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### A message from our Livermore Vine editor, Cierra Bailey

I'm Cierra Bailey, and I'm an editor for Embarcadero Media, the small local news organization that includes the Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Vine and DanvilleSanRamon.

My interest in pursuing journalism began as a high school student in Livermore and was inspired by the fact that I was inquisitive and loved to write. It wasn't until years later when I started my first internship with the Pleasanton Weekly that I truly recognized the importance of local journalism.

One of the first stories I ever wrote for the Weekly was about Relay for Life, a 24-hour cancer fundraising walk that was taking place in Pleasanton. Speaking to local cancer survivors who shared the details of their battles against the disease and their commitment to supporting others going through similar journeys sparked a light in me that let me know this is what I'm supposed to be doing. My calling is to uplift the voices of those who are making significant impacts in communities that are often overlooked.

In the years since, I've had the privilege of covering a number of compelling stories for our news organization as a reporter and as the founding editor of LivermoreVine.com.

More recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing Brock Uhl, who at the time was 17 years old and was changing the culture of the Tri-Valley by organizing and hosting drag shows at local venues throughout the region.

I didn't realize at first the impact the article had by shining a spotlight on drag culture and underscoring the importance of inclusion and acceptance in the Tri-Valley. However, when Uhl reached out to me after the article was published and asked to meet in person so that he could thank me face-to-face, I was reminded yet again why local community journalism matters. Our stories have the power to make people feel seen and it has been an honor to do so in the community that has been home to me for most of my life.

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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## A Town Square debate

Yes, I read Town Square, our company's online commenting forum. It's a blessing and a curse for us — and depending on when you ask, I might reverse that order.

While I lament the medium on occasion (the sheer time it takes for us to moderate threads that devolve is ... exhausting), there are plenty of instances where productive conversations occur or our news team gets legitimate story leads from the comments. We just have to take some of the online debates with a grain of salt.

I was particularly intrigued by a Town Square thread on our DanvilleSanRamon.com last month, reacting to reporter Jeanita Lyman's story, "Dublin teens allegedly sneak into Cal High classroom to beat student".

Some early posts on the story thread questioned if there was a video of the incident circulating on social media, as Jeanita's story referenced, why we didn't post the video with our story. As I do only sparingly, I felt the obligation to respond and elaborate on our ethical decision-making.

There were multiple factors. Basically, the video we saw was poor quality and we didn't have permission from the video creator. But even more importantly, the victim, assailants and bystanders depicted were minors, which raises likely juvenile privacy considerations. (The assailants did appear to be wearing masks.)

The comment thread really picked up after my response, raising some important ethical questions.

One angle explored by multiple posters was our company's policy, last updated in 2017, laying out in which situations our reporters do and do not identify adult arrestees by name before formal criminal charges are filed by prosecutors.

Rather than respond right away, I decided to let the Town Square thread play itself out and come back to the conversation in this space.

It is vital for journalists to be accountable to readers, sources and ourselves — have those tough conversations or answer those difficult ethical questions when they arise. Openness, honesty and perspective have to be more than just words in a productive newsroom.

It's true that our company developed a new policy document several years ago, "Guidelines for Reporting Arrests", to align our coverage and inform our editors'

deliberations case by case.

Ours is a well-written policy, born from a robust internal debate.

I encourage you to read the whole thing online, but essentially we will hold back on an arrestee's name and mugshot before the prosecutors announce charges unless they are a prominent person or local public figure, the case is a major violent crime or it is the result of a lengthy felony investigation. Oh, and there is some room for other allowances "in the judgment of the editor".

To be honest, the guidelines go a little farther than I would like as a traditional cops and courts reporter, but I understand the reasoning, agree with the overall mindset and so appreciate having a clear rule sheet, even if I disagree with aspects of it. And to those who clap back at that, I wonder whether they've ever had to enact a consensus policy at their job.

I like that the policy demands our reporters follow through with prosecutors to learn the actual charges. I like that it puts the focus on identifying arrestees in serious felony cases instead of low-level crimes. I like that it requires us to not simply treat a police press release as gospel, but ask important questions to get more of the full story.

But from my perspective, if our news team is diligent about reporting a noteworthy criminal case from arrest through its resolution in court, then we've done our duty ethically to the victims, defendants and authorities involved. And a key fact at the outset is that said person was arrested. I can accept the underlying issue is more complex for the individuals involved though.

I do make one important thing clear to my team and the authorities though: I want the arrestees names, I think we're entitled to it as public information, and we'll have the internal ethical debate after securing all relevant details, not the other way around. And I certainly don't want to live in a city, state or country where police can arrest people in secrecy by default.

I also hear the critics who say we have an obligation to readers to report all the public information that we know, but our ethical responsibilities go deeper than that sometimes. A topic for another column. ■

*Editor's note: Jeremy Walsh is the editorial director for the Embarcadero Media East Bay Division. His "What a Week" column is a recurring feature in the Pleasanton Weekly.*

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New Alameda County Fair Board Director Heather McGrail tours the stables area at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton earlier this month. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XXIV, Number 22



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**Nate Trujillo**

*Tech sales*

I go to the fair every year without fail because it is always a win-win situation. The horse races are always very exciting, especially when accompanied by all of the crazy amusement park rides and delicious desserts. More specifically, I really do love those deep-fried cookie dough bites. Who wouldn't?



**Kathleen Pimentel**

*Implementation project manager*

I just love the little pig races because those baby pigs are so adorable. I hope they are treated and cared for very well. I also love the funnel cake, smothered in tons of whipped cream and strawberries. The county fair is the only time of year I ever eat anything like that.



**Amanda Evans, with Waylon**

*Administrative assistant*

Going to the fair every year is such a great way for me to reminisce about so many fond memories that I have from my childhood. Even as an adult, I look forward to going to the fair with my family members and friends, just like I did as a kid. In fact, I'm going tomorrow and I just can't wait!



**Mike Dean, with Hayden and Brooklyn**

*Corporate controller*

I love the sense of community that the fair brings to our town. And we are already looking forward to bringing our baby girls to the fair when they are a bit older, so that they can enjoy the petting zoo and the baby pig races. They both really love animals so I know these events will be a big hit with them.



**Janet Pugh**

*Retired*

I enjoy watching the fair fireworks from my backyard, and my husband and I love to be able to walk to the fair from our home. We have an annual tradition of taking a ride on the giant Ferris wheel together, exploring all of the interesting exhibits, and then eating all of the crazy fair food that we never, ever eat during the rest of the year.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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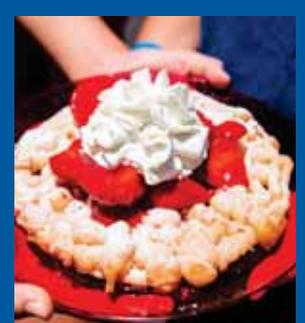
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## DIGEST

### Sheet mulching party

The city of Pleasanton is hosting a “Lawn Conversion Sheet Mulching Party” free for residents at the Pleasanton City Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave., this Saturday (June 24) from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

“You will learn about the environmentally friendly process of sheet mulching as a lawn conversion method and have a chance to ‘dig in’ and help us convert a section of lawn outside of the City of Pleasanton Civic Center,” city officials said.

The event is “BYOGG” — “bring your own garden gloves”. To register, visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov) or search for title on Eventbrite.

Regional agency StopWaste also promotes the sheet mulch process for removing lawns without grass-killing chemicals. Obtain a sheet mulch party toolkit at [stopwaste.org](http://stopwaste.org).

### Movies in the Park

Pleasanton is welcoming back its free Movies in the Park series at Amador Valley Community Park, behind the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

The series opens with the Disney animated classic “Aladdin” next Thursday (June 29), with the screening to begin at dusk.

“Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy family film favorites every Thursday,” city officials said. “Be prepared for some fun activities and games for the whole family.”

The rest of the schedule features “Minions: The Rise of Gru” on July 6, “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish” on July 13, “Angels in the Outfield” on July 20, “Turning Red” on July 27 and “Jumanji” (1995) on Aug. 3.

### Winemaker Project 2020

The results of a special initiative among winemakers in the Livermore Valley will be unveiled in the Bankhead Theater lobby this weekend: The Livermore Valley Vintners Collective will be celebrating the release of its fourth vintage of the Winemaker Project 2020.

“Driven by collaboration and inspiration, the group decided to begin a winemaking project based on a central question: What would happen if you give a group of winemakers a framework of varietals and ask them to make a wine?,” officials said.

“One that is totally unique, accessible and interesting. A representation of the specified grapes from the appellation, but with the fingerprints of each personality. Would you end up with similar wines? Would they be drastically different?” they added.

Tickets for the event Saturday (June 24) from 1-4 p.m. remain available. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

## Roadwork delays push Costco store opening deeper into 2024

Two new hotels — first major project in JDEDZ — still on track for completion this year

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

With its building permits under review by the city, Costco is getting ready to break ground on constructing its first-ever store in Pleasanton within the next couple of months. However, due to delays with associated street improvements in the area, shoppers will have to wait more into next year to see the store officially open.

Located southeast of the Interstate 580 and Interstate 680 interchange, the highly anticipated Costco is one of the anchors of

the larger Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone project that aims to redevelop approximately 40 acres of land fronting Johnson Drive — near Stoneridge Drive and I-680 — into a commercial corridor including the wholesale retail giant and two new hotels.

Pamela Ott, deputy city manager, confirmed to the Weekly that the 122-room SpringHill Suites at 7270 Johnson Drive and the 110-room TownePlace Suites at 7260 Johnson Drive are nearing completion to become the first new additions to the JDEDZ area later this year.

“The City of Pleasanton is delighted with the revitalization of long-vacant properties in the Johnson Drive area, the nearing completion of the SpringHill Suites and TownePlace Suites hotels and the future Costco,” Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly in a statement. “All these projects will bring significant additional revenues to the city in the form of increased sales tax and hotel tax, supporting a balanced budget and funding critical services plus facilities for Pleasanton’s residents.”

Ott added that the SpringHill

Suites is slated to open first with an employee training anticipated in September followed by TownePlace Suites, which anticipates its employee training in December.

“When the hotels are ready to welcome guests, they can fully open to the public,” Ott said.

But on top of the new amenities, the JDEDZ project also includes mandated street improvements to reduce the impact of traffic from the new land-uses. Key roadwork needs to be completed

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COURTESY ZONE 7

Three goats take a water break from one of the last times the Zone 7 Water Agency brought them in to help with fire prevention and vegetation management.

## Goats due to arrive soon

Zone 7 again calling on hungry animals to help with fire prevention, vegetation management

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Zone 7 Water Agency is bringing back one of the best assets in its fire prevention and flood channel maintenance departments for this summer — goats.

For a third fire season in a row, the agency is turning to contractors with goats coming north from South America as part of its comprehensive mowing efforts to “maintain local flood channels and reduce the risk of fire.”

“The goats eat away overgrown vegetation along the banks of

waterways, including overgrown trees and bushes with their six (foot) reach, as well as grasses and weeds along the ground,” according to a recent press release from the agency.

According to Zone 7, the goats are part of the agency’s integrated vegetation management plan, which aims to control weeds, grass and shrubs along flood protection channels that, in some areas, also serve as recreational areas for Tri-Valley residents.

According to the press release, these areas — while beneficial to

the communities — pose high fire risks, which makes the goat’s jobs of vegetation maintenance even more important.

“The goats hungrily chew away ragweed, poison oak, thistles, and even thorny vines like blackberry, which controls brush and creates an effective fire break,” Zone 7 officials said. “The goats naturally clear low-lying brush and fallen branches, all without disturbing the soil or using pesticides.”

The agency also stated that

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## Council to debate airport policy

New developments, noise, fuels among top resident concerns

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Livermore City Council is set to review and possibly adopt the new Livermore Municipal Airport’s leasing and development policy next week after months of public discourse and updates to the original draft.

Some key components of the updated policy the council will consider include guidelines for developing at the airport, establishing environmentally friendly practices and promoting public involvement in order to help address noise concerns from both Pleasanton and Livermore residents.

“It is the goal of the city to ensure airport property is leased and developed in a high-quality manner consistent with sound fiscal management and best operational practices while ensuring the provision of essential infrastructure, improvements and amenities that support the overall operation of the airport,” according to the updated policy draft from June 5.

Back in March, the Livermore Airport Commission — which oversees the airport and anything related to it — began reviewing the proposed updates to the airport’s development policy along with its hangar waitlist policy.

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CIERRA BAILEY

It was a sold-out drag brunch on June 17 at Rebel Kitchen & Libations in downtown Livermore.



## Drag brunch garners community support after boycott threats

Tickets sell out within one day following effort to thwart event at Rebel in Livermore

BY JUDE STRZEMP

“Thank you for being you! We love you and we love the show!” The response to Rebel Kitchen & Libations’ first drag brunch rings in host and drag queen Ava LaShay’s memory.

LaShay and fellow drag performers Queera Nightly and Avery Night returned to the

gastropub located in downtown Livermore last Saturday for a second drag brunch. This Pride Month, the event and its performers accumulated a wave of community support in the face of threats to boycott Rebel ahead of the show.

The drag queens were greeted by a packed house Saturday where rainbow decor and the

LGBTQ+ Pride Flag adorned the entryway and front wall of the establishment.

“Right now there’s so much animosity towards the queer community, and Pride Month is a time where that is heightened. And to see the overwhelming display of support is really powerful,” Nightly said.

According to Nightly, drag shows are an important community space and an accepting space where people can relax and have fun.

“Drag shows are really the one place that people can go and feel safe, know that they’re going to be OK, and they can let their guard down. So I think it’s important that there is a space in Livermore where people can do

that,” Nightly said.

Opposition spoke loudly, but did so as a minority, as described by Rebel owner Gianni Schell.

On June 6, an unnamed emailer urged their contacts to boycott Rebel and to forward the message on social media, according to Rebel’s event and marketing manager Dina Parks.

Later that same day, Parks turned to the Livermore Pride Facebook Group to rally support for the drag brunch and performers. According to Parks, the community responded en masse. Within the day, the brunch had sold out, filling the venue which had been about half booked just days prior.

“The community is stepping up and showing Rebel that we are

going to support inclusive queer events with our dollars, and that a threat of boycott should not be a reason for them to not continue to have inclusive events,” said Brittini Kiick, the city’s vice mayor and a board member of Livermore Pride, a nonprofit that supports LGBTQ+ community-building.

This support for drag, the performers and Rebel ultimately staved off the potentially negative financial impact of boycotting.

Days before the brunch, LaShay wrote, “It feels good knowing the community is coming out in support of the show, the queens and Rebel. We truly have an amazing community here in Livermore of both LGBTQIA+ and allies. It’s always a comfort knowing we aren’t alone.” ■

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## Walnut Grove principal Pratt reassigned to Amador

District recruiting for successor this summer

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Walnut Grove Elementary School principal Dwight Pratt is moving on from his time at the elementary campus, as he will begin the new school year as coordinator of high school operations at Amador Valley High School.

According to Patrick Gannon, director of communications for the Pleasanton Unified School District, Pratt’s appointment to his new position is set to be ratified at this week’s Board of Trustees meeting.

“This being Amador’s 100th year celebration, I could not be more excited to be a part of this milestone,” Pratt said in a statement to the Weekly. “To be around student athletics and that energy really excites me and I am thrilled to be in PUSD.”

A former high school coach for 14 years and member of the city’s Parks and Recreation Department for 10 years, Pratt has been at Walnut Grove for the last four years — before he was appointed as principal in September 2021 he served as the school’s vice principal. “He will be missed at Walnut Grove, but we are excited to have his energy and expertise at Amador Valley,” Gannon told the Weekly.



Dwight Pratt

According to a message Pratt sent to the parents and families at Walnut Grove, he said that while the transition to Amador is bittersweet, he is looking forward to

working with the next school year’s incoming freshmen who were fifth-graders when he first started at Walnut Grove.

“I am excited to dive into high school athletics and continue my path in administration and facilities,” Pratt said in his message to the families. “I know that in my departure everyone at Walnut Grove will continue to be amazing as they demonstrate how to be responsible, respectful, and ready to learn.”

He also added that he will be working closely with the district to “ensure a smooth, seamless transition” for whoever replaces his position at Walnut Grove.

According to Gannon, the district is actively recruiting for a principal and said that the goal is to have a permanent hire in place for the upcoming school year. ■

# Dublin debates expanding term limits for mayor, council

New policy proposal, still in flux, would be taken to voters in 2024 general election

By NICOLE GONZALES

The Dublin City Council this month discussed the future of term limit policies for city elected positions that, as currently set, are the most restrictive in the Tri-Valley.

City leaders weighed options including leaving in place the existing policy that allows a maximum of eight consecutive years, or asking voters to amend it or remove term limits altogether. While the council didn't reach consensus on term length during the June 6 meeting, there was agreement that any proposal would be placed on the November 2024 ballot instead of calling for a costly off-schedule election earlier.

"Current regulations governing term limits were approved by voters in November of 1996," assistant city manager John Stefanski said while leading the discussion June 6.

Stefanski explained that when comparing local and regional term limits, Dublin's are the most restrictive. In Dublin, no official may serve more than eight consecutive years, in any combination of elected city council or mayoral positions.

"When we're looking at our neighboring jurisdictions, Dublin's term limits are the most limiting," Stefanski said. In Pleasanton, for example, the initial term limit is eight consecutive years for a regular City Council seat and a separate limit of eight consecutive years for the mayor's seat.

With each councilmember providing input, the ultimate finding was to further talks about the policy change, with the hopes of bringing it to the November 2024 ballot. Though the members compared the term limits of Dublin to cities nearby, it was not specified at this stage how much they might seek to

increase or change the term limits.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez expressed support for updating the term rules.

"The discussion of term limits in 1996 was brought on when Dublin wasn't as big as it is now — the population wasn't even half of what it is now. We have grown tremendously since then," Hernandez said. "As your mayor, I'm glad that we're having this open conversation because to me it's important to be able to bring this forward to the ballot."

Originally, city staff presented the option of putting the issue on a special election ballot in April 2024, giving residents the opportunity to vote on the issue before the November 2024 election. That move would also cause the changes to go into effect for the November 2024 municipal ballot, impacting any mayor or city council candidate vying for a new term.

According to the official staff report, adding the measure to the April 2024 ballot would have an estimated cost between \$239,449 and \$307,863.

Councilmember Jean Josey questioned the cost difference between placing the measure in April or November of 2024.

"The cost of putting the measure on the November ballot wouldn't be any additional cost because the city will already have the city council and mayor election, so we'll already be paying to participate in that election," Stefanski said in response.

Councilmember Kashaf Qaadri offered his reflections in favor of bringing the issue to the ballot in November instead of April.

"I'm supportive of it being amended (and) taking it to vote and letting the voters decide," Qaadri said.

"My reluctance is around the timing and lack of immediacy, the

potential \$300,000 seems excessive when we don't need to address this issue just now," he said. "Extending the term limits can potentially help foster continuity and stability with long-term projects and initiatives that are often complex. We can take it to vote in the November 2024 election when the cost incurred to the taxpayers will be much less."

Josey echoed the sentiment in favor of updating the term policies.

"I have long felt that our term limits are overly restrictive," she said. "We are the only ones in the Tri-Valley that have a limit of eight years combined."

Although no specific timeline was given, council members agreed to discuss placing the measure on the November 2024 ballot at a later time. Additional reports are expected to be released by the city of Dublin in the coming months. ■

## AIRPORT

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Since then, the commission has gone through rounds of liaison committee meetings with Pleasanton and Dublin officials; heard and reviewed public comments; and reviewed all of those comments before drafting up and approving the final policy document on June 5. That final draft is scheduled to be presented to the Livermore City Council for final consideration on Monday (June 26).

The purpose of the updated policy is mainly to provide direction and guidance for airport development on developable land at the airport by creating procedures to evaluate and approve or reject proposals related to the leasing or development, according to airport officials.

"This policy establishes leasing protocols and requirements for compatible and sustainable development that protects persons and property," according to the draft.

"An applicant proposing to develop a project that would noticeably increase aircraft activity, vehicle traffic, noise to surrounding neighbors and/or significantly intensify existing land use(s), will be required to develop a comprehensive public engagement plan (PEP) designed to inform the public as to the scope and scale of the proposed project," the draft also states.

That plan will be prepared by a third-party consultant that is paid by the applicant, contracted by the city and will be subject to review and approval by the City Council.

"All proposed projects will be initially evaluated to determine impacts to the existing Airport Layout Plan (ALP) or if an

environmental review is necessary," according to the draft.

But since the initial rounds of presentations in March, the policy draft has received over 120 public comments in which residents mainly voiced their concerns regarding the noise coming from the airport.

The comments didn't end there as many Pleasanton residents, and even a few Livermore residents, showed up to two recent Pleasanton City Council meetings to ask the city to push Livermore officials to address their concerns.

While the city of Pleasanton does not have any direct authority over the neighboring airport, members of the council expressed their support for taking some sort of action — which will most likely be in a letter of concern — in the hopes that Livermore officials can do something to address the issues.

Both cities did establish a resolution in 2010 in which they agreed to collectively collaborate with the purpose of "minimizing airport impacts on the Tri-Valley community and to improve sharing of information between the cities and their residents."

Apart from addressing the noise concerns, Pleasanton officials also called on the city of Livermore to transition away from lead-based fuel and find ways to better enforce its voluntary night flying curfew.

According to the updated policy text, however, noise concerns and public comments have been addressed in the current draft — although noise wasn't directly mentioned as much as issues regarding the environment.

The draft states that in regards to the community, it will aim to "maintain and enhance a compatible relationship between the

airport and the surrounding community, including noise."

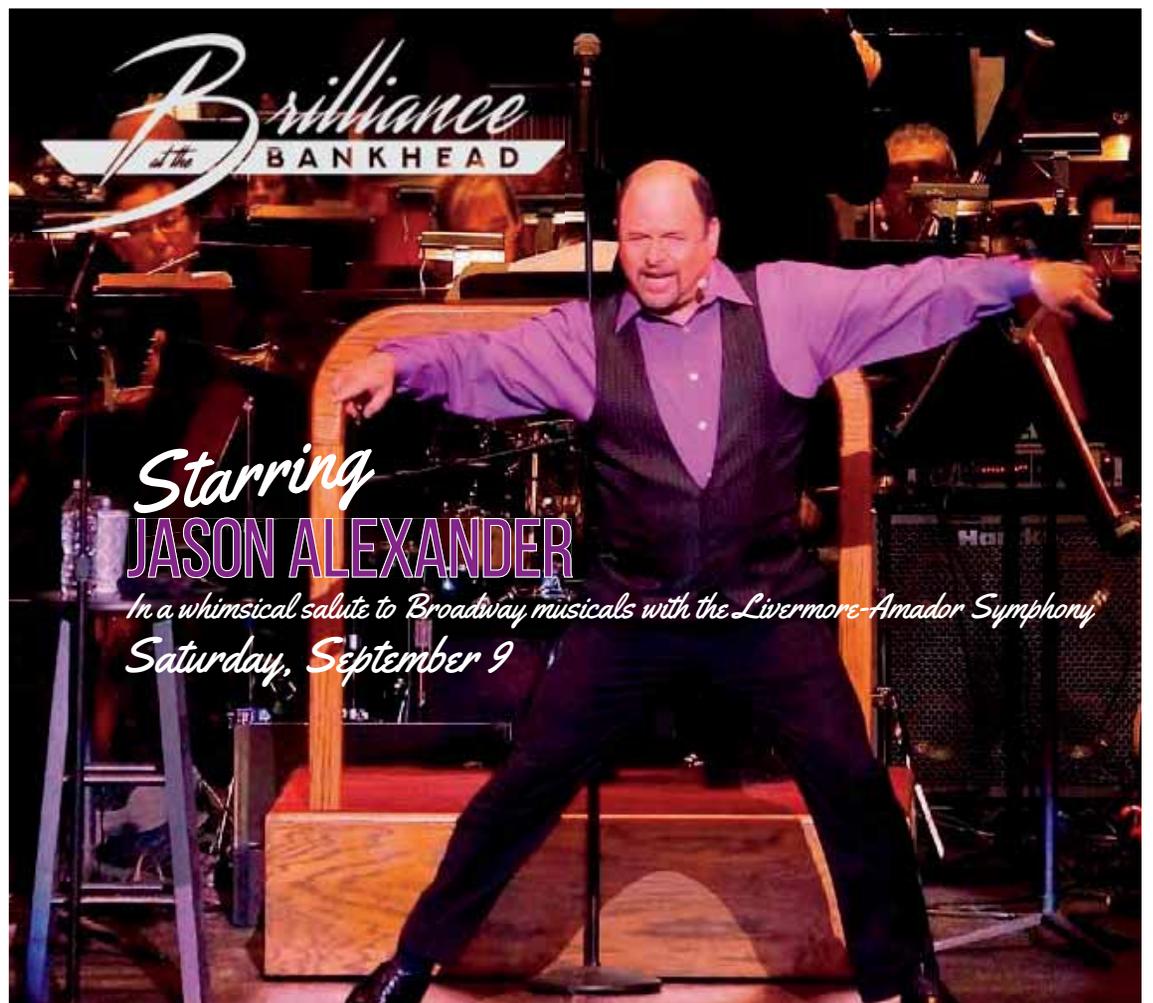
But for the environment, there is a big emphasis on not allowing development that would affect things like water sources and the wildlife habitat.

"The city will not permit development or land use that accelerates

erosion of soil and rock (including stream sedimentation, dust, and gully), alters drainage and/or floodwater patterns, exacerbates flood hazards, reduces natural vegetation, creates visual scars, leaches minerals, or destroys animal habitats," according to the draft.

Although Livermore staff have

already reviewed and incorporated relevant comments from the previous public input window into its final version of the airport policy, residents from both Livermore and Pleasanton will still be able to submit comments for the Livermore council meeting set for Monday at 7 p.m. ■



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# Livermore's July 4 fireworks show moving to Robertson Park

Venue switch from downtown aims to 'offer better crowd management and safety'

By CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore's annual Salute to the Fourth of July fireworks show won't be taking place downtown this year. Instead, the show will light up the sky from Robertson Park.

While the most recent fireworks shows have been hosted by Livermore Downtown Inc. atop the parking garage on Railroad Avenue, the city determined that the show would move back to Robertson Park, where it has taken place in the past, to "offer better crowd management and safety," officials said.

Although the venue is changing, Livermore Downtown Inc. remains an active partner in this year's event.

On Tuesday, July 4, entry gates open at 4 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m., with the fireworks show beginning at 9:30 p.m. and lasting 20 minutes. Fireworks will be launched from the softball fields, and gates will reopen after the show has ended.

The first 2,000 people in attendance will receive an American flag fan courtesy of sponsor Marcel Orthodontics. There will also be live music from local band Foam Riders of Livermore, and everyone is encouraged to bring food

from their favorite local restaurant or purchase from food trucks at the event.

City officials noted that consumption of alcohol and possession of open containers of alcohol is not allowed. Pets, glass containers and pop-ups are also not permitted.

This holiday display is the only exception to the city's restrictions on fireworks. All fireworks are illegal in the city of Livermore, including "safe and sane" fireworks that may be legal to purchase in other cities like nearby Dublin, city officials noted.

The City Council recently approved amendments to the city's fireworks ordinance to include a social-hosting provision, which went into effect during this week.

The provision holds the property owner or person in charge of hosting a gathering where fireworks are being discharged liable for their guests' actions on their property. The provision applies when the guest using the fireworks cannot be identified.

During the city's family-friendly celebration, Livermore High School varsity dance team and varsity girls' basketball team will host an activity zone for kids from 5 to 8 p.m. as a fundraising effort. Their kids zone



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Livermore police officers view a past "Salute to the Fourth of July" fireworks show. This year's event is being relocated to Robertson Park.

will offer cash-only children's activities including face painting and games. They'll also have water and glow sticks for purchase.

The event is free to attend but parking onsite requires a pre-paid parking pass, which will not be available to purchase on-site at the

event. Parking passes can be purchased on Eventbrite.

There is no fee for pedestrians and bicyclists. However, officials advise pedestrians and bicyclists to use the path/sidewalk entrances (reference map on city's website). Pedestrians will not be allowed to

use the Robertson Park roadway entrance at Concannon Boulevard and Arroyo Road.

A site map and detailed information about parking restrictions in the surrounding neighborhoods can be found at [www.LivermoreCA.gov/Fireworks](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/Fireworks). ■

## COSTCO

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before Costco breaks ground on its building.

"The updated master schedule for completing the construction of the JDEDZ street improvements indicates all work to be completed by late March 2024," Ott said. "This is four months later than the original master schedule, which had the work complete by November 2023, as there is joint trench relocation work that is now expected to start July 2023 barring any additional delay."

According to Ott, the joint trench relocation work entails having a contractor install new electrical and telecommunication conduits and junction enclosures to replace aging infrastructure. The city's street light electrical and traffic signals will also be replaced.

"Although an important component of the roadwork, the joint trench represents only a small component of the overall project," Ott said. "Following the joint trench installation, the contractor will widen a portion of the road to include new pavement, sidewalks, streetlights, traffic signals and landscaping."

Other street improvements in the JDEDZ project include making the Stoneridge Drive and I-680 northbound on-ramp wider in order to create a second lane, making Johnson Drive wider to create a second northbound lane and traffic signalization improvements on

Owens and Commerce drives.

Ott added that while the joint trench work will be needed to make power and gas connections, once done the two hotels will be allowed to open for guests in advance of the other transportation improvements during the fall and winter months.

However, she said that the Costco store and gas station cannot open to the public until the transportation improvements are complete.

"Costco has indicated that construction of its retail building and fueling facility has been scheduled to coincide with the completion of the onsite traffic improvements on Johnson Drive," Ott said.

She also said that while the city expects to issue Costco its building permit this summer, the company's building permit application is still under review while the city waits for an update to the plans.

"Costco has indicated the on-site construction will require approximately 7-8 months, such that construction would begin by late July/early August 2023," Ott said in a statement. "The building will be approximately 160,000 square feet, which is similar in size to most of its stores, with 768 parking stalls and 15 double-sided fuel pumps."

As part of its approval of the JDEDZ project, the city agreed to

reimburse a portion of the design and construction costs with traffic impact fees to be imposed on future JDEDZ developers and a portion of the sales tax revenues generated by the new Costco store, with Costco fronting a portion of the overall roadwork costs in addition to its own share.

Then in July 2022, the Pleasanton City Council voted to move forward with allowing the construction of the property, which estimated a total cost of about \$33.5 million — an increase from the initial \$21.47 million in 2017 — and acquiring the right-of-way needed to construct the traffic mitigation measures.

Costco, a landowner within the project area, had been vying to construct the new store for nearly a decade but the city's JDEDZ project faced a lengthy public process that included an opposition measure that lost at the ballot box, two lawsuits and years worth of city review and council hearings.

The Weekly attempted to seek comment from Costco, but according to a representative, it is company policy "to not comment regarding future Costco warehouses and their construction until we are ready to share details about the new location — usually 2-3 months in advance of its opening." ■



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A design of how the Costco slated to begin construction in a few months would look like from the front.

# Culinary Angels hires new executive director

Organization hopes Weekes can grow outreach services in Tri-Valley

By NICOLE GONZALES

Tri-Valley cancer patient support nonprofit Culinary Angels recently welcomed a new executive director, Rusty Weekes, while also sharing plans to continue growing its outreach services.

Culinary Angels works with volunteers across the Tri-Valley to provide nutrition-forward meals to people experiencing cancer or their support teams. Weekes will be working alongside the organization's board of directors, founder

and volunteer base to continue their services throughout the region.

"I am very excited to be able to welcome Rusty into our amazing organization so that we can continue to help further evolve and grow our programs," founder Lisa McNaney said in announcing Weekes' appointment on Monday.



Rusty Weekes

McNaney, a survivor of cancer herself, created Culinary Angels in 2016 with the goal of highlighting the impact of quality food on the treatment process and overall patient health.

"I expect to remain very active in the overall organization, tap into new resources and opportunities and likely be able to spend more time in the kitchen," added McNaney, who is stepping down as executive director.

When making meals, staff emphasizes the importance

of nutrition, often using local, organic and seasonal foods. According to the group, they have produced over 13,000 meals since launching.

Weekes joins the Culinary Angels with previous nonprofit and philanthropy experience. He has served as an executive board member of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce since 2014, among other executive board positions.

In a statement, Weekes shared his hopes to increase the Culinary

Angels service impact throughout the Tri-Valley.

"I am excited to join the Culinary Angels team as the executive director. Lisa McNaney and the board, led by president Sue Bayer, have created a wonderful and successful organization that provides an important link for those who need it most," Weekes said.

"With the help and support of the Culinary Angels staff and volunteers, we will focus on growing our recipient base, cultivating new corporate partnerships and sharing the incredible story of the Culinary Angels," Weekes added.

To find out more about the nonprofit, visit [culinaryangels.org](http://culinaryangels.org). ■

# BART board approves parking, fare increases

'Stark reminder that BART alone cannot solve the financial crisis created by the pandemic'

By LYDIA SIDHOM / BCN

BART's Board of Directors adopted a new pricing parking policy last week, updating the allowed price ranges for BART's parking spaces and authorizing for the floors and ceilings to be gradually adjusted based on inflation over time.

The proposed price range for the daily fee is \$3 to \$6.30 per day from its current \$1 to \$3 per day. For the single/multi-day fee, the proposed fee is \$4 to \$11 compared to the current price of \$4 to \$7; for the

monthly fee, the proposed fee is \$84 to \$220, an increase from the current \$63 to \$105 range.

The proposal also extends the hours for which parking is paid to include afternoons and weekends at stations where lots are 90% full.

Due to parking being readily available, this change will not immediately impact most stations.

Parking prices will vary by station, and local parking taxes apply in certain areas. San Francisco has a parking tax of 25%, Oakland has a 18.5% tax and Berkeley has a 10% tax.

BART's parking operating cost deficit was about \$17 million this fiscal year, which is one of the reasons behind the implementation of the new policy. Updating the policy is also a way for BART to be in sync with parking prices across the Bay Area and among peer transit agencies, stated the resolution's executive decision document.

The board also voted to approve fare increases. Fares will rise twice over two years, by 5.5% each. This is a compromise from the original proposal of a single increase of 11.4%.

The average fare, which is currently \$4.20, will increase by 23 cents as a result, according to a BART press release.

While some board members and public commenters voiced concern about the impact of increasing parking and fare fees, granting a larger discount to low-income riders was approved. The Clipper START fare discount, which provides single-ride fare discounts to individuals aged 19 to 64 under 200% of the federal poverty level, will be increased

from 20% to 50%.

The board also approved a budget that is balanced for the 2024 fiscal year but has a deficit of \$93 million for the 2025 fiscal year. This reflects, BART General Manager Bob Powers said, the challenges BART has faced in emerging from the pandemic.

"It's a stark reminder that BART alone cannot solve the financial crisis created by the pandemic," Powers stated. "Right now, BART needs temporary state funding to bridge the gap while we pursue a sustainable source of operating funds to advance the Bay Area and California's economic, climate and equity goals." ■

# Spedowfski named new city manager in San Ramon

Interim leader being promoted to position permanently, pending final contract approval

By JEANITA LYMAN

The San Ramon City Council has announced a familiar name as its selection for the permanent role of city manager, following a months-long search, application and interview process.

Following a closed-session council meeting last Friday afternoon, city officials confirmed Interim City Manager Steven Spedowfski as council members' selection to fill the position on a permanent basis, following the retirement of former city manager Joe Gorton effective at the start of this year.

"It is a great honor to be selected as San Ramon's next city manager," said Spedowfski, a longtime San Ramon city employee and former Livermore city councilman. "This is a wonderful community, and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of San Ramon in this new capacity."

Although Spedowfski's interim contract included a clause preventing him from applying for the

position on a permanent basis, it explicitly allowed the council to consider him for the position regardless. His appointment is pending contract negotiations and formal approval of the employment agreement by the council at an upcoming open meeting.

"The recruiting consultant did an outstanding job and gave us a lot of good candidates; we learned a lot from our interviews," Mayor Dave Hudson said in a statement Friday. "But in the end, we realized what we had is what we wanted; this was the decision we all came to."

"Steven has been dedicated to the San Ramon community for more than 20 years, and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role," the mayor added. "We are confident in his leadership as our next city manager."

It was Hudson who first introduced Spedowfski publicly in 2001 upon his hiring as a transportation specialist for the city. He proceeded to work as an analyst in the city's engineering department from 2004 to 2009 before being promoted to senior analyst, a position he remained in until 2019.

Spedowfski was promoted to deputy city manager in 2019, under the leadership of Gorton who held

the city manager position for just over six years before his retirement. Councilmembers selected him as interim city manager in December,

shortly before Gorton's retirement went into effect.

Outside of San Ramon, Spedowfski also has a background

as an elected and appointed official in Livermore, where he served on the City Council from 2014 to 2018. ■



Steven Spedowfski



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## HIGHLIGHTS

**Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee Meeting**

Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center – 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Review of Complete Streets Checklist for TDA Article 3 Funds
- Addition of Street Sweeper to 20% project funds
- Callippe Preserve and Augustin Bernal Mountain Bike Trail Updates

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*Diane Kay Scott Sanchez*

October 12, 1953 – June 16, 2023

Diane Kay Scott Sanchez went to be with the Lord on June 16th, 2023. Diane was with her husband, Bob, at the time of her passing. Diane was the eldest daughter of Lee Earl Scott and Carolyn Joan Scott born October 12, 1953, in Villisca, Iowa.



Soon after being born, she and her mother returned to Mare Island Naval Shipyard to join her father who was serving on the USS Mount McKinley. After her dad's active service in US Navy the family returned to Villisca, IA, where she started kindergarten. Her sister Denise Lynn and brother Kirk Lee Scott were born.

In 1960, her family moved to San Mateo, CA. In 1963, the family purchased a home in Milpitas where Diane graduated from Samuel Ayer High School in 1971. Diane won the Betty Crocker Home Economics award and was Publicity Chairperson of her high school.

Diane enrolled at San Jose State University in the Home Economics program. In 1973, she transferred to Cal Poly University where she graduated with a B.S. in Home Economics with a concentration in textiles. Because of her loved fabric. She was a member of the Cal Poly Rose Float Committee which creates a float for the Pasadena Rose Parade each year. She organized her team to cook three meals each day for 10 to 60 float workers during the final weeks of construction of the float.

After graduation in 1975, she married Roberto J. Sanchez. They set up home in Walnut Creek, CA. She was employed at Levi Strauss Company in San Francisco, CA in the Quality Control Laboratory. In 1976, they purchased a home in Newark, CA, where their first son, Nathan Joaquin Sanchez, was born. In 1980, they moved to Fremont, CA, and their second son, Kyle Scott Sanchez, was born. After Nathan's birth, Diane was dedicated to raising the boys and started a custom drapery business, pursuing her love of textile.

In 1985, the family moved to Pleasanton, CA. The boys joined a swim team and after their first year Diane and Bob took ownership of the Pleasanton Meadows Swim team for 7 years. When the boys entered middle and high school, Diane returned to work part-time and eventually full-time. She also went back to college and received an A.S. degree in Interior Design. She retired after several years designing new home model interiors.

Diane is survived by her husband, Bob Sanchez; siblings, Denise (Marcos) Herrera of San Jose, CA; Kirk Scott (Karen Decker) of Maryville, MO. Son, Nathan (Aimee Olivera Sanchez) Sanchez of Odenton, MD; and grandchildren, Aiden & Mara Lynn Sanchez. Son, Kyle (Annalynn) Sanchez of Livermore, CA, grandchild, Silas Henderson.

A memorial service in Diane's honor will be held June 28, 2023, starting at 11 AM at Lynnewood UMC, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton, CA <https://lynnewood.org/events/Service> will be live streamed on <https://www.youtube.com/@lynnewoodunitedmethodistch6719/featured>

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## Zone 7 among grant recipients confirmed by state

Agency gets \$300,000 for automated self-service recycled water fill station

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The California Department of Water Resources announced \$288 million in grants this month to help fund drinking water, drought response and flood control projects around the state, including \$300,000 for a Zone 7 Water Agency initiative.

DWR highlighted several projects that will receive funds, including three in and around the Bay Area that together will get \$17 million for groundwater recharge,

water supply and recycled water projects.

In Alameda County, Zone 7 will receive \$300,000 to build an automated self-service recycled water fill station to provide water year-round for irrigation and other uses.

In Santa Cruz County, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District will receive \$4.5 million to replace nine leaking water storage tanks with six fire-resistant steel tanks to increase the district's current storage

capacity from 160,000 to 720,000 gallons.

Much of SLVWD's water storage and delivery system was destroyed during the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire.

In San Joaquin County, the Stockton East Water District will receive \$12.2 million to divert water from the New Hogan Reservoir for groundwater recharge and drinking water.

The bulk of the funding comes from DWR's Urban Community Drought Relief Grant program. ■

## Parks Foundation names Bernstein as executive director

Has long career in philanthropy and nonprofit consulting

By JOSEPH CHIU

Lauren Bernstein has been hired as the new executive director of the Regional Parks Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization aimed to fundraise and support the East Bay Regional Park District that oversees regional parks and open space in the area.

Bernstein began her role as the executive director on June 14. She will oversee and administer the foundation's operations and philanthropic opportunities, and also lead, develop, and implement program initiatives of the foundation.

"I am honored to serve as the executive director of the Regional Parks Foundation. I look forward to raising much needed philanthropic funding that will support critical Park District initiatives, as well as support our mission and work toward universal access, diversity and inclusion, and stewardship of our environment," Bernstein said in a statement.

Bernstein most recently served at the Glide Foundation in San Francisco for 3-1/2 years. According to parks foundation officials, she successfully led a team and raised money to support programs for unhoused individuals and families, creating multiple fundraising opportunities for the program.

Bernstein has worked closely with many organizations throughout the past decade to support nonprofit management, strategy and fundraising, according to the foundation. Her background in fundraising includes her current involvement as a nonprofit consultant and philanthropy, with goals similar to those she will see with the Regional Parks Foundation.

Bernstein will utilize her role



Lauren Bernstein

to further strengthen the foundation's mission and standard goals of providing universal access, environmental stewardship, educational and recreational programs, and the acquisition of parklands, according to foundation officials.

As a frequent visitor to EBRPD parks who enjoys nature and the outdoors, Bernstein said she looks forward to engaging the community through her support. Her education and experience will provide the Regional Parks Foundation group with crucial elements needed to succeed in their fundraising missions, foundation officials said.

"We are pleased to welcome Ms. Bernstein in this pivotal role to lead the Regional Parks Foundation to further strengthen its mission and impact, and grow its fundraising potential to benefit our parks and the generations of community members and park visitors to come," said Les Hausrath, board president of the foundation. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Ladies Day at the Races:** Pleasanton's Kay Huff organized the 32nd Ladies Day at the Races on opening day of the Alameda County Fair last Friday, drawing dozens of local women and girls to the horse track for the races and a special trip to the winner's circle. (Photo by Chuck Deckert)

# Report finds Bay Area unhoused youth faced increased challenges since pandemic

Lead author: 'We need to do more to support these young people and help them transition to adulthood'

By CHARLES AYITEY / BCN

A survey of unhoused youth in the Bay Area found that about a third of them reported becoming unhoused since the start of the pandemic, according to a new University of California at Berkeley study.

The report published last month by UC Berkeley's School of Public Health's Youth and Allies Against Homelessness (YAAH) looked at how living standards and health outcomes of youth facing homelessness in San Francisco and Alameda counties worsened since the onset of COVID-19.

Out of 182 unhoused youth surveyed, 50% reported eating fewer meals per day and sleeping on an empty stomach than before the pandemic.

"The pandemic has exacerbated the already-existing challenges that unhoused youth face," said Coco Auerswald, lead author of the report and director of YAAH, in the report. "We need to do more to support these young people and help them transition to adulthood."

San Francisco housing officials counted 7,754 homeless individuals one night in February 2022. Among that total, 1,073 were homeless youth, San Francisco's 2022 homeless point-in-time count shows.

Auerswald said the unhoused

youth community is often systematically left out of policies regarding homelessness in San Francisco and Alameda counties despite making up one in seven of the homeless population.

Increased discrimination and stigmas make unhoused youth more likely to be exposed to violence, substance abuse and exploitation. Half of youth experiencing homelessness in the report rated their health as worse after the pandemic. Also, over one-third of participants who had used alcohol, cannabis and other drugs reported an increase in substance abuse since the onset of COVID-19.

"It kept them in a position of poverty and housing instability, impacting their access to education and their access to income, which ultimately kept them in the negative positions that they were in and impacted their ability to successfully transition to adulthood," said YAAH project team lead Jessica Wright in the report.

YAAH's report also shows significant disparities in vaccine distribution. While 73% of the Bay Area's general population received at least one COVID-19 vaccine

dose, unhoused youth participants in the survey lagged at only 21%. According to the report, this discrepancy directly impacts Black and brown, LGBTQ+ and first-generation youth who are more likely to be unhoused.

"It's critical that we all step up and say that we are outraged, and we demand that change," Auerswald said. "Our report provides the necessary evidence to implement policies to be sure that no future pandemic, wildfire, or other disasters disproportionately harms youth experiencing homelessness again."

The UC Berkeley report recommends some reforms in the Bay Area's housing policy. Some of the suggested reforms include:

- Rapid re-housing in dorms: This involves providing homeless youth with immediate access to dormitory-style housing — typically found on university campuses. This option allows them to have a stable living environment while working toward a secure permanent housing solution.

- Shared housing with peers: The report suggests creating avenues for youth experiencing homelessness to live together in shared housing

arrangements — providing support and a shared community, which can be beneficial to their mental health.

- Co-operatives: By pooling their resources and responsibilities together, the report suggests that this concept of housing creates a supportive and affordable living arrangement.

- Family-based solutions: The study also highlights the possibility of connecting homeless youth with their families where they can live with relatives or foster families.

Also, the authors propose that future emergency housing projects in the Bay Area should consider the needs of homeless youth by allocating a proportional number of available spaces to them. This ensures that youth experiencing

homelessness are not overlooked or marginalized in emergency housing initiatives.

Youth and Allies Against Homelessness (YAAH) is a research team at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. Researchers were comprised of youth with lived experiences of homelessness or who have demonstrated a commitment to ending the homelessness crisis, they said.

The web-based survey used for the report was conducted from March to July 2021 and involved 182 participants from San Francisco County (70.9%) and Alameda County (29.1%). Non-Hispanic whites made up 43%, Non-Hispanic Blacks made up 29.7%, and Latinx youth made up 13.2% of respondents. ■

## Barbara Wolfenberger

July 9, 1924 – June 16, 2023

Lifelong born and raised Pleasanton native, Barbara passed away peacefully on Friday, June 16, just three weeks shy of her 99th birthday. Barbara was a proud and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, church secretary and volunteer at the Museum on Main. Her greatest joy was her family and fellow classmates from the Amador High School class of 1942.

At Amador High School she met and married her husband, Joe Wolfenberger, and together they shared 65 years of a loving marriage. Barbara is survived by her four children, Joe (Betty), Steve (Georgia), Alan (Carrie) and Joan (Lou), as well as nine grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. Barbara is also survived by her brother, Bud, and his wife, Marilyn, as well as many nieces and nephews. Family was the bedrock of a long life well lived.

With only 32 students in the graduating class at Amador High School, friendships with classmates were lifelong and cherished. Many vacations and trips were shared with her Amador classmates. In later years she enjoyed volunteering at the Museum on Main with classmate and wedding bridesmaid, Verna Garabaldi, where they were treasured resources regarding the life and times of Pleasanton's history.

While sadness of her passing is currently intense, her kindness and love of family and friends will forever be in our hearts.

Friends and family are invited to attend a viewing at the Graham and Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, CA, on Monday, June 26, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. An interment service will be held at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 McCabe Road, Santa Nella, CA, on Tuesday, June 27, at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a contribution to Hope Hospice, the Museum on Main or to a favorite charity.



## Sharon Louise Palmieri

1964 – May 6, 2023

Sharon Louise Palmieri passed away on May 6, 2023. She was 59 years old.

Born in Redwood City, California as the youngest of four to Linda and David Little, Sharon spent most of her life in California but traveled to and lived in the Boston area for a few years as well.

She loved laughing with, hugging and holding onto loved ones. She was truly a candle in a cave and lit up every room she walked into. She saw the good in everyone and cherished deep, meaningful conversations. She was happy if those around her were happy and she would do anything to make others smile and laugh. She loved with her whole heart and soul, and the world is a better place because she was in it.

Sharon is survived by her parents, Linda and David, her siblings, Laurie, Dave and Sue, Her daughter, Kristina, her grandchildren Bennett and Tatum who were her whole world, along with many, many friends and loved ones whose lives she touched meaningfully along the way.

Sharon was brilliant, vivacious, passionate, optimistic, hilarious and loyal. In a word she was electric and she will be missed dearly.



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## GOATS

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apart from the goats, it also collaborates with fire officials, environmental regulators and wildlife experts to balance fire mitigation with habitat creation in the channels. It also stated that mowing the channels from the top of the banks to about eight to 10 feet into the channels not only minimizes fire chances, it is also considered an effective fire mitigation strategy by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

But when humans can't safely make it up and down the slopes of the channels, that's when the goats — with their agile ability to climb — come in.

The goats were supposed to arrive in mid-May so that they could begin chomping away at the vegetation and be done by the end of June. However, according to Alexandra Bradley, communications specialist at Zone 7, the goats have been delayed in getting to the Tri-Valley and have not arrived to clock in as of Wednesday, although they were on track to arrive soon.

Zone 7's overall mowing program, which began in May, is slated to be completed in early July — the agency however, said it will continue to monitor and maintain the 37 miles of flood protection channels as needed throughout the summer. ■

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# Carrying on the legacy

**Heather McGrail follows in late father's footsteps with new role on county fair board**

By DENNIS MILLER



**H**eather McGrail — Alameda County Fair Board of Directors. It has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

McGrail is a new member of the Fair Board of Directors and is going through her first Alameda County Fair as a board director.

But the McGrail name is hardly new to the group, as her father Jim was a board member for some time before passing away five years ago.

Now the next generation of McGrail has assumed a spot on the board, guaranteeing the name is relevant when it comes to leadership at the Alameda County Fair.

"A lot of this is keeping my father's legacy alive," the 39-year-old McGrail said while visiting the stable area at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton recently. "Being on the board was something I would not have known if it wasn't for my dad. He loved the horse track and I always loved coming to the races with him."

If the last name sounds familiar more than just for the fair board, it should. McGrail Vineyards is one of the top wineries in the Tri-Valley and was Jim's baby. After he died, Heather McGrail assumed more responsibility in the winery

and is now the president of the company.

A mother of three, McGrail possesses the drive of a successful businesswoman but without sacrificing being an attentive, involved mother.

It was the parenting part that may have ultimately led to the decision to apply for an opening on the fair board.

McGrail's 13-year-old daughter Kylie has been involved in 4-H for some time now, meaning there was going to be plenty of time spent on the grounds during the fair, a big time of year for the local 4-H chapters.

"When my dad was on the board, my daughter was in fourth grade and doing 4-H," explained McGrail. "I was down (at the fair) all the time. After last year, I thought since I am down here all the time I might as well be involved."

It came to fruition toward the end of 2022 when there was an opening on the fair board. With the Wentz family no longer involved with the board, McGrail felt compelled to apply.

"The opening came around and there was no wine representation on the board," McGrail said. "With this being an agricultural fair, how was there no wine representation?

We need to find a way to marry wineries and the fair."

With the fair board now a part of her life, McGrail has been blessed with an efficient staff and organization at the winery that lets her fulfill her duties.

"I have such a great team at McGrail that it allows me time to do other stuff, like the fair board," McGrail said.

With December being when her initial board meeting took place, McGrail is still in the infant stages of being a member, but she is embracing the learning curve and taking in all the information she can.

"It's really been all about learning so much about the fair," McGrail said of her time already spent on the board. "I honestly did not realize how much the fairgrounds people do during the rest of the year. It's amazing everything that happens here."

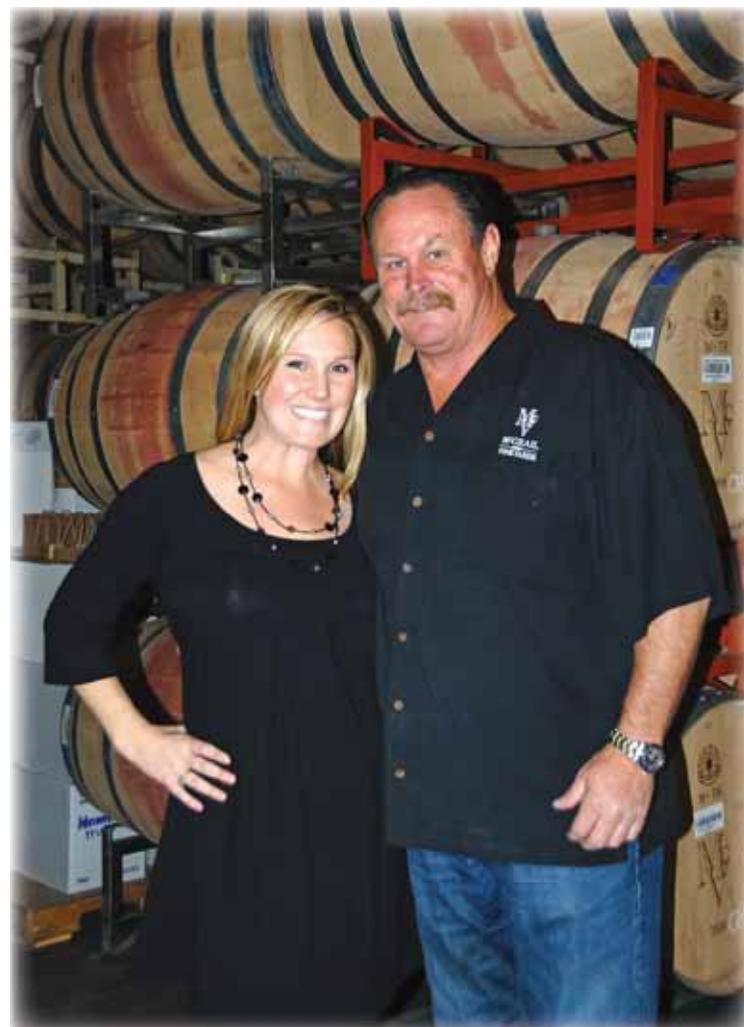
McGrail took spots on the Agriculture and Fair Operations committees for starters. More learning has followed.

"I feel like I am in the discovery phase of being on the fair board," McGrail said.

There was a purpose she selected those two committees for her initial assignments. By picking



Above: New Alameda County Fair Board Director Heather McGrail tours the stables area of fairgrounds in Pleasanton earlier this month. (Photo by Chuck Deckert). Top: Horse racing popular draw at the county fair each summer. (File photo courtesy Alameda County Fair)



COURTESY MCGRAIL VINEYARDS

Heather McGrail is the president of McGrail Vineyards, a popular winery in the Livermore Valley (shown in two left photos). She said she was inspired to join the fair board in honor of her late father Jim McGrail (with whom she's pictured above).

the Fair Operations Committee, it gives McGrail a base of understanding the inner workings of the fair.

As for the Agricultural Committee — well, that was natural.

The fairgrounds is currently raising funds to build The Farm, which will be a working exhibition farm in the heart of the fairgrounds when done.

It will be a living and breathing chance for kids to get hands-on experience with crops, livestock and agricultural ecosystems.

In short, with her experience at the winery, could there be a better fit?

"It's going to be an educational facility for kids to learn all about farming," McGrail said of The Farm. "I'm not going to forget about the growing of grapes. Who knows — maybe a student will learn about growing grapes and when they get to college, maybe they will go to U.C. Davis and study viticulture or enology?"

There was another reason McGrail decided to join the fair board.

"It's the largest event in Alameda County each year," McGrail said. "It makes sense that (the fair) needs to be an important component of the wine industry."

McGrail Vineyards opened in 2008 and has grown to 7,500 cases of wine a year, up from 1,500 cases in the early years. And wineries like McGrail have helped bring the Livermore Valley from an average wine area to one that offers an alternative to competing wine regions.

"I think with the quality of the wine in the Livermore Valley increasing and improving, we need to be more involved with the fair," she said. "It just makes sense."

While she is not on the Racing Committee, McGrail carries a soft spot for racing, thanks in large part to her father's love of the sport.

"I feel like racing is what I know the least, but this is an exciting time

to be on the board," McGrail said. "To me, racing is a key component of the fair."

She is seeing a winery in the Tri-Valley honored with a named race each day of the horse racing slate this summer. This Friday (June 23) will be the day of the "McGrail Race."

For her kids, it is going to be pretty cool to have mom on their local fair board.

Kylie is now raising 10 pigs on their farm and will have another full 4-H slate this year during the fair run.

Gracie is 10 but has chosen to not follow Kylie's 4-H run.

"She tried, but once she heard the pig squeal when we were tagging it, that was all it took," McGrail said with a laugh.

Finally, Colton is the youngest at 7 years old, but it appears he is following in grandpa's shoes.

"He is all excited about the horse races and being there for them," McGrail said. ■

## Horse racing highlights at the 2023 fair

Friday also starts the second weekend of racing and will bring forward the start of the stakes races for the fair.

Kicking off the run will be the \$75,000 She's A Tiger stakes, an 8.5-furlong test named in honor of the 2013 American Champion 2-year-old Filly Eclipse award winner.

She's A Tiger made her debut at the Alameda County Fair in 2013 for Pleasanton-based Jeff Bonde and won by nine lengths in a 5-furlong race.

She went on to end her first year of racing by crossing the line first in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies but was controversially disqualified and placed second for interference in the stretch.

July 1 will be the \$75,000 Oak Tree Sprint, a 6-furlong sprint bringing out some of the top sprinters in Northern California.

The next day will see the inaugural running of the Mary Clare Schmitt Oaks, celebrating the life of the race namesake who passed earlier this year. Longtime Pleasanton residents, Clare, and her husband George Sr., were iconic players in the horse racing industry as owners and breeders of horses.

George will be a guest at the Daily Handicapping Seminar on the day of the race to talk about Clare.

Closing day, July 9, will bring the richest race in the history of the Northern California fair circuit in the \$150,000 Pleasanton Mile. It is the debut for the Mile, which is planned to be a cornerstone of racing in Pleasanton for years to come.

Also, on July 9 there is the running of the Everett Nevin, a \$75,000 race that brings together top 2-year-olds around Northern California, with an occasional Southern California shipper dotting the lineup.

Post time every day of racing is set for 1:45 p.m. The Daily Handicapping Seminar will be held each day at 12:30 p.m. on the stage located right behind the racing grandstands.

For more information, check out the fair website at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com)

## 'Silent Sky' onstage in the vineyards

Play tells story of female scientists overcoming obstacles while making impacts in early 1900s

By JOSIE DE LA TORRE

SPARC Theater this weekend is debuting its new production, "Silent Sky", outdoors at Darcie Kent Vineyards in the heart of Livermore Valley wine country.

Playwright Lauren Gunderson completed "Silent Sky" a year before "Hidden Figures" premiered on screen in 2016 telling the story of NASA scientists Katherine Goble Johnson, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan working as "computers" and playing a vital role in the 1960s space race. The two works share similarities of true stories of women working in science ahead of their time and overcoming obstacles in the process.

"Silent Sky" is inspired by the real story of brilliant and accomplished women Henrietta Leavitt, Annie Cannon and Williamina Fleming working at Harvard



GREGG LE BLANC / CUMULUSLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

From left: Radhika Rao and Elena Wright star in SPARC Theater's production of "Silent Sky" at Darcie Kent Vineyards, opening June 23.

College Observatory in the early 1900s as "human computers". Logging stars from photographs, as they were not allowed to touch the Observatory's telescope on orders from their male superiors, Henrietta discovers something

life-changing on how her society viewed the heavens and Earth.

"This is a modern, STEM success story personified by a woman who worked 120 years ago," SPARC founding artistic director Lisa A. Tromovitch said in a statement.

"Lauren Gunderson sparingly and elegantly weaves this play with warmth, humor and the societal nuances of women's lives in an era when they could not vote. Experiencing these heroic women, and Henrietta in particular, is unforgettable," she added.

The play is directed by Jennifer Le Blanc, an associate artist with SPARC for over a decade who is very familiar with the material. Le Blanc acted in the regional premier at TheatreWorks in 2014 performing the role of Henrietta's sister, Margaret.

"I was so excited to be asked by director Lisa Tromovitch to direct the production. I'm so lucky to get to work with these phenomenal actors and work with an amazing script. It is exciting," Le Blanc said.

SPARC Theater, previously known as the Livermore Shakespeare Festival, will present "Silent Sky" at the new open stage

at Darcie Kent Vineyards, where guests can watch the play under the sunset and stars. It is the first of two plays in the nonprofit's 2023 Shakespeare in the Vineyard series, with "Much Ado About Nothing" following later in July.

"Silent Sky" stars Elena Wright reprising her role as Henrietta Leavitt, Mary Ann Rodgers as Annie Cannon and Emilie Talbot as Williamina Fleming. Also performing is Radhika Rao as Margaret Leavitt and Jake Arky as Peter Shaw.

"One thing to know is how fortunate we are to have this year's actors. Some of the Bay Area's finest actors working in this production bring love, light, and laughter to this historical story. They bring so much of themselves into this production," Le Blanc said.

Opening night is this Friday (June 23), and the production continues on Fridays through Sundays as well as next Thursday (June 29) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, visit [www.SPARCtheater.org](http://www.SPARCtheater.org) or call 925-443-2273. ■

## Dublin teens grow and donate microgreens for schools, charity

'Gardeners of the Galaxy' seek to aid in fight against food insecurity and hunger

By JOSIE DE LA TORRE

A group of students in Dublin who call themselves "Gardeners of the Galaxy" lead an initiative providing microgreens they grow themselves to help feed local charities and schools.

They were awarded a \$1,500 mini-grant from the city of Dublin's Youth Advisory Committee to help fund their operations.

"I was very happy to see that the city of Dublin's Youth Advisory Committee awarded Gardeners of the Galaxy with a substantial grant to continue their fine work in cultivating microgreens, which have provided healthy food options to

the students at the Dublin Unified School District, Tri-Valley food pantries, and others in need," Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez said.

"It is so inspiring to see these young people in our community take the mantle to address hunger and nutrition," she added.

The Gardeners of the Galaxy group was founded in 2019 as a business but transformed into a nonprofit initiative in 2020. It was Arjun Karur-Parekh that recognized the need to fight against food insecurity and hunger.

"The Gardeners of the Galaxy was created based on the idea and inspiration that founder Arjun

Karur-Parekh had when his parents — who are both doctors — informed him about the food insecurity situation in the community, particularly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic," vice president Hari Ganesh said.

The organization consists of five members including Arjun and Neel Karur-Parekh, Preston Chiu, Nico Singh and Ganesh as they work together to grow microgreens in coconut coir, growing media with seeds sourced from High Mowing Organic Seeds.

They produce 15 to 25 trays a week in 10-inch-by-20-inch trays in an approved and licensed garage

with a homegrower certification from Alameda County.

"Arjun and Neel grow the microgreens at their home, producing 15-25 trays per week. They handle the entire process from cultivation to harvest, while their parents assist with deliveries," Ganesh said.

They donate their greens raw and fresh to Culinary Angels Food Pantry and nonprofit organization Fertile GroundWorks for them to prepare and serve the greens for those in need.

In addition to donating, the microgreens provided by Gardeners of the Galaxy are served as fresh salads at Dublin High School, an effort

coordinated by director of nutritional services Frank Castro.

Gardeners of the Galaxy estimate they have fed over 6,400 people since the start of 2023.

Looking ahead, they plan to broaden their outreach efforts and hope to donate to more schools and organizations in need. They also seek to recruit more members and have additional growing locations for its expansion.

"As for the future, we envision further growth and impact. We aspire to expand our donations to Emerald High School, Eden Housing and other potential recipients. We aim to extend our reach to more schools and organizations in Pleasanton, while also striving to recruit additional team members and establish new growing locations," Ganesh said.

"By doing so, we hope to make a significant and lasting difference in our community," he added. ■



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"Gardeners of the Galaxy" consists of five members who work together in an approved and licensed garage with a home-grower certification from Alameda County.

# Village Theatre Gallery showcases 'The Art of the Story'

Literary-themed juried art exhibit connects with this year's public art projects

By JEANITA LYMAN

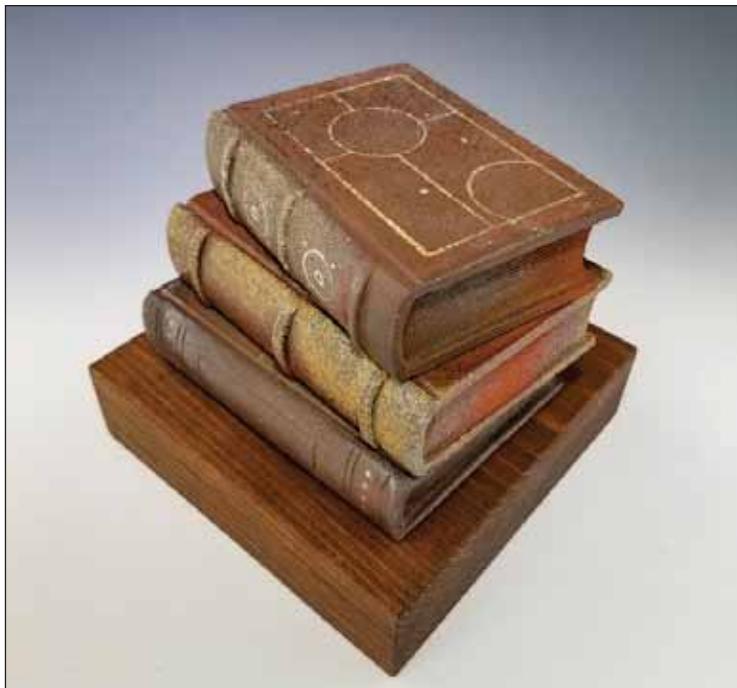
The town of Danville's current juried art exhibit has premiered, showcasing a range of literary-themed pieces that will be on display throughout the summer along with public art related to the same theme.

"The Art of the Story" is the town's annual juried art exhibit, which debuted with an opening reception on June 9 alongside the Danville Library's Book Bench project.

"The theme of the juried exhibit always changes, and we were just kind of intrigued by the idea of doing art, like a show, where the art work has been inspired by stories or books or repurposed books ... and it kind of ties in the theme with our public art project for the summer," visual arts program coordinator Marija Nelson Bleier said.

This year marks the town's 13th juried art exhibit, but the first time intentionally coordinating the exhibit around the same theme as public art installations over the summer months.

So far, the idea has been a hit according to Bleier, who said the June 9 opening celebrations for the juried exhibit and the library's "book benches" were well-attended and



COURTESY TOWN OF DANVILLE

Works in "The Art of the Story" exhibit include "Book Guitar" by Jack Weaver (left) and "Three Books" by Sally Jackson (right).

served as a warm welcome for the two projects.

"We had a really great turnout for people coming to see the book benches on the patio and experience the exhibit inside the gallery, and we got lots of great feedback from everyone who attended," Bleier said.

Organizers were unsure what kind of works they would see

submitted when they chose this year's theme, and were pleasantly surprised by the range and quality of submissions under "The Art of the Story" theme, Bleier said.

"Some of it I would say that we were actually really delighted by some of the really great things

that were entered," Bleier said. "We have a really cool piece of video art that's totally unique, we have a book guitar that was created, so I would say we were kind of happily surprised and delighted."

Submissions were sought from an array of artists, and yielded an

even larger array of pieces than what were ultimately selected to put on display.

"Once they saw all the different submissions we were really trying to curate an exhibit that really tied in with the theme, so making sure art that's in the gallery right now is inspired by a book or story or made from a book," Bleier said.

The result is an exhibit encompassing a wide range of art techniques and methods, all inspired by this year's theme.

"There's a range of art," Bleier said. "There's everything from sculpture to video arts to collage arts to really beautiful more traditional paintings, so it's an eclectic collection of work."

In addition to the formal artwork on display in a gallery setting at the Village Theatre, the town partnered with the Danville Library this year on their "Bound for Books" benches, with two community pianos set to be painted with book-themed designs submitted by San Ramon Valley students.

"The Art of the Story" is on display through Aug. 11 during museum hours. The benches will continue to be displayed until Sept. 25, when they will be auctioned off during a closing reception for the art exhibit and public art projects. ■

## New Little Free Library focuses on water-wise literature

Girl Scouts partner with Zone 7 Water Agency on project

By JOSEPH CHIU

A local Girl Scout troop partnered with the Zone 7 Water Agency to bring a new Little Free Library to Pleasanton, unveiling the public installation at a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this month.

The Little Free Library movement is a global network of volunteer-led book exchange boxes that offers free books for everyone in the community. The literature in the Zone 7 Little Free Library at 5997 Parkside Drive specifically focuses on the water problems in the community, the importance of water and water-saving resources to help citizens learn more about being water-wise.

Zone 7 looks to promote reading and sharing to young children through the Little Free Library in which the mission, according to Zone 7 Director Angela Ramirez Holmes, is to build community, inspire readers, expand access and learn about water.

"If you see something you would like to read, take it. When you are finished, share it with a friend or bring it back here," Ramirez Holmes said at the event. "Thank you to the Zone 7 Board of Directors who have donated books about water

for adults and children of all ages. There are also some items to help you conserve water."

In addition to the books donated by Zone 7, the agency added items such as sprinkler keys and tablets to check for toilet leaks, amongst other elements to make the library appealing and educational for local residents.

"We are all in this together, so bringing these items to the people will help spread the word. This library is just one more tool for our agency's community outreach and engagement," Ramirez Holmes told the Weekly.

Girl Scout Troop 31253 leaders Christine White and Shella Orson have helped guide and support the Girl Scouts throughout the project. They have worked to ensure the sufficiency of the library's construction and decoration, learning valuable life skills along the way.

The troop was recognized for their dedication by the Zone 7 Board of Directors during a special board meeting on May 17 after unveiling the library structure and the hard work they contributed to their success.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 7, the Girl Scouts were served ice cream



ZONE 7

Members of Girl Scout Troop 31253 join the Zone 7 Board of Directors to acknowledge the Zone 7 Little Free Library before its installation along Parkside Drive in Pleasanton.

sundaes by Zone 7 directors to celebrate the accomplishment and the troop's efforts these last few months.

"This library is possible due to the young leaders and young

builders of Girl Scout Troop 31253. Zone 7 is grateful to the Girl Scouts for partnering with us on this project," Ramirez Holmes said at the event. "We are partners in building community and

partners in reading. Zone 7 received a presentation from the Girl Scouts at our May meeting and we are so proud of these young leaders. Thank you for your hard work and this gift for our community." ■

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Burglars armed with assault weapons hit Livermore dispensary

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate an armed break-in at a marijuana dispensary in the unincorporated Livermore Valley last month.

No injuries were reported in the burglary, which occurred after-hours when no workers were onsite, but sheriff's officials confirmed more than \$7,500 worth of marijuana products were stolen from the storefront of the Garden of Eden. Investigators believe up to nine burglars were involved, including some armed with assault weapons.

"We are thankful for our staff who volunteered to come in to work the same day after an increased security presence. Garden of Eden's staff have been included in safety improvement buy-ins and training," said Zoe Schreiber, director of compliance for Eden Enterprises, which also operates a dispensary storefront in Hayward as well as delivery services in select East Bay communities.

"In regards to the details of the incident and the ensuing investigation, we are unable to comment on the ongoing investigation but Garden of Eden has worked diligently with Alameda County Sheriff's Office in a cooperative manner," Schreiber told the Weekly this week.

The armed burglary occurred at about 3:30 a.m. May 22 at the Garden of Eden, which opened last year on Darcie Kent Vineyards property on Tesla Road

in unincorporated Livermore.

"There were approximately nine suspects, armed with assault weapons — about three — and burglary tools. All wore dark clothing and masks. This is an active investigation, so there isn't much else I can tell you at this point," Alameda County Sheriff's Lt. Tya Modeste said.

Modeste confirmed that the burglars targeted the cannabis displays in the storefront area, stealing about \$7,600 worth of marijuana products including rosin, cannabis butter, powder and more. No cash was reported stolen.

In the days after the burglary, Garden of Eden circulated a statement acknowledging the crime — referring to it as an "extensive vandalism to the business and property" — while thanking sheriff's investigators for their work and calling on state and local officials to do more to curb retail theft.

"Due to the response of the Alameda County's Sheriff's Department and our robust product storage and safety program, minimal product loss occurred and no persons were on site or injured. Interruptions to business operations were minimal with operations commencing in the afternoon on the same day after law enforcement's initial investigation was complete," dispensary officials stated.

"Garden of Eden at the Highlands's number one priority is to public safety and neighborhood protection and as such has further invested and has implemented additional security measures," they stated.

"Sadly, this is a part of the growing trend of property crimes targeting grocery stores, retail locations,

drug stores and car dealerships. We call on interdepartmental county leadership to support the ACSO's investigation and bring forth any charges that may arise out of the investigation," dispensary officials said, adding:

"As a regulated cannabis operator, Garden of Eden at the Highlands stands in solidarity with all those regulated businesses which have been the target and victims of robberies and urges the Department of Cannabis Control and state leadership to continue and enhance their support of local jurisdictions in crime prevention and elevating these types of investigations. California must do more to protect its businesses and those residents who work and are served by them."

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

• A young Bay Area man was in graduate school at California State University East Bay in hopes of having his own business one day when a bullet killed him in 2020.

Jarin Purvis, 28, was born in Fremont and graduated from Hayward High School, where he was a running back on the football team before attending Chabot College and CSU East Bay for a bachelor's degree.

He was working on a master's degree to fulfill a promise that he made to his mom. He worked at Apple and was known as the "car expert," helping purchase, repair or find vehicles for anyone looking for one, according to an obituary published after his death.

Purvis' parents are upset about Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price's choice of charges



CHUCK DECKERT

### Cone with a Cop

Hundreds of residents of all ages turned out to Meadowlark Dairy in downtown on May 31 to interact with Pleasanton police personnel and learn more about the department while enjoying a sweet treat as part of the city's annual Cone with a Cop community engagement event.

for the man who held the gun that killed Purvis in 2020 in the unincorporated community of Castro Valley.

Purvis died when a gun allegedly went off by accident on the night of April 28, 2020, on Redwood Court and a bullet struck him in the face.

James Vega, 32, was originally charged with murder in the case, but Price announced earlier this month that prosecutors are now seeking involuntary manslaughter charges against Vega and no gun enhancements.

Price has been criticized publicly for being too lenient on crime since she took office. Price announced June 1 that gun enhancements would be used "sparingly when appropriate," rather than automatically applied.

Purvis' parents Patricia Harris and James Purvis want Vega to at least be charged with voluntary manslaughter, and Harris and her husband also want Price to maintain the gun enhancements against Vega.

"He used a gun," Harris said. "He killed someone."

Purvis allegedly told Vega numerous times not to point the gun in his face, his parents said in an interview this month.

His parents also allege, based on what witnesses said, that Vega wanted to dump their son's body in Oakland following the fatal shooting. When 911 was called, Vega had already allegedly dragged Purvis' body to the front door of the apartment where the shooting took place.

Vega allegedly called Jarin Purvis his friend, but his parents dispute that, saying their son knew Vega from car auctions.

"They did hang out here and there," but Vega was not part of her son's group of friends, Harris said.

Harris alleges Vega is a threat to society. He was firing a gun in the air while driving through Oakland

before the fatal shooting and the gun jammed, she alleged.

At the apartment, before Jarin Purvis was shot, someone took it apart and cleaned the gun, Harris said.

Vega now says he didn't know there was a bullet in the gun, Harris alleged.

Vega was released from jail during the pandemic and allegedly did not go back to court when he was supposed to, Harris said. He was arrested in Hayward in January 2021 and has been in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin since then, according to jail records.

He is scheduled to appear in court again this Friday (June 23). Under an amended complaint, he won't face a strike under California criminal law if convicted of the involuntary manslaughter charge.

Court documents indicate a contradiction in the story Vega told to deputies. He allegedly first told deputies that Jarin Purvis shot himself. Later, Vega allegedly told deputies he was manipulating the gun and accidentally shot Jarin Purvis.

Court documents also said statements "gathered from all the involved parties" were inconsistent.

Harris and her husband said on June 9 that Price won't meet with them following numerous requests.

A letter from Price to Jarin Purvis' parents said that Price is unable to meet with them promptly because of other work her office needs to do, such as filling vacancies she inherited and meeting deadlines for submitting the office's fiscal 2023-24 budget.

Price said on June 6 that Vega shouldn't spend decades behind bars "for a tragic mistake," but Harris said, "Our son is never coming back. What about that?"

Vega's attorney Anne Beles was unavailable to comment on the allegations made by Harris and her husband against Vega. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 15

#### Assault/battery

■ 9:25 a.m. on the 6000 block of Sequoia Court

#### Theft

■ 10:33 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

■ 1:01 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 2:40 p.m. on the 5600 block of Sonoma Drive

■ 4:24 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 7:24 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

■ 2:53 p.m. on the 3400 block of Hopyard Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 9:42 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

### June 14

#### Burglary

■ 4:41 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Theft

■ 8:06 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; auto theft

■ 10:44 p.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Criminal threats

■ 8:37 a.m. on the 100 block of Ray Street

#### Fraud

■ 10:34 a.m. on the 2700 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Vandalism

■ 12:04 p.m. on the 3700 block of Rocky Mountain Court

#### Graffiti

■ 12:38 p.m. on the 4500 block of First Street

### June 13

#### Theft

■ 7:50 a.m., 500 block of Main Street; bicycle theft

■ 5:11 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:19 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

#### Warrant arrest

■ 8:42 a.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 2:08 p.m. at First and East Angela streets

#### Alcohol violation

■ 12:37 p.m. on the 6000 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Domestic battery

■ 4:08 p.m. at Stoneridge and Hacienda drives

#### Fraud

■ 5:42 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

### June 12

#### Warrant arrest

■ 4:10 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Hansen Drive

#### Theft

■ 1:38 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:47 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:18 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Fraud

■ 4:36 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

#### Domestic battery

■ 10:02 p.m. on Northway Road

## GUEST OPINION

BY JULIE TESTA

### Giving up local democracy will not solve state housing affordability

**D**o you believe the state should make one-size-fits-all land-use decisions in Pleasanton?

Do you believe Sacramento laws should allow developers to tear down the house next door to build a multi-story and multi-unit building in your neighborhood? Without City Council review or approval, or input from you or your neighbors? State laws now allow this, and currently there is nothing your City Council can do to help you.

I am honored to have been twice elected to the Pleasanton City Council. I promised that when I was elected I would work to stand up for Pleasanton's quality of life. I have worked very hard to do so.

We can welcome new neighbors and abundant diversity without sacrificing what is wonderful about our community.

We are not against housing; we want housing located where it makes sense for our community. We want housing that is affordable to our public servants, teachers, nurses, auto mechanics — not just more market-rate housing.

California's population is declining, state housing goals have been proven wrong, numbers must be realistic. We want a say in what is built, how it's built, and how



we will pay for the new services/infrastructure growth requires; it shouldn't be paid by existing homeowners.

Over 100 laws like Senate Bill 35 (which allows the five-story project with no parking in our downtown) have taken away the right of local elected officials to shape housing policy.

The Pleasanton City Council voted to support Our Neighborhood Voices, a ballot initiative that, when passed by the voters of the state, will take back local authority by way of a constitutional amendment. It will affirm the state of California constitution ("home rule") a longstanding practice which gives local municipalities authority of

land-use and zoning.

It does not eliminate state laws; it neutralizes those new state laws that allow for-profit developers to ignore local communities. That is democracy in action!

Pleasanton produced 300% of our market-rate housing mandates from the last housing cycle. However, the state's narrative blames cities for the state's housing affordability problems. But it was Sacramento that created the problem by eliminating the funds we once used to help build affordable housing.

Affordable housing requires subsidies to build, Pleasanton needs \$2-3 billion to satisfy the unfunded state affordable housing mandates. That money does not exist; the state doesn't have it, and neither does Pleasanton. Cities have been set up to fail, so when we do ... for-profit developers are given the keys to our city.

Massive new growth of expensive housing will not create affordability. Cities like Vancouver, B.C. and Austin, Texas and others that

have allowed massive up-zoning and unfettered luxury housing development have become more expensive — not less. The prestigious Urban Institute did a comprehensive study on the effects of up-zoning efforts across America and found these efforts did not lower the cost of housing at all. Zero percent!

Follow the money, understand political agendas and special interests motivated by profit. Powerful forces work to undermine those who stand in their way. Know that Pleasanton residents are the priority in every decision that I make.

Please join me and the growing statewide movement of local leaders and neighbors who are fighting to bring back neighborhood voice in community planning. Stand up Pleasanton! ■

*Editor's note: Julie Testa is serving her second term on the Pleasanton City Council, currently representing District 3. Testa was part of the 3-2 majority to vote in favor of supporting the Our Neighborhood Voices draft initiative on June 6.*

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## LETTERS

### Disappointing proposal

We were very unhappy to see that the new Livermore Airport development and leasing policy does not substantively address the problems of noise and pollution that are causing my family to seriously consider selling our home on Arlington Road.

We urge the Livermore City Council to reject this policy as written. We don't want to leave our home, but for the health and comfort of our family, we will be forced to sell if there is no effort to improve the current levels of noise and pollution.

—Michele Keller and Brian Sullivan

### Livermore Airport should ban leaded gas sales

Attend the next Livermore City Council meeting. Demand Livermore tests children near Livermore Airport for lead poisoning.

After children living near San Jose's Reid-Hillview Airport experienced blood lead levels similar to Flint, Mich. children during its water crisis, the airport stopped sale of 100LL leaded aviation gas, effective Jan. 1, 2022. This was found after a county-commissioned study of children living near the airport.

Risk of elevated blood lead levels depended on prevailing wind direction and residential distance from the airport. Children residing under half a mile from the airport had blood lead levels higher than levels found in children during

the Flint water crisis. Children 1/2 to 1-1/2 miles away had modest increases.

CDC says, "No safe blood lead level in children is identified. Even low levels affect IQ, ability to pay attention and academic achievement." Livermore Airport takeoffs/landings are roughly equivalent to Reid-Hillview; 309,300 gallons of 100LL fuel were sold at Livermore Airport in 12 months ending Jan. 1, 2023.

The proposed airport policy doesn't suggest stopping leaded gas sale. Policy is to be considered by City Council at 7 p.m. Monday (June 26). Changes allow increasing airport development, without reducing airport noise, without public input. If development increases landings/takeoffs, that'll increase nearby children's leaded gas exposure.

Do: Attend the Livermore City Council meeting June 26 either live or Zoom (link included in agenda on city website). Three-minute comment limit and you must complete speaker's card. Email comments to Council (LivermoreCityCouncil@LivermoreCA.gov). If unable to attend, send comments to cityclerk@livermoreca.gov. Sign up for news: www.LivermoreAirportNoise.org.

—Felicia Ziomek

### Crosswalks in Pleasanton are dangerous

Do you feel/think you are safe when in a crosswalk in Pleasanton? Think again.

My wife and I were in a white-painted crosswalk in the street, I could see a car coming towards us

on our right. I was sure that the car would stop. It didn't; it kept coming. I could see it was a law enforcement car.

It was not stopping. I reached up, took my wife's arm in my hand, pulled her back, the Alameda County Sheriff's vehicle drove past in front of us. Had we not stopped, that Alameda County Sheriff's vehicle would have run over the two of us.

There are no traffic signals, no signage where we were in the white-painted crosswalk. The sheriff's vehicle was driving approximately 15 mph; there was no siren, no red lights, nothing.

Why would an Alameda County Sheriff's vehicle drive through an occupied crosswalk?

—Michael Austin

### Regarding airport policy

Our home located on Sheridan Circle is in the direct approach flight path to the Livermore Airport. My wife and I regularly experience noise due to late-night flight arrivals (past 10 p.m.), and during normal hours of operation noise from incoming jets is often excessive — not to mention that on more than one occasion, I've found unexplained "debris" on our property.

Obviously, we have concerns about plans to expand the airport. If we had been aware of this, we would have seriously reconsidered our decision to purchase this home in December 2020 ...

If my work schedule will allow, I plan to attend the next city council meeting to express my concerns in person, as it seems that noise complaints go largely ignored...

—Bryan Zloty

### Thank you for supporting Ladies Day

I would like to share my appreciation to several people and groups who have supported our Ladies Day at the Races at the Alameda County Fair over the past 32 years.

Over 600 ladies have attended at least one Ladies Day since it was organized in 1992. On June 16, we celebrated our 32nd year with one of the day's races being named for our group; with that comes the special opportunity to have our photo taken in the winner's circle.

The fair also supplied each of us with marketing goodies, as well as a post-race social hour location, so we all could hang out for another hour to share our fun memories. Thank you, Alameda County Fair, Angel Moore, Jeanne Wasserman, Danielle O'Mara and Cheryl Singh for the special treatment you offered us this year.

Each year we take a group photo to document our Ladies Day at the Races and place it in our ever-growing scrapbook, which is viewed by the attendees. For this photo we thank Chuck Deckert, who has photographed our group for 15 years! He also takes the photo of all of us holding the Pleasanton Weekly, which is then printed in the Take Us Along section of the paper. We thank Chuck and the Pleasanton Weekly for highlighting our Ladies Day at the Races each year.

We truly appreciate all who support, recognize and attend Ladies Day at the Races. Thanks for keeping our tradition alive!

—Kay Huff



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

# TV30 hands out 2023 Outstanding High School Athletic Awards

Foothill volleyball's Collins wins Coach of the Year

I think one of the things I miss the most about not being the local sports editor at the old Tri-Valley Herald is how we were able to pay tribute to our local high school athletes.

I have written about this many times over the last 15 or so years, but when I started at the Herald in the fall of 1985, we had a staff of five sports writers to cover the East Bay Athletic League alone.

That meant we covered every football, basketball and baseball game throughout the season. It was an incredible amount of coverage, with Saturday's edition featuring two wide-open pages in every sports section dedicated to prep sports.

That started shrinking and by the time I took a buyout and retired from

the industry, I was the lone prep sports writer for the EBAL as the Herald and Valley Times had merged. Unlike the years before, when we had two local papers in competition for the local high school sports beat.

It was a fun battle as we each tried to put out the most comprehensive coverage. The winner? The local athletes.

But then people behind desks from outside the Tri-Valley decided the local sports didn't matter much. What coverage of the preps was left to regional coverage.

After I left the paper, I have been so lucky to have the Pleasanton Weekly offer me a weekly column to talk about Pleasanton sports. Two years ago, the powers that be brought the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook to me,

allowing me to write about the entire EBAL again.

Weekly publisher Gina Channell Wilcox and editorial director Jeremy Walsh get the importance of local sports and have given me the forum to reach out.

It has been a great two years getting to interact with athletes and coaches from across the league again. But one thing was still missing initially from the prep scene.

At the end of the year at the Herald we had our prep sports banquet, honoring all of our Athletes of the Week. We would end up with 600 to 700 people at a venue, with each Athlete of the Week getting a plaque for their efforts. We also honored athletes of the year for each season, as well as picked a Coach of the Year.

When the Herald went down, so did the banquet.

But out of the ashes rose a phoenix. Local Tri-Valley Community Television always covered our banquet and aired it on their channel. With no banquet in the Valley each year, TV30 stepped up and launched its own banquet to honor local athletes.

Recently TV30 hosted their 12th annual Outstanding High School

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Foothill volleyball coach Dusty Collins won Coach of the Year at the TV30 Outstanding High School Athletic Awards program this spring.

Athletic Awards program. The athletes are feted on the show "Tri-Valley Sports Final" with personalities Ian Bartholomew and Tim Sbranti. The show airs weekly.

Participants in the program include student-athletes, the mayors of the Tri-Valley cities, as well as the superintendents from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin school districts.

In addition to the 37 athletes honored, Foothill volleyball coach Dusty Collins was selected as the Coach of the Year.

The show will air throughout the summer on TV30 but is also available on demand at [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org).

The athletes honored included Chris Lawson (Foothill football), Elijah Rodgers (Livermore football), Adam Moore (Dublin football), Jake Goldsworthy (Amador Valley football), Tyler Trudeau (Livermore football), Erin Brown (Amador water polo), Evelyn McLaughlin (Amador water polo), Brady Steadman (Dublin football), Dominic Johnson (Livermore football), Katie Salonga (Foothill volleyball), Paige Bennett (Foothill volleyball), Roland Ruckmann-Barnes (Granada cross-country), Montana Parkinson-Lubold (Amador tennis) and Brady Nassar (Amador football).

Also receiving awards were Charlotte Kelly (Amador volleyball), Mehki Thomas (Dublin basketball), Sam Riter (Amador volleyball), Rachel Grier (Dublin volleyball), Courtney Anderson Jr. (Dublin basketball), Andrew McKeever (Granada basketball), Tyler Harris (Granada basketball), Donovan Cooks (Dublin basketball), Lauren Nguyen (Granada wrestling), Maxwell Wise (Foothill wrestling), Jayson Victoria (Granada wrestling) and Oliver de la Torre (Amador baseball).

Rounding out the list were Joshua Morano (Granada baseball), Alexander Franco (Dublin track and field), Delaney Aumua (Granada softball), Alexa Pletschette (Granada basketball), Alex Mello (Granada softball), Landen Meonske (Foothill volleyball), Carston Pearson (Dublin baseball), Nate Clinton (Amador volleyball), Kush Arora (Amador golf), Brandon Knight (Foothill golf) and Kevin Zhu (Dublin volleyball). ■

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## Entertainment

### OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR

Celebrate Juneteenth with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir and experience the music that brings resiliency, joy, and strength to the African American community. 8 p.m., June 23. Tickets \$22-\$30. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD

Silent Sky, the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt, explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific and heart-bound discoveries, with music and math bursting forth onstage. June 22-25; June 29-July 2, July 7-9. Darcie Kent Vineyards. Visit [sparctheater.org](http://sparctheater.org).

### AN EVENING OF HEALING AND PEACE

Held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton, Areté Singers will perform music for organ and choir by Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Maurice Duruflé, Camille Saint-Saëns and J.S. Bach. 7 p.m., June 24. 6:30 pre-concert lecture. Visit [trinitypleasanton.org](http://trinitypleasanton.org).

### COMEDY UNCORKED

Headliner Mickey Joseph is a Las Vegas-based comedian, musician, writer and actor. Joining him are Carla Clay, Faith Alpher, and Chelsea Bearce. A portion of the proceeds benefits Open Heart Kitchen. 5:30-10 p.m., June 24. Visit [retzclaffvineyards.com/event/comedy-uncorked-june-24](http://retzclaffvineyards.com/event/comedy-uncorked-june-24).

### KELLY BRANDEBURG: A TRIBUTE TO THE SONGS OF BARBRA STREISAND

Kelly's tribute to the life and career of the legendary Barbra Streisand is a journey from the very beginning of Streisand's career as a cabaret singer in New York City to her starring roles on Broadway to her critically acclaimed roles in Hollywood films. 8 p.m., June 24. Tickets \$20-\$24. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### OPERA IN THE VINEYARD

Join Livermore Valley Opera for a truly unforgettable musical experience listening to beautiful voices soar across Garré Vineyard and Winery. This stunning location creates an inviting backdrop for a relaxed, casual event. 5 p.m., June 25. Visit [livermorevalleyopera.com](http://livermorevalleyopera.com).

### DON LEWIS AND THE LIVE ELECTRONIC ORCHESTRA-TRIBUTE

The Black Music Month tribute ends with this free screening of the documentary chronicling Don Lewis' life, career and contributions to the music industry. This screening is accompanied by a panel discussion. 7 p.m., June 28. Pre-registration required. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### DUBLIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join for the eight-week Summer Concert Series at Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater during the Dublin Farmers' Market. Local food vendors will be onsite and available for purchase. 6-8 p.m., June 29, Evolution, Journey Tribute Band.

### JAZZ IN JULY

Jazz in July, an annual Livermore tradition, takes over the Civic Center Library with programs by top jazz artists. The programs are free with no reservations required. The Duo, 2 p.m., July 2. Storytime Room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

### A HIGH SCHOOL CABARET Blast

From the Past revisits favorites from the dozens of shows cabaret cast members either saw growing up or were a part of themselves is this evening of nostalgia and beautiful work spanning ten years of Firehouse productions. 7:30 p.m., July 7. Tickets \$10. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD

Much Ado About Nothing explores love and friendship, honor and deceit and a couple of cases of crossed wires as newly-engaged Hero and Claudio play cupid to the constantly bickering Beatrice and Benedick. July 14-16; 21-23; 27-30, Aug. 3-6. Darcie Kent Vineyards. Visit [sparctheater.org](http://sparctheater.org).

## Talks

### CRUISING DOWN MEMORY LANE

Join author Donna Kamp McMillion and a few "old timers" from the book as they talk about their recollections of Pleasanton in the '50s. 1 p.m., June 23. Pleasanton Senior Center.

### LET'S TALK BEARS

Join an LARPD Ranger to cover a short history of bears in California and a few of their cousins around the world. 10-11 a.m., June 24. Sycamore Grove Park Amphitheater.

### WORKSHOP TO EMBRACE UNIQUE CULTURE

Senait Mesfin Piccigallo, author of "You're in America-Now What? 7 Steps to Integrate with Ease and Joy", will facilitate an interactive workshop designed to help immigrants learn to embrace their unique culture while integrating into the United States. 2 p.m., June 25. Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH LISA SEE

In collaboration with Towne Center Books join for coffee and conversation with Lisa See, author of Lady Tan's Circle of Women. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., June 26. Pleasanton Library.

### NORCAL BATS

Join for a special presentation all about bats where NorCal Bats will share an informative PowerPoint presentation and discuss the harmful myths that surround these animals. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., June 28. Dublin Library.

### EAGLES OF AMERICA

Join an LARPD Ranger to talk about the eagles of America. This talk will be about 20-30 minutes long with arts and crafts for kids at the end. 12 p.m., July 1. Sycamore Grove Park. Call 925-373-5700.

### TOUR OF DUBLIN HERITAGE PARK AND MUSEUMS

If interested in learning about local history take a guided tour of Dublin

Heritage Park and Museums where participants will have the opportunity to get an inside look at Dublin's historic buildings and Pioneer Cemetery and hear stories of how Dublin began. 5:30 p.m., July 6. Cost \$5. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

### HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS

Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets in-person and virtually via Zoom. Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit [haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org](http://haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Outdoor Recreation

### PICKLEBALL AT PLEASANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pickleball is a fast, fun, social sport and great exercise for all ages and athletic backgrounds, now offered through Lifetime Tennis at Pleasanton Middle School. For more information visit [lifetimeactivities.com/pleasanton/pickleball](http://lifetimeactivities.com/pleasanton/pickleball).

### BOCCE IN PLEASANTON

Enjoy a game of Bocce on recently renovated courts offered through Lifetime Tennis at Centennial Park. For more information, visit [lifetimeactivities.com/pleasanton/activities/bocce](http://lifetimeactivities.com/pleasanton/activities/bocce).

## Movies

### DUBLIN PICNIC FLIX MOVIE SERIES

The city of Dublin's free outdoor movie series will be rotated through three different parks in Dublin. Movies begin at dusk and guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets and dress warmly. No pets are allowed. June 23, DC League of Super-Pets (PG) at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Pkwy.

### LIVERMORE MOVIE IN THE PARK

Bring blankets and join under the stars at this free family event to watch the movie Rookie of the Year. June 24. 7 p.m. games and activities, movie begins at 8:45 p.m. Max Baer Park, 1310 Murdell Lane, Livermore.

### VINE CINEMA FREE SUMMER MOVIES

The Vine Theater in Livermore is hosting free summer movies with any concession purchase. No tickets required, doors open at 9:30am. 10 a.m., June 27, The Secret Life of Pets. Visit [vinecinema.com/classic-nights](http://vinecinema.com/classic-nights).

### PLEASANTON MOVIES IN THE PARK

Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy family film favorites every Thursday. All movies are free and begin at dusk. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave. June 29, Aladdin.

### MYSTERY MOVIE AND REVIEW AT THE VINE

Join for a surprise movie at the Vine Cinema and after the show join for appetizers and no-host drinks at Zephyr Grill and Bar to discuss the movie and review the film. 1-4:30 p.m.,

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July 6. \$20R/\$22NR. Call 925-373-5700.

### MOVIE MONDAYS AT DUBLIN LIBRARY

Join for family friendly movies on Mondays in July. Bring a blanket to get cozy on the floor. 1-3 p.m., July 10, The Princess and the Frog.

## Farmers' Markets

### PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET

The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. W. Angela St.

### LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET

The Livermore Thursday Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m., now through Oct. 12. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

### LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET

Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St. and L St.

### DUBLIN FARMERS' MARKET

The Dublin Farmers' Market is Thursdays, 4-8 p.m., through Sept. 28. 4201 Central Pkwy.

## 4th of July

### COMMUNITY FIREWORKS IN LIVERMORE

The Salute to the 4th of July Community Fireworks Show takes place at 3200 Robertson Park Road with gates opening at 4 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at 9:30 p.m. and last 20 minutes. For parking and more information, visit [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com).

## Family

### 2023 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Themed "Summer Vibes", the Alameda County Fair runs from June 16-July 9. Filled with summertime favorites including carnival rides and games, classic fair food and drinks, vendor booths, arts and culinary

exhibitions, livestock displays and more. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

### FIRST WEEKEND ON MAIN

Every first weekend of the month come to downtown Pleasanton and enjoy street closures for roaming historical downtown, events and outdoor dining. July 7-9.

## Seniors

### TECH TUTORING AT THE SENIOR CENTER

One hour, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Monday 11 a.m., Wednesday 9 and 10 a.m. \$2.50R/\$3NR. Call 925-931-5365.

### PLEASANTON VIP TRAVEL

The Pleasanton VIP Travel office is located at the Pleasanton Senior Center behind the front desk open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### PLEASANTON RIDES

Pleasanton Rides is door-to-door, shared-ride transportation serving eligible Pleasanton Seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton and to select destinations in the Tri-Valley. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For reservations and information, call 925-398-1045 or visit [blacktietrans.com/more-info](http://blacktietrans.com/more-info).

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels Provides home delivered meals (60+). Call 925-931-5385 for more information.

## Support

### HOT MEALS FREE OF CHARGE

Open Heart Kitchen serves free hot meals to anyone who is struggling to make ends meet. Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

### FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES

Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

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File No.: 598384  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
EARLY LEARNING INSTITUTE  
2800 W. BAYSHORE ROAD  
PALO ALTO, CA 94303  
CALIFORNIA  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/30/1990  
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File No.: 598481  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Whisper Analytics, located at 6363 Christie Ave Apt 714 Emeryville, CA 94608-1918, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ERIC GHARAKHANIAN  
6363 Christie Ave Apt 714  
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
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File No.: 598177  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Breeze dental group, located at 4430 Willow Rd, Suite E, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SARA ANJUM DDS INC  
4430 Willow Rd, Suite E  
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CALIFORNIA  
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SOPHIE'S SUCCULENTS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 598561  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Sophie's Succulents, located at 2355 Bennington Ln. Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda.  
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.  
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2355 Bennington Ln.  
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KRISTA KELLEY  
2355 Bennington Ln.  
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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/09/2023  
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SQUEAKY GREEN CLEANING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 598390  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Squeaky Green Cleaning, located at 7530 Sutton lane, Dublin CA 94568, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
DIAZ & ANDRADE ENTERPRISES, INC  
7530 SUTTON LANE  
DUBLIN, CA 94568  
CALIFORNIA  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/2023  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 02 2023. (PLW Jun 16, 23, 30 and Jul 7, 2023)

PINK CHERRY CLEANING SERVICE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 598565  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Pink Cherry Cleaning Service, located at 5712 Owens Dr #304 Pleasanton CA,94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
CARMELA LEDESMA  
5712 Owens Dr #304  
Pleasanton CA,94588  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 12 2023. (PLW Jun 23, 30, Jul 7 and 14, 2023)

MTM LAW  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 598659  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) MTM Law, located at 355 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley CA 94707, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
MICHELLE MCGUINNESS  
355 Arlington Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94707  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/29/2023  
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ROSENBLATT ADVISORS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 598008  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Rosenblatt Advisors, located at 3726 Castro Valley Blvd. Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PREMIERE FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INC.  
3726 Castro Valley Blvd.  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/30/2013  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 17 2023. (PLW Jun 16, 23, 30 and Jul 7, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
SANGEETH SANKARAN  
Case No.: RP23142417  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SANGEETH SANKARAN.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MOHAN SUBRAMANIAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: MOHAN SUBRAMANIAN 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 July 03 2023 at 9:45 AM 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.  
Petitioner in Pro Per:  
Mohan Subramanian  
7336 Tulipwood Cr  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925-989-8395  
(PLW Jun 16, 23 and 30, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
ALICE MARIE DESROSIERS  
Case No.: RP23142063  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALICE MARIE DESROSIERS.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL ALEXANDER DESROSIERS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL ALEXANDER DESROSIERS 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 June 26 2023 at 9:45am 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.  
Petitioner in Pro Per:  
Michael Alexander Desrosiers  
100 Kirkcrest Court  
Alamo, CA 94507  
925-984-1841  
(PLW Jun 9, 16 and 23, 2023)

Place a legal notice at  
[PleasantonWeekly.com/legal\\_notices/](https://PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/)

## CALENDAR

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**SPOUSAL/PARTNER LOSS SUPPORT GROUPS** Hope Hospice offers free zoom support groups for Spousal/Partner Loss. Register in advance by phone at 925-829-8770. Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., May 9-June 27.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT** Tri-Valley Haven in-person support group for survivors of sexual assault are confidential and conducted by licensed professionals. Participants must be 18 and over and register in advance. For questions or registration contact Olga at 925-667-2705 or email [olga@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:olga@trivalleyhaven.org). 3-4:30 p.m., June 29, July 6, July 13.

### Exhibits

**MUSEUM ON MAIN EXHIBIT** The exhibit On the Job: The Changing World of Work in the Valley and Beyond will bring to light the who, what, where, why and how of Pleasanton and the Valley at work, and how that experience fits into the nation's history. Now through

July 8. For more information visit [museumonmain.org](https://museumonmain.org).

**ROCK 'N' ROLL EXHIBIT** An exhibit featuring guitars, album covers, photography and more, at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. Now through July 9. Free 1-5 p.m., Thursdays-Sundays.

### Government

**PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., June 28. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](https://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 26. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](https://cityoflivermore.net).

**LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** The next meeting of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is 7 p.m., June 27 at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. Visit [livermoreschools.org](https://livermoreschools.org).

## TAKE US ALONG



**Spring break in Turkey:** Jyothi Sampat spent a week in Istanbul and Cappadocia in early April checking out the sights with her extended family. They were blown away by the clean surroundings and warm, hospitable people. This photo was taken outside the Goreme open-air museum in Cappadocia. The original settlers in the region carved out houses, churches and monasteries from the volcanic rock formations.

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

## Trumark founders inducted into Homebuilding Hall of Fame

Maples, Nelson from San Ramon-based firm honored by statewide foundation

By JEANITA LYMAN

The founders of a well-known housing development company based in the Tri-Valley were recently recognized by a statewide home building organization for their work toward setting the stage for the next generation in the industry over the course of the company's decades-long history.

Michael Maples and Gregg Nelson of Trumark Homes were inducted into the California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF) Hall of Fame for 2023 and recognized during the foundation's gala in Anaheim on May 23, company officials announced last week.

"We are humbled to receive this honor and join an esteemed group of peers in the California Homebuilding Foundation Hall of Fame," Nelson said in last week's announcement. "We set out to establish a unique and distinct approach to home building that is centered on delivering cutting-edge design, quality craftsmanship and innovative advances. We are immensely proud of the reputation Trumark Homes has earned in this industry."

Nelson and Maples founded Trumark Companies in 1988, with 2023 marking the company's 35th anniversary.

"Our mission is to enhance the lives of people by creating inspiring living environments, and our commitment to excellence hasn't wavered for 35 years," Maples said. "With our teams in Northern and Southern California and Colorado, and with the support of Daiwa House Group, we share this honor and will continue to execute our vision to design and build exceptional new home communities."

While the company has expanded in the decades since its inception to include offices and operations in Southern California and Colorado, its main headquarters continue to be in San Ramon's Bishop Ranch.

"The Foundation is proud to include Michael Maples and Gregg Nelson of Trumark Companies among the five honorees being inducted into our Hall of Fame in 2023, each of whom represent a gold standard in the homebuilding industry for innovation, leadership and philanthropy," foundation Executive Director Terri Brunson said. "We are excited to honor these individuals, whose names and work will be added to our esteemed list of California homebuilding professionals in our Hall of Fame." ■



COURTESY CHF

Michael Maples and Greg Nelson, co-founders and CEOs of Trumark Homes, were recognized in the California Homebuilding Foundation's Hall of Fame gala on May 23.

### HOME SALES

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

#### Pleasanton

- 3009 Casadero Court** Terada Trust to U. Narayanan for \$875,000
- 23 Castlewood Drive** Dah Survivors Trust to P. & A. Hota for \$2,515,000
- 5274 Crestline Way** Scherer Trust to S. & S. Pillai for \$1,560,000.00
- 1376 Greenwood Road** Miles Family Trust to S. & B. Ramamurthy for \$1,914,000
- 1046 Harvest Circle** J. & M. Romant to Lam Trust for \$2,008,000
- 6343 Inglewood Drive** S. Kandhuri to S. & K. Goel for \$1,385,000
- 1392 Oak Vista Way** M. Corformat to Y. & H. Zhu for \$1,900,000

**6829 Rayland Court** J. Chang to S. & I. Arcellana for \$1,560,000

**1847 Rosetree Court** Nigg Family Trust to Ding Family Trust for \$1,510,000

**228 Spring Street** J. & N. Sollom to J. Chase for \$1,205,000

**1319 Stony Brook Lane** Roloff Trust to Danial Trust for \$2,550,000

#### Livermore

- 1271 Aaron Street** Cohen Trust to Stonecrest Acquisitions LLC for \$655,000
- 3624 Carrigan Common** E. Wenzel to S. Rajagopalan for \$725,000
- 3162 Golden Crest Common #4** Cowley Trust to D. & S. Gonzales for \$845,000
- 277 North L Street** D. & E. Bay to M. Bahia for \$855,000
- 1071 Lexington Way** T. Sanchez to Turley Family Trust for \$2,000,000

**111 Limestone Common** K. & R. Barker to B. & P. Ravikrishnan for \$1,300,000

**850 Lucerne Street** U. Hawkey to K. & B. Muthukrishnan for \$777,500

#### Dublin

- 7673 Bonniewood Lane** B. Nicholson to J. & J. Jain for \$1,251,500
- 3788 Branding Iron Place** S. Sengoku to Z. & Y. Li for \$812,000
- 6848 Brighton Drive** F. Saeyang to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$1,100,000
- 6386 Eensburg Lane** M. Bajwa to N. & N. Gupta for \$1,330,000
- 7856 Gardella Drive** E. Duemling to T. & S. Chakraborty for \$1,175,000
- 3925 Guerneville Way** J. Quan to C. & D. Choi for \$1,001,500
- 7396 Kenwood Road** C. & R. Lourens to N. & J. Patel for \$1,925,000
- 4638 Myrtle Drive** J. & B. Moon to K. & J. Kathiara for \$1,800,000
- 7025 Stagecoach Road #H** A. Ramesh to A. & M. Mueller for \$675,000
- 4206 Sunset View Drive** S. & H. Chetwani to J. & C. Haty for \$1,903,000

#### San Ramon

**8985 Alcosta Boulevard #186** M. & A. Patil to L. Ma for \$620,000

**3065 Blackberry Avenue** Z. Zhou to Y. & H. Wu for \$1,150,000

**1139 Canyon Hills Road** Anderson Living Trust to M. & Y. Yang for \$1,900,000

**1220 Cedarwood Loop** Liu Family Trust to M. & T. Arava for \$1,100,000

**9628 Davona Drive** P. Zhao to C. & S. Yekasiri for \$1,460,000

**3304 Estero Drive** Lemos Living Trust to Ahluwalia Family Trust for \$1,355,000

**6004 Lakeview Circle** K. Zhang to K. & V. Mahajan for \$1,666,000

**11 Leigh Court** P. & S. Mcgrath to A. & V. Jammalamadaka for \$1,850,000

**2121 Longleaf Circle** Shah Family Trust to S. & R. Madireddy for \$2,650,000

**109 Lucy Lane** D. Singh to D. & V. Dhavale for \$2,123,500

**215 Majorca Drive** Holt Living Trust to K. & M. Ramesh for \$1,410,000

**116 Metairie Place** C. Jay to R. & R. Singh for \$1,303,000

**24 Pebble Court** A. & N. Petrov to M. & R. Dabane for \$1,750,000

**917 Renada Place** Joyce Living Trust to Tripathi Trust for \$1,551,000

**200 Sherwood Court** Gay-Yokoshima Trust to R. & R. Nath for \$2,700,000

Source: California REsource



COURTESY GETTY IMAGES

### SALES AT A GLANCE

#### Pleasanton (May 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$875,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,550,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,725,636

#### Livermore (May 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 7  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$655,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,000,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,022,500

#### Dublin (May 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$675,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,925,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,297,300

#### San Ramon (May 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 15  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$620,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,700,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,551,000

Source: California REsource



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**BRIDLE CREEK**



**5786 SHADOW RIDGE CT, PLEASANTON**

6 BD | 5 BA | 4,455 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE | .39 ACRE LOT

Stunning & highly upgraded "Hillstar" model in desirable "Bridle Creek" neighborhood. Generous premium lot located at back of court. No expense has been spared for this luxurious home with resort style grounds! This home includes five bedrooms (downstairs spacious guest room en-suite), downstairs office (possible 6th bedroom), spacious upstairs primary bedroom en-suite (heated floors), large bonus/theatre room and five beautifully remodeled bathrooms. The gorgeous gourmet kitchen has Calcutta marble countertops, custom tile backsplash, custom cabinetry, premium SS Wolf appliances, butler's pantry area, 130 bottle Subzero wine fridge and a spacious walk-in pantry. Wide plank engineered wood floors, newer electrical upgrades & fixtures, new exterior paint & newer interior paint. Includes a three-car side load garage. Relax or entertain in your private backyard oasis with a california room that provides indoor/outdoor living space, a waterfall, PebbleTec solar heated pool & spa, outdoor kitchen and sports court. Enjoy adjacent walking trail, nearby park and main street for shopping & dining. Just five minutes to Castlewood Country Club, commuter friendly south Pleasanton location. Attendance area for award winning schools!

**LISTED FOR \$3,495,000**

**JENSEN**



**4166 SCHOOL STREET, PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,300 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

Highly upgraded single level north facing detached home that is move-in ready and just a short stroll to historic Downtown Pleasanton! Pottery Barn cute throughout, this home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 upgraded bathrooms, approximately 1300 sqft. with an additional sunroom/flex space and a private backyard oasis. The remodeled kitchen has quartz countertops, subway tile backsplash, newer cabinetry and SS appliances. Several other upgrades include refinished hardwood floors throughout, water softener, newer HVAC (2019), additional bonus room in garage, Nest thermostat, dual paned windows/sliders, new exterior stucco/brick, new interior paint, new fence and so much more. The private backyard offers a newer built sparkling in-ground, gas-heated pool with stamped concrete perfect for relaxing or entertaining! Located in the heart of Pleasanton with convenient access to award winning schools, dining, shopping and nearby downtown amenities! This home is sure to please and will not last!

**LISTED FOR \$1,399,000**

**CARRIAGE ESTATES**



**609 BLOSSOM COURT, PLEASANTON**

5 BD | 4.5 BA  
6,448 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
1.75 ACRE LOT

**SOLD PRICE \$4,325,000**

**MUIRWOOD MEADOWS**



**7331 ELMWOOD CIRCLE, PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 3 BA  
1,813 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

**JUST SOLD FOR \$1,630,000**

**OAK HILL**



**7702 OAK CREEK COURT, PLEASANTON**

5 BD | 3 BA  
2,523 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

**SOLD FOR \$2,100,000**

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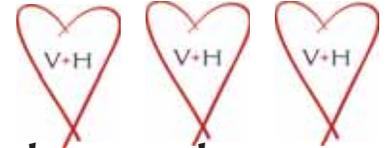
## Community Is What Makes Pleasanton Exceptional



3282 Melanie Circle, Pleasanton

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As we handed the keys to our buyers of Melanie Circle, neighbors gathered to celebrate and welcome this new family to the wonderful PARKSIDE neighborhood!



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1904 Zenato Place, Ruby Hill  
Sold for \$4,650,000. WOW!



**NEW PRICE**

1976 Via Di Salerno, Ruby Hill  
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**NEW PRICE**

1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton  
Offered at \$2,150,000



**FOR SALE**

3261 Novara Way, Ruby Hill  
5 Bedrooms | 6.5 Bathrooms | 6,100 Square Feet | .58 Acre Lot  
Offered at \$4,800,000



**FOR SALE**

6577 Stanton Court, Pleasanton  
4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,500 Square Feet | .30 Acre Lot  
Offered at \$1,949,000

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295 Mission Drive, Pleasanton  
4bd/2ba, 1,877+/-sq.ft, 7,000+/-sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,889,888



PENDING

5279 Crestline Road, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 2,877+/-sq.ft, 6,500+/-sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$2,022,000



PENDING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

2363 Woodthrush Way, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 2,898+/-sq.ft, 9,798+/-sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,949,000



SOLD \$101K OVER ASKING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

4931 Monaco Drive, Pleasanton  
5bd/3.5ba, 3,302+/-sq.ft, 7,000+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$2,600,000



SOLD IN 8 DAYS

2427 Raven Road, Pleasanton  
4bd/2ba, 1,882+/-sq.ft, 8,007+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,803,000



SOLD \$250K OVER ASKING WITH 12 OFFERS

37056 Saint Christopher Street, Newark  
3bd/2ba, 1,615+/-sq.ft, 6,500+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,400,000



SOLD \$82K OVER ASKING IN 3 DAYS WITH 3 OFFERS

772 Saint John Circle, Pleasanton  
4bd/2.5ba, 2,159+/-sq.ft, 4,512+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,831,000

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