

## Meet the Pleasanton school board candidates

Shah and Walker (Area 2) and Brown (Area 5) talk Measure I bond, teacher retention, student learning and more

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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Impacting the arts

Two local artists with deep connections to their creative communities — including some common ties themselves — were honored by Alameda County officials last week as part of the 2022 Arts Leadership Award program.

Anne Giancola, a Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission member who works as the visual arts and education manager at Livermore Valley Arts, and Dennis Baker of the Alliance for the Visual Arts were among six winners countywide. Baker, of Livermore, represented Supervisorial District 1 while Pleasanton's Giancola was the District 4 recipient.

These two Tri-Valley residents share more than just this award.

Giancola is a founding member of the Alliance for the Visual Arts, of which Baker is the co-founder and president. The nonprofit offers space on its website (for free) to help artists in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin show their works, build their brand online and leverage alliance events and outreach.

They were also both instrumental in establishing the Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour, which during the pandemic in 2021 saw 57 artists from Danville to Livermore open their homes, studios and collectives to viewers to get a look behind the scenes of their creative process. The next tour is on the horizon, in May 2023.

I reached out to Giancola and Baker separately in the past week to get to know them a little better and learn what this county award meant to them.

"I was very honored to have won the award. There are many people in our district that do so much to help the arts grow, so it is humbling to receive the award and to be a voice for visual arts," Giancola told me, just days after organizing another successful ArtWalk in Livermore.

Giancola said advocacy for visual artists sort of found her after she started participating in local cultural arts groups while running her decorative arts business.

"Many of the artists I know are quietly working away in their studios and many are not so comfortable getting out there in public to talk about their art," she said. "I started making connections between artists and the public and worked at getting artists more work and more opportunities."

"I feel like I am a 'weaver', weaving



Anne Giancola



Dennis Baker

connections and nudging artists in directions that I think might help them get a bigger voice; or help people tap into their own creativity, or encourage young artists to stay in the field," Giancola added.

Baker said he was aware several of his art friends nominated him for the Alameda County Arts Commission recognition several months ago.

"Even though I didn't know if (the award) would happen, it was very satisfying to have them reach out and tell me of their feelings for the time I spend helping the arts community," he told me.

Baker feels a strong bond with the art community of the Tri-Valley.

"Every person that creates something to share is showing you a very personal side of themselves," he said. "Getting to know a creative person is easy as you both have so much in common even if your methods of expression are different."

"There is a great enjoyment in discovering people and building a beautiful composition of friendship," Baker continued. "That's the beauty of volunteering — one meets so many others that are a joy to explore, and along that journey one finds inspiration for one's own expressions in the studio. I never lack for inspiration and enjoy seeing myself in others and the light in their eyes as they share their creations."

The other 2022 recipients were artist Ruey Lin Syrop, curator of the Hayward Arts Council's John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall (District 2); Tina Blaine, former executive director of Rhythmix Cultural Works in Alameda (District 3); Naru Kwina, aka "Dr. Science", rap artist, teacher and founder of Alternative Minds Foundation and its Hip Learning program (District 3) and Naomi Johnson-Diouf is the artistic and executive director of Diamano Coura West African Dance Company at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts in Oakland (District 5). ■

### About the Cover

Vying for Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees Area 2 are newcomers Urvi Shah (left) and Laurie Walker (center). Justin Brown (right) was the only candidate for Area 5 and will be directly appointed. Contributed photos. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.



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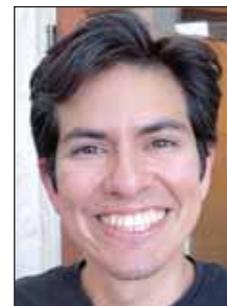
**Terry Piper**  
*Assistant principal*

I'd like to go back to school to get my Ph.D. in education (Ed.D.) because I think there aren't enough teachers out there who have good leadership skills and are qualified to be mentors.



**Edison Yee**  
*Physicist*

I'd like to travel to the East Coast, where I'm originally from, in order to run in the Boston Marathon. I've been training for it for years but have never had a good enough time in any other marathon that qualifies me to compete in Boston.



**Ariel Ledesma**  
*Data engineer*

I would really like to learn to sing better so that I could totally crush it during karaoke night at The Sunshine Saloon.



**Jourdin Hermann**  
*Office admin*

I'd like to start a blog, and then eventually write a very entertaining book about all of my dating adventures and misadventures. It's going to be quite amusing, I promise.



**Faith Crucifer** *Director of development*

I'd like to earn enough money to know that no matter what happens to my parents as they age, I will always be able to either care for them in my own home, with help from quality caregivers, or have a staff to provide good quality care to them in their own home, so that they will always feel comfortable and cared for in a familiar place.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Credit union merger

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“The opportunity to expand further into Alameda County was an easy win for UNCLE Credit Union, as we already service so many members within that county,” Harold Roundtree, president and CEO of UNCLE Credit Union, said in a statement. “Ultimately, it was the best outcome for both credit unions, and an opportunity for members to get the most out of their membership.”

The merger process began July 1 and full systems integration was completed on Oct. 1, according to UNCLE officials.

### Small business grant

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors have opened the application window for \$11 million worth of small business recovery grants in Alameda County, with \$1 million earmarked specifically for the unincorporated areas.

The program is open to any business with between one and 25 employees that has not already received COVID-19-related relief funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. “Eligible businesses must be licensed for-profit entities in Alameda County that have experienced decreased revenue and/or increased costs due to the economic impacts of COVID-19,” county officials said.

Grant applications will be accepted through Oct. 31, with funding to be provided by check no later than Dec. 30. Visit [acbusiness.org](http://acbusiness.org).

### ‘Hello, Merlot!’

The Bankhead Theater this weekend is hosting “Hello, Merlot!”, a new one-of-a-kind tasting experience offering 10 Merlots produced by Livermore Valley winemakers.

“While sipping on these different Merlots enjoy learning how each winemaker adds their own touch to this fantastic varietal,” organizers said. “We’re proud of our Merlots and can’t wait to share them with you.”

The event runs from 1-4 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 15). For tickets, visit [livermorearts.org/events/hello-merlot](http://livermorearts.org/events/hello-merlot). ■

### Clarification

After last week’s cover story “Live and Local” went to press, Firehouse Arts Center officials advised the Weekly that Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre was producing a different Min Kahng than they originally reported. Tri-Valley Rep will present “The Song of the Nightingale” next spring. The Weekly regrets the confusion

## Meet the PUSD board candidates

Shah and Walker (Area 2) and Brown (Area 5) talk Measure I bond, teacher retention, student learning and more ahead of election

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees will be seeing two new faces after this election cycle is over — one of whom is already guaranteed the position.

This will also be the first election for PUSD in a district-based format that the board approved in March.

The two incumbents whose terms were ending this year, Joan Laursen and Mark Miller, each declined to run for reelection. Miller, who is currently serving as the board president, is finishing up his second term after first joining in 2014. Laursen is coming off her third term and is leaving the board after 12 years.

Justin Brown, a former

planning commissioner for the city of Pleasanton, is the only candidate for Area 5, which includes Vintage Hills and Hearst elementary schools and Pleasanton Middle School, as well as part of Foothill High’s attendance area.

That seat will not be on the ballot and Brown will automatically be appointed come November.

The other open spot on the board is the Area 2 seat, which is the district representing the areas surrounding Hart Middle and Fairlands Elementary schools.

The two active candidates in the Area 2 race are parent Urvi Shah and Laurie Walker, an administrative secretary for Amador Valley High School. Christine Lutz, a human

resources recruiter, qualified for the ballot early in the election cycle but has bowed out of the campaign.

In light of last week’s candidate forum being canceled, the Weekly interviewed Shah, Walker and Brown in recent days to provide readers with a better understanding of their positions on key issues ahead of the election and four-year term ahead.

### Urvi Shah, Area 2

Shah is a longtime Pleasanton resident and mother of two who used to run a licensed daycare in town for five years but is now transitioning to real estate.

As a former local business owner, she said her main goals if elected would be decreasing the budget

deficit and making sure that the district is properly using any funds. If PUSD’s \$395 million facilities bond Measure I passes in November, she said she would work to keep a close eye on how the board moves forward with spending that money.

She added that while she’s not opposed to bonds, she does think it is a bit too soon to ask for another bond after voters passed the 2016 \$270 million Measure II bond. She said that apart from having to pay more taxes, she would have liked to see other projects getting completed such as the tenth elementary school that was promised in Measure II.

“If I am elected as a trustee and the

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## DA candidates debate

Price, Wiley discuss dealing with crime, police misconduct

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After months of community forums and intense campaigning, Alameda County voters will soon be deciding on who wins one of the counties most important runoff elections — district attorney.

For the first time in decades residents will be electing someone who wasn’t an incumbent originally appointed to the position. It will also be the first time, regardless of the candidate, that a Black person is elected to the position.

Civil rights attorney Pamela Price is set to face off against current chief assistant deputy district attorney Terry Wiley in the Nov. 8 runoff election after Price led the four-candidate primary in June with 43.23% of the vote and Wiley came in second with 27.13%.

Outgoing District Attorney Nancy O’Malley announced in 2021 she would be stepping down when her current third term in office ends after this year. O’Malley had not faced an opponent in reelection until 2018, when Price unsuccessfully challenged her as part of a wave of progressive candidates against sitting DAs in the state.

In the past, the county would typically see its sitting district attorney resign or retire mid-term, resulting in a high-ranking deputy DA being appointed as their successor by the Board of Supervisors — a tradition, controversial to some, that O’Malley broke by opting to serve out her final term and set the stage for



Pamela Price



Terry Wiley

wide-open election.

In September, Wiley and Price participated in two community forums held respectively by the youth-led Urban Peace Movement in Oakland on Sept. 29 and by the League of Women Voters of Piedmont on Sept. 19.

In the forums, Price and Wiley discussed several of their plans and goals if they were elected as well as some of the changes they would like to see in the office.

### Dealing with low-level crimes

In both community forums, multiple questions circled back to how the candidates would handle low-offense crimes such as misdemeanors, which would include things like nonviolent property crimes or petty theft.

Wiley said that while cities like Oakland do see high numbers of serious offenses like murder, other nonviolent crimes need alternative solutions to helping those people who, for the most part, are doing it for the money.

“The reason behind many of

those crimes are object poverty, substance abuse, mental health issues. And so those are the crimes that you want to find alternatives to try to help the person,” Wiley said in the Sept. 19 forum. “I think that you have to bring a certain amount of compassion and sensitivity as the district attorney and set policies that are going to address those issues.”

Price echoed the same sentiment of looking for more alternatives for misdemeanors and called out the current DA office saying it is currently charging too many of those cases.

“We know that there’s a great need to shift the focus from low-level crimes that are related to our quality of life, to homelessness, to drug addiction or mental illness,” she said. “Those things need to be going into alternative justice systems.”

One alternative she mentioned was creating a system of neighborhood courts that allows

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## Ex-LLNL physicist receives Nobel Prize

Clauser honored for work on quantum information science

By MENGYUAN DONG / BCN FOUNDATION

A Walnut Creek-based physicist who previously worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was named a co-winner of the Nobel Prize in physics last week for his pioneering work on quantum information science.

John Clauser, 79, will share the nearly \$900,000 prize with two fellow physicists who followed in his footsteps: Alain Aspect, of Universite Paris-Saclay and Ecole Polytechnique in France, and Anton Zeilinger, of the University of Vienna in Austria.

Clauser’s work helped prove that two particles, once linked quantum mechanically, or entangled, can be separated by large distances — even the diameter of the universe — and still “know” what happens to one another.

The discovery stemmed from a test experiment conducted in the sub-basement of Birge Hall at the University of California, Berkeley, where he was a postdoctoral researcher back in 1971.

Alongside Stuart Freedman, a physicist and a graduate student at the time, Clauser measured

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# All three Sunol school board seats on ballot

Voters will be choosing two new full-term trustees, plus one short-term

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Sunol residents will be choosing candidates to fill all three positions in the Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees race this November — two full-term seats and one short-term.

The short-term position is a two-year seat on the board, for which information technology manager Chris Bobertz and former teacher and nurse Linda Hurley have qualified for the ballot.

Current Trustee Ryan Jergensen is the only incumbent running for a seat on the board again, competing against business owner James Lowder and corporate attorney Peter “Ted” Romo.

Jergensen was appointed by the district in 2021 to replace former trustee Denise Kent-Romo who resigned one year into her second full term because of health issues — she was on the board during 2016 to 2021.

But according to the registrar of voters, because of timing and standards policies in place, Jergensen is not allowed to complete the remaining three years on the short-term appointment, which is why the seat is on the ballot separately this November.

Jergensen is instead now running for one of the two four-year terms on the ballot.

The other two sitting trustees, Liz Monti-Hall and Mike Picard, are not seeking reelection.

Picard told the Weekly that is because he won't be spending much time in Sunol and believes the position should go to a full-time resident of the area. Monti-Hall, on the other hand, said she originally planned on serving only one term and is proud of the work she and the board have done over the past four years.

## Ryan Jergensen, full term

Trustee Jergensen said that as the only board member seeking reelection, he knows the needs of Sunol Glen School and, if elected, will ensure that it continues operating at its already high level of achievement.

“My board member role is the delegated representative voice and vote of the people on the myriad of issues facing a public school,”



Ryan Jergensen

he told the Weekly. “We have a responsibility to the constituents to represent the community values, ethics, goals, priorities and to be responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us.”

The father of five moved from Fremont to Sunol back in 2016 and said that because four of his children currently attend the TK-8 district's lone school, he has a vested interest in contributing to make any positive difference at the school.

“I would love to help make this exceptional school even more impressive by safeguarding it and building it up, alongside those dedicated parents in our community, and those that come together from neighboring areas,” Jergensen said.

One of the ways he hopes to improve the school specifically the aging facilities — is by pushing for residents to support the \$10.9 million Measure J school bond that he and the two other current trustees voted to place on this year's November election ballot.

If the bond gets 55% of Sunol residents to vote Yes, then the bond dollars would go toward funding for roof replacement, accessibility improvements and overall general upgrades including the cafeteria.

He said that bond will help modernize and restore the historic, but rapidly aging, school.

“It is good for the value it brings to the kids, it is good for the value it brings to the neighbors, it is good for the value it brings to homeowners,” Jergensen said. “We would hate to have our community lose some of its value by seeing our school go the way of other cafes, businesses and restaurants in our valleys that have closed.”

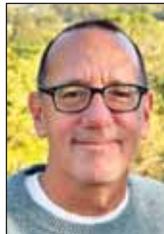
As a dentist, he said he's been involved in several communities through business ownership and various professional organizations and has even been on previous professional and corporate boards.

He also said that because his wife is a teacher, he also understands the “daunting task of organizing and implementing the education of our youth.”

## Peter ‘Ted’ Romo, full term

The last name Romo should be familiar with many Sunol residents because of Peter Romo's wife, Denise Kent-Romo, who was the school board trustee from 2016 to 2021.

Romo moved to Sunol a little over 10 years ago with his wife and is currently working as a corporate attorney at Apple. He is seeking to fill one of the two full-term positions on the board.



Peter Romo

He told the Weekly that his wife being a previous board member and both of his kids having attended Sunol Glen School has given him the familiarity and experience needed for the job.

He said that his 25 years of legal experience also gives him a certain edge over the other candidates.

“I'm used to seeing and looking at things like financial statements and stuff like that, that's part of the type of legal work that I deal with,” Romo said.

Romo said that if he is elected, he doesn't plan on making any big changes because he feels the school is already performing at such a high level. But at the same time he does support the Measure J bond because he feels the aging facilities at the school must be addressed.

He said that because the school is such an integral part of the community and is the only real government institution in the town, it's important that the community does its part in maintaining the nearly 100-year-old school.

“It's important to do maintenance and repair work, especially sooner rather than later,” Romo said. “If you let it deteriorate, if you don't support it with the financial resources that it needs, it's a detriment to the school, to the students, and then also to the community because the community benefits from having a well financed and operating facility.”

He said that overall, his main goals are to continue maintaining the level of excellence of the school and to provide reasonable oversight to the board.

“I think I have a background that is helpful for the operations of a school board,” Romo said. “I think I bring reasonableness and thoughtfulness and that, coupled with a legal background, I think would be beneficial to the operation of the school board and the school.”

## James Lowder, full term

Lowder is a business owner and four-year resident of Sunol where his two youngest children out of his five total are attending school.

Like Romo, Lowder told the Weekly that if elected, he isn't planning on changing anything because of how well the district and the school have been run over the past few years.

But what Lowder said makes him stand apart from the rest of the candidates is his background in construction, specifically the fact that he is the owner of an air conditioning and plumbing contracting



James Lowder

company in San Jose.

“It's no surprise that the Sunol Glen School is aging ... it's almost 100 years old in some parts,” Lowder said. “I feel that my construction background (would help in) working with the administration and with the budget that they have, to be able to prioritize construction projects and those kinds of things that are going to be the most effective and spread those dollars over the best things.”

He said that with the aging facilities in particular, his background can help provide insight on different ways that the school can address the issues without asking for a school bond. While he did not directly say whether he supported Measure J or not, he said he would prefer to see fundraising efforts instead of asking residents to pay taxes.

“I think the hardest thing for Sunol, from a financial side, is a majority of the kids that attend Sunol Glen don't actually come from Sunol,” Lowder said. “So it makes it really tough to ask the residents of Sunol to support a tax measure when their taxes are going to educate kids of Union City, Fremont, Livermore and Pleasanton.”

He said he wants to use his fundraising experience from his high school coaching days and come up with ideas to help raise funds for the aging facilities in Sunol, rather than asking residents to pay taxes.

Lowder said he also does not want to align himself with any specific goals for the district and if elected, he said he would like to hear what administrators and staff are saying could be improved at the district and school level.

## Linda Hurley, short term

A 39-year Sunol resident and former teacher and nurse, Hurley is no stranger to the realm of educational leadership positions.

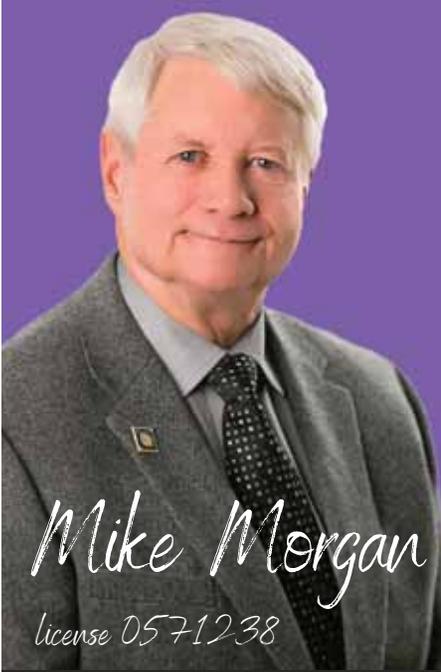
According to a news release from Hurley, she started the Storyland Pre-School & After School Care program in Livermore in 1980 where she managed a staff of 12 for five years. The news release stated that she then went on to teach at charter schools and at Mission College for more than six years.

“If elected, I will ensure parents have a strong voice on the school board especially on fiscal issues and curriculum,” Hurley said in the news release. “I will work to maintain Sunol's ‘small school culture’ but continue to build on the



Linda Hurley

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— Sam & Jill Weaver

"I am a proud product of Pleasanton schools, and a second generation PUSD teacher. However, our facilities are old and outdated. We need adequate space to support storage, shade, and bathrooms for our TK-Kindergarten students. Our students deserve better."

— Megan Fernandez

"I have been teaching elementary school in Pleasanton for 27 years. My husband and I went through PUSD schools, and so have our two children. I have always been so proud to both live and teach in Pleasanton, but while academic standards have risen over the years, our facilities have grown old and are long overdue for repairs and upgrades. We have fallen way behind in the quality of our buildings, classrooms, and athletic areas. We need to pass Measure I to ensure that all of our students have access to safe and modern spaces for learning. Please vote YES on I!"

— Debbie Sweeney

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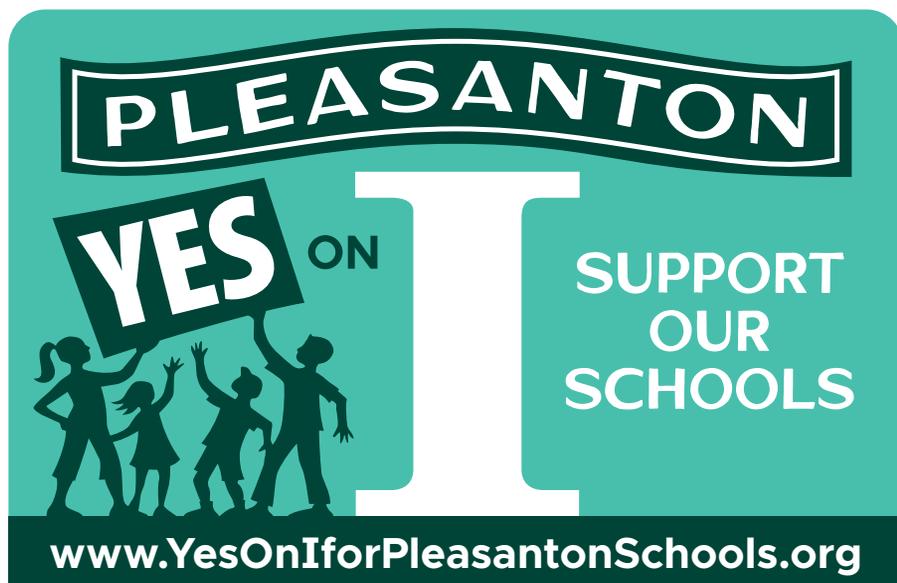
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# Dublin council candidates face off in forum

Housing, small business support, police contract at forefront of debate

By NICOLE GONZALES

The three candidates vying for positions on the Dublin City Council appeared in a public forum to present their values, campaign goals and ideas to voters and residents of the city.

Current Vice Mayor Jean Josey, Planning Commission alternate Kashef Qaadri and former planning commissioner Lynna Do are competing for two at-large seats on the council. At least one seat is guaranteed to change hands as incumbent Councilmember Shawn Kumagai is competing in the State Assembly District 20 runoff instead of reelection to the council.

Held on Oct. 3 via Zoom, the forum was presented by the Pleasanton Weekly in partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the Dublin San Ramon Women's Club. It was moderated by Weekly publisher Gina Channell Wilcox and Livermore Vine editor Cierra Bailey.

The forum began with two-minute opening statements followed by the moderators asking questions related to pressing city issues.

Do, a Dublin resident of 10 years, has experience in politics and now currently works in the private sector. Do has served on the Dublin Planning Commission, as well as the Universal Human Rights Initiative board.

Per her opening remarks, Do's campaign focuses on improving public and pedestrian safety in the community and supporting small businesses as well as increasing mental health access and cultural diversity throughout the city.

Josey currently serves as the city's vice mayor and has been on the council since 2018. She is running for reelection this November.



Lynna Do



Jean Josey



Kashef Qaadri

Public safety, economic development and other quality-of-life issues are among her top priorities, as expressed by Josey in the forum.

Qaadri, an alternate member of the Planning Commission, has served with various boards including Alameda Public Health Commission and the Amador Elementary School Site Council where he sits as president. Apart from public service, Qaadri is a scientist who works in technology. Major goals of his campaign are improving affordable housing, Dublin infrastructure and partnering with small businesses.

With housing being a major concern for voters, candidates were asked to address a recent item concerning city government and development.

The item in question was a City Council decision to reverse an East Ranch project of 570 housing units when it faced a citizens' referendum earlier this year. The council then reassessed the project with new terms and amendments hoping to approve and move forward in the process after the developer resubmitted the project under recent state housing law provisions instead.

The council contenders were also asked to discuss how they believe the issue should have been handled.

"There was a gap around

communication," Qaadri responded. "As a city councilmember I would focus a lot of time on community engagement and education so that everyone understands the history of that particular project."

Do also highlighted the need for clearer, direct communication between government and residents.

"It's important to have communication and take into account what the residents are saying and help them understand and bridge the gap," Do said. "It's important to have community meetings, to have understanding, openness and transparency — which seems to be missing. That's what a lot of people wish to see."

The candidates were then asked about a development company, SCS, and its plans for a 77-acre project near Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street. The proposal could bring a mixed-use complex comprising an estimated 650 residential units and a retail component, candidates were asked for their thoughts on the project and approaches taken by both the city and developer.

Josey highlighted how the plan is not set in stone, as it is simply a "preferred vision" for the development project. It is not yet binding or approved.

"The idea was that the citizens want one thing and the property owner's have rights also," Josey said, referring to a balance of developer plans and finding something that is both economically viable and serves residents' needs. "I would love to see a project that is consistent with that vision because it is what the

citizens of Dublin have said that's what they want to see on that project."

Do offered an alternative to the plan, saying she would love to see more open space and pedestrian safety, she said. "It looks great on paper ... I know that there are great ideas but there could be some other changes. I would love to see more affordable housing," Do added.

"Fundamentally we need to focus on both supporting current businesses within Dublin and then also attracting new businesses through economic development," Qaadri said. "As part of that project and beyond, it's important that we build a vibrant environmentally and economically sustainable city that has the balance of both homes and businesses in the case of this project."

The candidates were also asked their views on a council-approved initiative to help businesses replan and retool their operations in the wake of COVID-19. Each candidate shared enthusiasm for supporting businesses, new and existing, through the council platform.

"First and foremost we want to support the businesses that we have (here in Dublin)," Josey said. She mentioned that the economic development team provided monetary and nonmonetary assistance during the beginning stages of the pandemic. "Going forward, we are past that emergency stage. Now we want to both support our existing business and bring new business. We want to get job producers here."

Another major issue that candidates were asked to respond to, was the status of law enforcement in the city of Dublin and Alameda County. Recently, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office enacted the removal of 47 deputies from active

duty after each scored poorly on psychological exams as part of an internal audit.

Forum participants detailed whether they feel there are grounds, in light of the audit, to review or revoke a contract between the county sheriff's office for police services provided to Dublin. Essentially — should Dublin create its own police department?

"I believe it's very important to take into account the mental health issues that affect our officers. It's very important to have a strong mental capacity when you are in the line of duty," Do responded. "There should be a study and review of the budget impact that would have on the city. Moving from one type of service to another is going to bring growing pains. It would take time, studies and planning to make that transition smooth."

"This is not a yes-or-no answer; we need to look and see if this is beneficial for us," Do added.

Josey stated her response explicitly for voters, "No, I don't support revoking that contract or even going down that review. We know what the fiscal impact would be."

"The benefits that we get from having that contract are huge," Josey added. "If we were on our own, we would have a vacancy rate of about 20% at any given time."

Qaadri emphasized the importance of mental health and providing community oversight in relation to law enforcement. Similar to Do, he did not give a 'yes or no' answer to the separation question.

Following the question period of the forum, Josey, Qaadri and Do were individually allowed a three-minute period for closing statements. The candidates once stated their primary campaign goals and urged voters to support them at the ballots this upcoming election.

The full forum video can be viewed on the Pleasanton Weekly's YouTube channel. ■

## SUNOL SCHOOL

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'world class' education we are offering our students. And finally, as a school board member, I will hold the board financially accountable and require transparent reporting to our parents and community."

Born and raised in Oakland, the mother of five children who all attended Sunol Glen, also has experience as a nurse and was on the Alameda County Board of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health for three years and she was a trustee for the Santa Clara Registered Nurses Professional Association, which served over 3,000 nurses.

Many residents might also recognize her name because she also helped start the Sunol Community Club, which provides financial and volunteer support to many activities, programs and events at

the school.

She said that if elected, she will work to address whatever issues the Sunol community faces and will make sure to have everyone's voice heard so that the district can work to better serve the students.

"We have a culturally diverse district, but I believe we all want the same things all parents and families want — commonsense leadership. I'm committed to providing that leadership for Sunol," Hurlley said. "I am gaining support because I stand for the things our parents stand for — strengthening and growing academic basics in our schools. I will work hard to make sure the Sunol school district engages with parents to provide the parental oversight and participation that is missing from more and more California school districts today."

Hurlley told the Weekly as of

Tuesday that she does not yet have a clear stance on the Measure J school bond.

### Chris Bobertz, short term

Bobertz is a Sunol resident and information technology logistics manager who moved to the area four years ago from Fremont with his wife for the small town community and for the school.

"The school just wasn't a really good fit for us there at the time with our oldest and so we made the decision to try to get him into the Sunol school," he said. "Almost immediately he just changed ... he loved school, he loved going into school, we love what they're teaching about, like

just being unkind and like, being inclusive."

Bobertz is an information technology logistics lead at Faire, which is an online wholesale marketplace. He previously held lead positions in other companies like Workday, Uber and Meta, the parent company of Facebook.

He currently lives less than a mile away from the school with his wife, two kids — who are now attending Sunol — and a 17-month-old child. Bobertz said that because his wife has been getting so involved with the school community through several committees, he wants to do his part.

"We're very active in the community," he said. "We love Sunol. We love the school, we love what the school does for the community and vice versa and I think that just being that conduit — somebody who's in touch with the community

and the school, who has kids at the school — is important."

If elected, he said that while he admits that he doesn't have any experience in school board politics, he plans to put his management skills to work and will do everything he can to adapt into the position.

"I've really learned how to be inclusive, how to hear people out ... and understand where people are coming from when they're trying to voice concerns and things like that," Bobertz said.

Bobertz also supports the Measure J bond and said that while he understands that nobody likes to pay taxes, he believes it's still important to put funding toward maintaining the school.

"I think that they've scaled back on the scope of this bond versus the last one, which didn't pass, so hopefully, that'll help kind of push it over the edge," he said. ■



Chris Bobertz

# Livermore voting on sewer extension to wine country

Registrar receives no opposition statement to Measure P ahead of election

By CIERRA BAILEY

The South Livermore Sewer Extension Project will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot as Measure P after receiving unanimous support and approval from the City Council back in July.

The measure was initially proposed by the Tri-Valley Conservancy in an effort to protect groundwater from contamination and allow a limited expansion of wine country-related businesses in the area.

The official ballot question reads as, “Shall the ordinance amending the South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary policies in the City of Livermore’s General Plan to allow the City to extend sewer service to permitted uses within

the South Livermore Valley Area Plan Planning Area be adopted?”

Measure P has garnered widespread support from many in the community, making it one of the least contentious issues currently facing the city. In addition to the council and the conservancy, representatives from several other organizations including the chamber of commerce, Visit Tri-Valley, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, citizen group Friends of Livermore and Zone 7 Water Agency have endorsed the project.

The enthusiasm for Measure P is also evident in the fact that there was no argument against it submitted to the county registrar of voters.

The argument in favor of

Measure P — submitted by the Yes on P campaign — states that, “Extending the sewer line is essential for a vibrant local wine country. Today, limited wastewater treatment options are so expensive that it’s hard for most family-owned wineries to afford to operate in the area.”

In addition to groundwater protection and sustainability of the wine economy, the argument cites open space preservation and wildfire protection among the benefits of Measure P.

If approved by voters, sewer services would be extended along Buena Vista Avenue between East Avenue and Tesla Road, down Tesla Road and south along part of Greenville Road.

Currently, wastewater services for commercial and residential land uses in the unincorporated area south of Livermore are served by septic systems. The use of septic systems by new development has been restricted by Alameda County due to high nitrate concentrations that contaminate groundwater, according to the city attorney’s impartial analysis of the measure provided to the county.

Measure P aims to allow the extension of the city’s municipal sewer system to properties in the south Livermore area for land uses permitted by the South Livermore Valley Area Plan.

If the measure passes, it would modify the South Livermore urban growth boundary policies

and enable the city to extend sewer service and property owners to receive municipal services. The project would be constructed in phases and within existing rights-of-way, city staff said in a previous report.

Connection to the line would not be required but would be available at the request of individual property owners and subject to an out-of-area service agreement or annexation into the city.

The cost of construction would be split between Alameda County, which would contribute \$6.5 million — 80% of the funds needed — and commercial and residential properties that choose to connect to the new sewer line. ■

## NOBEL

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“quantum entanglement” and showed that the photons could act in concert despite being physically separated.

After the initial experiment, Clauser continued to refine the research to provide more convincing proof that nature violates what’s called Bell’s inequality and prove that the quantum mechanical description of entangled particles is right, and can’t be replaced by the hidden variable theory.

While proving groundbreaking today, Clauser’s research was discouraged by many physicists at the time. He recalled having

little money for the experiments and having to “cobble together old junk or scrap from the UC Physics Department” and build everything from scratch.

“I was having fun. It was a challenging experiment. I thought it was important at the time, even though everybody told me I was crazy and was going to ruin my career by doing it,” said Clauser during a phone interview with Nobel Prize Outreach.

Clauser said he had great difficulty finding a professor position due to the unappealing research, and therefore went off to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to do controlled fusion plasma physics experiments. His tenure at LLNL took place

from 1975 to 1986, according to the American Institute of Physics.

“I proved that I was a decent experimentalist by doing these experiments,” Clauser said. Entangled particles are at the core of today’s quantum computers.

Qubits, the basic units of information in quantum computing, are linked in a single quantum state that, with the right manipulation, could potentially

out-compute today’s powerful digital computers.

Entanglement at larger distances is also crucial to China’s quantum-encrypted communications satellite, Micius, which relies on quantum entanglement between photons that are separated by thousands of kilometers.

“It has become increasingly clear that a new kind of quantum technology is emerging,” said

Anders Irbäck, chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics. “We can see that the laureates’ work with entangled states is of great importance, even beyond the fundamental questions about the interpretation of quantum mechanics.” ■

*Editor’s note: Livermore Vine editor Cierra Bailey contributed information about the duration of Clauser’s time at LLNL to this report.*



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### ‘What Are You Afraid Of?’

Face your fears the rest of this month at the Museum on Main. In honor of Halloween and in coordination with its annual Ghost Walk series, the downtown Pleasanton museum welcomes the short-time exhibit “What Are You Afraid Of? A Look at Fears and Phobias” this week through Oct. 29. “The exhibit will use objects and images from the museum’s collections to illustrate fears from the well-known (such as acrophobia or fear of heights) to the obscure (such as aichmophobia, or fear of needles and other sharp objects) to the made-up-for-comic-effect (such as acropetophobia, or the fear of high gas prices),” museum officials said. The museum is located at 603 Main St.

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# Bauer-Kahan, Rubay square off for Assembly District 16

Rematch of 2020 election to represent most of Tri-Valley in Sacramento

By JEREMY WALSH

Voters throughout the vast majority of the Tri-Valley will decide again between two familiar candidates for their representative in the state's lower legislative house.

Incumbent Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) is vying for a third consecutive term in the Nov. 8 election, challenged this fall by businessman Joe Rubay (R-Alamo) — a rematch of the 2020 general election when Bauer-Kahan defeated Rubay comfortably, 67.4% to 32.6%.

These are also the same two candidates from the June primary election, which saw Bauer-Kahan finish first with 66.6% to Rubay's 33.4%. Under the California Election Code for state offices, both automatically advanced to a runoff in the general election even though Bauer-Kahan earned more than 50% of the vote.

For Bauer-Kahan, an environmental attorney by trade when she won the District 16 seat in 2018 for her first elected office, the 2021-22 legislative session saw the second-term assemblymember have 15 bills signed into

law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Her successful legislation covered a range of topics such as reproductive rights, fire safety, eliminating the so-called "pink tax" of gendered pricing, illegal dumping and mental health care including the creation of the 988 mental health crisis hotline.

"I am also thrilled with our legislative accomplishments this year. I passed bills that will save countless lives," Bauer-Kahan told the Weekly. "After two years of hard work, Assembly Bill 988 has been signed by Governor Newsom. This bill will ensure that those in mental health crisis have an alternative to 911 and a law enforcement response. 988 will provide mental health support and on the ground mobile crisis response teams for every Californian."

"I have been leading in California's efforts to continue to provide comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including abortion, in a Post-Roe world," Bauer-Kahan added. "AB1666 and AB1242 protect patients and providers in California from civil and criminal liability for providing



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan



Joe Rubay

abortion care that is legal in the state of California."

The incumbent also pointed to securing \$5 million in this year's state budget to advance the next phase of planning for the Valley Link commuter light rail system, \$3 million for local firefighting technology and more than \$31 million for the preservation of Tesla Park outside Livermore.

She was also named this year as chair of the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife amid the ongoing drought and other environmental priorities.

"If given the chance to represent AD16 for another term, it is my promise to work every day to represent our shared values. I ran for office to fight for our children's

future, the work is far from done and I would be honored to continue the work," Bauer-Kahan said.

Rubay, an appraiser by trade who currently serves as the chair of the Alamo Police Advisory Committee, is seeking to win a publicly elected office for the first time, running on a platform largely centered on fiscal, social and regulatory conservatism.

"Why I'm running is simple. I am concerned about where this state and our country is headed for our children and grandchildren," Rubay said in a press release launching his general election campaign. "We need to stand up, give voters a choice for someone who will really address and fight for their concerns and issues versus just giving them lip service."

"We have a culturally diverse district, but I believe we want the same things all parents, families, individuals and businesses want — commonsense leadership, safety from crime, a lower cost of living, better oversight for fiscally sound state budgeting and spending and good schools focused

on basic education with parental involvement and support," he added.

As for specific campaign priorities, Rubay told the Weekly he would aim to "stop the passage of legislation that divides us: bill to start a committee to study reparations, a bill to establish a gender neutral toy aisle, legislation that requires an ethnic studies course before a student graduates from high school."

"Reduce regulation and requirements — i.e., all cars sold in California must be electric by 2035 — to reduce the cost of living and help people of lesser means," he added.

Rubay also cited goals of exploring the latest in nuclear power and natural gas plants, support for Los Vaqueros and Sites reservoirs' projects, a repeal of Proposition 47 and a "return to the basics in school curriculum."

After redistricting, Assembly District 16 still includes most — but now not all — of the Tri-Valley, in addition to the Lamorinda communities and most of Walnut Creek. ■

## Assembly District 20 candidates discuss the issues

Dublin Councilman Kumagai faces union leader Ortega in runoff

By NICOLE GONZALES

The two Democrats vying for the State Assembly District 20 seat that includes a portion of the Tri-Valley appeared in a public forum recently to present their goals and vision for the East Bay region and their respective campaigns.

Contenders Liz Ortega and Shawn Kumagai participated in the Sept. 13 forum hosted by the East Bay Leadership Council and moderated its policy director, Lindy Johnson. The event, whose video is posted online for viewing, featured a main question-and-answer portion along with opening and closing remarks as each candidate provided responses and discussed major issues such as housing, economic development and Proposition 30.

Kumagai, a current Dublin City Council member, chose not to seek reelection for his Dublin seat to pursue the District 20 race. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and became Dublin's first openly gay councilmember upon his election in 2018.

Ortega worked as the executive secretary-treasurer of the Alameda Labor Council and currently serves on the Alameda County Vaccine Equity Task Force. The San Leandro resident has been vocal about her support for labor and employee union rights throughout her political career.

The pair advanced to the



Shawn Kumagai



Liz Ortega

November ballot following their top-two finishes in the June primary election, with Ortega placing first (32.2%) and Kumagai placing second (23.9%) in the four-candidate primary race.

The seat for the newly redrawn District 20 became fully open to new contenders after incumbent Bill Quirk announced in 2021 that he would not be seeking reelection.

To start off the forum last month, candidates were asked how they would support economic development within their district.

Ortega referenced one of her most recent and largest ongoing economic development projects — ensuring the Athletics baseball team stays in Oakland. She said that while this is not directly in her district, it would have a major impact on the entire region.

"This is a billion-dollar project that's going to have economic impact all over this county," said Ortega, who is aiming to win elected office for the first time. "I've been working

with multiple stakeholders, unions, communities and court representatives and various other agencies to get closer to a deal."

"(It is) a priority to make sure that we particularly grow our small businesses, many of whom were affected by COVID-19, and are people of color," Ortega added.

Kumagai followed, highlighting his council experience and the importance of having broader perspectives.

"I have enjoyed working hand in hand with East Bay Leadership Council, with Innovation Tri-Valley and our business and industry groups across the bay area," Kumagai said. "It's really about collaboration."

He continued, "We work hand in hand with our economic development director to make sure that we are thinking regionally and not only thinking about what the problems are in front of us right now — but how we plan for the jobs of the future."

Moderator Johnson then questioned candidates for their thoughts on how the State Legislature should support housing production and affordable options.

Kumagai emphasized the need for robust, additional housing units in the district, saying he strongly supported housing development and urged an increase in production.

"The fact of the matter is, is that we have been underdeveloped for decades. By any estimate we're between a million to 3 million housing units underproduction from where we should be," Kumagai said.

Unlike her opponent, Ortega focused her response on the unhoused and at-risk communities.

"I do have a large portion of my district that prioritizes housing and sees homelessness as a huge issue. My platform is about making sure that housing is a human right — and that it's not just a slogan but an actual deliverable," Ortega countered. "I really want to work with our local elected leaders and community members to make sure that we're actually delivering on those promises, building and making things affordable and making sure that our most vulnerable don't end up on the streets."

Candidates were then asked to discuss their stances on Proposition 30, a statewide ballot measure that would increase funds for electric cars and zero-emission vehicles by instating a personal income tax on Californians with an annual income of over \$2 million.

Kumagai expressed support for Prop 30. Ortega also supported the measure but presented several other counterpoints on affordability and environmental accountability.

"It's going to move funds into

creating electric vehicle infrastructure," Kumagai said. "Throughout the Bay Area and across California, we simply do not have the infrastructure to transition to electric vehicles."

Ortega then used her response time to mention the enforcement and financial inequality aspects of climate legislation, related to prop 30.

"Prop 30 is not a fix-all, but I definitely think it's a step in the right direction in terms of equity and access," Ortega said. "Many of the workers that make electric vehicles in this district cannot afford those cars because they are very expensive."

Ortega added, "The one thing that hasn't been talked about is the enforcement of polluters. We still have a large group of corporations, the 1% of them, coming into our underserved communities and trying to pollute them more."

In closing statements, candidates recapped their main campaign priorities and encouraged voters to support them at the ballot this Nov. 8 election.

Assembly District 20 seat represents more than 500,000 residents including the cities of Hayward and San Leandro, portions of western Dublin and Pleasanton.

The full EBLC forum video can be accessed via the online version of this story. ■

# Swalwell faces familiar opponent Hayden in reelection bid

Newly redrawn District 14 includes southern part of Tri-Valley

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton and the rest of the southern Tri-Valley are deciding for the sixth time whether Eric Swalwell should be their district representative in Washington, D.C. — and for the second general election in a row, the opposing choice is the same challenger, Alison Hayden.

Swalwell (D-Livermore) defeated Hayden for reelection in 2020 by a margin of 70.9% to 29.1%.

Hayden, a special education teacher from Hayward, returned among five other challengers against Swalwell in the June 2022 primary election for the newly redrawn District 14 and finished in second place with 10.3% of the vote (with Swalwell in first at 63.6%) to book a spot on the Nov. 8 congressional runoff. She is listed on the ballot as a Republican, but she told the Weekly on Tuesday she has rejected the Republican Party's endorsement.

Swalwell, a former Dublin City Council member and Alameda County prosecutor, continues to be one of the more recognizable members of the U.S. House of Representatives, helped by his



Alison Hayden



Eric Swalwell

visible presence on social media and national news interviews, especially as a critic of Congressional Republicans.

He told the Weekly he is “dedicated to delivering tangible results” for the residents of his district.

Swalwell cited federal Community Project Funding he helped secure for nine projects in his district, which included \$2 million for design of an Iron Horse Regional Trail overcrossing in San Ramon, \$1 million for Veterans Park in Livermore and \$450,000 for the Axis Bridge mental health urgent care services pilot program.

He also is clearly keeping an eye on House and Senate results across the United States to achieve his goals locally and districtwide.

“House Democrats have been laser focused on bringing down costs — at the pharmacy, grocery, and gas pump. But we can only do that if Democrats are reelected with strong majorities in both chambers,” Swalwell said.

“Next Congress, I’ll push for passage of the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act in both chambers,” Swalwell said.

“In addition, I would ensure that all women have the ability to make their own decisions about their bodies and their families,” he added. “As extreme Republicans are passing abortion bans throughout the country, Congress would step in to protect this constitutional right to privacy and ensure that all women have access to choice and freedom.”

“And protecting our democracy is of the utmost importance. The Republican Party is trying to undermine free elections and inventing a basis to overturn the results of elections they don’t agree with,” Swalwell said. “With a greater majority in Congress, Democrats could pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, which would bolster our democracy by protecting voting rights, ending partisan

gerrymandering, fixing campaign finance and safeguarding the electoral process.”

For her part, Hayden also casts this election through the lens of big-picture national issues.

“I will immediately address the safety concerns ... and the financial instabilities and risks that threaten families economically as well as bring new vision and opportunities,” Hayden told the Weekly.

“America/n culture and society is under siege; we are at a crucial moment of our evolution,” she continued. “We must unite to save marriages, families and communities in order to save the country. It is not the time to vote for party politics. We must build bridges on our commonalities and restore the bedrock of society, the family.”

Hayden also criticized Swalwell

as too focused on “his own political ambitions” over the needs of his district residents, especially on national issues such as the Russian war in Ukraine, inflation, immigration and China.

“This election is about sovereignty, law and order, financial stability and the American way of life. We must vote for the candidate who represents our values, not political party,” Hayden said.

Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin are now part of the 14th Congressional District after redistricting in the wake of the 2020 census. The borders remain largely the same as Swalwell’s prior District 15, including communities to the west such as Hayward, Castro Valley and Union City — although the district no longer includes parts of the San Ramon Valley. ■

## Homeless population in Alameda County approaching 10,000 people

Results out from biennial point-in-time count

Alameda County’s homeless population grew 22% over the past three years and is approaching 10,000 people, according to the release last week of official point-in-time numbers.

The count completed in February was the first since 2019 and was delayed a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Counts are typically taken every two years.

Populations of both sheltered and unsheltered people were up since 2019. In all, 75% of the population has been on the streets for a year or more. Black people make up 43% of the homeless population, more than any other racial group.

“There’s a lot of economic factors that are driving our homelessness,” said Katie Haverly, acting executive director for EveryOne Home, a community-based organization which released the official point-in-time count numbers on Oct. 5.

A resident must earn \$44 per hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Alameda County, Haverly said. That’s nearly three times the minimum wage, she said.

Haverly said a surprising result was the increase in the number of people living in vehicles. That number rose from 1,431 to 2,319, a 62% increase.

Some 16% of the county’s homeless people lost their homes because of COVID-19, according to the report. In all, 68% had received a COVID-19 vaccine.

More than half of the county’s homeless population resides in Oakland. More than 3,300 were unsheltered in the city while about 1,700 were sheltered.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf said at her State of the City address on Oct. 4 before the Oakland City Council that the city has made progress providing temporary shelter to its unhoused neighbors.

The number of sheltered homeless people roughly doubled in the last three years, which may have been due to the funding provided by the state and federal government.

But like the county, the number of homeless people in Oakland rose significantly. The number was up 24% to more than 5,000.

“The results of this point-in-time count underscore even more

the need to accelerate the goals, investments, and racial equity strategies outlined in the Home Together Plan to secure the affordable housing, prevention, and supportive service interventions needed for our community,” the report says.

The Home Together Plan was published in 2020 and provides the next steps and investments needed to address homelessness in Alameda County.

Pandemic-related funding to address homelessness is going away, Haverly said. But more money is coming available. The county is applying for funding of up to \$15 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The application for that funding is due next Thursday.

Haverly said the county’s homeless population has increased steadily over the past six to eight years, and this year’s count was not as bad as expected. “I think we were expecting a more significant increase,” she added.

The official 2022 point-in-time count can be found at everyone-home.org. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

### THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



#### HIGHLIGHTS

##### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- **Public Hearing** – Introduce and waive first reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 20 and Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to adopt by reference the 2022 Edition of the California Code of Regulations Title 24, including the 2021 International Building, Existing Building, Residential, Fire, Property Maintenance, and Swimming Pool and Spa Codes; the 2021 Uniform Plumbing and Mechanical Codes; the 2020 National Electrical Code and the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code with local amendments including provisions of Reach Code
- **Public Hearing** – Accept Downtown Pleasanton Business Improvement District Advisory Board 2022 report and 2023 budget and adopt a resolution of intent to levy assessment for 2023
- **Public Hearing** – Adopt a resolution declaring that the costs for weed abatement, including administrative costs, are a special assessment and lien imposed on the properties requiring abatement
- Establish a new capital improvement project – development and analysis of water supply alternatives with a total budget of \$363,755, approve a professional services agreement with Brown & Caldwell in the amount of \$263,755 to develop and analyze water supply alternatives, and appropriate funds from the water fund

##### Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

- Presentation of the Past, Present, and Future of Hacienda

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## PUSD BOARD

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bond measure passes, I will prioritize items on the bond that will directly benefit our students,” Shah said. “I believe in teamwork, maintaining students’ interests first.”

She said that with all the housing growth happening and the overflow of students in certain schools, there should be another elementary school built to ensure teachers don’t get overworked and students get the attention and help they need.

“All of the new expansion that has been planned around Stoneridge Mall will bring more overcrowding to neighboring schools and when the kid-to-teacher ratio goes up, it’s exhausting for teachers to focus on quality learning,” Shah said.

She said that focusing on keeping classrooms small will also help the learning drop that has occurred over the last couple of years.

“We need more support from the district to bring a new and better model for learning, like more hands-on learning ... and more in person lab exposure, which makes students feel more supported,” Shah said.

In doing that, she said it would also help address the low school ratings that some Pleasanton schools have been seeing on GreatSchools, a nonprofit website that scores schools based on data and analysis.

“It shows that something needs more attention because it’s clearly not working and we really need to be focusing on improving falling school scores as it affects kids’ education as well as the economic health of the city,” Shah said.

On the topic of retaining teachers, she said that the district needs to issue more teacher input surveys, invest in high-quality induction programs and provide better benefits.

“Teachers are the most important aspect of any school district therefore



Urvi Shah



Laurie Walker



Justin Brown

teachers should be supported by tools which they require for quality education,” Shah said. “I believe the district should serve educators as its highest assets.”

### Laurie Walker, Area 2

Walker is an administrative secretary for the district and a daughter of two career educators. Before working at Amador, she worked the same position at Harvest Park Middle School from 2016 to 2019.

Because she has worked at both Amador and Harvest Park, she told the Weekly that she has seen firsthand the district’s outdated facilities and the need to pass the upcoming \$395 million Measure I.

“I’ve seen first-hand how outdated our facilities are as well as the deterioration of plumbing, roofs, wiring, etc,” Walker said. “The outstanding quality of teaching and learning at Amador Valley High School doesn’t match the quality of our facilities.”

She said that the new science building at Amador is a perfect example of the direct relationship between quality school facilities and student achievement.

“The students and teachers who have classes in this state-of-the-art building are thriving,” Walker said.

Apart from maintaining the district’s facilities, she said the other issue she wants to address if she is elected to the board is retaining staff for more than three years.

She said that while facility improvements do help with giving

more done in terms of professional development.

“Providing ongoing professional development opportunities for new teachers is key — training for leading-edge technologies is a must,” Walker said. “Having support (New Teacher Committee meetings) for new teachers so that they feel connected to their school is something that I think is missing right now.”

She said that as far as recruiting new teachers, she would like to see the district reaching out to local colleges and also specifically seeking applicants who grew in the area for “connection purposes.”

With the pandemic having affected student learning over the past couple of years, Walker said that while there has been a huge learning loss, there is too much focus on those who are underperforming or overperforming and not on those stuck in the middle of that learning curve.

“With that being said, COST (Coordination of Services Team) that is being implemented at Amador seems very promising and I hope will make a marked improvement to mitigate learning declines,” Walker said.

COST is made up of service providers, vice principals, counselors and teachers who offer intervention help for struggling students.

She also said that her last focus, if elected, will be on keeping a close eye on the school budget as enrollment continues to decrease, meaning less government funding from the

teachers the proper tools and equipment so they can thrive at their job, which in turn makes them want to stay, there still needs to be

state, and inflation continues to rise.

“I think Superintendent (David) Haglund and his administration have done an average job, but I think more work and transparency needs to be done particularly with the budget,” Walker said. “Generating new revenue streams is a must.”

### Justin Brown, Area 5

Brown, whose term on the Pleasanton Planning Commission expired on Sept. 30, is a father of three kids who are all attending PUSD schools.

He was the chairperson of the Planning Commission since 2021, where served for the past six years. Before that, he sat for three years on the city’s Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee.

Because he was the only Area 5 candidate, Brown is set to take the seat and said that he has already met with district staff to start reviewing things like the budget.

“I have already spent time with the district staff reviewing the certificated, classified and administrative salary schedules as well as associated benefit packages,” Brown said. “There is always room for improvement but I do believe the administration is moving towards an appropriate balance of competing costs, career planning and regional comparison needs through a total compensation lens.”

He said as trustee, he will be looking to keep those compensation packages as competitive as possible while also continuing to look for other benefits to retain and recruit teachers.

“The district needs to ensure we retain our high-quality teachers in all stages of their careers and so benefit entitlements such as the recently negotiated change to improve the starting salary step for experienced teachers when transferring into the district are appropriate and positive,” Brown said.

Much like Walker, Brown also said that he believes upgrading and funding facilities through the Measure I bond will also help retain teachers because they will have the quality workspace in order to do their jobs.

“Passing bond funds by properly informing the public of the real needs in advance and following through by delivering them newer and refurbished facilities in a financially responsible way all contribute to a quality teacher experience and improved retention,” Brown said.

While he does support the board’s decision to place the bond on the Nov. 8 ballot, he does understand that asking for residents to pay more in taxes is a lot. However, he said that Pleasanton’s bond rates are the lowest in the entire county and funding the schools is an investment that will only benefit the community through increasing property value.

As trustee, he said that he will make sure those bond dollars, along with the general budget, is spent appropriately but residents must first realize the need to pass the bond.

“Asking for a new bond at a time of increasing inflation and other pressures on household budgets is certainly a big challenge and the board moving forward will need to take a much more proactive role alongside the superintendent in continuing to articulate the legitimate needs for facility re-investment,” Brown said.

He said some other challenges he is set to face include the declining enrollment and finding ways to address the learning drop.

“A focused strategy to mitigate learning declines is to identify student groups that are lowest performing and offer reading and math interventions, academic counseling, and mental health support,” Brown said. “We need to ensure that our district funding reflects these elevated needs at our school sites.” ■

## DA DEBATE

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the community to hold others accountable.

Wiley, however, defended the current DA office in the Sept. 29 forum on how it handles misdemeanor cases and said people sleeping on the street will not be charged, but will rather get the help they need.

“We are not prosecuting people that are impoverished and living in unfortunate circumstances. I think that when you start seeing those individuals come into contact with the criminal justice system, it is because of some episode that has occurred and we don’t have the proper alternatives,” Wiley said. “So rather than taking someone who’s having a mental episode ... to the (Santa Rita Jail), we’re creating options to send them in a non custodial environment so that they’re

not being criminally prosecuted.”

### Addressing violent crimes

While Price is focusing most of her campaign on pushing for more transparency and accountability within the DA’s office, one of her other priorities is to decrease violent crimes by reducing the amount of firearms on the streets, including ghost guns.

“We have got to reduce the number of guns to be able to get a handle on gun violence. As a district attorney, I can also enforce orders that restrict people’s access to guns,” Price said. “We have to be very aggressive about how we control gun violence in this community ... and dealing with young people coalesces with that because a lot of times, if we can intervene with young people, we can reduce the level of gun violence in this community.”

As someone who is working in the DA office, Wiley said that he sees roughly the same 2,000 repeating

offenders who are driving about 70% of the violent crime in the county and said he has specific plans on how to address those individuals.

“It’s not a situation where we’re just going to focus on those individuals and try to put them in jail,” he said. “These individuals are going to be contacted ... We’re going to show them that there are educational opportunities and job opportunities for them to take a look at. However, we are going to also let them know that if they don’t put their guns down, and if they continue to shoot and have shootouts in the community, that we are going to take them out of the community.”

He also pointed out on both forums that in regards to bail reform, weighing out cases like violent offenders matters — unlike Price, who was very much for getting rid of what she calls punitive bail policies.

“We see the impact of it where people are held in Santa Rita county jail for years, sometimes just because

they can’t post bail,” Price said. “Even being held in jail for a month or a day when you have committed a crime and you are presumed innocent is a travesty of justice.”

Wiley refuted that by pointing out that most of the people in Santa Rita are there for violent offenses and that even though they are not yet convicted, giving everybody the ability to post bail isn’t safe for the community.

### Police misconduct

Perhaps the most notable question in both forums came up during the Sept. 29 forum by the Urban Peace Movement, where candidates were asked how they would deal with police misconduct and investigations into officers.

Just recently, the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office stripped 47 of its deputies from their patrol duties after finding out they did not pass their psychological evaluation exams, assigning them to desk jobs

pending potential future resolution.

This came in the wake of a first-year sheriff’s deputy being charged for double homicide in Dublin.

“We will break the collusive relationship between the sheriff’s department and the DA’s office, and we will investigate because whoever allowed these officers to be involved in those cases, that person should be held accountable and certainly we need to look at all the cases where those deputies have been given a pass by the DA’s office,” Price said.

Wiley also said he was concerned about the 47 deputies failing their psychological evaluations and is interested in seeing how the full investigation develops.

“I do think it’s important,” he said. “I’m assuming that there is an internal investigation going on at the sheriff’s department to find out how it is that 47 individuals failed the psych exam, but yet were passed and allowed to become deputy-sheriffs.” ■

## A musical journey through Pleasanton history

### Pleasanton Community Concert Band show at Firehouse next weekend

By JEREMY WALSH

Local residents can take a “musical journey through chapters of Pleasanton’s early history” next weekend as the Pleasanton Community Concert Band debuts its “Pleasanton Portraits” composition accompanied by projections and historical photos of the city’s evolution.

The band’s concert, “A Salute to the Golden State”, will center on five musical snapshots — or “portraits” — from different periods in early Pleasanton history composed by Gary P. Gilroy and commissioned by the band in honor of its 45th anniversary as well as the city’s 125th anniversary of incorporation in 2019.

The free show is being presented next Sunday (Oct. 23) at the Firehouse Arts Center in collaboration with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and Museum on Main, with funding via a grant from the city of Pleasanton’s Civic Arts Commission.

The opening musical portrait is entitled “Pelnen Tribe”, a pentatonic melody alongside sounds of beads and open land that pays homage to the Ohlone Peoples of the area.

Next is “Coming of the Railroad”, which will be “introduced with the



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, seen here in a past performance at the Firehouse Arts Center, will be back at the downtown venue on Oct. 23 to debut the “Pleasanton Portraits” musical snapshots inspired by the history of the region.

sounds of contemporary percussion effects recreating the eerie sounds of the large steel wheels of the railroad cars slowly set into motion,” according to presenters.

“Lonely Valley” follows, sending the concert back to a calmer era before Pleasanton’s settler population really began to grow.

The band will then transition

into reflecting on Pleasanton’s agricultural era of the late-1800s with “Enjoying the Hops”. “The lively melody is a festive romp with beer flowing and people dancing into the wee hours of the night,” presenters said.

The fifth and final portrait will be “Pleasanton Goes to the Movies”, which pays tribute to the

community’s involvement in the silent movie era of the early 20th century. Stars such as Rudolph Valentino, Mary Pickford, and Abbott and Costello shot early movies in and around Pleasanton.

“All five portraits are then masterfully blended into a huge grand musical and photo finale,” presenters said. “In addition to Pleasanton

Portraits, the band will be performing other California-themed musical selections.”

The concert will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. next Sunday (Oct. 23) at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. The event is free, though donations will be accepted. For more information, visit [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org). ■

## Train of Lights 2022

‘Enchanting holiday excursion’ through Niles Canyon

By JEREMY WALSH

Niles Canyon Railway is ready for its annual Train of Lights, an “enchanting holiday excursion” that offers rides on vintage locomotives colorfully decked out for the season.

Tickets are on sale now — and going fast — for the series of evening train trips between the Niles and Sunol stations in November and December in general seating, dome car, dining car or private caboose.

“The Train of Lights has been an annual tradition for many Bay Area families for more than a decade,” railway officials said. “Enjoy a 1.5 hour-long round trip through Niles Canyon filled with refreshments, music, and cheer aboard our antique coaches and open cars that feature holiday lights and decorations inside and out.”

The program, which acts as the Pacific Locomotive Association’s flagship fundraising event, operates on weekend and select weekday evenings between Nov. 18 and Dec.



COURTESY NCRY

The Train of Lights, operated each holiday season by Niles Canyon Railway.

28 (no trains on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Trains depart Niles Station at 4:30 p.m. and Sunol at 7:30 p.m.

“The Train of Lights offers a rare opportunity to experience a train ride through Niles Canyon at night,” organizers said. “The earlier

Niles departure leaves when it’s still light enough to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Niles Canyon but dark enough on the return trip to enjoy the train’s mesmerizing lights.”

For tickets and more information, visit [www.ncry.org/ride/train-of-lights](http://www.ncry.org/ride/train-of-lights). ■



COURTESY LVA

### Be a ‘Believer’ at the Bankhead

It will be a flashback Friday next week in downtown Livermore as the Bankhead Theater welcomes Micky Dolenz, the last surviving member of The Monkees — best known for their hit songs in the 1960s, such as “I’m a Believer”, “Daydream Believer” and “Last Train to Clarksville”, as well as their classic TV show. A singer, actor and producer, Dolenz is an “unmistakable performer that moved a generation and led this pop culture phenomenon to a dozen Top 20 singles, four No. 1 albums and two Emmy Awards,” Livermore Valley Arts officials said. He is playing at the Bankhead next Friday (Oct. 21) at 8 p.m. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

# POLICE BULLETIN

## Driver dies in head-on collision on North Vasco Road in Livermore

A Brentwood man died and a Livermore man was seriously injured when their cars collided head-on along North Vasco Road just outside the Livermore city limits before dawn last week, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the decedent as 28-year-old Chad Flores. A GoFundMe created online to support Flores' family describes the late Brentwood man as "an incredible boyfriend, father, son and brother" who is survived by his girlfriend and his young daughter.

The situation unfolded around 3:40 a.m. Oct. 6 when a white Honda Civic driven by Flores southbound on North Vasco Road, north of Dalton Avenue in unincorporated Livermore, moved into the oncoming northbound lane for unknown reasons, according to the CHP.

The Civic then crashed head-on into a black Honda Accord driven by a 28-year-old Livermore man traveling in the northbound direction, the CHP reported.

The Brentwood man died at the scene as a result of his injuries,

according to the CHP. The Livermore driver, whose name has not been released publicly, was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley with major injuries. They were the only occupants in their respective cars.

The circumstances of the fatal collision remain under CHP investigation.

"Due to the parties' injuries, speeds and other statements have not been gathered at this time. Alcohol does not seem to be a factor in this crash," the CHP reported.

Lanes of North Vasco Road in the area of Dalton Avenue and the Republic Landfill intersection were closed for approximately two hours during the investigation and clean-up of the collision, reopening fully just after 5:40 a.m. that morning.

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

- Police agencies in Pleasanton and Dublin each received state grants totaling over \$110,000 combined to fund enforcement efforts aimed at deterring unsafe behaviors and enhancing safety conditions on streets in their cities.

"This grant funding enhances our ongoing traffic safety efforts," said Sgt. Steve Ayers of the Pleasanton Police Department, which was awarded \$50,000. "Our intent is to mitigate dangerous behaviors and create an environment where everyone feels safe on the road."

Capt. Nate Schmidt, of Dublin Police Services, which garnered \$65,000, said, "This grant funding allows us to support our ongoing traffic safety efforts and goals of reducing serious injury and fatal crashes in our community. We will provide directed targeted enforcement efforts and educational opportunities to those drivers who jeopardize the safety of other people on the road."

In both cases, the grant came from the California Office of Traffic Safety via the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for initiatives to be conducted now through September 2023.

According to both departments, the grants will support:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.
- High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell phone law.
- Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk.
- Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.
- Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.
- Officer training and/or recertification: standard field sobriety test

(SFST), advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement (ARIDE) and drug recognition expert (DRE).

—Jeremy Walsh

- A San Ramon man who worked in Pleasanton has been released on probation following a guilty verdict in seven out of eight counts in charges stemming from online threats against a state senator earlier this year.

Erik Triana, 51, was sentenced on Sept. 29 to two years felony probation, during which he is prohibited from possessing guns or ammunition, and is forbidden from having any contact with State Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) after being found guilty for threats against the legislator in a trial that concluded earlier in September.

The case stemmed from a message Triana sent through Wiener's website that said, "Vax my kids without my permission and expect a visit from me and my rifle," according to an announcement from the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office.

Triana faced eight felony counts resulting from an investigation into the message in April. He was found guilty on seven counts, including threatening Wiener's life, possession of assault weapons, concealed firearms, and manufacturing "ghost guns." He was acquitted on a charge of criminal threat or great bodily injury to the senator.

Terms of Triana's probation also include providing usernames and passwords to all electronics and online communication accounts, as

well as a DNA sample prior to his release from custody. He is not required to provide any restitution to the senator as none was requested, and court fines will be waived if he's unable to pay them.

—Jeanita Lyman

- The Livermore Police Department captured a slithery target in a local neighborhood on Monday night.

Multiple calls came in after residents in the 1100 block of Big Basin Road were scared after observing a large snake in the roadway, police said on social media.

Officers arrived and determined the boa constrictor belonged to a resident in the neighborhood. Police soon located the snake and reunited it safely with its owner. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



Livermore police captured a 6-foot boa constrictor that escaped its home on Oct. 10.

LPD

## Lucretia "Chris" Maples Samuels

Resident of Pleasanton

July 9th, 1940 – October 7th, 2022

Chris Maples passed away on Friday, October 7th after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. She touched many lives with her positive outlook on life and strong Christian faith.

Chris was born in Talladega, Alabama and graduated from Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Alabama in 1957. She moved to California in 1960 where she was very active in the community (The Pleasanton Newcomers and local boutique modeling, to name a few). Chris was superwoman! She could do anything. In her spare time, she loved to sew, was an incredibly gifted painter, a wonderful cook and she loved to decorate. She enjoyed traveling all over the world, staying at her second home in Carmel, spending time with her many friends, but more importantly, what she loved the most was being with her family. Chris was a very successful real estate agent for over 25 years and many of her clients were still her dear friends.

Chris is survived by her three loving children, Mark (Tina) of Clermont, Georgia, Ronda (Andre) of Pleasanton, William (Carlos) of San Jose and her two grandsons and her niece Lucretia (Her namesake). She is also survived by her most beloved dog, Sammy and her five grand dogs.

Preceded in death by her husband Garry Samuels, her parents Troy Presley and Willie Griffin Presley, brother Rick and sister Bobbie Rogers.

Services for Chris are being held Sunday, October 16th at 2pm, Graham-Hitch Mortuary 4167 First Street, Pleasanton. Reception to follow at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite animal shelter.



PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Oct. 10

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:24 a.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive
- 2:44 a.m. at Churchill Court and Fairlands Drive
- 12:22 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive

#### Theft

- 6:21 p.m. on the 000 block Vintage Circle

### Oct. 9

#### Warrant arrest

- 9:06 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Theft from auto

- 6:44 p.m. on the 3000 block of Tonopah Circle

### Oct. 8

#### Domestic battery

- 7:25 p.m. on Hopyard Road

### Oct. 7

#### Warrant arrest

- 2:04 a.m. at Hopyard Road and West Las Positas Boulevard
- 4:53 a.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road
- 2:35 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Domestic battery

- 9:24 a.m. on Gillian Court

#### Weapons violation

- 2:09 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall Road and Genomics Plaza

### Oct. 6

#### Vandalism

- 7:07 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 7:59 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Trespassing/prowling

- 7:18 a.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

#### Drug violation

- 7:37 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Domestic battery

- 8:05 p.m. on Johnson Drive

#### Weapons violation

- 11:39 p.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

### Oct. 5

#### Theft

- 3:18 a.m., 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; catalytic converter theft
- 9:11 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 10:44 a.m., 7300 block of Joshua Circle; catalytic converter theft
- 11:59 a.m. on the 4000 block of Fallwood Court
- 4:34 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 6:04 p.m. on the 000 block of West Angela Street

#### Fraud

- 9:14 a.m. on the 1400 block of Cedarwood Lane

### Oct. 4

#### Trespassing/prowling

- 10:28 a.m. on the 1200 block of Hearst Drive

- 2:38 p.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 10:26 p.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

- 1:34 p.m. on the 5500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Oct. 3

#### Burglary

- 7:22 a.m. at Springdale Avenue and Stoneridge Drive
- 8:09 p.m. on the 1000 block of Sunset Creek Lane
- 9:19 p.m. on the 7600 block of Driftwood Way
- 10:38 p.m. on the 7500 block of Driftwood Way

#### Theft

- 10:57 a.m. on the 000 block of California Avenue
- 12:36 p.m. on the 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive
- 2:29 p.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 8:07 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

### Oct. 2

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:18 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 6:44 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

- 6:54 p.m. on the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive
- 7:27 p.m. on the 6700 block of Via San Blas

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## LETTERS

### Dean Wallace for District 1

I am delighted to see that Dean Wallace is running for Pleasanton City Council (District 1). Dean has distinguished himself as a person who cares about the young adults and families working to build a better life for themselves here in Pleasanton.

He understands the impact of spending a huge percentage of family income on housing and the negative effect this will ultimately have, not just on young families, but on Pleasanton's future economic vitality as well.

I especially appreciate Dean's strong advocacy for community participation in the planned redevelopment of Stoneridge Mall, and how it can contribute to improving Pleasanton's future quality of life. It would be great to have his positive perspective on the council!

I support Dean and ask you to as well. Please vote for Dean this election. To learn more, visit his website at [www.DeanWallace.com](http://www.DeanWallace.com).

—Becky Dennis, former Pleasanton councilmember (1993-2002)

### Please vote for Jeff Nibert

If you live in Pleasanton's District 1, I hope you will vote for Jeff Nibert for City Council. While only District 1 residents can vote for him, I am a big supporter because Jeff Nibert will represent all of us.

Jeff is a 30-year resident of Pleasanton who raised his three children in Pleasanton schools. He will work to strengthen the partnership between the city and PUSD to create the very best environment for our children.

Jeff, who spent his career as an engineer, is committed to ensuring the protection of our environment and will use science and facts to help guide his decisions about the health and safety of Pleasanton's residents. Public safety and emergency preparedness will be one of his top priorities.

Unlike his opponent, Jeff has experience managing multimillion-dollar budgets and being fiscally responsible to stakeholders, an important asset for a City Council member. He does not accept donations from developers (unlike his opponent), which allows him to make independent decisions regarding things like responsible growth in consideration of Pleasanton's historic importance and small-town charm. That also means he will work for the residents, not big-dollar donors.

Jeff Nibert is running for City Council for all the right reasons and doesn't have aspirations for higher office. He wants to serve Pleasanton. I urge you to elect Jeff Nibert to the Pleasanton City Council. We'd be lucky to have Jeff working for us!

—Barbara Comstock

### Joel Liu for City Council

I urge you to vote for Joel Liu for Pleasanton City Council, District 3.

Joel is a breath of fresh air, exactly what our City Council needs at this time of city staff transition. Joel has no agenda. He will bring people together to exchange ideas. He simply wants to keep Pleasanton the best town it can be. He is collaborative and a good listener — two traits needed by the City Council at this time.

Joel has a Ph.D. in engineering with a great deal of experience leading large group processes. He is currently chairman of the city of Pleasanton Energy Committee.

He is a wonderful representative of our changing demographic. Joel has two children in our public schools and will cooperate with the school district to strengthen its academic reputation.

—Jan Batcheller

### Elect Marchand in Livermore

I am voting for John Marchand for Livermore's next mayor because he is the most qualified person to lead our city forward. As a lifelong educator, I have learned firsthand that the best way to learn is by doing. John has been doing the work of listening and leading for over 20 years.

John Marchand began serving our community when he was elected to the Zone 7 Water Agency board — highly qualified for that position because of his career doing the work as a water chemist.

Before he first ran for a position in city government, John learned by serving Livermore as a member of the city's General Plan Advisory Committee and founding member of Livermore's Commission for the Arts. He was elected first to the City Council, where he continued to learn by doing. He served four terms as vice mayor before being elected as Livermore's mayor in 2011.

John has served on nonprofit boards and has been a founding member of nonprofits, including Innovation Tri-Valley and the i-GATE Innovation Hub. Those experiences add to his list of qualifications to serve our community — but they, alone, do not define his qualifications to be mayor.

John Marchand is the one candidate with firsthand experience in city government. He listens to all of Livermore and knows how to implement plans for progress. Under John Marchand's leadership, Livermore has become the community we love. He will keep Livermore moving forward. Please join me in voting for John Marchand for mayor.

—Philomena Rambo

### Experience and commitment to community gets our vote

PleasantonVoters.com endorses City Council candidates, Julie Testa in

District 3 and Jeff Nibert in District 1.

Councilmember Testa and Planning Commissioner Nibert have the most experience in making decisions on challenging housing and planning issues within the city of Pleasanton compared to their opponents. They are both committed to securing the best quality of life for Pleasanton residents.

Testa has spent decades tackling issues that benefit Pleasanton residents, either in the schools, on the Human Services Commission, or through her work with nonprofits that support mental health and affordable housing options. At the same time she continues to challenge unrealistic state housing mandates that won't solve the affordable housing needs.

In her first term on the City Council, she spearheaded a pilot program to provide Pleasanton residents with mental health professionals that support non-emergency calls.

Nibert, a 35-year resident of Pleasanton, is well-acquainted with the current resident interests over special interests and will focus on maintaining the unique character of Pleasanton and its diverse community. He has spent much time serving his community through his extensive volunteer work.

As a retired corporate engineer, his expertise will also be valuable as the council assesses some large budget infrastructure projects related to water, sewer and roads in the coming years.

Only the three candidates endorsed by Pleasanton Voters have committed not to take donations from builder-developers, which could have undue influence over future votes: Testa, Nibert and Mayor Karla Brown.

—Kelly Cousins, president, PleasantonVoters.com

### Chamber announces candidate endorsements

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Business and Community Political Action Committee recently completed its candidate review process. BACPAC made its endorsement recommendations for the 2022 general election to the chamber's Board of Directors for final consideration at its most recent Board meeting.

The recommendations for City Council, the Pleasanton School Board of Trustees and Alameda County District Attorney were approved.

BACPAC's candidate review process has three steps: the candidate questionnaire, candidate interview and the candidate forum. Candidates are asked questions that relate to the chamber's 2025 Vision document, which lists goals for the economy, jobs, education, infrastructure, public safety, health, housing, arts, leadership, culture, and recreation. Upon completion, the following general election candidates were selected:

- Mayor: Karla Brown (unopposed)

### Editor's note

Last week's Editorial, "Vote Yes on school bond measures in Pleasanton, Livermore, Sunol", inadvertently omitted the full tax rate proposed under Pleasanton Unified School District's Measure I. The rate to pay back the bond debt would be \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of properties in Pleasanton. The Weekly regrets the error.

- City Council (District 1): Dean Wallace
- City Council (District 3): Joel Liu
- Pleasanton Unified School District (Area 2): Laurie Walker
- PUSD (Area 5): Justin Brown (unopposed)
- District Attorney: Terry Wiley.

The chamber and BACPAC thank all who participated in our candidate review process. Public service is a critical part of our way of life. All community members have an opportunity to participate and make a difference, but only a few answer that call. Thank you, candidates, for stepping forward.

Only candidates who participated in all three steps were considered for endorsement. There was one City Council candidate for District 3 that chose not to participate.

—James Cooper, president/CEO, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

### Measure P is a win for all

Livermore residents can have a big win this year if they vote Yes on Measure P. Measure P will enable the extension of a city sewer line into the South Livermore wine country. What will this mean?

- Existing wineries can pay to hook up to sewer instead of septic, resulting in cleaner groundwater.
- South Livermore can attract new wineries, currently not an option due to groundwater contamination and a resulting ban on new septic systems.
- The area can support a resort hotel and mid-sized wineries needed to promote the growth of agritourism and the financial viability of agriculture in South Livermore.
- A successful agricultural economy will protect against pressure to turn our open spaces into housing subdivisions.
- Protection against wildfires: Vineyards are excellent firebreaks. What will it not mean?
- Taxpayers will not be footing the bill. The sewer extension will be funded from other government sources.
- The urban growth boundary will not be changed.
- Development restrictions imposed by Measure D and the South Livermore Area Plan will not be changed.

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In other words, this is a win for residents and a win for our wine country. Everyone likes a win-win. Vote Yes on P.

—*Tamara Reus*

**District 1 endorsement**

I reside in District 1 in Pleasanton and read your article opinion/editorial supporting Dean Wallace for council. After reading your article, I made an easy decision. No way will I or my family vote for Dean Wallace. Your endorsement did him more harm than good. Zero confidence or trust with the media.

—*Manny Silva*

**Support for Jeff Nibert**

Who will advocate for your best interests as a Pleasanton resident? Do not look further than Jeff Nibert for City Council for District 1. He currently serves on Pleasanton's Planning Commission and has made decisions with objectivity and fairness to represent our residents' interests best.

As a commissioner, he demonstrated these qualities while collaborating on the new draft city Housing Element. His efforts focus on strategic planning for housing projections that could potentially threaten what we hold dear. In particular, he is committed to preserving our historic downtown and protecting our close-knit community; I am confident he will hold those values true as a future city council member as well.

I agree with him that building development should be consistent with our existing city planning, and growth plans should target denser housing closer to BART/public transportation and freeway interchanges to align with state-mandated goals for new housing units.

He also advocates for city policies and priorities to improve our quality of life, including protecting our environmental climate and safeguarding access to safe drinking water. So if you agree with these values, please vote for Jeff Nibert!

—*Kelly Mokashi, PUSD trustee*

**Vote Joel Liu for City Council**

Like many of my fellow community members in District 3, we feel we can see our own lives reflected in the life of Joel Liu: came to this country to pursue the American dream, finished higher education here, built our careers and all choose to raise our beloved families in Pleasanton, a place we can all proudly call our new hometown.

City government should be collaborative, transparent and efficient. While serving as the chair of the Committee on Energy and the Environment, Joel has learned firsthand how good collaboration among various players in our city government can prioritize and

address Pleasanton's needs, opportunities and interests in energy and environment.

With a Ph.D. in electronic engineering, Joel tackles problems and challenges with a level-headed and commonsense approach. Being an engineering manager at a Fortune 500 company, Joel has the proven record of managing multimillion-dollar projects, leading a diverse workforce and facilitating the business goals while being fiscally disciplined.

Joel has many aspirations for Pleasanton. He advocates infusing more resources to ensure public safety, aims to improve city's sustainability goals by improving energy efficiency; is determined to strengthen the city-school partnership; insists on keeping the city fiscally sound; and loves Pleasanton's small-town charm.

I am confident with Joel's commitment, experiences and his love for Pleasanton and its people, such aspirations will turn into reality. Let Joel serve you on your City Council, a choice you won't regret.

—*Darlene Chiang*

**Vote Yes on Measure I**

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) is badly in need of Measure I funds for its facility improvements. Why vote Yes?

- California Lottery funds cannot be used for facilities, only classroom instruction.
- With school bonds, 100% of the funds must be directed to school district facilities maintenance and new construction, not to salaries.
- State law requires establishment of an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to monitor district use of bond funds.
- CBOC meets five to six times annually to monitor progress on projects and the risk project costs will exceed budget.
- Annually the CBOC is supported by an independent, outside CPA audit evaluating district use of funds to confirm whether the funds' use complied with bond requirements.
- Under the current bond, Measure I approved by voters in 2016, the total cost to date of projects completed is \$8 million below budget. All audits have been clean, without exceptions.
- For years, school-age families have preferred living in Pleasanton because of its schools, keeping real estate values strong.
- PUSD provides great instruction. PUSD needs great facilities.

Vote Yes on Measure I. Do it for our teachers and, most importantly, for our students.

—*Arne Olson, chair, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee*

**Jeff Nibert for City Council**

Jeff Nibert is the best candidate for Pleasanton's District 1 City Council position. With 35 years as a Pleasanton resident and the proud

father of three children who attended Pleasanton schools, he has been active in a long list of Pleasanton volunteer non-profit and diverse civic groups.

He currently is a Pleasanton planning commissioner and has a BS and MS in engineering. Hence, he is well-acquainted with the challenges facing the city in terms of development and infrastructure. His expertise as a retired corporate engineer will be valuable as the council assesses large budget infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, and roads in the coming year.

He supports smart growth and will not accept developer campaign donations. He has and will continue to work for and listen to all residents. He is the best candidate for District 1. Visit [www.votejeffnibert.com](http://www.votejeffnibert.com).

—*Sandy Yamaoda*

**Joel Liu support**

Joel Liu is an excellent choice for a member of Pleasanton City Council. Joel is passionate about community service and has worked tirelessly in different organizations over many years as a volunteer. He has demonstrated great commitment and leadership skills while serving.

In the following years, many important decisions will need to be made about the growth of our city. Joel's concerns on public safety and sustainability of Pleasanton should be promoted.

Voting for Joel Liu will make our community better.

—*Wenli Tian*

**Yes on Measure I**

As a teacher at Amador Valley High School for 20 years, it has been disheartening to see our community undervalue certain facilities. There is no one place on our campus that can house the entire student body indoors, which presents serious challenges to scheduling rallies and hosting educational presentations.

Twenty years ago AVHS had a thousand less students; put simply, the school has expanded and its facilities are outdated and obsolete. Repairing the current building is not an option. Amador is a championship high school and should have the facilities to match.

The money to fix what needs to be fixed is not going to magically appear from any other source other than this bond. Our facilities have aged and it benefits all of Pleasanton to build functional facilities for the next generation of students in order to serve the entire school community.

—*Chris Murphy*

**Measure I will positively impact everyone in city**

Our Pleasanton schools have consistently ranked high in the state and are a primary driver for new families coming to Pleasanton. We are dead

last in Alameda County for bond funding.

And when compared to Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, we rank 76th out of 80 school districts. I have heard others say, "we are an affluent community with impoverished school funding."

A recent study in the American Economic Journal looked at the economic impact of school bond measures in Los Angeles Unified School District and found "the benefits generated by the program in terms of housing market capitalization and later life earnings gains substantially outweighed its cost."

The study estimated that "for each dollar spent, the program generated \$1.62 dollars in household value." Yes, there is a cost associated with Measure I, but that cost might be more of an opportunity cost. If we don't invest now, our children will suffer and so might our property values.

No matter how you might feel about the PUSD, think critically about how voting Yes on Measure I will positively impact everyone in Pleasanton.

Our local school facilities are in desperate need of improvement. Measure I will not only benefit our teachers and children but also our home values.

If you don't have school aged children but are planning to leverage the value of your home in retirement, nothing will do more to preserve and grow the equity in your house than investing in our schools.

—*Jonas Moe*

**Wallace for City Council**

Perspective matters for Pleasanton's future progress. Dean Wallace is the best choice for Pleasanton City Council District 1.

As a young professional himself, he understands the desire to afford to live in Pleasanton and the challenges young families face. He brings a wealth of experienced collaboration on the very issues challenging Pleasanton today. His ideas are fresh and well laid out on his website.

Let's reclaim our title as the City of Planned Progress. Join me in supporting our future; vote Dean Wallace on Nov. 8, 2022! Visit [www.deanwallace.com](http://www.deanwallace.com).

—*Jocelyn Combs*

**Vote for Julie Testa**

My husband and I have lived in Pleasanton for over 25 years. In that time, I have had the opportunity to get to know Julie Testa and what she stands for as a parent, a school advocate and as a City Council member.

Julie brings a lot of experience to the table and really cares about Pleasanton and its future. I will vote to reelect Julie to the City Council and encourage everyone else to as well. She has our best interests at heart.

—*Carol Fellman*

**Reelect Julie Testa**

I support Julie Testa for City Council. She is a longtime Pleasanton resident (30+ years) who serves the people of this city. She is an admirable public servant who isn't afraid of asking the tough questions.

When the pandemic first hit, I personally saw Julie volunteering with Meals on Wheels, delivering food to homebound seniors, on many occasions. When the city was deciding whether or not to buy five new vehicles, it was Julie who asked whether some of them ought to be hybrids, in light of our new Climate Action Plan.

It is Julie who works to preserve our historic downtown, supporting reasonable growth focused on much needed low-income housing. It is Julie who prioritizes resident interests over special interests, pledging to take no campaign contributions from developers or those who expect something in return.

To preserve and best position our "Community of Character" for the future, please vote for Julie Testa for Pleasanton City Council.

—*Jill Miller*

**Support for Measure I**

I was co-chair for the Measure M bond campaign in 2020, which did not pass. Recently, a current high school parent shared with me that she didn't realize how badly our schools are in need of improvements. She said, "You really don't understand the need until you are here."

Pleasanton community members agree that our public schools are a big reason why people choose to live here. Many of our community members are also aware that we have some aging school facilities in disrepair. Perhaps there isn't as much awareness regarding the limited resources school districts have in order to repair/upgrade school facilities.

The state does not give money for capital improvements like they used to. There are currently two ways to improve school facilities. 1. Build more housing to increase developer fees which can be used towards capital improvements for schools. 2. Pass local bonds.

By passing Measure I, Pleasanton will be able to fund more projects identified in the Facilities Master Plan and will benefit from state matching dollars only available to school districts who pass local school bonds.

Thank you, Pleasanton voters, for passing Measure I in 2016 — a great start. However, this funding only covers a portion of the improvements that are needed on our Pleasanton campuses. The project list for Measure I is clear and these upgrades are truly needed.

Measure I supporters — don't forget to vote in this election. Prioritize this task and mail back those Yes votes right away. Thank you!

—*Kelly French*



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

# After tough opening schedule, Foothill eyes new start in division play

Also: Falcons win five-set thrillers in girls' volleyball

There are two ways to approach non-league high school football scheduling.

One, schedule tough games where winning and losing is not as important as is getting the team ready for the league season.

Two, play an easier schedule, get the wins and give the team confidence heading into league action.

There is no concrete answer as to which is best, as it is more of a personal preference.

For Foothill, it's the former. This year the Falcons won their first two games, then dropped four straight contests against pretty good programs, and entered East Bay Athletic League division play 2-4.

In addition, the Falcons have been hit hard by the injury bug, losing big-time players for the season.

"Our injury situation has been ridiculous," Foothill coach Greg Haubner said. "It is tough to overcome significant injuries. But the kids have been getting more consistent, and they are certainly not lacking effort."

The perseverance was rewarded with a 41-0 win over previously unbeaten Dougherty Valley to open EBAL Valley Division play last week.

"It sends confidence to the kids," Haubner said of the big win. "Those were some darn tough teams on the front end of the schedule."

The Falcons find themselves heading into the second week of Valley play taking on another unbeaten team in Livermore.

The Cowboys appear to be the biggest threat to dethrone Foothill, the defending Valley champs. They are also coming off a bye, giving them two weeks to focus on the Falcons.

"Every team we play the rest of the way out, we are playing a team that is coming off a bye week, giving them two weeks to prepare for us," Haubner said, almost laughing.

Livermore has been flawless this year, scoring points and playing big defense. In addition, the Cowboys are in their first season with their new athletic facilities, an emotional boost for sure.

"Facilities don't get you wins, but they bring enthusiasm, and you can see it with them," Haubner said.

If the Falcons can get the job done against an unbeaten team for the



BRUCE BAESEMANN

After battling through a tough non-league schedule that included a loss to high-ranking San Ramon Valley (shown), Foothill opened EBAL Valley play with big win over Dougherty Valley.

second straight week, they will sit 2-0 at the halfway point of division play.

"If we can get over this week, it will put us in a good position," Haubner said. "But Livermore is a very solid team."

### Foothill girls' water polo

I love it when I see high school athletic teams get involved in community events that take place outside of their sport.

Foothill varsity coach Mark Williams, his varsity and junior varsity staff, as well as the players, spent some time working with Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit group located in Pleasanton.

Everyone involved donated money to cover the cost of the food items, then spent time packing, weighing and sealing the food bags for delivery. In all, the group packaged enough to feed over 7,400 people.

"They had a great time bonding as a team while working side-by-side to help those in need," Williams said. "There was a short video during the break that provided the backstory on the program and where the food goes."

### Girls' volleyball

The Foothill girls' volleyball team had a monster week of Oct. 3, going on the road to win a pair of five-set thrillers.

The week started with a 20-25, 22-25, 25-18, 25-18, 15-7 comeback over California where the Falcons rallied from a 2-0 set deficit.

The highlights came from Paige Bennett (23 kills, 19 digs), Kaycie Burdick (18 kills, 18 digs), Tehya Williamson (19 digs, 15 service points), and Helena Greene (4 kills, 4 blocks).

The second match saw the Falcons drop the first set, then rally for another winner, beating Dublin 16-25, 25-18, 25-19, 26-28, 15-9.

This time it was the play of Katie Salonga (62 assists - season high; 12 digs), Bennett (37 kills - season high; 19 digs, 11 service points), Burdick (27 kills - season high; 9 digs) and Ema Okuhara (15 digs, 12 service points, 5 kills).

Across town, the entire Amador Valley volleyball program turned pink on Oct. 4 for their annual Dig Pink fundraising event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The program came together to raise funds for HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, a local nonprofit whose mission is to support all individuals healing from breast cancer by providing post-surgical products and services.

Amador dusted Granada 25-19, 25-9, 25-10 to complete the night. Sophomore middle blockers, Charlotte Kelly and Sydney Goldstein led the team with nine and six kills respectively.

The Dons ended the week beating Livermore 25-17, 25-3, 25-18. ■

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

# Employment

### Multiple Positions

Medallia, Inc. has the following positions available in Pleasanton, CA: **Product Manager, Text Analytics (CIPJC)**: Manage key features of the Medallia Text Analytics which is used by hundreds of world's largest brands. Position based at headquarters & may be assigned to unanticipated worksites throughout the U.S. as determined by management. Telecommuting permitted. **Sr. Software Engineer (CIPSD)**: Build & scale the Stella Connect platform. Develop performant and reusable JS/React Components for Single-Page Application (SPAs). Position based at headquarters & may be assigned to unanticipated worksites throughout the U.S., as determined by management. Telecommuting permitted. **Director, Professional Services (CIPAD)**: Build, optimize & enhance Medallia's Customer Experience Management ("CEM") software solutions. Position based at headquarters & may be assigned to unanticipated worksites throughout the U.S. as determined by management. Telecommuting permitted. Mail resume to Medallia, Inc., Attn: Patrick Finlay, 6220 Stoneridge Mall Rd., 2nd Floor, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code. Background Checks required.

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## Entertainment

### BANKHEAD PRESENTS THE LETTERMEN

For more than 50 years The Lettermen have kept the meaning of harmony alive with their soft, romantic, harmonic blend of music. 8 p.m., Oct. 14. Tickets \$70. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). Bankhead Theater.

### PHONING IT IN - STARRING JOE KLOCEK

Joe Klocek's game show, Get It!? is becoming the next big thing. 8 p.m., Oct. 14. Tickets \$20. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### DEL VALLE FINE ARTS PRESENTS WINDSYNCH

This dynamic wind quintet performs works from the traditional wind repertoire, arrangements of other classic pieces and champions new compositions. 7:30 p.m., Oct. Tickets \$55. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). Bankhead Theater.

### DLUX PUPPETS ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Journey through the marvelous world of the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts in this fun musical adaptation for all ages. 3 p.m., Oct. 16. Tickets \$10-\$20. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). Bankhead Theater.

### THE MAGIC OF ANDY AMYX

Andy Amyx is a world class magician whose amazing talents have been seen by audiences around the world. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### BANKHEAD PRESENTS MICKY DOLENZ

Micky brings a one-of-a-kind presence to the stage, drawing on his background in television, film broadcasting and Broadway. 8 p.m., Oct. 21. \$100.00. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### JAZZ AT INKLINGS

Featuring captivating jazz vocalist Clairdee and local Matt Finders Trio. 5:30-7 p.m., Oct. 21. This event is free and seating is limited. To reserve email [info@pleasantonjazzsociety.com](mailto:info@pleasantonjazzsociety.com). 533 Main St.

### KYRA GORDON AND MIMI FOX PERFORM LOVING JANIS

Loving Janis is a narrative concert that combines the music of American folk and rock icons Janis Joplin and Janis Ian, with an engaging script of stories about both performers lives. 8 p.m., Oct. 22. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### BANKHEAD PRESENTS IT'S MAGIC

Milt Larsen and Terry Hill present America's longest-running magic revue celebrating its 66th anniversary with a dazzling show featuring several award-winning stars of magic, comedy, variety and sleight of hand. 3 p.m., Oct. 23. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Halloween

### PIRATES OF EMERSON HAUNTED

THEME PARK Get ready to scream at Northern California's Premier walk thru haunted attraction. Tickets are all sold online. Sept. 30-Oct. 31. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

### MUSEUM ON MAIN'S ANNUAL GHOST WALK

Tours begin at the museum and leave every thirty minutes. 6-8 p.m., Oct. 14-15; 21-22. The virtual Ghost Walk is 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

### GHOSTS OF DUBLIN

Brace for an evening of spooky fun and take a flashlight tour through the Pioneer Cemetery where Dublin's buried past comes alive. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Tickets \$15 for residents. 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 21-22. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/1872/Ghosts-of-Dublin](http://dublin.ca.gov/1872/Ghosts-of-Dublin).

### PUMPKIN PATCH AND SPLASH

Bring family and friends to this Pool Pumpkin Patch and Splash event. Choose a pumpkin floating in the pool pumpkin patch, then carve or paint it. Registration fee includes entrance to the event and a pumpkin. 1-4 p.m., Oct. 22. Cost \$15. RSVP to 925-960-2400. Robert Livermore Aquatic Center.

### PUMPKIN CARVING SOCIAL

Carve a pumpkin with a fun and eerie group of Halloween co-carvers and wear a costume. Pumpkins, tools and refreshments included. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Oct. 28. \$22R/\$24NR. Call 925-373-5700. Robert Livermore Community Center.

**HALLOWEEN BREW CRAWL** Stroll or crawl through haunted Downtown

## PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

### Eureka!

This energetic, excitable and exuberant pup named Eureka is an excellent addition — he's eager to engage in his new home. Experienced dog owner? We encourage you to submit an inquiry. Learn more about Eureka and other cats and dogs at [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org). Email [info@valleyhumane.org](mailto:info@valleyhumane.org) to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare

## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Dahlia Center for Healing and Transformation  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 591675

The following person doing business as: Dahlia Center for Healing and Transformation, 608 Main Street, Unit E, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: April Waldman, 3673 Touriga Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by April Waldman, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 28, 2022. Signature of Registrant: April Waldman, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 1, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2022.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 592514

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### 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RONALD J. OSTOVICH, SR.

Case No.: RP22131610 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RONALD J. OSTOVICH, SR. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ALISON CULLEN in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: ALISON CULLEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. in Dept.: 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court

within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Glen L. Moss, Moss & Murphy, 1297 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541, 510-583-1155. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 14, 21, 28 2022.)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Magno Antonio De La Cruz

Case No.: RP22131607 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAGNO ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Rhonda Soukup in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: RHONDA SOUKUP be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Glen L. Moss, Moss & Murphy, 1297 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541. 510-583-1155. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 14, 21, 28 2022.)

Call (925) 600-0840 for assistance with your legal advertising needs.

Pleasanton and sip on craft brews and ciders while enjoying tasty bites along the way at over 25 downtown locations. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes. 4:30-8 p.m., Oct. 29. Visit [Tickets \\$50](http://tickets$50). Visit [pleasantondowntown.net](http://pleasantondowntown.net).

### KIDZ TOWN HALLOWEEN HAYDAY

Livermore's tradition for families with children 5th grade and under includes a costume contest, Trick or Treating at participating downtown businesses and fun kids' games and activities. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 29. Stockmen's Park. Visit [livermoredowntown.com/events](http://livermoredowntown.com/events).

### HALLOWEEN PARADE AT DUBLIN LIBRARY

Pre-schoolers are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes for a non-spooky parade around the library where trick-or-treaters can collect small goodies. Free bags will be handed out for all participants. 11-11:45 a.m., Oct. 31. 200 Civic Plaza.

### G&M FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH

Harvest fun for all ages at G&M Farms Pumpkin Patch. Oct. 1-30, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 487 East Airway Blvd. Visit [gmfarms.com](http://gmfarms.com).

### JOAN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Joan's Farm and Pumpkin Patch officers a unique family experience in the Livermore countryside. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 1-30 (closed Mondays). 4351 Mines Road. Visit [joansfarm.com](http://joansfarm.com).

## Exhibits

### THE BEAUTY OF LIFE'S JOURNEY EXHIBIT

This Firehouse Arts Center exhibit includes paintings from 20 California artists renowned nationwide that depict transitional elements working in oil, pastel, watercolor and other mediums. On display until Oct. 22. For more information visit [firehousearts.org/gallery](http://firehousearts.org/gallery).

### TAPESTRY OF REMEMBRANCE EXHIBIT

The Firehouse Arts Center is pleased to present Kiana Honarmand's solo exhibition, Tapestry of Remembrance, reminiscent of the Persian rugs of her homeland. This solo exhibition explores themes of memory, longing, and familial history. Now through Nov. 5. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**MODERN EXPRESSIONISM EXHIBIT AT THE BANKHEAD** "Shape, Form, and Color: Modern Expressionism"

is an exhibit around the depth and expanse of Surrealism, featuring works by Alexander Calder and Joan Miro. Thursday-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through Dec. 4.

## Festivals & Fairs

### AIA DUSSERA DIWALI DHAMAKA

Dussera Diwali Dhaka Celebrates Diwali (Festival of Lights) with a fireworks display, Ravan Dahan, plus vendor booths featuring arts, crafts and clothing and Bollywood dances. Noon-11 p.m., Oct. 15. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

### EAST BAY SPCA FALL FESTIVAL

The East Bay SPCA has been a leader in animal welfare for over 150 years and the Dublin campus is hosting the first annual fall festival which includes shelter tours, animal meet & greets, face painting, kids activities, pumpkin decorating more. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 22. 4651 Gleason Dr.

### PLEASANTON HACIENDA CRAFT FAIR

The Club House at Pleasanton Hacienda's annual Craft Fair is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 22. All products are handmade/crafted by local area artists. 3231 Vineyard Ave.

## Government

### PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 18. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

The Livermore City Council Special Meeting is 5-10 p.m., Oct. 17. Civic Center Meeting Hall, 1016 S. Livermore Ave. Visit [livermoreca.gov](http://livermoreca.gov).

### LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Livermore Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Oct. 18. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

### LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The next meeting of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is 7 p.m., Oct. 18. 685 East Jack London Blvd. Visit [livermoreschools.org](http://livermoreschools.org).

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 15-19 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Sept. 6-9 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 6074 Allbrook Circle** C. London to E. Tran for \$1,150,000
- 4266 Barbara Court** Sites Living Trust to S. & A. Parikh for \$1,615,000
- 2372 Bay Meadows Circle** Wallace Living Trust to S. & S. Balajagadeesan for \$1,261,000
- 6908 Corte Monterey** Okazaki Family Trust to S. & K. Gupta for \$1,600,000
- 2827 El Capitan Drive** K. & G. Martinez to S. & P. Zingade for \$1,425,000
- 2146 Greenwood Road** M. & R. Clyde to R. & K. Mokada for \$1,500,000
- 4267 Katie Lane** Christensen Living Trust to J. & D. Chakravorty for \$1,320,000
- 3003 Melbourne Court** R. Compton to S. & M. Kannekanti for \$1,510,000
- 4393 Mirador Drive** Phillippay Family Trust to Shtepel Trust for \$1,620,000
- 4420 Neal Court** N. Albano to K. & G. Martinez for \$1,570,000
- 3807 Nevada Street** Manousos Trust to H. & S. Panchal for \$1,590,000
- 4605 Ross Gate Way** S. & M. Holtzclaw to S. & P. Ramineni for \$1,720,000
- 1057 Shadow Hills Court** H. Lei to S. & A. Karim for \$3,450,000
- 4033 Sherry Court** E. Quan to M. Zamani for \$1,500,000

**4226 Silver Street** B. Wilcox to M. & R. Karanth for \$1,265,000

### Livermore

- 659 Buckeye Drive** M. & J. Boegel to J. Allen for \$830,000
- 5642 Crestmont Avenue** Piscitello Family Trust to D. & S. Hickerson for \$988,000
- 646 Daisyfield Drive** Fernandez Family Trust to M. Delvecchio for \$1,500,000
- 831 Delaware Way** D. Nelson to M. & G. Abdelaziz for \$980,000
- 546 Dovecote Lane #3** P. & C. Zeleski to A. & J. Gowkanpalli for \$785,000
- 5672 Dresslar Circle** Berry Family Trust to K. & J. Roderick for \$1,850,000
- 1376 Hibiscus Way** Sandale LLC to M. & P. Lin for \$840,000
- 1230 Hillview Drive** Yay Area Properties LLC to S. & A. Grover for \$1,350,000
- 2821 Lemon Common** M. Sun to C. Chen for \$920,000
- 986 Lisbon Avenue** Farmer Trust to V. & R. Kamerzell for \$1,008,000
- 2208 Minerva Court** Monk Family Trust to E. & D. Milanovich for \$2,900,000
- 577 Misty Way** Grand Salkhi Properties LLC to A. Farhangdoost for \$800,000
- 322 Misty Circle** D. & D. Choi to K. & B. Espinoza for \$1,190,000
- 267 Northwood Commons** C. & J. Longero to C. & K. Mcneely for \$870,000
- 5937 Ocean Hills Way** Trebes Family Trust to P. & R. Mishra for \$896,000

**4531 Rice Street** Stahl Trust to M. & T. Wood for \$1,000,000

- 1375 Rincon Avenue** L. Reed to A. & C. Chaidez for \$965,000
- 324 Rincon Avenue** Andrews Family Trust to S. & R. Salsedo for \$750,000
- 685 Ruby Road** E. & C. Allen to Belgarde Living Trust for \$1,175,000
- 1243 Spring Valley Common** Mitchell Living Trust to E. & B. Staniford for \$574,000
- 3881 Stanford Way** Emmett Trust to C. & O. White for \$1,125,000
- 1759 Sutter Street** L. & M. Wilder to H. & G. Bhogisetty for \$980,000
- 2332 Tapestry Drive** Anderson Trust to P. Smayra for \$1,965,000
- 2850 Vine Court** A. & D. Miller to L. & P. Slagle for \$1,900,000
- 646 Zermatt Street** C. & K. Phipps to D. & A. Chelliah for \$1,650,000

### Dublin

- 5901 Abbott Street** Tong-Young Trust to J. & D. Meyaard for \$1,630,000
- 2629 Alliston Loop** S. Mantha to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,622,500
- 8003 Brittany Drive** Sanger Trust to A. & T. Hussein for \$1,800,000
- 3590 Capoterra Way #56** Torres Family Trust to Apeg Living Trust for \$1,200,000
- 4292 Clarinbridge Circle** B. lamranond to N. & P. Singh for \$825,000
- 7704 Creekside Drive** T. & N. Pitre to H. Ngo for \$1,200,000

**7921 Crossridge Road** R. & M. Fyffe to P. & K. Chennalla for \$1,440,000

- 4384 Fitzwilliam Street** V. Chalamalasetty to V. & D. Naraval for \$850,000
- 6141 Ledgewood Terrace** Yu Family Trust to M. & A. Goel for \$2,311,000
- 7395 Limerick Avenue** A. & A. Flesher to F. Niaz for \$1,255,000
- 8072 Marquita Court** L. & S. Novak to Y. & M. Sharnouby for \$1,375,000
- 4528 Mirano Court** A. & T. Raman to J. & S. Yuan for \$1,300,000
- 4359 Mono Vista Street** J. Rao to Y. & E. Ng for \$1,360,000
- 3998 Pino Grande Road** Norden Living Trust to C. Cheng for \$950,000
- 7515 San Sabana Road** L. Bryant to Mark One Dev LLC for \$1,100,000
- 8088 Tamarack Drive** Gjg Children Living Trust to Poosarla Family Trust for \$825,000

### San Ramon

- 9456 Alcosta Boulevard** Joyce Trust to J. & B. Chinasamy for \$1,255,000
- 9997 Alcosta Boulevard** Cheng Family Trust to S. Mahajan for \$1,275,000
- 1713 Arianna Lane** J. Kumar to Puttiah Living Trust for \$830,000
- 4232 Astor Hollow Street** H. Yang to L. & K. Devarajan for \$1,430,000
- 3055 Bernard Avenue** S. & M. Molloy to M. & J. Kaur for \$1,170,000

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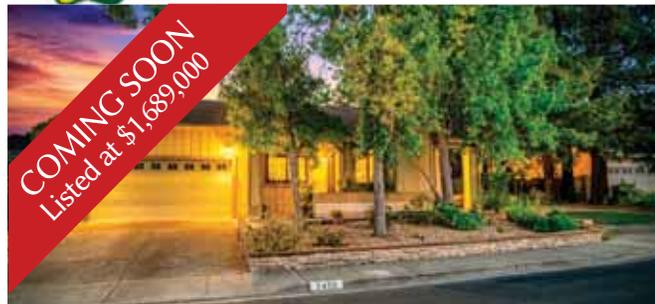
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**2631 Curry Street, Pleasanton**  
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**579 Trebbiano Place, Ruby Hill**  
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**6625 Amber Lane, Pleasanton**  
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**5920 Old School Road, San Ramon**  
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**3422 Torlano Place, Ruby Hill**  
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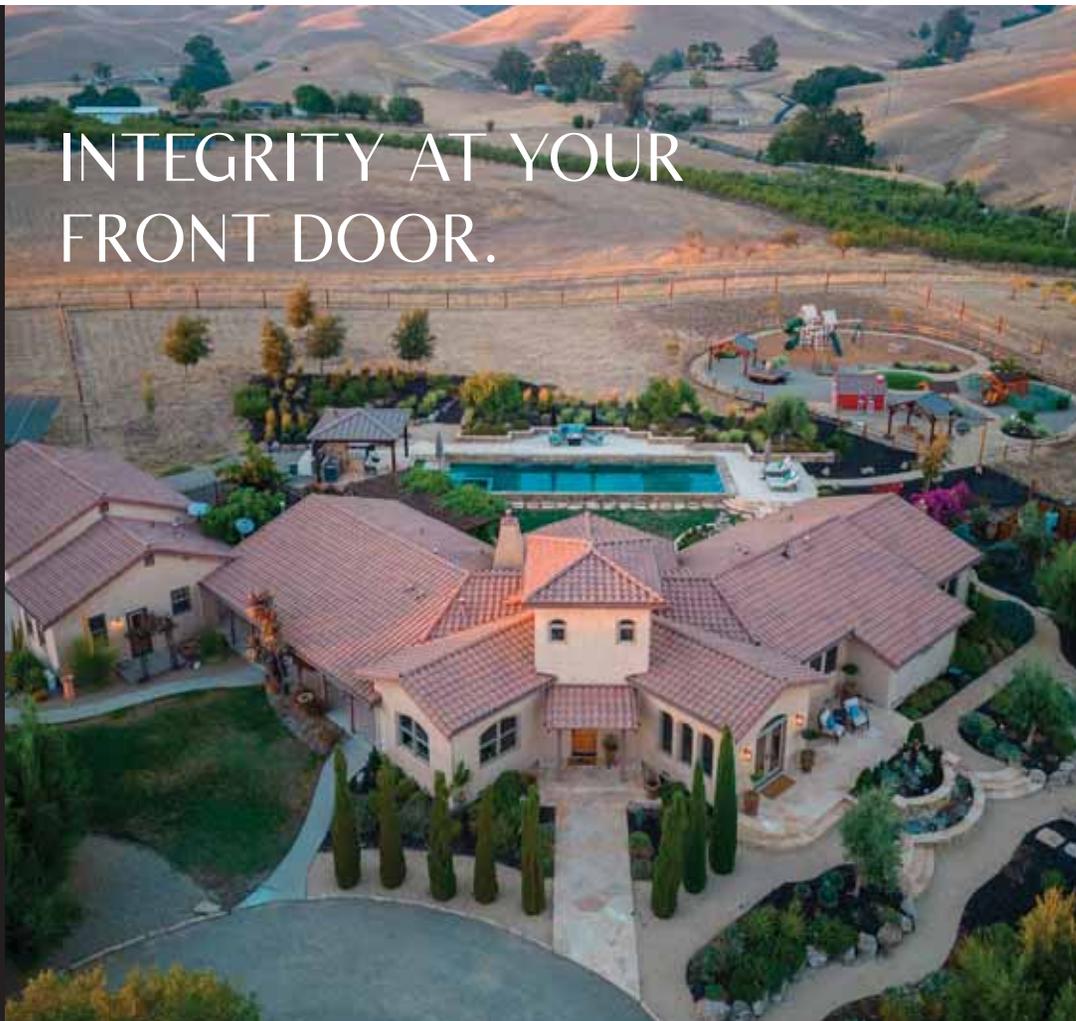
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### Market Update for September 2022 – Limping Along

The Pleasanton real estate market continued its sluggish ways in September. Closed sales were down 23% from last month, and 44% from last September. Inventory remained the same, but is up 179% from September 2021. Median price per sq ft was 2.4% lower than August, and 5% below last September. Meanwhile pending sales were down 8.5% from August, and 42% from September last year. The median sales price was down .6% from August, and flat compared to last September.

Median days on market actually fell 8.3% compared to August, but remains 214% higher than last >> [To read the rest of this article go to www.680homes.com/blog](http://www.680homes.com/blog)

#### Pleasanton Market Report

September 2022  
Pleasanton  
Single Family

	SEP 2022	CHANGE FROM AUG 2022	CHANGE FROM SEP 2021
Homes sold	46	↓23%	↓44%
Homes for sale	81	↓0%	↑179%
Median days on market	22	↓8.3%	↑214%
Median price per square foot	\$779	↓2.4%	↓5%
Months of inventory	1.8	↑30%	↑398%
Median sold price	\$1,560,000	↓0.6%	↓0%
Homes under contract	43	↓8.5%	↓42%



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## HOME SALES

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**18 Braeburn Court** N. & J. Garcia to R. & N. Jadhav for \$1,405,000

**2250 Camino Ramon** Otter Holdings LLC to Dominion Life Christian Center for \$1,580,000

**536 Casella Court** J. & G. Kimura to K. & D. Slimha for \$2,450,000

**5824 Cattleya Way** D. Chung to S. & N. Bugata for \$2,400,500

**355 Eastridge Drive** M. Kielbasa to Y. Zhao for \$505,000

**78 Eden Place** Barthol Family Trust to M. & D. Su for \$1,300,000

**3262 Ensenada Drive** Seibolt Living Trust to S. Beeyam for \$1,227,000

**508 Estancia Court** Bacher-English Family Trust to J. & L. Medina for \$2,088,000

**5408 Heatherland Drive** Wald Family Trust to N. & S. Manapragada for \$3,325,000

**7515 Hillsboro Avenue** Barry Trust to S. & C. Yi for \$1,200,000

**5 Majestic Oak Court** N. & N. Patel to D. & P. Padmanabhan for \$2,770,000

**2643 Marsh Drive** Norton Family Trust to Lam Trust for \$1,100,000

**7433 Sedgefield Avenue** T. & S. Ryan to N. & G. Gautam for \$1,770,000

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](http://PleasantonWeekly.com).

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Aug. 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 15

**Lowest sale reported:** \$1,150,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$3,450,000

**Average sales reported:** \$1,510,000

### Livermore (Aug. 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 25

**Lowest sale reported:** \$574,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$2,900,000

**Average sales reported:** \$988,000

### Dublin (Aug. 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 16

**Lowest sale reported:** \$825,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$2,311,000

**Average sales reported:** \$1,277,500

### San Ramon (Sept. 6-9)

**Total sales reported:** 24

**Lowest sale reported:** \$505,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$3,325,000

**Average sales reported:** \$1,352,500

Source: California REsource

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**8063 Regency Drive, Pleasanton**  
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**7821 Galway Court, Dublin**  
5 Bed 4.5 Bath 4,832 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$2,920,000  
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**2656 Corte Vida, Pleasanton**  
4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,651 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$2,900,000  
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**7170 Foothill Road, Pleasanton**  
4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,896 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$2,680,000  
Represented Seller

Sold



**89 Coyote Place, San Ramon**  
5 Bed 3 Bath 2769 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$1,998,000  
Represented Buyer

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**583 Saint John Street, Pleasanton**  
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