," like this Aramis proposal? No, but sometimes the right decision, impacting the most people, requires work, dedication and commitment. Unfortunately for citizens, it is much easier for the county to just give that work over to a for-profit developer.

Utility-scale solar energy factories can go many, many places in the county and the state, but they should not go everywhere. These decisions around our collective desire for clean energy must not be decided based on a developer's plan and willing land owners, especially when one environmental consideration is being sacrificed for another.

—David Rounds, Livermore

For renewable energy

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce has been on record since 2020 in support of the Aramis renewable energy project. It clearly aligns with LVCC policy priorities that include support for sustainable and sufficient infrastructure for a thriving economy. The project was approved in a 5-0 vote by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on March 4.

LVCC deeply appreciates the due diligence performed by Alameda County — staff, and the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments, the appointed body of commissioners that oversee planning matters in eastern unincorporated Alameda County and the authority for the jurisdiction in which this project is proposed. LVCC is thankful for the thoughtful and deliberative consideration of the five-member Board of Supervisors, and its action to approve the Aramis project.

Aramis worked with the county and the community to go far beyond in meeting additional expectations and planning for further contingencies

We wish to recognize the actions of District 1 supervisor representing the Livermore Valley, David Haubert, who took office this January. Supervisor Haubert quickly got up to speed on this important issue, listened to the concerns of neighbors, considered the findings in the required environmental review of the project and staff recommendation, and heard hours of public comment as he deliberated a decision and action.

I streamed the meeting on March 4, and it was clear that a recognition of the importance and value of both the land and of the opportunity to, locally, increase a critical resource, were carefully balanced and taken into consideration by the supervisors.

Today's environmental and economic conditions demand that we and our leaders have the courage to look through a 21st-century lens to plan, regulate and execute to address our needs and to prepare for future generations.

LVCC believes that strengthening the reliability of energy resources, especially that which is clean and renewable, is critical to a sustainable and resilient economy. Our demand on energy resources is not currently met within our city, county or Bay Area region, but imported from other parts of California and the western U.S.

As we move towards a future of increased electrification — vehicles, homes, commercial and industrial — the Aramis project presents us with an incredible opportunity that deserved serious consideration.

LVCC respects the views of those that expressed opposition to the approval of the Aramis project. With the Livermore Valley's plentiful space and sunshine, LVCC supports continuing the discussion to include all at the table, as together we seek a balanced approach towards increasing this important local resource.

—Dawn Argula, CEO and president, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Embracing the positives that the return of sports represent

First Foothill football action reminds how far we've come, but we're not back to normal yet

In some ways, it was as if we were back to normal, while on the other hand it was a stark reminder as to where we have been and how long we still must go.

Last Saturday was the first sense of normalcy I've felt in a long time. There were sports at Foothill High School, competitive sports — something that has been missing from the landscape since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the morning driving past Foothill, I saw cross-country runners from Amador Valley and Foothill racing in the front of the school.

It put a smile on my face, even with seeing the parent volunteers wearing their masks while covering spots on what had to be a new course.

In the afternoon when I arrived to announce both the junior varsity and varsity football games, there were baseball games between

Foothill and De La Salle on both baseball fields.

The parents were spaced out in lawn chairs watching the action. Even though the weather was not perfect for sitting outside all afternoon, it was easy to see they were glad to be there.

Saturday night Livermore came to town to a pair of football games between the two schools. Seeing all the kids out on the field warming up, then playing a game was awesome.

Livermore won 14-13, but it wasn't the score that mattered as much as the teams actually playing a game.

But there were also signs that we are not back to normal — yet.

Players on each team were given vouchers for their families, limiting the number of people that could attend. Looking out of the press box it was bizarre to see tape marks on the bleachers, where the families of each player were designated to sit.

The family members needed to arrive together and sit together. Each fan base was required to sit on their respective side of the field.

I have been handed many things to announce throughout the years, but following the junior varsity game, it was something different.

I was directed to ask the Livermore junior varsity parents to vacate the stands and leave the stadium immediately after the game. The request came from the Livermore High administration, who I believe was trying to clear out room for the varsity parents to come into the game.

It was the most awkward announcement I have ever made.

The football games were great to see, but the overall ambiance was nonexistent. No students, no cheerleaders and no band take away from what makes high school sports great — the overall experience.



DENNIS MILLER

The Foothill Falcons hosted the Livermore Cowboys for the first varsity and JV football action of the 2020-21 season last weekend. A limited number of fans were allowed in the stands, with social distancing between small groups.

That is the harsh reality as to where we still are during this pandemic.

While that is all missing, the alternative of not playing is far worse.

Even a shortened season with no standings or no playoffs, at least gives the seniors a chance to put on their school colors and get out on the field.

It gives the kids a chance to make some good memories from their last year in high school.

Returning all-sports — except for wrestling — to school at the same time provides logistical nightmares, but it seems the schools are working hard to make it all work.

Facility space aside, the hot-button item seems to be kids being able to play only one sport at a time.

Baseball and football seem to be the ones suffering the most as there are many players who enjoy both football and baseball but now must make a choice between the two.

My initial thoughts are that if the coaches of the respective sports agree to allow players to play both sports,

then why not let them play rather than be forced to make a choice?

These are uncharted times, times no one has dealt with before, so there is no template to go by to make decisions.

I can understand parents being upset about their kids not being able to play more than one sport, but the more I have thought about it, kids being able to play any sports is the most important part.

Since last August, there has been a growing movement to let the kids play sports. Now that it has happened, it seems moving forward we should celebrate the kids playing sports, not asking for more.

Let's embrace what time we have left this school year and be thankful the kids in our community are at least getting to compete. ■

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.

20 Monte Vista football players out of scrimmage due to COVID-19 protocols

One player tested positive earlier in week; Mustangs play short-handed at Acalanes

BY RYAN J. DEGAN
AND JEREMY WALSH

School district officials confirmed 20 players on Danville's Monte Vista High varsity football team were quarantining after one player tested positive for COVID-19, leading to contact-tracing protocols sidelining nearly half of the Mustangs' 47-player roster last week.

The rest of the Mustangs played a scrimmage on the road Saturday against Acalanes High School in Lafayette, where the home Dons won a tight game 33-27.

The unidentified Monte Vista player was asymptomatic when they tested positive, according to Danny Hillman, assistant superintendent for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

"It's not an outbreak, it's a single case; an outbreak would be three or more connected cases so we don't have that situation," Hillman told the Weekly on Friday afternoon. "As far as I can tell none of the others tested positive; they are all just home quarantining ... If we had had

any additional positives, it would have been reported so we would have known about it. At this point, no news means we're feeling pretty good."

In accordance with state laws, SRVUSD sports teams test players for COVID-19 every week, a practice

mandated while districts are in the purple tier — according to state's color-coded reopening plan — but one the SRVUSD intended to continue with Contra Costa County transitioning to the red tier.

Weekly tests are particularly relevant for sports like football, where

close personal contact is just a part of the game, according to Hillman.

Monte Vista traveled to Lafayette for its first scrimmage of the pandemic-delayed season on Saturday evening. "Football is back! The Stangs are short handed but ready to roll!" the MVHS Athletics account

tweeted before the practice game began.

The host Dons jumped out to an early lead that grew to 33-14 at one point before the Mustangs rallied to get within six points in the fourth quarter. Acalanes held on to win the scrimmage 33-27. ■

Public Notices

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No: RG21087811 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Rudra Yadav filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RUDRA YADAV to RUDRA CHATTUR YADAV. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the

hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 26, 2021, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2021. Judge Tara M. Desautels, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Theater

MASTER CLASS IN ACTING & PLAYWRITING For all aspiring high school actors and playwrights, join a free online creative workshop led by professional artists in conjunction with The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., March 27. Apply now as space is limited. Visit eugeneoneill.org.

LAS POSITAS THEATER ARTS This spring join the Las Positas College Theater Arts Department for a series of live and pre-recorded events meant to inspire and bring theater into your home. March 30-April 10 fans can download multiple events as part of On Demand Theater events. All productions were filmed using green screen technology at Las Positas College's Mertes Center for the Arts as a part of the Spring 2021 Season of Plays. Visit showtix4u.com/events/LPCTheaterArts.

Dance

RHYTHM OF THE DANCE Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center presents Rhythm of the Dance, a performance recorded in front of a live audience that features award-winning dancers, excellent musicians and foot-tapping passion. This event can be streamed online until March 21. Visit livermorearts.org.

Concerts

VINEYARD VIBES AND MORE Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will offer a new series of free, virtual entertainment with "Vineyard Vibes and More" featuring the talents of local musicians and comedians. A virtual ticket allows access for a 24-hour period. March 28 features award winning singer/songwriter Michael McNevin. Information and tickets are available at LivermoreArts.org.

Art Classes

SHAPING TOMORROW'S VISIONARIES This five week series of classes at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore will inspire students to examine issues, develop principles and appreciate diversity, community, humanity and environment. Taught by Livermore Arts Visual Arts Manager, Anne Giancola, the classes are a multimedia adventure into the process of becoming a visionary. Class size limited to 15 students, \$75.00 per student. 4-5:30 p.m., starting April 15. Visit livermorearts.org.

Food & Drink

GRAB-N-STAY FAIR FOOD FEAST The Grab-N-Stay Fair Food Feast includes classics like corn dogs, churros, funnel cakes and other items. Stay and eat or pre-order for curbside pickup. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., March 18-21. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Talks & Lectures

AN AFTERNOON WITH LADY BIRD JOHNSON Pleasanton's Museum on Main Ed Kinney speaker series presents An Afternoon or Evening with Lady Bird Johnson. Wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson, she served as First Lady from 1963 to 1969 and was both an American socialite and a shrewd investor. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., March 24. Visit museumonmain.org.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: MYSTERIOUS SEAS Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Quest Science Center presents Mysterious Seas. Get a glimpse into the ocean's greatest depths and the fascinating creatures that live there. March 31, tickets are \$20. Visit livermorearts.org.

MOVING FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING WEBINAR Clinical psychologist Dr. Debra Kaysen will present a webinar for accessible and scalable strategies for improving mental health, including strategies for addressing COVID-19-related mental health concerns. She will discuss specific strategies to help mitigate stress and to help build resilience. 6:15-7:30 p.m., March 30. RSVP at alanhufoundation.org/events.

Family

NILES CANYON RAILWAY Back for 2021 and offering a new set of special limited capacity rides, discover Niles Canyon in all of its spring splendor behind steam or diesel power. 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 20-21. Visit ncry.org/ride/rides-2021.

SHAMROCK 5K FUN RUN & WALK Join the city of Dublin for the 22nd annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk - Virtual edition. This fun and safe community event encourages physical activity while celebrating

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Meet Maggie

Maggie is a delightful, young adult Chihuahua mix. She's been a terrific guest in her foster home, already house- and crate-trained. Maggie likes affection and will frequently check in with you for love and pets. She is a sensitive girl who needs a gentle touch. A home with adults only is recommended. Being a world-class squirrel chaser, she won't be a match for cats. This 2-year-old is spayed, microchipped and up-to-date on vaccines. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via www.tvlar.org.

Writers

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST Tri-Valley Writers presents "My Story, My Vision," the tenth annual writing contest for local area students. The contest is open to students grades 9-12 in the Tri-Valley. Cash awards for first, second and third place winners. Submissions accepted until April 4. Visit trivalleywriters.org.

Gardening

GARDENING Q&A The Livermore Public Library presents Gardening Q&A on zoom with Mark Brunell, Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of the Pacific. Get answers to questions about seed growing, tomatoes and other summer vegetable crops. 10:30 a.m., March 20. Visit us02web.zoom.us/j/89814506212.

SUSTAINABILITY LIVE: ADVICE TO GROW BY Join this online free live broadcast every month as special guests share the latest tips and provide inspiration and education. 7-8:30 p.m., March 24. Visit eventbrite.com and search the event to register.

Government

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION Planning Commission meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m., March 25, currently held virtually. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 22. For more information visit cityoflivermore.net.

DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The next Regular Board Meeting of the Dublin Unified School District is 5:30 p.m., March 23. For more information visit dublin.k12.ca.us.

Employment

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Safeway Inc. seeks a Principal Architect, Supply Chain & Merchandising in Pleasanton, CA. Subj. to bckgrnd check. Mail res to 5918 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588, Attn: K. Reed & Ref.: 202102035M.

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 14-18 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and Feb. 8-12 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 8185 Arroyo Drive #4** Mashhoon Living Trust to M. Mcquiston for \$488,000
- 308 Trenton Circle** V. & T. Nemanich to T. & B. Jiang for \$915,000
- 4625 3rd Street** J. Harvey to K. & P. Yeh for \$920,000
- 814 Bonde Court** Enabling Strategies Ltd to Db & Nk Developments Inc for \$955,000
- 4812 Harrison Street** Chesterman Survivors Trust to J. Johal for \$1,000,000
- 7927 Highland Oaks Drive** K. Nasser to S. & R. Dimiri for \$1,100,000
- 174 Trenton Circle** T. Sabhlok to J. & K. Patil for \$1,200,000
- 2692 Lotus Street** J. Yuan to F. & K. Lee for \$1,275,000
- 3548 Ballantyne Drive** Lee Family Trust to M. & R. Dharia for \$1,280,000
- 6782 Paseo Catalina** Gandy Trust to Bayani Family Trust for \$1,500,000
- 1547 East Gate Way** Yee Family Trust to S. & X. Xun for \$1,570,000
- 2684 Starling Court** Reedy Family Trust to K. & G. Gaddini for \$1,701,500
- 1113 Finch Place** Marshall Family Trust to N. & U. Mattupalli for \$2,100,000
- 1749 Via Di Salerno** Dreiling Living Trust to S. Gaur for \$2,950,000
- 4132 Parma Court** S. Chopra to R. & S. Mehra for \$4,825,000

Livermore

- 656 South S Street** L. Jaeger to B. Norleen for \$300,000

- 1947 6th Street** Williams Trust to L. & C. Clements for \$989,000

- 2498 Allegro Street** M. Ramspergera to D. & S. Agarwal for \$1,910,000

- 2833 Alnwick Avenue #2** R. & C. Kawasaki-Yee to N. & A. Kumar for \$618,000

- 6899 Bear Creek Drive** J. Bliss to U. & S. Gujavarthi for \$985,000

- 2385 Bluebell Drive** S. Coley to P. Crozier for \$715,000

- 739 Chippewa Way** Gonzales Family Trust to N. Gomes for \$820,000

- 911 Coronado Way** Burgle Trust to W. Wu for \$780,000

- 2155 Dry Creek Court** A. Huang to G. & K. Omweg for \$1,325,000

- 1783 Embassy Circle** Figueiredo Trust to S. & D. Perry for \$1,250,000

- 837 Estates Street** Ms Family Trust to K. & M. Csicsery for \$720,000

- 1624 Helsinki Way** J. Fagan to T. & T. Reese for \$1,000,000

- 557 Hemlock Court** Sotoudeh Family Trust to M. & K. Lee for \$995,000

- 456 Hummingbird Lane** K. & S. Scoggins to S. Arellano-Jones for \$850,000

- 225 Jensen Way** L. Rossman to N. Trovinger for \$770,000

- 1324 Killarney Street** Vyse Living Trust to D. & M. Soutar for \$1,125,000

- 4221 Las Positas Road** A. Spina to All World Gayatri Pariwar Usa for \$1,400,000

- 1346 Lexington Way** C. Dixon to J. Dreher for \$959,500

- 1750 Linden Street** L. Street to C. & H. Patel for \$1,035,000

- 318 South Livermore Avenue #102** Real Freedom LLC to E. & J. Jelincic for \$775,000

- 712 Marcella Street** Halseide Living Trust to Weaver Family Trust for \$875,000

- 212 Martin Avenue** K. & B. Thomson to P. & S. Sharma for \$870,000

- 2467 Merlot Lane** N. & M. Cuthbertson to H. & J. Fahnhorst for \$1,397,000

- 1487 Mimosa Street** C. & R. Woll to J. & B. Sousa for \$1,154,000

- 1009 Murrieta Boulevard #79** R. Widger to F. Souza for \$335,000

- 91 Obsidian Way** Templeman Living Trust to Stimpfig Family Trust for \$1,465,000

- 1681 Placer Circle** A. Alaverdyan to C. & M. Wilkinson for \$1,132,500

- 721 Sandpiper Common** D. Sweeney to J. Fagundes for \$550,000

- 474 Selby Lane** Lau Living Trust to J. & R. Kim for \$820,000

- 4965 Shirley Way** D. Sawyer to M. & N. Ratakonda for \$878,000

- 171 Topaz Way** W. Ki to H. Choi for \$940,000

- 5125 Tulip Court** M. Myers to Damonte Family Trust for \$850,000

- 2408 Vintage Lane** Freitas Trust to D. & R. Howard for \$1,900,000

- 1057 Wagoner Drive** E. & T. Lavacca to J. & J. Moskowicz for \$1,025,000

- 274 Wood Street #503** D. Hysom to I. & E. Chung for \$612,000

- 350 Wood Street #206** J. Flores to A. & R. Dimazana for \$735,000

Dublin

- 9631 Albert Drive** M. & K. Yale to N. & A. Samant for \$1,608,000

- 3360 Bramante Lane** B. Duraisamy to D. & K. Ramakrishnan for \$1,030,000

- 2180 East Cantara Drive** Laurel Family Trust to N. & Q. Zhang for \$1,440,000

- 3489 Capoterra Way** M. Qiao to Y. & X. Wang for \$791,000

- 2062 Central Parkway** K. Mahajan to T. & H. Chae for \$942,000

- 2343 Central Parkway** Y. Xu to Y. Fu for \$1,050,000

- 5683 West Cog Hill Terrace** Y. & M. Sohn to S. & P. Sengelnathan for \$1,570,000

- 8511 Deervale Road** A. & J. Rasore to M. & C. Prabhu for \$1,165,000

- 11804 Dunstown Court #115** C. Parikh to Wang Trust for \$582,000

- 5859 El Dorado Lane** S. & K. Halteman to T. & V. Le Phu for \$1,045,000

- 5806 Huntley Avenue** Brookfield Bay Area Hldgs LLC to E. & J. Cheney for \$1,065,500

- 10942 Inspiration Circle** Y. Wang to S. & S. Banerjee for \$1,830,000

- 7825 Kelly Canyon Place** C. Brown to Manoj Trust for \$1,472,000

- 2860 Mount Dana Drive** L. & P. Mohan to S. & V. Simhadri for \$1,570,000

- 11705 Murietta Court** Ambrose Family Trust to M. & S. Purta for \$1,525,000

- 4251 Panorama Drive** Tri Pointe Homes Inc to V. Vadamalai for \$1,070,000

- 4273 Panorama Drive** Tri Pointe Homes Inc to S. & S. Ghosh for \$1,079,000

- 4326 Panorama Drive** K. Jonnala to R. & R. Devarakonda for \$1,535,000

- 11552 Rolling Hills Drive** J. Perkins to C. Meguro for \$1,316,000

- 4290 Sunset View Drive** Moncada Family Trust to B. & W. Lao for \$1,450,000

- 6236 Sussex Drive** R. Chiluveru to K. & G. Kanth for \$900,000

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12067 Ruth GLane Goodrich Trust to Fung Trust for \$860,000

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1107 Canyon Hills Road Meimand Family Trust to B. & M. Ofogh for \$1,030,000

620 Canyon Woods Court #A B. Enderlein to E. Tigner for \$645,000

111 Deerwood Road #305 J. & A. Nagel to Ebn Real Estate LLC for \$880,000

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3638 Montrose Way Wray Living Trust to J. & H. Khan for \$1,535,000

3023 Pine Valley Road G. Hrynko to T. Huynh for \$1,090,000

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6025 Westside Drive Y. & H. Lu to L. & H. Chen for \$1,750,000

2829 Willow Bend Way J. Sze to Bend Trust for \$1,580,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 14-18)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$488,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,825,000
Average sales reported: \$1,275,000

Livermore (Dec. 14-18)

Total sales reported: 36
Lowest sale reported: \$300,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,910,000
Average sales reported: \$909,000

Dublin (Dec. 14-18)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$582,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,830,000
Average sales reported: \$1,271,500

Sunol (Dec. 14-18)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$860,000
Highest sale reported: \$860,000
Average sales reported: \$860,000

San Ramon (Feb. 8-12)

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$480,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,210,000
Average sales reported: \$1,090,000

Source: California REsource

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2 BD | 2 BA | 941 SF

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OFFERED AT \$729,888

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6407 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 2,575 SF

**JUST SOLD FOR \$1,775,000
(REPRESENTED SELLER & BUYER)**

COUNTRYFAIR II



6322 CORTE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON

5 BD | 3 BA | 3,091 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,950,000

DEL PRADO



1972 PASEO DEL CAJON, PLEASANTON

5 BD | 3 BA | 2,358 SF

**SOLD FOR \$1,530,000
(REPRESENTED BUYER)**

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SOLD for \$311,000 Over List Price
\$1,760,000



5082 Crestwood Court, Pleasanton
SOLD for \$276,000 Over List Price
\$1,725,000



2263 Doccia Court, Ruby Hill
SOLD for \$201,000 Over List Price
\$2,300,000

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\$4,299,000



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4 BD | 3 BA | 3,424 sq. ft.
2.08 acre lot & sub-dividable into 9 parcels

\$2,999,999



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\$998,888



Coming Soon

5501 DeMarcus Blvd Unit # 273, Dublin
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,399 sq. ft.

\$728,888



Pending (off-market)

3803 Newton Way, Pleasanton
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,293 sq. ft.
Represented Buyer & Seller

\$1,075,000



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