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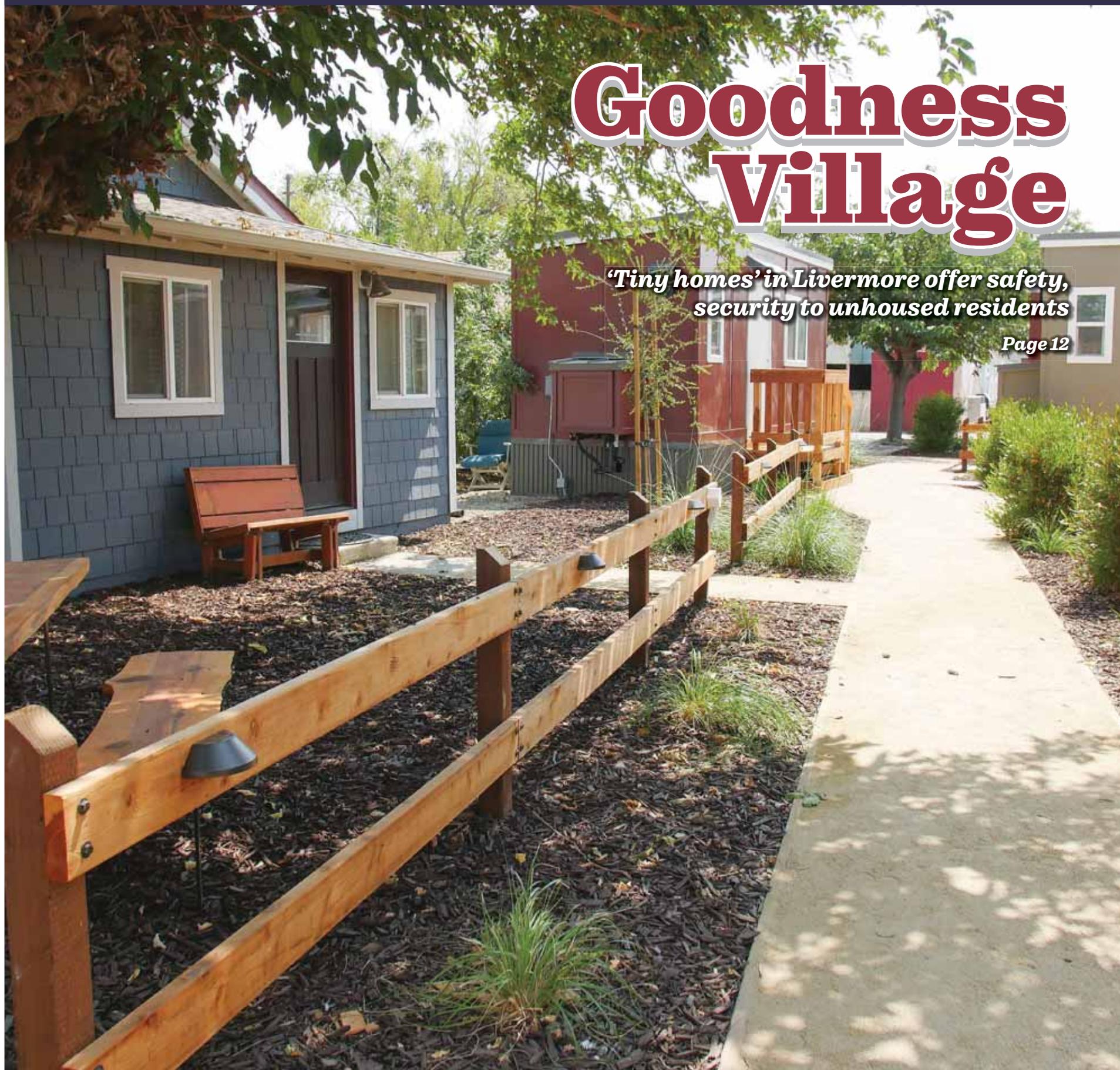
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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## 'And the winner is..'

It's hard to believe September is already here -- and heck, 2022 is becoming clearer in view over the hazy horizon.

What do you have planned for Labor Day weekend: A stroll in downtown Pleasanton for the last Weekend on Main street closure of the year? A trip to the fairgrounds to enjoy the return of the Scottish Games? Or maybe just a little downtime at home for the first holiday weekend of the new school year?

The latter is pretty much what I'll be doing this long weekend -- a little R&R at home amid doing some chores, errands and catchup workwise.

High up on the goal list for Labor Day is to watch the Netflix DVD that's been sitting on our coffee table: "The Great Ziegfeld", which took home the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1936.

One of our projects for 2021, although we haven't made as much progress as I'd have liked so far, has been to watch all of the Oscar-winning Best Pictures in chronological order.

Now I don't treat the Oscars as the be-all-end-all when it comes to superior films, but I am fascinated by the winner and nominee lists as a reference point from a movie history perspective. (Which films or performances won, and which ones did not; things like that.)

Although I will admit that in all of the film classes I took and essays I read while completing a cinema studies minor at American University, I don't remember whether a movie won or lost the Academy Award really ever coming up.

Still, as a self-proclaimed movie buff, I was surprised some months ago looking through the Best Picture list to realize how many of the older winners I hadn't watched. And then when we saw how many more of the winners (especially from the 1950s to '80s) my wife hadn't seen, we decided why not just jump in from the beginning.

We've finished the first eight so far, usually working them in among our other TV, sports and movie viewing -- because a slower-paced older movie, or a three-hour-plus epic, just doesn't always seem like a fun watch during or after a hectic workweek.

Highlights for me have been "Wings," "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "It Happened One Night." On the flip side, "Cimarron"

and "Grand Hotel" really did not hold up, and by the time we finish they might end up being on my list of the worst Best Picture winners.

"Wings" (1927), the inaugural winner and the only silent film to earn the award (because of a technicality with "The Artist"), tells the story of aviators in World War I, and what stood out were the amazing aerial and ground battle sequences.

Well-executed battle choreography and realistic military setwork are a common thread among other successful early winners like "Mutiny on the Bounty" (1935) and "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930).

The latter, which follows young German soldiers in WWI, may be one of the greatest war movies I've ever seen. And believe me, we'll get our share of war films on our Best Picture rewatch campaign. "Cavalcade" (1933) was another early one, focusing on a British family through multiple wars until The Great War.

Of course they referred to it as The Great War because at that time, even when those films were made, World War II hadn't happened yet. To me, sitting here in 2021, the context of that timing is crazy to consider.

As a journalist, I enjoyed that two of the first eight winners centered on newspapermen.

The Frank Capra classic "It Happened One Night" (1934), starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert still holds up as a heartfelt romance. But "Cimarron" (1931), a fictional epic about the Westward Expansion following Yancey Cravat (yes, that's the character's real name) and wife Sabra, just fell flat.

So too did 1932's "Grand Hotel" (great ensemble cast, but hollow story) and "The Broadway Melody" from 1929 (dull plot with unlikeable characters).

Next up we have another New York City musical, "The Great Ziegfeld," a biopic about the life of Broadway producer Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld Jr. (maybe the "Ziegfeld Follies" rings a bell?).

Not too far ahead are more familiar titles like "Gone with the Wind," "Casablanca" and "All About Eve."

Let me know about some of your favorite Best Picture winners, in the comments with this story online or as I try to get my #BestPicRewatch hashtag to trend on social media. And who knows; with streaming rentals maybe we'll knock two or three off our list this Labor Day. ■

### About the Cover

Goodness Village in Livermore is a 501(c)3 public charity that provides "tiny homes" for unhoused Tri-Valley residents. The program was founded in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and officially opened on May 21. Its development was supported and brought to fruition in a collaborative community effort. Photo by Cierra Bailey. Cover design by Doug Young.

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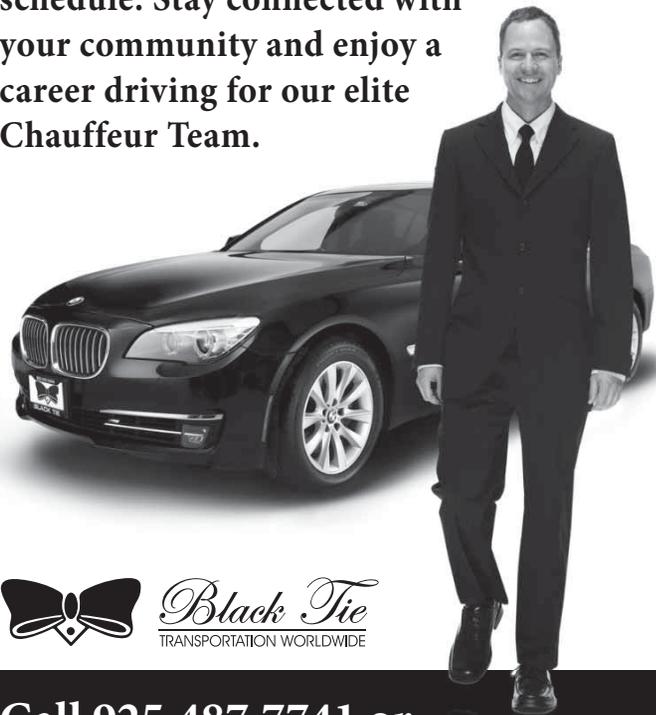
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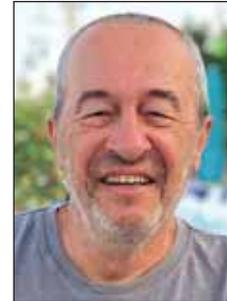
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# Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

## How do you feel about the City of Pleasanton's decision to not extend the Main Street street closures (to motor vehicles) beyond Labor Day?



**Hassan Ritesh** *Chemical engineer*

Well, as someone who lives right off of Main Street, I am positively delighted. I know people enjoy the street closures but it is terribly inconvenient for downtown residents. I've had cars block my driveway, people toss trash in my yard, and it gets very noisy as the night goes on. I look forward to having some peace and quiet again on the weekends.



**Robin Taggart** *Teacher*

Coming to Main Street when it is closed to cars makes it so easy to see and catch up with friends in a safe space. I wish the city would have nurtured that sense of community, at least until Halloween.



**Aaron Taggart** *Business owner/coffee roaster*

I think it would have been better if the city had kept the street closures in effect. In fact, if they closed Main Street to cars every day, after 4 p.m., I think that would be invigorating to many downtown businesses. If people come downtown and feel comfortable to walk around, they will stay longer and spend more money.



**Rick Singer** *Business owner*

I am thrilled. My Main Street business has suffered terribly from the street closures because people can't easily find a place to park. When that happens they look elsewhere, for a different vendor, and I lose the business. These street closures, while enjoyable for many, have almost driven me out of business.



**Keegan Locher** *Server/bartender*

I understand the city's decision. But it denies so much enjoyment to so many people, so I would have been crazy-happy if the city had decided to keep the street closures going for at least another month or two.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### BART garage closure

Starting after Labor Day weekend, the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station parking garage will be closed in preparation for the next couple of months while contractors retrofit and upgrade the garage lighting.

The work is part of a larger scale lighting improvement project to replace more than 10,500 fixtures with more energy efficient ones in 14 BART station garages throughout the public transit agency's entire service area.

Phase 1 of the project is scheduled to start on Sept. 7, during which time Level 1 will remain open. Levels 2 through 4 will be open during Phase 2, and parking will also be available in the surface lots throughout construction.

BART officials said in a statement that "there will be ample parking for current ridership levels during the closure."

### Free bus rides

To welcome back passengers to public transit, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is offering free rides on all Wheels busses for the entire month of September.

"In past years, Wheels has offered a two-week free ride program for students," officials said in a statement. "This program expands the Try Transit to School program to a full month and includes all passengers, not just students."

Rides on the Wheels Dial-a-Ride Paratransit service are also included in the month-long fare promotion. Three other East Bay transit systems — County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT — are also offering free rides, while BART is offering a special 50% off promotional rate for all fares paid with a Clipper card through the end of the month.

Riders are required to wear face masks at all times while riding on public transit. For more information, visit wheelsbus.com.

### Cázares to OUSD

Former Pleasanton Unified School District cabinet member Luz Cázares was recently appointed to serve on the Oakland school board.

Cázares has spent nearly two decades working for regional and national school districts on matters of school finance and business. Cázares will replace Chris Learned, who retired from the Oakland Unified School District Board of Trustees at the end of June after serving for approximately four years.

Cázares is a former chief business leader for PUSD, which she departed from in 2015, and also acted as OUSD's interim chief financial officer during the 2019-20 school year. Cázares' appointment date took effect on Wednesday (Sept. 1). ■

## Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho to retire this fall

Worked for 5 mayors, brought 'significant enhancements for the community'

By JULIA BAUM

After a quarter century serving the Pleasanton community, longtime City Manager Nelson Fialho is retiring from public service after Thanksgiving, he announced on Tuesday.

In a statement, Fialho called it "an honor to serve the Pleasanton community," adding that he "could not have asked for a more rewarding public service career." Fialho's official retirement date is effective Nov. 30.

Fialho spent an overall 31 years in public service. The youngest municipal executive in California at the time of his appointment to city manager, Fialho spent 17 of his 25 years with the city overseeing all facets of city functions, from public



Nelson Fialho

works to public safety, in addition to building beneficial partnerships with local organizations such as Hacienda Business Park.

"The highlight has been working alongside the smart and talented people who support the mission of this extraordinary city," Fialho said. "I am immeasurably grateful to all those who supported me, including our employees and city councils past and present."

According to officials, Fialho

worked for five mayors and 19 council members, and brought "significant enhancements for the community" including developing a pension obligation strategy, helping form both the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Pleasanton Library, as well as updating the Downtown Specific Plan and managing the city's 20-year General Plan Update.

Fialho also helped the city navigate

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## PUSD ponders area-based elections

Trustees weigh issues of inclusion and access against lower bar for recalls

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton voters may select the next Board of Trustees representatives from a pool of geographically-determined candidates in the November 2022 general election, should Pleasanton Unified School District switch from its current at-large school board elections to by-trustee areas.

Board President Joan Laursen said she sought to agendaize the item for the Aug. 26 board meeting because "it's about access and inclusion for the whole community and how to reduce the barrier."

"In this case, the systemic barrier is the at-large voting and how much it costs to campaign throughout the whole district," Laursen said.

If the district follows through, board members would represent one of five areas within the district's enrollment boundaries. Trustees would be required to live in the area they represent, and voters would elect only the member from their trustee area rather than choosing from a pool of all candidates running at-large.

The Board of Trustees pondered the transition process during a team workshop on Thursday, where attorney William Tunick explained that by-trustee-area elections have legal immunity under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), which prohibits at-large elections in some cases.

Racially polarized voting — which measures outcomes of voting

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CIERRA BAILEY

Signs, flowers and other items made a memorial at Livermore High School. The community is mourning the loss of an LHS student killed last week when a pickup truck went down an embankment.

## Livermore High student dies in crash on Del Valle Road; five others injured

Packed pickup truck went off roadway, rolled down steep embankment late Friday night

By JEREMY WALSH

One Livermore High School student died and five of his peers were injured after a pickup truck went down an embankment off Del Valle Road in unincorporated Livermore late Friday night, authorities said.

Friends and family have identified the student who died as Hunter Diemert, 15, a junior and member of the school's wrestling team. A vigil was held at the school on Saturday evening to

honor the boy killed and support the other victims and their families.

"Hunter touched so many lives and still had so much to do in life. The words that come to mind when thinking about this loss are; not fair, and this can't be real. His loss will be felt heavily, for a long time to come by his family, friends and all who loved him," Jennifer Silva wrote on the GoFundMe page she organized to support Diemert's family.

Superintendent Kelly Bowers confirmed the sad news of a student's death in an email statement to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District community on Saturday afternoon.

"No words can express our collective sadness and grief at this tragic news. Our hearts go out to this young man's loved ones and our entire school community," Bowers wrote in her

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## DUSD approves \$115M budget boost for Emerald High

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin Unified School District's planned second comprehensive high school received a \$115 million boost for building costs when the Board of Trustees approved a budget increase for the much-anticipated project last Tuesday.

All five school board members voted at their Aug. 24 regular meeting to increase Measure H funding for constructing the planned Emerald High School by \$11,250,460, for a total of \$170,050,460. Part of a facilities master plan process, the board also increased developer fees funding by \$6.8 million, for a total of about \$15 million, and added Measure J funding for \$97,104,540 total.

DUSD spokesman Chip Dehnert told the Weekly that the board's motion also increased the total funding for the first phase of building Emerald High by more than \$115 million, for a total budget of \$282,171,000.

Emerald High is being built on an almost 24-acre site to the north of the intersection at Dublin Boulevard and Grafton Street, and is expected to help ease overcrowding at Dublin High School while also serving students and families on the rapidly growing east end of Dublin.

The Measure H marquee project — which was also declared the district's top priority project during a facilities master plan update that evening — broke ground on the first phase of construction last fall. When Phase 1 is finished, the campus will accommodate

approximately 1,300 students, with the school coming to its full 2,500-student capacity after Phase 2 is completed in the following years.

"We will be going out to bid on Phase 1 increments 2 and 3 this fall," Dehnert said, adding "construction on those elements of the project should begin in December," with construction completed by December 2023.

The final scope of Phase 2 will be determined in November, with design work starting the next month and construction starting in June 2023, and the entire project ending by June 2025.

Two academic towers, a library, theater, gym, student union, administrative and maintenance buildings, visual and performing arts classrooms, as well as athletic facilities including a football field with stadium bleachers, concession stands and a pressbox are planned for the school, which students could start attending as soon as fall 2022.

In a related but separate motion that evening, the Board voted down, 3-2, a proposal to reduce funds from Measure J by more than \$66 million and replace them with Prop 51 funds. Board President Dan Cherrier and Trustee Gabi Blackman voted "yes" while the other board members rejected the proposal.

Before voting, Cherrier said he favored the funding model because "Measure J was primarily to complete the high school."

"I realize this is completing the

high school, but most people had in mind that it would be Phase 2," Cherrier said, adding, "some of that Measure J funding, if we really try to accelerate Phase 2, may not be available."

Board Vice President Megan Rouse disagreed and said "giving up the flexibility is absolutely silly."

"I think to use our flexible money now and have fewer options for choice later would be a big detriment," Rouse said. "If we end up not building a middle school or K-8, we may need some of that Prop 51 money to build that school."

### In other business

- Also during the meeting, the board unanimously extended the salary portion of a tentative agreement with the Dublin Teachers Association to district leadership. The agreement with the district's certificated employees was finalized in mid-June.

"Typically, when we come to an agreement with the DTA, elements of that agreement are extended to members of our California School Employees Association (classified employees) and then to district leadership in 'Me-Too' agreements," Dehnert told the Weekly.

The board also extended a 2% salary increase to CSEA at the Aug. 10 board meeting. According to Dehnert, "Extending that agreement to district leadership was the final part of that process."

The salary increases for leadership employees will be applied retroactively to July 1. ■

## Congregations offer multiple options for observing Jewish high holidays

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur worship services available indoor, outdoor, online

By JULIA BAUM

Jewish congregations in the Tri-Valley that adapted to observing the High Holidays online last year are offering virtual services again this year, as well as indoor services.

Considered a time of self-reflection for Jews, Rosh Hashanah is marked by the sound of the shofar, a ram's horn. This Rosh Hashanah marks the start of the year 5782 on the Jewish calendar.

Face masks are required for indoor worship services at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton during both the Jewish New Year, known as Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur this month. Rosh Hashanah starts the evening of Monday (Sept. 6), and is followed by Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on the evening of Sept. 15.

"Congregation Beth Emek has put a priority on the health of its members, adhering to the strictest recommendations of Alameda County," said Rabbi Dr. Laurence Elis Milder in a statement.

"We are all praying for a year of healing," Milder said. "At this season, especially, Jews are called to lives of personal responsibility. In this New Year, defeating the pandemic will be at the top of that list of sacred duties."

Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. For a complete list of indoor and outdoor service times, as well as live streamed services, visit [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

Chabad of the Tri-Valley is also inviting worshippers to "the perfect start for a sweet new year" with "a

warm and welcoming environment," where they will "experience soulful and spirited Hebrew / English services with uplifting messages and insights."

Both indoor and outdoor services are available this year at Chabad, including a community dinner in a 2400-square-foot open tent that will be held on Sept. 6 starting 7:30 pm. The sounding of the shofar will take place in the Pleasanton Sports Park on both Sept. 7 and 8, starting 6 pm.

No membership or tickets are required, and security will be present at all services. Chabad of the Tri-Valley is located in Pleasanton at 3370 Hopyard Road. For more information on service times and other details, visit [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). ■



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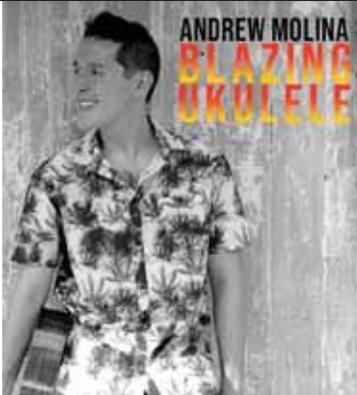


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## Late LHS grad leaves six-figure benefaction

Funds designated for school's valedictorians

By CIERRA BAILEY

A former Livermore High School student and Spanish teacher who died earlier this year left a six-figure sum to the school's future valedictorians from her own trust.

The class of 1950 graduate Isabelle Mary Henriques bequeathed \$100,000 to create a student scholarship in her honor, according to Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) officials.



Mary Henriques

"Mary Henriques truly valued public education and was an inspiration to many. Establishing a scholarship was a lifelong dream of hers, and we are so fortunate that she chose to support the students from her alma mater," said Superintendent Kelly Bowers.

Funds from the scholarship, formally named the Isabelle Henriques Valedictorian Award, are designated for the valedictorian(s) of Livermore High who are also lifelong members of the California Scholarship Federation. Officials said that each recipient will be awarded \$5,000.

At its Aug. 17 regular meeting, the school board unanimously approved the establishment of an account in the LVJUSD Foundation Fund for this award.

"We couldn't be more thrilled that the highest achieving Livermore High students of this generation and beyond will be the beneficiaries of Ms. Henriques' generosity. Her legacy as an alumna and distinguished teacher will live on through her support of future generations," said Livermore High Principal Helen Gladden.

District officials said that Henriques, who died on June 17, "is fondly remembered by former colleagues and students as a passionate educator. She had high educational expectations for her students and helped them achieve their potential through her command of the subject matter, her compassion and her positive, inspiring attitude."

Former student Mary Coelho Wilson shared a similar view of how she remembers Henriques.

"Ms. Henriques was a wonderful teacher who had a profound influence on my life. Largely due to her influence, I decided to become a Spanish teacher. Now, my daughter teaches high school Spanish and one of my grandchildren is bilingual," Wilson said. ■

## EBRPD, park workers' union reach tentative 3-year agreement

Deal prevents planned strike during Labor Day weekend

By ELI WALSH / BCN FOUNDATION

The East Bay Regional Park District and the labor union representing its workers celebrated a tentative labor agreement Tuesday, preventing a planned strike during Labor Day weekend.

The three-year contract is the culmination of eight months of negotiations, according to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2428, which represents the district's 600 park rangers, firefighters, accountants and educators.

"Our employees are the heart of EBRPD, and we have jointly negotiated a fair and sustainable contract that reflects value and respect for their service," park district general manager Sabrina Landreth said in a statement. "I am grateful for the partnership with Local 2428 in reaching an agreement."

The union is expected to vote to ratify the agreement Wednesday.

The district's Board of Directors will then vote on the deal in September.

"By coming together, we've won an historic agreement to bring respect and fair pay to 600 hard working people who proudly keep East Bay parks clean, safe and open for all to enjoy," park supervisor and AFSCME 2428 President Chris Newey said in a statement. "We look forward to enjoying Labor Day weekend with thousands of park visitors."

The tentative agreement includes pay increases of at least 3% per year over all three years for park employees, some of whom have had to work additional jobs in the past, according to the union.

Park rangers will receive an additional 5.75 percent each year, with some rangers receiving an additional \$500 per month as soon as November, according to the union.

The total value of the agreement is more than \$29 million over three years. ■



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# Nearly all Bay Area counties outpacing state's vaccination rates

Alameda County at over 75% of eligible residents

By Eli Walsh / BCN Foundation

In the greater Bay Area, COVID-19 vaccination rates among people age 12 and up are outpacing the state's vaccination rate in all but one county as of Monday.

Roughly 80% of the state's vaccine-eligible residents have received at least one dose, according to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while 65.4% of those 12 and older

are fully vaccinated.

As of Monday, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties are all ahead of both statewide metrics, with local data showing many counties surpassing 80 and 90% of eligible residents receiving at least one dose.

Solano County is the only Bay Area county trailing the state's

numbers, with 74% of its eligible residents having received at least one dose and 61% fully vaccinated.

Marin and San Mateo counties are currently the gold standard in the Bay Area and are the only two counties in the region with more than 90% of their eligible populations having received at least one dose.

In Marin County, 95.8% of those age 12 and up have received at least

one dose and 88.6% are fully vaccinated. Both figures are the highest among any Bay Area county.

San Mateo County sits slightly behind, with 91.4% of its eligible residents having received at least one vaccine dose and 81.6% now fully vaccinated.

Santa Clara County and San Francisco have also fully vaccinated at least 80% of their eligible populations, while Napa, Alameda

and Contra Costa counties have all surpassed 75% of their eligible populations being fully vaccinated.

Nearly 370 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered across the country, according to the CDC, with some 174 million Americans now fully vaccinated.

That includes 61.3% of those age 12 and up and 52.4% of the country's population of roughly 330 million. ■

## CRASH

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email, which did not identify any of the victims by name.

The deadly crash occurred on Del Valle Road near Mines Road at about 11:20 p.m. Friday with a pickup truck carrying six people traveling southbound on Del Valle, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of

the California Highway Patrol.

The pickup went off the roadway for unknown reasons and overturned multiple times down a steep embankment before coming to rest. "Speed may have been a factor but statements and information are still being gathered," Hahn told the Weekly.

"Seatbelt use is still under investigation as multiple passengers were

ejected from the vehicle," the officer added. Seating position is also under investigation as the truck's cab had only five seats. The CHP did not reveal whose truck it was nor who was behind the wheel.

Two patients were airlifted to area hospitals while four others were taken for treatment via ambulance, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. More than a

half-dozen agencies responded to assist in the emergency response that night.

One of the injured students — later identified as Diemert — died as a result of the crash.

Injuries for the other occupants ranged from major to minor, according to Hahn. Updates on the survivors' conditions were not available as of press time Wednesday,

but individual GoFundMe pages have been set up to support certain survivors.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Any witnesses should call the CHP-Dublin office at 925-828-0466, according to Hahn.

Diemert, who was four weeks shy of his 16th birthday, is survived by his parents and sister, according to the [https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-diemert-family GoFundMe page] -- which had generated more than \$46,000 toward its \$50,000 goal as of Tuesday evening.

"When Hunter wasn't working on his (vintage) truck, working out on the wrestling mat or sending funny memes to his friends, you could find him outdoors," Silva wrote on the GoFundMe page. "He loved to fish, ride dirt bikes, hike, camp and swim. Hunter was an amazing friend and always kept the group laughing with jokes, stories and memes; which were only funny because they came from Hunter."

The fatal crash represents a devastating end to the first week of school for LVJUSD, which welcomed students back for full-time education on campus on Tuesday.

"We are all understandably grieving this tragic loss of young life. In this difficult aftermath, we are sending hope and strength for a full recovery to our other injured students involved and their families," Bowers wrote in her email, adding that LVJUSD will be mobilizing crisis support teams for students and staff in the aftermath.

"This is a somber reminder of just how precious life is and we take this time to ask for your continued assistance and commitment in keeping our young people safe and sound, in our schools as well as throughout our city," Bowers said.

The situation is also all too familiar for the district's high school community within the past year.

Two active LVJUSD students — Livermore High junior Ian Erickson and a Del Valle Continuation High School student Shej Kumar — along with recent Vineyard Alternative High School alumnus Rahul Brar were killed in a crash with a parked semi-truck on Las Positas Road in Livermore on Dec. 21, 2020. The trucker was later charged with felony vehicular manslaughter in that crash. ■

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## Lawsuit may result in better mental health care at Santa Rita Jail

By KEITH BURBANK /  
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Incarcerated people at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin may get a Christmas gift in the form of better mental health care following a federal class action lawsuit.

Both sides reached a proposed settlement and agreement in the lawsuit against Alameda County, which runs the jail.

Proposed changes over the next two years have to do with the delivery of care, out of cell time, accommodations for people with mental disabilities, use-of-force, discharge planning, and among other things, suicide prevention.

Nineteen people have died by suicide at Santa Rita Jail since 2014 and 31 more died there from other causes. Fifty is a large number for a

jail of Santa Rita's size, attorneys for the incarcerated people said.

What initially prompted the lawsuit were the suicides, said attorney Jeffrey Bornstein, a partner at Rosen Bien Galvan and Grunfeld, which represents the people incarcerated at the jail.

The jail was getting high scores from one or more accrediting bodies, yet people were dying, he said.

"The (jail's) whole mental health care system was broken," Bornstein said in an interview Friday.

For example, the behavioral health care unit was called the "mental unit" before the lawsuit was filed.

The settlement is not final. A hearing on the motion for a preliminary approval is set for Sept. 22 and the hearing for the final approval before the court is set for Dec. 15. ■

## TRUSTEES

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patterns and whether any identified patterns based on race or ethnicity are identified — is one of the factors where Tunick said "at-large elections may be prohibited by the CVRA" and that "one way to immunize from that liability is to switch to by-trustee area elections."

"You can actually change the results of the elections and allow a minority group to influence or to have their preferences expressed in the results of an election that are not happening with an election at-large," Tunick said.

Most public school districts in California still hold at-large trustee elections but many others, as well as other local agencies, have transitioned to area-based elections to avoid the expense of CVRA-related litigation, according to Tunick.

There is no direct requirement for the transition based on 2020 U.S. Census data, but population and ethnicity information would be used for drawing areas.

According to Tunick, it's important "that the trustee areas are equal in population, which means roughly within 10% of the least and most populous trustee area," though he added it's "usually not an issue." Another consideration for transitioning to by-trustee elections is the Federal Voting Rights Act, which Tunick said, "If you can't draw a trustee area where a minority group is a majority, federal law essentially requires that."

New boundaries could be geographically or demographically determined, but Tunick cautioned that "we shouldn't be using the districting process to remove somebody from the board" nor should the process "be used to draw a map that prevents someone from running."

The process would consist of three different phases: pre-map, map development and adoption, and implementation. Public hearings would be held during the first two phases, followed by securing final approval from Alameda County officials.

Laursen explained her "love-hate relationship with by-trustee areas" and how "unless you're careful about how you design the maps, you can end up with people voting only for things that are going to help the school that's in their area, for example."

A district-based election "also lowers the bar for recalls," Laursen said.

"When the bar is lowered because the number of signatures required for a recall in a by-trustee area is small," Laursen said, putting board members "at risk for the community members within your trustee area deciding to recall you."

On the flipside, Laursen said by-trustee elections have their advantages, particularly for newer members of the community.

"For a newcomer to beat an incumbent in this town, it takes about \$10,000 and that's a pretty high bar," Laursen added. "It's also hard to maintain engagement with your constituents when you have 42,000 of them versus a smaller area."

If a trustee area has a vacant seat and no declared candidates, the board would be responsible for appointing a representative from that district.

Should PUSD move forward with the transition process, a demographer would be contracted along with seeking legal support, which would cost an estimated \$40,000 to \$45,000. Staff also said the district could be ready for the general election in November 2022, when the seats currently filled by Laursen and Mark Miller will be open to challengers. ■

## BART to receive \$331M in federal COVID-19 relief funding

Agency could also get money from infrastructure bills under debate in Congress

By ELI WALSH /  
BCN FOUNDATION

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration announced Aug. 26 that it is issuing a grant of nearly \$331 million to BART to help the transit agency recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$330.8 million grant is coming from the American Rescue Plan, according to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, and is intended to help BART maintain its staffing and service levels in future fiscal years, as the agency's ridership is expected to

slowly return toward pre-pandemic levels by the end of the decade.

"Public transportation has been a lifeline for communities and the American people throughout this pandemic," Buttigieg said in a statement. "This funding from President Biden's American Rescue Plan will help protect transit employees from layoffs, keep transit service running and ensure people can get where they need to go."

BART is also expected to receive federal funding from the infrastructure bills Congress is currently considering. The

agency could potentially receive the funding it needs to complete its extension into downtown San Jose.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-California) said in a statement that including funding for transit agencies in the American Rescue Plan has been "essential" to helping people get to work as well as to their COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

"Keeping mass transit up and running is key to getting people back to work as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic," she said. ■

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# Study links smoke from 2020 wildfires to rise in COVID cases, deaths

Research highlights need for everyone to take precautions, local experts say

BY JEFF BALLINGER / BCN FOUNDATION

A new study that links wildfire smoke with rising COVID-19 infections and deaths did not surprise local experts, who said the findings reinforce the precautions taken by individuals and policymakers in the Bay Area and California.

The authors of a Harvard University study said they found evidence linking smoke from wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington in 2020 to rising COVID-19 cases and deaths. They said that smoke carries with it fine particulate matter — or PM 2.5, known to have adverse effects on health — which acts as a vehicle for spreading infection even faster and making existing cases worse.

Local experts called it an important

study that has implications not only for individual behavior but on climate change policy.

The global implications concern Dr. Mary Prunicki, director of air pollution and health research at the Sean N. Parker Center for Allergy and Asthma Research at Stanford University.

“The biggest takeaway is the ripple effect on climate change,” Prunicki said, calling it perhaps “the greatest health challenge of our time.”

Prunicki said the impact of wildfire smoke goes beyond COVID-19 and will result in complications for everyone who breathes it.

“Wildfire smoke has lots of ways of impacting our health and increasing our susceptibility to COVID and any other type of infections,” she said.

Prunicki called the Harvard study an important one that highlights the

need for everyone to take precautions, especially those who have, or have had, COVID-19.

“But any exposure to smoke will make you more susceptible,” she said. “Everybody needs to be worried about breathing the smoke.”

Dr. John Balmes warned of the potential link between COVID-19 cases and wildfire smoke more than a year ago. He is a professor of medicine at University of California, San Francisco and, since 2008, has been the physician member of the California Air Resources Board.

In July 2020, Balmes told NPR there was already evidence suggesting that people infected with COVID-19 who are exposed to PM 2.5 have higher risk of severe infection and death.

“I was telling people last summer that they should try to reduce exposure as much as possible,” he said in an interview.

In his capacity on the air resources board, Balmes recognizes the larger implications the study raises.

“If all of these wildfires don’t convince people that we have a climate emergency, I don’t know what will,” he said. “We really need to double down on policies to get to clean transportation and get to clean energy,” he said. “We’re doing this in California, but we need the rest of the world to join us.”

## How to protect yourself

Balmes suggests several actions people can take to protect themselves and reduce exposure to potentially toxic air, particularly when wildfires are in the area.

The first step is vaccination, which Balmes called “the best thing to control the pandemic.”

Then stay indoors when smoke is visible, or has been in the area recently, and wear a high-quality mask.

“If you have to go outside, wear an N95 mask,” Balmes said. “A cloth mask does nothing for wildfire smoke. A surgical mask may reduce the smoke by 20%.”

An N95 mask filters out PM 2.5, he said, and if those are unavailable,

a KN95 mask is a second-best choice, although he warned that consumers need to be careful about counterfeit KN95 masks.

Since smoke can enter homes, even when windows are closed, using home filters can significantly reduce PM 2.5 when installed on home ventilation systems.

Balmes said homes without built-in systems don’t need expensive filtration systems. An inexpensive option can be homemade from a simple box fan with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter or MERV-13 filter attached.

Directions for making one are available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website, along with many other guidelines for precautions individuals can take, at cdc.gov.

Prunicki added to the list Balmes suggests, urging people to work with their local schools to make sure they have the right measures in place. ■



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Two people photograph and observe the sky, which turned into a dark orange hue due to wildfire smoke, from the Palo Alto Baylands on the afternoon of Sept. 9, 2020.

## RETIREMENT

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a number of community amenities and service improvements such as building senior affordable housing at Kottinger Place and constructing the Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery. He also managed the completion of both Alviso Adobe and Bernal community parks, Patelco Sports Complex, Callippe Preserve Golf Course, Firehouse Arts Center and the Castleridge staging area and trail.

More recently, Fialho collaborated

with Stanford Health Care-Valley-Care and the cities of Dublin and Livermore to organize the regional testing and vaccine centers at the Alameda County Fairgrounds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SHC-VC President and CEO Rick Shumway said Fialho “has an exceptional ability to bring people together to proactively address the issues at hand” and was “instrumental in safely guiding our community and has set the stage for even greater outcomes.”

Past and present council members also shared their memories of

working with Fialho. Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly, “The city of Pleasanton has flourished over the past 25 years with City Manager Nelson Fialho at the helm, leading our city’s staff and financial health.”

“Nelson’s strong leadership alongside the city council was instrumental in managing many monumental challenges such as an historic 4-year drought, the Great Recession, and now COVID-19, plus variants,” Brown said. “I hope Nelson takes some well-deserved time off before he embarks on his next chapter of life.”

Former council member Becky Dennis said she enjoyed working with Fialho and “was delighted to support his promotion to city manager.”

“Now, as a retired ‘regular resident’ I enjoy working with the quality management team he’s built to assist the community in planning for the future,” Dennis said. “Nelson’s years of public service leave us a great many accomplishments and initiatives to build upon.”

The city council will determine the process for finding a replacement for Fialho, which officials said “typically includes selecting an executive recruiter to work with the council on a position profile and recruitment strategy” for determining the “key attributes and characteristics of an ideal candidate.” ■

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## 'TINY HOMES' IN LIVERMORE OFFER SAFETY, SECURITY TO UNHOUSED RESIDENTS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CIERRA BAILEY



The standard single-occupancy units are eight feet by 20 feet and 13-1/2 feet high for a total of 160 square feet. Shown in the bottom photo, eight of the homes in Goodness Village are built to accommodate ADA standards and are slightly larger for wheelchair accessibility.

The new Goodness Village “tiny home” community in Livermore is making strides to mitigate homelessness in the Tri-Valley by offering safe and affordable living spaces to previously unhoused residents.

“I’m very thankful for this place,” said John Clarkin, who has been a resident at the village for about a month after being unhoused for five years.

Clarkin said that the beginning of the pandemic was especially challenging for him and others in the homeless community because many of the public facilities they relied on were closed.

“Where do you think you’re going to use the bathroom? Nobody’s going to let you go in nowhere,” Clarkin said. “The library was shut down and there was just nowhere to go, so then that just gets you harassed by law enforcement even more.”

As residents at Goodness Village, Clarkin and his neighbors each now have their own amenities, including restrooms, showers, a kitchenette, central air and heat.

Goodness Village is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that exists on Crosswinds Church land. The vision for the program was sparked by Crosswinds Pastor Chris Coli’s visit to the Community First! Village in Austin, Texas, which served as the model for the project in Livermore.

In 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Goodness Village was founded as a permanent housing program and the development was supported and brought to fruition in a collaborative effort by local faith-based groups, businesses, the city of Livermore, Alameda County, educational institutions and other community partners.

Although the development is situated on the church’s land, which is located at 1660 Freisman Road next to the Tri-Valley Golf Center, Executive Director Kim Curtis said that Goodness Village has no religious affiliation and

it is not expected or required for participants to attend Crosswinds or any other religious organization.

“We’re not bringing people here to make sure that they go to church. If they have a different faith, we’ll help them get to their faith. If they have no faith, that’s cool. But we don’t bring it up unless they bring it up,” Curtis said.

Goodness Village also does not require sobriety as a condition to live there. Curtis said that they strive to create an environment where participants do not feel shame or guilt. “We really try to let people come in as they are but many of them come in with a goal to eventually decrease or become sober,” Curtis said.

“It also takes away the sense of secrecy,” added staff member Alysia Michaud. “If you’re in a program where you have to remain sober you’re not going to go into the office and seek help, you’re going to hide some of your

drug use, whereas now if someone relapses and they’re actively under the influence, they know that they can come into the office to talk about how they’re feeling, talk about how they need follow up the next day and we can make sure they’re safe.”

The community consists of 28 single-occupancy tiny homes. Most of the units are eight feet by 20 feet and 13-1/2 feet high, for a total of 160 square feet. Eight of the homes are slightly larger and feature ramps to accommodate accessibility standards.

Former Alameda County supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represented District 1 which includes Livermore, was instrumental in securing funding for Goodness Village prior to his retirement. With the push from Haggerty, the county invested \$3 million into the development’s infrastructure.

Haggerty told the Weekly that being a supervisor for District 1 can be challenging because it takes a lot of convincing to get funding for social services in the Tri-Valley.

“Our colleagues never believe that there’s any need

**‘WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS SUCH AS THIS TO FEND FOR OURSELVES WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES HERE IN THE TRI-VALLEY.’**

**Scott Haggerty,**  
Former District 1 Supervisor



**Left to right:** Trent Thompson, a local artist and founder of creative arts agency OnlyUp, contributed a mural to Goodness Village. Goodness Village is situated on Crosswinds Church land located at 1660 Freisman Rd. next to the Tri-Valley Golf Center. (Photo courtesy Goodness Village). Goodness Village staff pictured left to right are Alysia Michaud, Jade Rubio, Victoria Datanagan, Kim Curtis.

in either the Tri-Valley or in the Tri-Cities,” Haggerty said. “When we’re seeking

solutions in relation to health care issues or homelessness or social services, we’re usually the lowest on the pecking order.”

Haggerty lauded Goodness Village as “one of the most rewarding projects that I had worked on” and he said it was “extremely emotional” for him to cut the ribbon on opening day.

“It’s really important for me that even though we don’t get a tremendous amount of help because people don’t think we have the need — which is absolutely ridiculous — we have to continue to find ways such as this to fend for ourselves when it comes to health care and social services here in the Tri-Valley,” he said.

The county funds were delivered in three installments that bridged the transition of power from Haggerty to his successor, Supervisor David Haubert, with the first check arriving to the city of Livermore — which is the fiduciary agent for the funding — on Aug. 19, 2020 for \$1 million. The second installment of \$750,000 was delivered to the city from the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 21, 2020 and the remaining \$1.25 million was administered by Haubert in March of this year.

The construction of the homes was led by HomeAid Northern California, FIRM Foundation Community Housing, Wood Rodgers, Trumark Homes and Teichert Construction, along with work and contributions from other partners, namely Tennyson Electric, McCall Landscaping, Coastal Lumber, WC Maloney,



John Clarkin was unhoused for five years until he learned about Goodness Village at the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward resource center.

R&B, RC Readymix, Mag Trucking and KTG Group. In support of the Goodness Village mission, the construction partners offered their services at discounted rates and donated many of the materials, which helped stretch the project funding further.

The local community also came together in support of Goodness Village by donating bikes for the residents, contributing artwork and volunteering their time to help decorate and prepare units for the first set of participants to move in.

Goodness Village officially opened on May 21 and as of the end of August, 19 of the 28 units have been occupied. All of the current residents were referred by an outpatient case manager or liaisons from organizations like CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Tri-Valley Seek & Save and First Presbyterian Church.

Clarkin told the Weekly that when the places he usually went during the day were closed to the public, like the library or Starbucks, he started going to the resource center at First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, which is where he learned about Goodness Village and decided to apply.

Another participant, Carol Romero, shared a similar experience. She learned about Goodness Village while she was staying at South Hayward Parish shelter and after the death of her husband. She said that the moment she took her first tour, Goodness Village felt like home.

“I’ve been (in the Bay Area) for 60 years and this is the most secure home feeling I’ve had,” Romero said, adding that since living at Goodness Village, she’s also reconnected with her children and grandchildren.

While the majority of the Goodness Village residents are from the Tri-Valley, Clarkin and Romero are among a handful of participants from other East Bay communities, according to Curtis.

In addition to having their own safe place to call home, some of the things participants said they like about Goodness Village include the nonjudgmental environment that the staff facilitates, the community activities like outdoor movie nights and fitness classes, and the camaraderie they share with their neighbors.

Curtis said that a vocational program is a component of the Goodness Village vision that they plan to develop more fully over time, but they currently do not have the budget as nearly all of the project funding went toward building the homes. However, many of the residents earn money toward their rent by helping with the upkeep of the community, including some light

**‘I’VE BEEN (IN THE BAY AREA) FOR 60 YEARS AND THIS IS THE MOST SECURE HOME FEELING I’VE HAD.’**

**Carol Romero,**  
Resident

landscaping and helping clean and sanitize units before new participants move in.

“They get their rent at 24 hours a month at the rate of \$15 an hour, and we just subtract that down through the month,” Curtis said, adding that their program is unique because as their own landlords, they have more flexibility to design their program their own way.

In addition to a more robust vocational program and resources for more direct services for participants, Curtis said that Goodness Village is also seeking funding to build a community pavilion and laundry facilities.

Currently, they have one washer-and-dryer set that they are using for everyone and their community space is a common area they refer to as “the yellow house,” which is shared with staff.

Haggerty, who has moved to Tennessee since retiring, said he is still supporting the fundraising efforts for Goodness Village and connecting them with potential funding sources and donors.

“Any time that I can help with the homeless population or other issues that will help District 1, I’m more than happy to do that. You can take the boy out of District 1, but you can’t take District 1 out of the boy,” he said.

For more information about Goodness Village, visit [gvlivermore.org](http://gvlivermore.org). ■



Each “tiny home” in Goodness Village includes a restroom, shower, a kitchenette, central air and heat.

## Eugene O'Neill Festival returns

Centerpiece is early Pulitzer winner: 'Beyond the Horizon'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Eugene O'Neill Festival returns this month, with virtual presentations as well as live events, to celebrate the renowned playwright who penned some of his masterpieces while living 1937-44 at the Tao House he built in the hills of the San Ramon Valley.

O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon" will be the festival centerpiece, with a newly produced film aired online as well as presented in person at the Old Barn theater at Tao House in two shows the last weekend in September.

Artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes is currently working on the film on the grounds of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville.

"'Beyond the Horizon' was O'Neill's first great success," Hayes said. "It's over 100 years old now."

The drama unfolds as an unexpected romance creates turmoil at the Mayo family farm, in this American tragic drama. It was the first of O'Neill's plays to be performed on Broadway, and won him the first of his four Pulitzer prizes.

The play lends itself well to film, Hayes noted, because half of the scenes are outdoors, which has traditionally made it difficult to execute.

"The last year and a half I have taken stock of the beauty of the Las Trampas area," Hayes said. "For one scene, we are going way back into the hills for a perfect backdrop."

Festival chairwoman Teresa Morley explained that the live performance will be adapted from the film.

"It was Eric's great idea," Morley said. "He said, 'We've got this film, we've got these actors. How can we bring the audience in?'"

At the live performances, the action will begin in the barn and move outside for



ERIC FRAISHER HAYES

"Beyond the Horizon" stars (from left) Will Long, Adrian Deane and Kyle Goldman in a production filmed on the historic site, as well as live onstage in the Old Barn, as the centerpiece of this year's Eugene O'Neill Festival.

some scenes, going back and forth three or four times.

"We are excited about doing some different," Morley said. "It will be in the late afternoon because that is when the film scenes took place."

The barn performances will be limited to 65 audience members; usually seating capacity is 90-100.

"In 2019 we sold out 10 performances of 'Long Days Journey into Night' — over 900 tickets — but we are asking, 'Where is that audience today?'" Morley said. "Our

commitment is first and foremost to producing a quality experience with the film."

"Beyond the Horizon" was not originally scheduled for this year's festival, Morley said, but Hayes suggested it would be appropriate for the times.

"'Beyond the Horizon' is about possibilities and dreams. We are now emerging from the pandemic and taking the theme of possibilities and what might look different from where we were in 2019," Morley said.

This year's festival will also offer a theatrical lecture by Hayes, "Eugene O'Neill: 51 Plays in

51 Minutes," at 8 p.m. Sept. 30, and Oct. 1, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

"I think of it as a theatrical lecture or crash course on Eugene O'Neill," Hayes said. "I want people to learn things about O'Neill. It is not strict entertainment although it will be entertaining."

He said he will touch on each of O'Neill's 51 plays somehow although not all equally.

"The trick for me is trying to strike the right balance where someone who knows nothing about Eugene O'Neill will learn something but also saying things to scholars that they will enjoy," Hayes said.

He has directed 27 of O'Neill's plays, read all 51 several times, and said he has definitely noticed similarities, such as the role played by characters going upstairs.

"There is a group of plays (in the beginning of his career) that end the same — someone goes upstairs, then you hear a gun shot," Hayes said.

"What I love about O'Neill is he's so psychological — his material has many, many layers. He's fantastically dramatic and deeply ironic and has a lot of food for thought in his plays, and that's what hooks me."

This year's festival includes a historic tour, "O'Neill's Danville," at 2 p.m. Sept. 18 (free, begins at Museum of the San Ramon Valley, no registration needed); a guided hike, "Hills of Solace," in the Las Trampas Regional Wilderness to Tao House, at 9 a.m. Oct. 2 (limited to 50, register at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org)); as well as a storytelling campaign that began last month urging everyone to submit their "Tiny Horizon Stories."

"Beyond the Horizon" on film will begin Oct. 2, with a film premiere party. Live performances will be at 4 p.m. Sept. 25-26. For tickets and to learn more, visit [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org). ■

## Blessing of the Grapes: 'Amen and I'chaim'

Livermore wineries launch harvest season for 2021

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

This year's wine grape harvest officially began in the Livermore Valley last week when local clergy members participated in the Blessing of the Grapes at Cuda Ridge Wines on Arroyo Road in Livermore.

The event began at dawn with picking, sorting and pressing estate Verdelho grapes at Las Positas Vineyards before moving on to Cuda Ridge.

Steven Mirassou, president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association's Board of Directors, opened the centuries-old blessings ceremony by noting the good weather, saying, "Hopefully this presages a beautiful and carefree harvest this year."

The clergy were Father Kwame Assenyoh of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; Steve Wilde, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Livermore; and Rabbi Larry Milder from Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton.

Pastor Wilde quoted Ben Franklin, who

noted that wine is "constant proof that God loves us and wants to see us happy."

He also expressed gratitude for the essential workers who continue to produce the grapes and the wine.

Father Kwame drew chuckles when he remarked, "People say, 'Catholic priests know the best wine' because we drink wine every time we celebrate the Mass and we worship."

"We ask God's blessings upon this harvest season," he added.

"Thankfully, wine invites friends to get to know one another better and invites strangers to become friends," Rabbi Milder said.

He concluded with a traditional blessing: "We praise you, God, sovereign of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine — amen and I'chaim."

Wineries in the Livermore Valley are now open and following Alameda County mask guidelines. Learn more about the wineries and events at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org). ■



RON ESSEX

The Livermore Valley wineries' Blessing of the Grapes included (from left) Father Kwame Assenyoh, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; Steven Mirassou, owner/winemaker at the Lineage Collection and board president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association; Steve Wilde, pastor, First Presbyterian Church; and Rabbi Larry Milder, Congregation Beth Emek.

# Bankhead Theater to require proof of vaccination

Beginning Oct. 1, patrons must be vaccinated and wear masks

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Arts will require ticket holders to events at the Bankhead Theater to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a mask while inside, beginning Oct. 1. For children under 12, a three-question questionnaire will be required for entry.

“Our No. 1 priority is to share the arts safely with the Tri-Valley community,” said Denise Watkins, chairwoman of the Livermore Arts Board of Directors. “The staff at the Bankhead Theater has been working tirelessly to create a safe environment for everyone including artists, crew, staff, patrons and volunteers.”

“We want to continue providing live entertainment while adopting efforts to stop the spread of the virus and protect the most vulnerable members of our community,” she added.

“Everyone plays an important part, not just on stage, but in the audience.”

The decision to require vaccination and mask wearing for all indoor performances is the outcome of a “listening campaign” with performers, patrons, staff and volunteers.

“Livermore Arts accepts the responsibility of not only keeping our community safe and stopping the spread of the virus, but also returning to a sense of normalcy,” Executive Director Chris Carter said.

“Bringing live performances to the Bankhead Theater is part of what makes living in the Tri-Valley such a special place,” he continued. “It is incumbent upon us to make sure we institute multiple layers of safety protocols to ensure that we are able to continue to bring live music, theater, dance, opera and comedy back to Livermore and the surrounding areas.”

“It is our responsibility to do everything in our power to stop the spread and prevent

another economic shutdown.”

Carter noted that Livermore Arts also requires staff and volunteers to be vaccinated or provide negative COVID tests on a regular basis, plus wear masks.

“In addition, our HVAC system in the theater exchanges the air 9.2 times each hour,” he explained. “That means there is new air in the theater every 6.5 minutes. We have also upgraded our HVAC system to use high-quality MERV-13 filters, designed to trap very fine particles, potential allergens, bacteria and viruses.”

“High-touch areas are cleaned with a thorough cleaning before and after every performance. All seats, armrests, and handrails are cleaned after each performance using an electrostatic sprayer, the same sprayer used in hospitals and schools to clean and kill COVID-19 on surfaces.”

Two resident companies of the Bankhead Theater — Livermore-Amador Symphony and Livermore Valley Opera — supported the decision to require proof of vaccination.

“LAS recently instituted its own vaccine requirement for all participating musicians, in addition to closely adhering to all current Alameda County health mandates,” conductor Lara Webber said.

“These mandates will allow us to safely return to the stage and enrich the lives of our community,” said Erie Mill, artistic director at Livermore Valley Opera.

Students and visitors at the Bothwell Arts Center ages 12 and over will also be required to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask. The Bankhead Theater, together with the Bothwell Arts Center, is home to eight resident performing arts companies and more than 40 studio artists and cultural arts instructors. ■



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## Virtual Ghost Walk

The Old Mortuary Ghost was brought to “life” by Russell Nauman for Museum on Main’s virtual Ghost Walk last year, which is returning this year in person. Groups of 20 will be led by a team of ghost hosts to 10 haunted downtown spots to be met by actors portraying residents from the past who will share their stories. The family friendly, two-hour tours have become increasingly popular during the last 15 years so early ticket purchase is advised. This year’s Ghost Walks will begin every 30 minutes from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15; Saturday, Oct. 16; Friday, Oct. 22; and Saturday, Oct. 23. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 children 12 and under, at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), by phone at 462-2766 or in person at the museum, 603 Main St. The museum also will hold a virtual Ghost Walk at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, with tickets the same price. This event is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for Museum on Main and goes a long way toward supporting its operations.

## Garden club focuses on drought

Expert to speak on watering efficiently and more

“Protecting Gardens During Drought” will be the timely topic of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club at its online monthly meeting at 7 p.m. next Thursday (Sept. 9).

“When drought conditions persist, they can significantly impact plant health in a number of ways, including making plants more prone to attracting pests,” said environmental educator Suzanne Bontempo of Our Water Our World, who will be the guest speaker. “Excessive heat also can accelerate the reproduction time of pests, but there are simple ways to combat these problems.”

- Her talk will cover the following points:
- Managing a garden during drought conditions
  - Watering efficiently and effectively
  - Improving soil to hold more water
  - Utilizing alternative water sources
  - Reducing summer pests

Club members will be provided with a link to the online presentation. Prospective members who would like to participate should contact [president@lavgc.org](mailto:president@lavgc.org) for the link.

Currently the September and October



Suzanne Bontempo

meetings are planned to be online only, pending further public health directives regarding the pandemic.

To learn more about the club, visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Opera announces 30th anniversary season

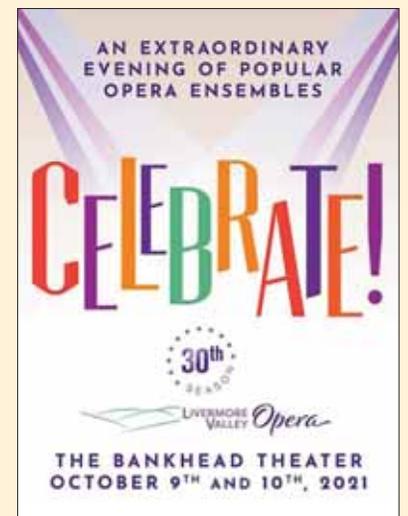
Livermore Valley season returns live to Bankhead Theater

The Livermore Valley Opera has announced a special celebration performance and a fully-staged opera of Verdi’s “Otello” over two weekends, March 5-13, at the Bankhead Theater for its 30th anniversary season.

But first the season opens with “Celebrate! An Evening of Favorite Operatic Ensembles” at 8 p.m. Oct. 9; and at 2 p.m. Oct. 10. The gala concerts will feature Livermore Valley Opera favorite singers as well as ensembles from productions of “Carmen,” “The Magic Flute,” “The Barber of Seville,” “Madame Butterfly,” “La Bohème,” “Lakme,” “The Merry Widow,” “Der Rosenkavalier” and “La Traviata.”

Ensemble numbers will be sung in their original languages with English supertitles. Maestro Alex Katsman will conduct the orchestra.

The season also include “The Venetian Affair at The Club at Ruby Hill,” at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 12. The glamorous evening of music and entertainment will start with a sparkling wine reception and a musical concert featuring the three principal artists from “Otello,” followed by a Shakespearean performance, and a three-course gourmet meal.



Livermore Valley Opera is continuing to visit schools to expose younger generations to the art of opera, and this year will reach 10,000 students.

Performances are \$20-\$95 with new ticket pricing of \$20 for ages 20 and younger, and \$40 for ages 21-40. Tickets and more information are available at [www.LVOpera.com](http://www.LVOpera.com). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Driver killed in solo crash off I-580 ramp in Livermore

A driver died in Livermore after a rollover crash off an Interstate 580 ramp last week, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the victim as Jonathan Welch, 20, of Tracy.

The situation unfolded just before 1:30 a.m. Aug. 26 when the driver lost control of his vehicle for unknown reasons on the I-580 westbound offramp to Isabel Avenue/Highway 84 in Livermore, CHP Officer Tyler Hahn said.

The vehicle went off the roadway and down the descending embankment facing an easterly direction before overturning and

landing on its roof in the dirt and vegetation, according to Hahn.

"The driver — solo occupant — appeared to be unrestrained, causing them to be partially ejected causing fatal injuries," Hahn said.

The primary cause of the solo-vehicle crash remains under investigation, but at this point officers do not think alcohol was a factor, according to Hahn.

One of the two offramp lanes were closed for approximately two hours to accommodate emergency crews, but traffic was generally not affected, Hahn said.

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

• A teenage cyclist is in critical but stable condition after being struck by a vehicle in northern Pleasanton on Tuesday night.

Pleasanton police and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department both responded to a collision at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive at approximately 6:37 p.m.

According to officials, the bicyclist, 13, was traveling northbound along Santa Rita and then "was struck by a vehicle turning southbound onto Santa Rita Road

from Rosewood Drive."

Officials said the bicyclist "sustained major injuries and received immediate medical attention" before being transported to a hospital, where he is in critical but stable condition.

The driver remained at the scene and has been cooperating with the investigation.

Officials added alcohol is not

suspected to be a factor in the collision, and that the identities of the involved parties are not being released at this time.

The Pleasanton Police Department's Traffic Unit is investigating the collision.

Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact the PPD at 931-5100. ■

—Julia Baum

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 28

#### Drug violation

■ 10:13 a.m. on Owens Drive/Kaiser

#### Assault/Battery

■ 3:51 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Theft

■ 4:24 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 4:37 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; theft from auto

■ 6:04 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### Aug. 27

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:07 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 3:59 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Theft

■ 8:13 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

■ 11:46 a.m. on the 5700 block of Pleasanton Hill Road

■ 12:38 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive; shoplifting

### Aug. 26

#### Weapons violation

■ 7:30 a.m. on Owens Drive/Kaiser

#### Graffiti

■ 9:31 a.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

#### Theft from auto

■ 12:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

■ 7:03 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Warrant arrest

■ 11:18 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

### Aug. 25

#### Weapons violation

■ 8:58 a.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road

#### Theft

■ 11:07 a.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 1:12 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

#### Vandalism

■ 4:41 p.m. on the 3400 block of Boulder Street

#### Drug violation

■ 4:56 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Court

#### Theft

■ 6:24 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Court; auto theft

■ 7:46 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### Aug. 24

#### Domestic battery

■ 9:11 a.m. on Willow Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 2:47 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 10:38 p.m. on Hopyard Road/Owens Drive

#### Graffiti offense

■ 2:22 p.m. on the 4300 block of Second Street

#### Vandalism

■ 2:26 p.m. on Hopyard Road/Del Valley Parkway

#### Drug violation

■ 4:59 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Theft from auto

■ 12:33 p.m. on the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 6:06 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

### Aug. 23

#### Fraud

■ 8:34 a.m. on the 4900 block of Middleton Place

#### Theft

■ 10:06 a.m. on the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from from auto

■ 11:22 a.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 3:07 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 5:03 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

#### Vandalism

■ 11:04 a.m. on Hopyard and Golden roads

■ 3:49 p.m. on the 1600 block of Gate Way

#### Drug violation

■ 3:31 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 9:26 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Burglary

■ 5:49 p.m. on the 3400 block of Boulder Street

### Aug. 22

#### Drug violation

■ 8:36 a.m. on Hopyard Road/1580 Westbound

■ 4:56 p.m. on Johnson and Owen drives

#### Warrant arrest

■ 2:19 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Weapons violation

■ 5:16 p.m. on Santa Rita Road/Francisco Street

#### Theft

■ 6:12 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

■ 11:11 p.m. on the 600 block of Concord Place; theft from auto

## Virginia Carol Roberts

December 16, 1922 – August 9, 2021

Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great grandmother Virginia Roberts (GiGi) was called 'Home' to be with the Lord on August 9, 2021 passing peacefully with family. Virginia was 98 years young shooting for 100!

Virginia was born on December 16, 1922 in San Diego, Calif to Grant and Teresa Skuse. She resided in the San Francisco Bay Area since moving north to San Francisco in 1930. She lived in Pleasanton for the last 35 years.

Virginia was a devout Catholic her entire life and a proud member of the Catholic community in Pleasanton and St. Augustine's Parish.

Many did not know but Virginia was a very talented Artist, Poet, Writer and Calligraphist. She taught art classes for a number of her earlier years. She had precise cursive handwriting and created beautiful detailed calligraphy in pen and ink which is a long lost art. In addition to her artistic talent, Virginia also was a true giver, always thinking of others before herself. Taking care of both her mother and father in their later years. She also enjoyed helping out with fundraising for special events and organizing with St. Augustine's for weekly Church/Mass services while living at Ridgeview Commons, where she resided for about 20 years.

Virginia married Stephen Roberts on July 16, 1957 at St Leo's Catholic Church in Oakland, Ca. Stephen was widowed with six very young children and together they added 3 more children to make up family of 9! Virginia and Steve also helped raise 3 grandchildren, Paul, Sarah and Rebecca. Virginia is preceded in death by her loving husband Stephen, two sons, Stephen Jr. and Gordon, and her Brother Richard (Dick) Skuse. She is survived by children Joan Peixotto, Faith (Jan) Wellman, Laura (Robert) Buckner, Christopher Roberts, David Roberts, Therese Roberts, and Barbara (Steve) Baker, 23 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Virginia also leaves behind some very dear friends and loved ones she kept in contact with up until the end. Also many special caretakers and staff she befriended while at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab.

While Virginia will be missed dearly, our family celebrates that she is at last reunited with our father, her husband of 49.5 years and loved ones in Heaven. There will only be a private family service at her request. - Blessings -



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# LETTERS

## More solar, less lawsuits

The wildfire smoke reminded me of the urgent need for local green energy, such as the Aramis Solar Project. This solar farm is being delayed by lawsuits by regressive Livermore groups.

Not only would this solar farm reduce the need for burning fossil fuels in Hayward, but also its battery storage would make its power available during peak hours. The governor called for exactly this sort of solar farm in his July proclamation.

The governor made no mention of the pressing need for more spurious lawsuits. The ones against Aramis Solar were funded in part through misleading information published in the Independent by Joan Seppala. I call for her to do the right thing for Californians and recant her position.

The lawsuits must be dropped by Friends of Open Space and Vineyards and Friends of Livermore, or they are no friends of ours.

—Alan E Marling

## Vote Yes on recall

California right now is a one-party state where every level of government is Democrats. Thus, the Democrats will and have been doing whatever with your hard earned taxes without recourse. There are no checks and balances.

You and I have no say into how they will spend the money. On top of that, we have a millionaire elitist socialist Governor Gavin Newsom who will make whatever rules he wants than help the majority of Californians.

He will dine at exclusive restaurants where a tab can be \$500 per plate while he asks the Californians to stay at home. The results of his stay at home orders were no different from states that had no such orders. Arrogance at the best. He sends his children to private schools while public schools were closed.

In order to put a stop to this fleecing of the Californians, we need a change at the top with a Moderate Governor who will not allow for laws that do not benefit the Californians.

Hence, Vote Yes on Recall.

The only person on the ballot who is a moderate and has government experience is the ex-mayor of San Diego Kevin Faulconer. He has a great record for moderation.

Some other candidates are right wing and left wing extremists. Majority of Americans are moderates and centrists and there is no need for extremism.

—Rajinder Ghatoaura

## Support for Leadership Pleasanton

The three pillars of any community are: Business, Community and Civic. In 2018, friends in regional Chambers of Commerce

encouraged me to sign up for Leadership Pleasanton to learn more about them all.

Even with decades of community involvement, I learned something new about each and how they work together. Beyond behind-the-scenes glimpses at schools, LPC, nonprofits, businesses, arts, civic, and safety services, my network expanded with young employees, new business owners and new-to-the-area organization leaders.

That's why I was surprised to hear the program recently described as "elitist" by people who haven't taken it. Quite the opposite, Chamber leadership programs across the nation are designed to strengthen all three pillars and introduce opportunities for involvement.

While city governments are key civic partners to these programs, I find it a stretch for any city government, including Pleasanton, to commandeer another organization's or business's program for its own use, particularly when it extends beyond its usual and customary scope.

Instead, as a Human Services Commissioner, I'd like to see the City of Pleasanton design a civic leadership program, focused on commissions, committees and other volunteer opportunities where residents can participate in civic government — similar to their Citizen's Police Academy, which I've also taken.

Leadership Pleasanton is one of hundreds of broad-based community engagement programs designed and facilitated by Chambers of Commerce across the U.S. Learn more by Googling "Chamber Leadership Program." And to learn more about Pleasanton and meet community-minded people from all walks of life, sign up for Leadership Pleasanton!

—Susan Hayes

## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### City Council

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Public Hearing** – Adopt Resolutions of Necessity for the acquisition of certain property rights necessary for the construction of the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone Project (T.P. Heritage Inn of Pleasanton, LLC and S.S. Heritage Inn of Pleasanton, LLC, APNS 941-1300-14 and 941-1300-15, and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, APNS 941-1300-17 and 941-1300-18)
- **Public Hearing** – Introduce an Ordinance to amend Municipal Code Chapter 9.30 Water Management Plan to reflect previously adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan update from the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and make other minor adjustments
- Continued from August 17, 2021 – Receive bi-annual update regarding Police Department operations, services, and activities
- **Public Hearing** – Consider adoption of a resolution approving amendments to the Downtown Specific Plan and introduce an ordinance approving amendments to Chapters 18.08 and 18.81 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code, regarding the Active Ground Floor Use Overlay
- Approve Funding Plan for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) Treatment and Wells Rehabilitation Project

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 8, 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 after September 1, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: [cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning\\_agenda.asp](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp)

- P20-0989, City of Pleasanton, Objective Design Standards Work session to review draft changes to the Housing Site Development Standards and Design Guidelines, and to review and discuss housing densities for residential development.
- P21-0821, Sculptations, 560 Main Street Application for Zoning Certificate for a multiple-use tenant space consisting of a minimum 25-percent active use (retail) and a non-active use (personal service) in an existing tenant space located at 560 Main Street. Zoning is C-C (Central Commercial) District.

#### Youth Commission

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for School Year 2021/2022
- Review the All-Abilities Playground Conceptual Designs Presentation and Provide Feedback
- Review the Ken Mercer Skate Park Conceptual Designs Presentation and Provide Feedback
- Review and Approve Commission Meeting Schedule for School Year 2021/2022
- Review and Comment on the Library and Recreation Department Quarterly Report for April - June 2021

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view information on this meeting

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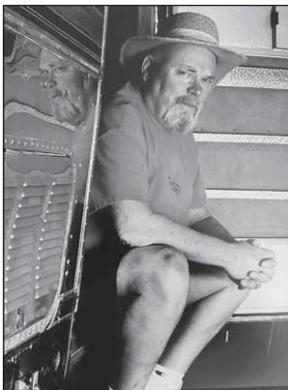
## Dale Iven Poulson

September 16, 1940 – August 10, 2021

On Tuesday August 10, 2021, Dale Iven Poulson of Pleasanton passed away in his home at the age of 80. The family and friends of Dale are saddened to announce his passing.

Dale was born in Stratford, Iowa. His family relocated to San Lorenzo, California where he graduated high school. After graduation, Dale entered the United States Merchant Marines. He moved to Pleasanton in 1971 with his young family. He raised his two children as a single dad and retired after 40 years of truck driving. Then the fun began! Dale attended Burning Man for 12 years. After meeting and marrying Rita, they enjoyed traveling in their classic airstream to Westport State Beach with their dog Corby. Dale enjoyed going to garage sales and the antique flea market with Rita. Dale was a gifted gardener, skilled welder, and a talented woodworker. Dale was generous with his time, his talents, his tools, and his advice. Dale was quite a storyteller and could strike up a conversation with anyone.

Dale is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Rita, his sister Carol, his son Ed, his daughter Daleen, and his five grandchildren.



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Dons, Falcons start season with big wins

Also: Sensational start for Foothill girls' volleyball program

It wasn't quite the opening night of high school football that people had hoped for as poor air quality from the raging fires in Northern California forced the postponement of several games Friday night.

Amador Valley was one of only three teams to play opening weekend, going on the road to beat Milpitas 37-7.

Amador coach Danny Jones said last week that this Dons team was the biggest and strongest team he has had in his time at the helm of the Amador program.

Opening night, the Dons proved it to everyone else.

"We played really well," said Jones. "We are just really physical, and we wore them down by the third quarter. That was our plan — be physical like we are and let the chips fall where they may."

The huge Amador offensive line is complimented by a pair of big tight ends in Brady Nassar (6-foot-4, 235 pounds) and James Rothstein (6-5, 240). Both are juniors and they love to hit.

"They are big old boys and are really physical," said Jones.

Throw in Kai Burgermeister (6-1, 210) adds size at the H-back and the running back tandem of Marcus Hoerz (5-9, 225) and Miles Tucker (5-11, 180) has the Dons built to, as Jones is fond of saying, "Pound the Rock."

So much to the point that Jones, who had not yet compiled stats for the game, felt his team was near 300 yards rushing.

That leaves quarterback EJ

Thomsen with not much to do other than hand the ball off.

If teams choose to lay off Thomsen, the senior will make them pay.

"He is really efficient," said Jones of Thomsen. "He can get out of the pocket, and he makes the throws we need him to make."

As mentioned before, the game validated what Jones and his staff saw through the first month of practice.

"We felt we were solid, but actually seeing it confirmed it," said Jones. "I think playing another team that we felt were physical and to see them start falling in the third quarter was nice."

In the end, Jones was most thankful that the Dons got to play a game.

"We felt very fortunate to have had the chance to play," said Jones. "If anything comes out of the last couple of years for all these kids is that they will know how to deal with adversity."

#### Foothill rolls Monday night

The Falcons missed out on their scheduled opener because of poor air quality in Pleasanton, but more than made up for it three days later when they blasted Castro Valley 38-12.

Senior quarterback Nick Walsh had a hand in all five Foothill touchdowns, throwing for three and running for two. Kenny Olson, Connor Perez, and Tony Schillaci all got touchdown passes.

#### Foothill girls' volleyball

It has been a sensational start for the Foothill girls' volleyball

program, with the Falcons starting 2-0 in EBAL play and 7-0 overall.

In the first week of league, Foothill beat Granada 3-1, and Livermore 3-0. Grayce Olson had 23 kills, and 15 digs against Granada, with Paige Bennett adding nine kills and two blocks. Sruti Jonnalagadda added four kills and four blocks.

In the win over Livermore, Kaycie Burdick had five kills and seven digs. Katelyn Tagalog (8 assists, 5 service points) and Ellen Huang (3 kills, 3 service points) also played well.

The Falcons then went out and took the Gold division of the Irvington Tournament, going 5-0 in the process. Perfect 2-0 marks against Kennedy, Menlo-Atherton, Las Lomas, Newark Memorial, and Leland gave Foothill the title.

Highlights for the tournament came from Olson (50 kills, 19 service points), Katie Salonga (72 assists, 13 service points), and Jo Modica (30 service points, 13 kills).

#### Tri-Valley Preps Playbook

You may have already heard and possibly signed up — thank you — but I now have a subscription-only release called Tri-Valley Preps Playbook!

If you sign up for a free subscription, each Thursday you will get the latest version of the Playbook in your inbox! It will feature in depth behind-the-scenes features on players / coaches / families for the schools throughout the East Bay Athletic League.

Also included will be "What to Watch" for the upcoming weekend, as well as some fun features like "Fast Five," with various athletes around the EBAL answering random questions!

Please visit [www.pleasanton-weekly.com/express/sports](http://www.pleasanton-weekly.com/express/sports) for more information on how to sign up to receive the Playbook each week!

You have any ideas for great feature stories involving local high school athletes or coaches, please let me know at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com). ■

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## Music

### LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY

**PRELUDE PARTY** The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild begins the season with a Prelude Party with the Livermore School of Dance providing entertainment for the afternoon with sparkling dance routines followed by light refreshments. This free event is 4 p.m., Sept. 9 at the Springtown Homeowners' Clubhouse, 931 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. For more information visit [livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://livermoreamadorsymphony.org).

### HAWAIIAN SONGS AND HULA

**DANCES AT STOCKMEN'S PARK** Enjoy an afternoon of Hawaiian songs and hula dancers with Serenadin' Strummers & Aloha ConneXion. This event is free and for all ages. 1-2 p.m., Sept. 12. Stockmen's Park, 29 S. Livermore Ave.

**COURTYARD CONCERTS** Courtyard Concerts features Meredith McHenry and her network of talented local musicians. Meredith & friends are known for their ability to recreate both classics and under-the-radar gems with a unique stylistic blend of jazz, blues, rock, folk, country & pop. 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17. Tickets \$20. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Theatre

### ENCORE PLAYERS PRESENTS-THE

**DINING ROOM** A comedy of manners, "The Dining Room" is a series of overlapping scenes set in a traditional American dining room. Each unrelated scene introduces a new set of people and events. This show will be performed in the courtyard of Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore, Sept. 17-19, tickets \$15-

\$20. For more information visit [encoreplayers.net](http://encoreplayers.net).

## Talks

**TWILIGHT JAUNT** Join Ranger Dawn in the Sycamore Grove Nature Area for a walk during twilight. Discussions include some of the park residents that wake up at that time of day and take over the night shift in the parks. This is a leisurely walk for families with children. RSVP's required by calling 960-2400 or by emailing [dsoles@larpd.org](mailto:dsoles@larpd.org). 7 p.m., Sept. 4. 1051 Wetmore Rd. Livermore.

**VIRTUAL RELIGION CHAT** Interfaith Interconnect invites you to their virtual Religion Chat. The topic: "How Does Your Faith Approach Health Issues?" 5-6:15 p.m., Sept. 8. Email [interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com](mailto:interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link.

### LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN

**CLUB** "Protecting Gardens During Drought" will be the timely topic of the next Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club online meeting. The guest speaker is Suzanne Bontempo of Our Water Our World. Club members will be provided with a link to the online presentation. Prospective members should contact [president@lavgc.org](mailto:president@lavgc.org). 7 p.m., Sept. 9.

### AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

The Amador Valley Quilters' next virtual lecture is "What Makes It Modern" by Judi Kirk of Canterbury, England. She'll discuss the current definitions of modern quilts and illustrate what the terms mean to gain a better understanding of what makes a quilt Modern. Sept. 11. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org).

### LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL

**SOCIETY** Two-part workshop on Solving Your Brick Wall. Part one offers tips for solving brick wall

problems including pre-1850 ancestors and common surnames. Part two looks at participant's brick walls and suggests a research plan to help go from being stuck to solved. Guest speaker Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. 13 & Oct. 11. Visit [l-ags.org](http://l-ags.org).

### AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH

**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** This virtual webinar of William Shakespeare, the English poet, playwright and actor, is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. Despite having his work known and celebrated around the world, Shakespeare's personal life remains largely a mystery. Actor J.T. Turner will bring the beloved and mysterious William Shakespeare to life. 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sept. 15. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

### TRI-VALLEY WRITERS SEPTEMBER

**MEETING** Michelle Cruz Gonzales presents "Inclusive Characterization: Writing 'the Other' Without Stereotypes or Appropriation" at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Gonzales will discuss the delicate balance of including diverse minority characters in writing with respect and artistry and for the right reasons. 2 p.m., Sept. 18. Four Points by Sheraton, Pleasanton. Visit [trivalleywriters.org](http://trivalleywriters.org).

## Museums & Exhibits

**DOGS: MORE THAN PETS** The East Bay SPCA is excited to host a new interactive exhibit, "Dogs: More Than Pets, at its Dublin shelter, now through Jan. 30. This hands-on exhibit will immerse visitors in the incredible world of dogs from a variety of perspectives including science, history, folklore, literature, pop culture and more. This free exhibit is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the East Bay SPCA, 4651 Gleason Dr., Dublin.

### LIVERMORE MADE POP UP LAUNCH

Livermore Valley Made is hosting a Pop Up at Stockmen's Park where local Livermore maker booths are free thanks to sponsors. The event is 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sept. 18. For more information visit [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com).

### ART EXHIBIT AT BLACKHAWK GALLERY

The Alamo Danville Artists' Society hosts Blackhawk Gallery's Exhibit 'Renaissance' which features thirty Blackhawk Gallery member artists. The Exhibit is free and open to the public. Now through Oct. 10. Contact 648-8023.

### THE PLEASANTON ONES

Museum on Main announces the return of Tao Guan's photography to its walls. A self-taught photographer, Tao has used his camera in Pleasanton to make human connections, seeking the spirit of a community. Now through Oct. 14. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

## PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

### Meet Baxter

Baxter has been a charming guest in his foster home. A really sweet boy who likes affection and to run and chase toys. He sleeps quietly in his crate all night and is house trained. Baxter walks on a leash but, being a little bit shy, he likes to take his time to get used to all the new sights and sounds of the neighborhood. This 2-year-old Terrier mix is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. His foster family adores him and says he has a puppy-like demeanor. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at [tvar.org](http://tvar.org).

## Family

**SCOTTISH GAMES** The 155th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is an outdoor event featuring Scottish country and Irish dancing, Celtic heritage stages, folk singers, heavy athletics, piping and drumming, whisky tasting and more. 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., Sept. 4-5. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

### SPLATTER RETURNS TO EMERALD

**GLEN PARK** The Main Stage features live music and dance ensembles, cultural and kid-friendly performances throughout the afternoon, followed by an evening concert and community dance party. Splatter also features classic carnival games and fun rides for kids of all ages. Sept. 18. Visit: [dublin.ca.gov/1174/Entertainment-Attractions](http://dublin.ca.gov/1174/Entertainment-Attractions).

## Volunteers

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

**FACILITATOR VOLUNTEER** Volunteers meet online or in-person with small groups of adults of various levels to practice and enhance listening, understanding and speaking skills in an encouraging and supportive environment. A two-part orientation will take place via zoom, 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 9 & 10. For more information call 373-5507 or email [literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us](mailto:literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us).

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## Free Groceries

**OPEN HEART KITCHEN** The Regional Food Distribution Site has moved from the Alameda County Fairgrounds to the Pleasanton Senior Center's north parking lot. Free grocery distribution will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Business

### TRI-VALLEY JOB FAIR REGISTRATION

The Tri-Valley Career Center and the Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance are partnering to host an in-person job fair at the Tri-Valley Career Center's office in Pleasanton featuring businesses from the Chambers of Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Livermore and Danville. 4-7 p.m., Sept. 9. Visit [Pleasanton.org](http://Pleasanton.org).



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## Johnny Cash Tribute

James Garner is returning to the Firehouse Arts Center with his authentic tribute to Johnny Cash, resurrecting his classic voice and rhythm, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11. Johnny Cash rose to fame in the burgeoning rockabilly scene in Memphis, TN, in the late 1950s and is known for his signature song, "Folsom Prison Blues," as well as "I Walk the Line," "Ring of Fire," "Get Rhythm" and "Man in Black." In addition to the music, Garner, who appeared at the Firehouse each year from 2011-15, recounts stories of Johnny's childhood and explores the highs and lows of his 48-year career. Tickets range from \$20-\$30, available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

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## Bill to allow more density in single-family zones passes Assembly

Housing advocates score second major victory this week

By GENNADY SHEYNER

A housing bill that would loosen up restrictions in single-family zones by allowing subdivisions for up to four dwellings cleared a critical hurdle on Thursday morning, when the state Assembly voted to approve the legislation.

Senate Bill 9, which is authored by Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, received 44 votes in the Assembly that it needed to move ahead, three more than required to pass. Having already cleared the state Senate, it will now return to the Senate for a concurrence vote before heading to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Unlike Senate Bill 1120, a similar bill that faltered on the dramatic final day of the 2020 legislative session, SB 9 includes provisions that aim to address concerns about wildfire protection and gentrification. To discourage institutional investors from evicting or displacing tenants, the bill excludes properties where a tenant has resided for three years. It also allows cities to deny applications for subdivision if they find that adding homes would increase fire threat.

While the final tally may still change as those Assembly members who hadn't yet voted do so, it will not change the outcome for SB 9, which is the second major housing bill to clear the Assembly this week. On Aug. 23, the Assembly voted to pass Senate Bill 10, legislation authored by Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, that allows cities to rezone properties to allow up to 10 dwellings per parcel, potentially overruling voter-adopted zoning restrictions. Assembly member Marc Berman, D-Menlo Park, voted in favor of both bills, helping to ensure their narrow passage.

Assembly member Robert Rivas, D-Salinas, who introduced the bill on the Assembly floor, told his colleagues that the bill, while not perfect, "will have a positive impact on our crippling housing crisis in California." He noted that it will cap the number of units that can be built on a lot at four, which includes accessory dwelling units.

"The bottom line is, SB 9 will provide more opportunities for more working families to achieve the California dream and makes the path to homeownership in our

state a more inclusive one," Rivas said.

Much like SB 10, the Atkins bill transcended party lines, with some Republicans voting to support it and some Democrats opposing it. Assembly member Adrin Nazarian, D-North Hollywood, was in the latter camp. He argued on the floor that by passing the bill without also considering the impact of increased density on utilities, parking and transportation, the legislation is setting up communities for long-term failure.

"We haven't dealt with a lot of the needs that go into complementing what increased housing means," Nazarian said. "We're going to be devastating those communities."

Seen as one of the cornerstones of the Assembly effort to address California's housing crisis, SB 9 has also been a subject of intense debate leading up to the vote in August. While housing advocates and the majority of Democrats in the Legislature see it as a critical step to bolster the state's housing stock, opponents of the bill have maintained that it will infringe on local control while doing little to improve housing affordability.

The City of Palo Alto, which submitted

a letter of opposition to SB 9, argued that "state driven ministerial or by-right housing approval processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing and adopting zoning ordinances and housing elements." The citizens group Livable California had strongly opposed SB 9, claiming that the bill "crushes single-family zoning in California, a threat to 7 million homeowners."

Assembly member Buffy Wicks, D-Oakland, strongly rejected these arguments as she urged her colleagues to support the bill.

"We need more housing solutions in this state," Wicks said. "Right now, in two-thirds of California, multifamily housing, 'missing-middle' housing is illegal. Let's legalize housing in California and vote for SB 9."

In a statement immediately after the vote, Atkins said SB 9 is "about opening the door for more families to pursue their version of the California Dream — whether that's building a home for an elderly parent, creating a new source of income, or buying that first house."

"It's about opportunity," she said. ■

### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 7-11 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and July 26-30 for San Ramon.

#### Pleasanton

- 880 Abbie Street** P. Clark to Maxwell Trust for \$565,000
- 2128 Armstrong Drive** S. Woo to Y. & H. Han for \$1,360,000
- 5411 Black Avenue #3** M. & J. Jacob to C. & C. Chiang for \$865,000
- 5080 Black Avenue** K. & K. Zierau to H. & J. Singh for \$1,460,000
- 472 Bunker Lane** Leagar Trust to R. & P. Sharma for \$2,800,000
- 3026 Casadero Court** Treasureland Dev LLC to M. & K. Choi for \$707,500
- 3646 Chelsea Court** Sinclair Trust to G. & P. Sagar for \$1,575,000
- 6724 Corte Del Vista** J. Huang to S. & M. Mehta for \$1,570,000
- 2878 Garden Creek Circle** N. Ma to S. & S. Ahmed for \$1,300,000
- 3565 Gulfstream Street** R. & H. Campwala to M. & D. Yu for \$1,655,000
- 1081 Heinz Ranch Court** Calvey Trust to J. & A. Aziz for \$2,871,000
- 7498 Hillview Court** M. & M. Bonitz to M. & K. Tennesi for \$1,925,000
- 4345 Krause Street** E. Souza to W. & Y. Li for \$645,000
- 3221 West Las Positas Boulevard** C. An to C. & Y. Du for \$1,325,000
- 6031 Laurel Creek Drive** J. & D. Ruehle to S. & C. Ward for \$3,000,000
- 1536 Mendoza Court** Somanathan Family Trust to M. & A. Ambhaikar for \$1,361,000
- 767 Saint John Circle** K. & J. Wicks to R. & B. Roudsari for \$1,710,000
- 692 Saint John Street** Iversen Family Trust to Csongor Trust for \$4,100,000
- 5888 San Juan Way** Baisden Family Trust to M. & R. Seeman for \$1,725,000
- 7397 Tulipwood Circle** Sinha Family Trust to L. & C. Mccollum for \$1,646,500
- 2589 Via Espada** Joyce Living Trust to A. & V. Nangia for \$1,651,000
- 1373 Whispering Oaks Way** Obla Family Trust to V. & R. Chan for \$1,860,000

**2849 Whitney Drive** D. & D. Brodnick to J. & Z. Zhong for \$1,438,000

#### Livermore

- 336 Alden Lane** Vismara Trust to S. & M. Mujkic for \$2,778,000
- 4255 Amherst Way** Ruzicka Family Trust to A. Vanselow for \$1,010,000
- 6489 Aspenwood Way** K. & S. Wilkinson to V. & D. Doddahanumaiah for \$1,030,000
- 77 Cassidy Court** Breyer Family Trust to T. & R. Veltz for \$1,300,000
- 2448 Chardonnay Way** Eder Trust to Mittal Family Trust for \$2,215,000
- 862 Cole Common** S. & S. Sundram to J. Walton for \$925,000
- 438 Covellite Lane** P. & H. Dhillon to T. & O. Rivera for \$1,178,000
- 6189 Detert Court** Sanders Living Trust to M. & C. Pyfrom for \$2,400,000
- 5123 Felicia Avenue** M. & J. Costa to M. & P. Pasala for \$945,000
- 311 Fontonett Avenue** K. & B. Noonan to J. & A. Caulk for \$1,857,000
- 1463 Frankfurt Way** William Trust to J. & R. Sathe for \$1,210,000
- 492 Hagemann Drive** Nmj Properties LLC to P. & D. Mathur for \$1,105,000
- 2267 Hampton Road** K. & W. Rudder to B. & L. Pecci for \$1,485,000
- 732 Hattan Drive** Duemling Trust to K. Jusinski for \$775,000
- 533 Huntington Way** L. & M. Franzella to S. Mann for \$1,050,000
- 1055 Innsbruck Street** J. Porathur to S. Pehlivanian for \$1,385,000
- 442 Jeannie Way** L. & T. Pearson to K. & E. Souza for \$1,250,000
- 2707 Kellogg Loop** Filhart Family Trust to Labarbera Living Trust for \$1,656,000
- 691 South L Street** Cozart Trust to J. & M. Simpson for \$1,030,000
- 758 North L Street** Nmj Properties LLC to M. Zakharov for \$1,225,000
- 479 Leona Drive** Paternoster Family Trust to M. & M. Leetch for \$930,000
- 680 Loyola Way** Bolster Family Trust to H. & V. Kamuni for \$985,000
- 1046 Lucille Street** Greenlee Family Trust to K. Beernink for \$900,000

**1124 Madrone Way** Fornwald Family Trust to P. & H. Mahajan for \$1,010,000

- 4549 Maureen Circle** Allen Living Trust to M. Kulkarni for \$1,277,000
- 843 Mayview Way** P. & M. Parry to H. & E. Yoo for \$1,300,000
- 659 Meadowlark Street** K. & M. Breedveld to S. Behl for \$675,000
- 324 Misty Circle** L. Lopez to S. & A. Podduturi for \$1,165,000
- 5486 Moonflower Way** C. Himenes to B. Camara for \$726,000
- 712 North P Street** A. & M. Llanes to J. Torres for \$865,000
- 2717 Patcham Common** Crandell Living Trust to V. & M. Lee for \$945,000
- 3445 Pestana Way** J. & N. Gibson to E. & N. Raber for \$852,000
- 5345 Rainflower Drive** Sundt Living Trust to W. Stem for \$750,000
- 1332 Roselli Drive** G. & K. Caudle to Joyce Family Living Trust for \$1,310,000
- 1317 Spring Valley Common** J. & A. Tomcik to F. Amaya for \$332,500
- 152 Topaz Way** N. & J. Ballou to E. & A. Badger for \$1,075,000
- 102 Tourmaline Avenue** M. & R. Cortez to A. & H. Shim for \$1,770,000
- 59 Trinity Circle** S. & M. Tuthill to R. & S. Darisala for \$1,355,000
- 1353 Windswept Common** T. & G. Heller to M. & H. Sanatkar for \$460,000

#### Dublin

- 2260 Brandini Drive** C. Tang to R. & V. Kachroo for \$2,110,000
- 2323 Carbondale Way** J. Mettu to B. & M. Tran for \$1,405,000
- 2191 Carbondale Circle** B. & V. Gupta to H. & S. Ko for \$1,675,000
- 7150 Carneros Lane** A. & V. Pendse to S. Pruthi for \$1,505,000
- 4022 Chalk Hill Way** S. & T. Singh to P. & S. Mehndiratta for \$1,650,000
- 3099 Copper Peak Drive** A. & P. Sidhu to V. & M. Potta for \$2,825,000
- 10751 Craigtown Lane #106** Miller Trust to L. & H. Sechet for \$900,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #519** H. & J. Wang to S. & K. Chen for \$775,000
- 8452 Deervale Road** T. Trezona to Blue Fire Investments LLC for \$840,000
- 5745 North Dublin Ranch Drive** Brunckhorst Family Trust to P. & S. Chhatwal for \$2,060,000
- 3775 Finnian Way** R. Chan to S. & V. Parmar for \$775,000

Source: California REsource

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

### SALES AT A GLANCE

#### Pleasanton (June 7-11)

**Total sales reported:** 23  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$565,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$4,100,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,575,000

#### Livermore (June 7-11)

**Total sales reported:** 39  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$788,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,175,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,160,000

#### Dublin (June 7-11)

**Total sales reported:** 25  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$157,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,825,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,505,000

#### San Ramon (July 26-30)

**Total sales reported:** 39  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$332,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,778,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,075,000

Source: California REsource

# A Team That Speaks Your Language

COMPASS



896 Manor Way, Los Altos  
Listed \$3,995,000  
Sold \$5,000,000



470 Tiller Lane, Redwood Shores  
Listed \$3,000,000  
Sold \$3,470,000



3015 Montbretia Way, San Ramon  
Listed \$2,880,000  
Sold \$2,880,000



2828 Octavia Street, San Francisco  
Listed \$2,400,000  
Sold \$2,760,000



100 Winchester Court, Foster City  
Listed \$1,598,000  
Sold \$1,954,000



325 Paradiso Court, San Ramon  
Listed \$1,698,000  
Sold \$1,918,000



223 Nottingham Place, Danville  
Listed \$1,595,000  
Sold \$1,900,000



1714 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton  
Listed \$1,558,000  
Sold \$1,690,000



2512 Tapestry Way, Pleasanton  
Listed \$1,475,000  
Sold \$1,630,000



735 Celestial Lane, Foster City  
Listed \$1,398,000  
Sold \$1,450,000



38303 Granville Drive, Fremont  
Listed \$1,398,888  
Sold \$1,245,000



3803 Newton Way, Pleasanton  
Listed & Sold  
Sold \$1,145,000

**New Construction**



615 El Camino Real, Redwood City  
Listed \$1,155,000  
Sold \$1,144,000



3969 Twain Harte Road, Dublin  
Listed & Sold  
Sold \$1,089,000



2633 Remington Way, Tracy  
Listed \$899,000  
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3339 Monaghan Street, Dublin  
Listed \$719,800  
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- ✓ Team of Agents with \$2M+ Buyers
- ✓ Successful, Aggressive Selling Strategies

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337 Yearling Court, West Side Pleasanton | Offered at \$3,695,000

“I was referred to Liz Venema by a trusted family friend. I listed with her after interviewing MULTIPLE real estate agents. Her energy, enthusiasm, knowledge, and homework regarding my property (not knowing if she would get the listing) was remarkable. Her attention to detail in all ways (documents etc.) and me was more than I could have hoped. We often spoke multiple times a day. I recommend her highly. I began living in Pleasanton in 1953 as a toddler. Although I no longer live there, I love my memories and was so happy Liz appreciates the history of our town. AND she sold our home !!!”

– Gayle Wilcox, Pleasanton Seller

### *Recent Luxury Sold*



1034 Germano Way, Ruby Hill  
Sold at \$3,948,000



2974 Sorano Court, Ruby Hill  
Sold at \$3,930,000



581 E. Angela Street, Pleasanton  
Sold at \$2,100,000



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# Beyond Full Service A Concierge Approach to Real Estate

If you're thinking about selling your home, now is the time. Call us today to learn how our proven strategies can get you the highest possible price for your home.



PENDING

4518 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton  
6bd/3ba | 2,692 sq.ft | 7,350 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,895,000



PENDING WITH 10 OFFERS

1840 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton  
4bd/3ba | 2,538 sq.ft | 12,757 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,549,000



PENDING

21555 Eden Canyon Road, Castro Valley  
5bd/4ba | 4,131 sq.ft | 5.95 acre lot  
OFFERED AT \$2,188,000



PENDING

2363 Norwood Road, Livermore  
3bd/2ba | 1,664 sq.ft | 13,285 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,200,000



PENDING

2726 Curlew Court, Pleasanton  
4bd/3ba | 2,128 sq.ft | 9,958 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,589,000



PENDING

2261 Via Espada, Pleasanton  
4bd/3ba | 2,124 sq.ft | 7,000 sq.ft  
OFFERED AT \$1,549,000



PENDING

2213 Via Espada, Pleasanton  
5bd/2.5ba | 2,378 sq.ft | 6,700 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,689,000



PENDING

11353 Bloomington Way, Dublin  
5bd/3ba | 2,405 sq.ft | 11,761 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,649,900



SOLD

3556 Madeira Way, Livermore  
3bd/1.5ba | 1,120 sq.ft | 4,965 sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$865,000



We used Tim to both sell our Pleasanton home and purchase a new home in Pleasanton at the beginning of 2021. He is extremely knowledgeable about the area. Tim is approachable and friendly, while being professional and goal-driven. He helped us to feel safe and comfortable navigating this process during the pandemic. Tim and his team of professionals helped to reduce the stress of buying and selling. Best of all, he was able to find us a home within our budget while helping us to get top dollar for the sale of our home.

– Nancy Kent, Pleasanton



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