

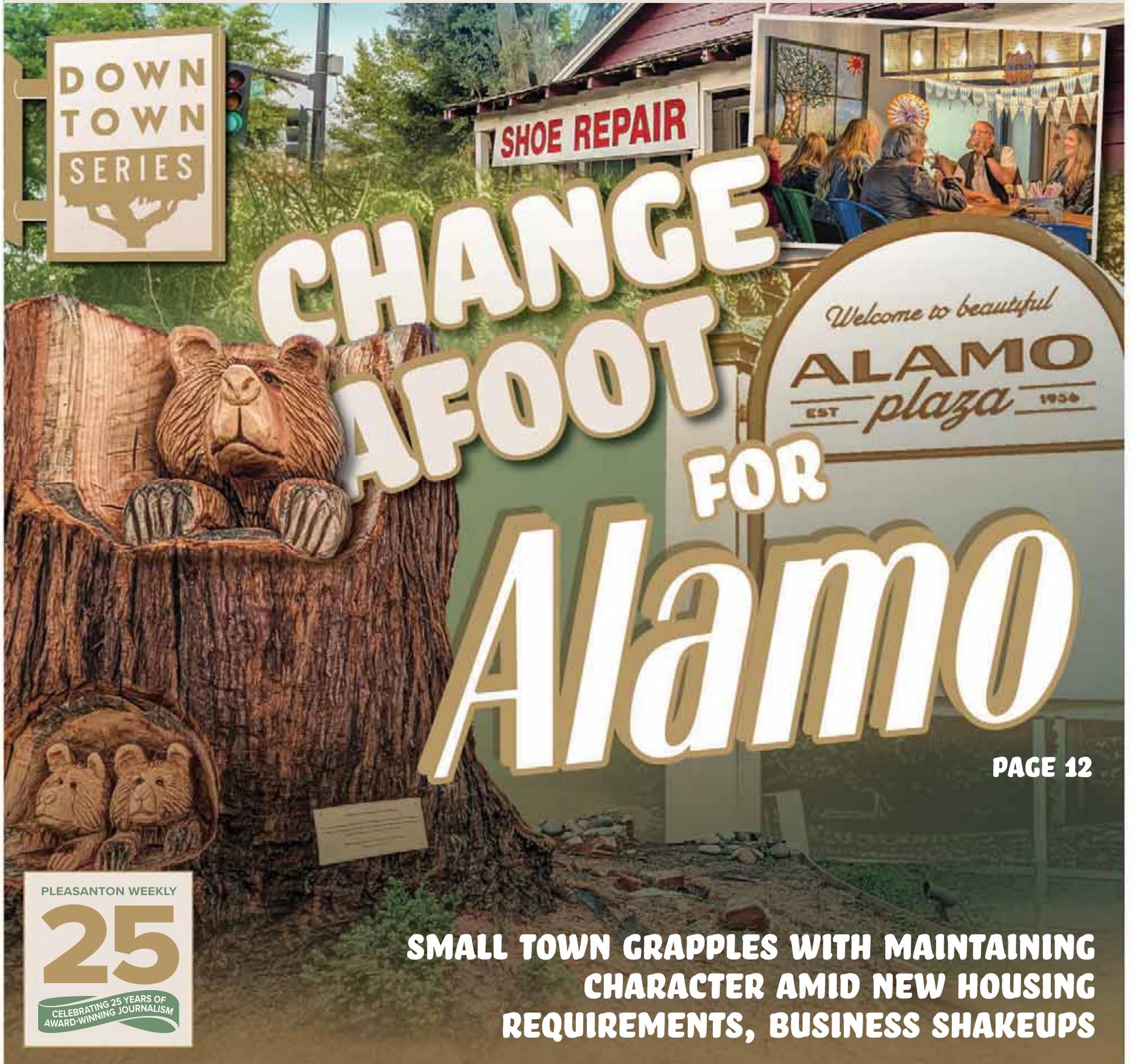
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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Reinforce the bond

Building community partnerships is difficult. Sustaining those well-earned relationships over time, well that can become a whole other challenge.

Thus the crossroads Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association finds itself at — on the Pleasanton end, anyway.

“We need new members, with the hope that some may take an interest and have the time to be involved in leadership positions,” PTSCA president Jorge Victoria told me Monday.

“Our membership has aged, and not being able to retain the many families and adults who have participated in past exchanges has definitely contributed to our yearly decline. After all, we have been fortunate with active adult and youth exchanges for the past 42 years,” Victoria said, adding:

“Our association today is even more important in easing/erasing cultural stereotypes.”

The sister city organization was founded by the late Bob Athenour and Steve Noble in 1983 to forge a bond of international goodwill between Pleasanton and Tulancingo, Mexico.

PTSCA has become a hallmark of the cause: annual adult delegation visits between Pleasanton and Tulancingo, student exchange programs in summers and community events here like the holiday posada, Cinco de Mayo fiesta and barbecue fundraiser. Pleasanton donated two fire trucks to Tulancingo. A bronze statue of Athenour sits on a park bench in the Mexican town. Countless life-changing personal experiences.

Among the many reasons this moment is all the more important.

The header of Victoria’s press release for next week’s member recruitment meeting tells the story plain as day — “Struggling to sustain the bridge: Longstanding Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association faces membership challenges”.

The nonprofit has 50 active memberships, compared to a peak of 92 in the past, according to Victoria. “The present leadership is nine members; all having served on the board for multiple years and would rather be relieved and can’t commit to the monthly meetings. The rest are mostly dues paying members, along with support from the city,” he said.

Victoria himself became involved 32 years ago when he and his wife joined when their oldest daughter

participated in the student exchange program.

Victoria has served 18 years as president off and on over the years, first while he was still working as a mechanical designer and the past 11 years in a row in retirement.

The push to recruit new members is more than a numbers game (though the bottom line is obviously a factor); it’s imperative to breathe new life and excitement into PTSCA, according to Victoria.

“Along with new energies, ideas and interest in experiencing a new culture, along with sharing ours,” he said. “Operational relief would be great. We have been able to meet our financial needs with one yearly fundraiser dinner/auction.”

Interestingly, it seems to be a Pleasanton problem only.

“Tulancingo does not nearly have the same pain,” Victoria said. “Their interest in visiting, sharing, hosting is great. Many of the continuing new members come from parents of the exchange students, something we have not been able to retain. Just as a note, fluency in each other’s language has been no problem in sharing cultures and friendships.”

I felt compelled to ask whether the current international relations climate is playing a role in decreased membership, not to unnecessarily “politicize” a situation but to acknowledge that most of us have noticed the tone has shifted.

Victoria was upfront. “Due to our present atmosphere (political), I’m sure there’s some uncertainty for some to travel to Mexico,” he said. “Fortunately, our sister city counterparts in Tulancingo would be the first to advise us of any unsafe conditions to travel there. We’re planning on visiting Tulancingo in April 2026.”

After all, building strong relationships is at the heart of everything the association does.

“Its value is that of a link for better understanding between cultures, especially in today’s political environment. Not only our sister city, but the hundreds of sister city associations worldly,” Victoria said. “The hundreds of Pleasanton students and adults who have participated have lived this value.”

The PTSCA membership information event is set for next Sunday (Oct. 19) at 2 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center at 4477 Black Ave. in Pleasanton. Learn more at [ptsca.org/index.php/homepage](http://ptsca.org/index.php/homepage) or contact Victoria at [president@ptsca.org](mailto:president@ptsca.org). ■

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## If you could eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?



**Anthony Gentile, with Bella**  
*Senior project manager*

Pizza! Absolutely, unequivocally and without a doubt. Pizza is its own food group. It is the most versatile, satisfying and inexpensive food on planet Earth. Wherever in the world I happen to be, I live by pizza and I always will!



**Morea Glover**  
*Registered dietician*

I would have to say sushi because it is not only colorful and delicious, but it also contains a great balance of protein, carbs and fiber. And, I love how with sushi there is so much variety that I will never, ever, tire of it.



**Dan Glover**  
*Mechanical (HVAC) contractor*

Pita bread with hummus. Technically speaking that's two foods, but they pair so perfectly and well together that I consider them to be just one. Pita bread with hummus contains a great balance of nutrients. And it is very flavor-filled and satisfying/filling on top of that.



**Gabriela Guerra**  
*Mom. All the time.*

I would say vegetables, for sure. I'm able to make up great soups and salads with wonderful vegetables, all year long. There are so many different kinds of vegetables, and so many different vegetarian recipes, that I know if I had to, I could keep myself and my family happy and nourished, all year long, every year, with just vegetables.



**Carlton Alexander, with Zalen**  
*Solar panel installer*

Asian pears, for sure. They're really healthy and hydrating. I could never tire of them. Even my baby loves them!

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Zone 7 info session

The Zone 7 Water Agency is inviting the public to learn more about flood preparedness, forever chemicals that have been increasingly found in the region's groundwater supply, capital project updates and much more during the agency's "Water Wonders of Zone 7" event next weekend.

The event is scheduled to take place at the agency's headquarters located at 11 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 18).

"Join us for an entire day packed with activities, resources, and important info on everything Zone 7 does to ensure you have the safest, top-quality water in your homes," the agency stated in a press release.

### Mayors' Summit

Registration is still open for people who want to participate in this year's 2025 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit Luncheon, which is scheduled for next Wednesday (Oct. 15) at the Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

The annual event will bring together the mayors of Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon for a "thoughtful discussion on the key issues shaping our region."

"It's a unique opportunity to hear directly from local leadership and to connect with decision-makers and community members from across the Tri-Valley," according to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, which is hosting the event.

The summit will be set to begin at 11:30 a.m. with a networking session before the program begins at noon. Visit [www.business.pleasanton.org](http://www.business.pleasanton.org) to register.

### Then & Now

The Livermore Heritage Guild and the Livermore Public Library will be hosting East Bay Regional Park District supervising naturalist Ashley Grenier next week as she gives a presentation on Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, which is the morning side of Mount Diablo.

The presentation is part of the "Then & Now: Livermore Stories" history lecture series.

According to a press release, Grenier will talk about the regional preserve's rich history, the Native American communities that first called this land home and the "the remarkable efforts that led to the park's preservation."

The presentation, which is free to the public and requires no registration, will take place starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 15) at the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library in Livermore. ■

## Judge tosses ex-employee's suit against city of Pleasanton

City wins effort to quash whistleblower, age discrimination allegations; plaintiff plans to appeal

By JEREMY WALSH AND CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city of Pleasanton scored a decisive legal victory Tuesday when a judge dismissed the lawsuit brought by a former employee over his firing in 2023, finding the allegations of whistleblower retaliation and age discrimination didn't hold water.

In a written decision issued late in the morning, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Jenna Whitman confirmed the direction she took in a tentative ruling last

week on the city's motion for summary judgment to have the civil case brought by former utilities manager Dan Repp tossed before a jury trial.

"Many of Plaintiff's purportedly 'illegal reasons' for termination are not tied to any evidence, and none appear to relate to the alleged protected activity," Whitman wrote midway through her nine-page ruling.

Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin, whose decision to fire Repp in June 2023 after a workplace

misconduct investigation was placed under the microscope in pre-trial depositions and pleadings, declined to comment on the win in court when contacted by the Pleasanton Weekly on Tuesday.

Repp plans to appeal the ruling, his attorney Judith Wolff confirmed to the Weekly without offering further comment about the case.

The two-year legal battle began in the months after Repp, the city's managing director of utilities and environmental services since June 2020, was fired by Beaudin in the

wake of a third-party investigation into a complaint that Repp created a hostile work environment.

The termination letter cited profanity in the workplace toward another city employee as unacceptable and unprofessional behavior, but the original tort claim and subsequent lawsuit led to more revelations about what each side said happened.

Repp's central allegation was Beaudin fired him because he

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A group of participants in last year's Spirit Run speed walk in their matching Halloween costumes.

## Spirit Run back this month

Participants encouraged to wear costumes in Halloween-themed fundraiser for Rotary programs

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is getting set to host its 32nd annual Spirit Run later this month where residents and community members can either walk or run to raise money for Pleasanton students and other local charitable organizations.

According to a statement from Steve Van Dorn and Kathy Alameda, who are both co-chairs of this year's run, last year's event raised just under \$50,000 for scholarships, charitable organizations and other Rotary Club

projects and the organization hopes this year's run is just as successful.

"Our annual Halloween Spirit Run is our largest fundraiser allowing us to continue supporting local nonprofit organizations, provide scholarships and fund our international projects," Van Dorn and Alameda said in a joint statement to the Weekly.

Van Dorn and Alameda both serve as trustees on the Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation, which mainly handles the scholarships along with any charitable and cultural

fundraising campaigns of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, according to the Rotary Club's website. The club itself has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships and community grants since 1993.

According to a press release announcing the event, the run is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 26 on Main Street in front of Workbench True Value Hardware located at 652 Main St.

Participants can register to either walk or run one of two routes

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## Livermore teachers declare impasse

Union blasts district over 'irresponsible' offer on table

By JUDE STRZEMP

The teachers' union representing educators with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District verbally declared an impasse at the bargaining table with the district last week over wages and benefits.

Three sessions into negotiations, the declaration by Livermore Education Association Oct. 2 was one-sided, according to union President Aimee Thompson.

Thompson said LEA intends to file a request for an impasse determination with the Public Employment Relations Board this week. As a quasi-judicial body and independent state agency, PERB administers and enforces collective bargaining laws, promotes fair labor practices, and resolves disputes across the public sector, according to the agency website.

In light of paperwork not yet being filed, district officials declined to comment on the status of the negotiations.

"Our district has not received formal word of an impasse from LEA," LVJUSD spokesperson Michelle Dawson said Tuesday. "At this time, we do not have further comment."

Thompson told Livermore Vine that LEA teachers are committed to providing the best education

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# Residents demand answers from PG&E on frequent outages

Power company shares plans to address infrastructure issues, but many Pleasanton customers remain skeptical

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Tensions were high during Monday evening's PG&E informational session where dozens of residents gathered inside the Pleasanton Senior Center to voice their frustrations over the years of unplanned power outages.

Power outages have been a hot-button issue around town for quite some time, with many people saying they have experienced multiple outages every month — particularly during the hot summer months.

The Pleasanton City Council

previously discussed these outages during an October 2024 council meeting where Jake Zigelman, the vice president of the Bay Area region at PG&E, explained some of the reasons behind the outages and what the company was doing to address the issues in Pleasanton.

Zigelman was also present at Monday's event and said, in addition to infrastructure and maintenance issues that he brought up last year, one of the main reasons residents have been seeing more power outages, particularly over the last three

to four years, is the installation of Enhance Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS).

PG&E installed these safety settings on powerlines in and near high fire risk areas to help prevent wildfires — if a hazard is detected on a powerline, the settings shut off the power quickly in order to prevent ignitions that may cause wildfires.

But Zigelman said what has happened in Pleasanton is that certain residents have been caught up in some of those outages, even if they are not located in that high

fire risk area.

Zigelman noted that overall though, when looking at the total metrics for Pleasanton, outage minutes have decreased from last year to this year.

According to one of the informational displays at the event, in just one of the power grids in the Vineyard area, the number of outages has reduced from 24 last year to 16 this year.

While some residents at the meeting appreciated the numbers being displayed, others were left skeptical

about the work PG&E is doing to address these outages.

Karen Hallett, a Pleasanton resident who lives in the Mission Hills Park neighborhood, was among the residents displeased with how the event was set up because she was expecting more of a town hall where people from PG&E would present and then take questions from the audience.

"The set up is bad, very bad ... all of these people are trying to have

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## LAWSUIT

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reported issues with Pleasanton's water and sewer systems to Beaudin, other employees and outside agencies between mid-2022 and early 2023.

The city disputed that Repp even qualified for whistleblower protection, saying other employees actually raised key issues first before he did — and that Repp had a demonstrated pattern of bad performance in his job, representing the real scope for why he was let go regardless of any purported protected activity.

The former employee initially claimed six causes of action in his lawsuit, including retaliation for disclosing working conditions, wrongful termination and emotional distress, but Whitman dismissed four of the claims in March — leaving only whistleblower retaliation and age discrimination.

The judge sided again with the city this week, granting its motion

for summary judgment to toss the final two causes of action after a series of briefs and oral arguments that got at the heart of the facts and legal merits of the lawsuit.

"The evidence unearthed as a result of the investigation into (the) complaint, in combination with management's preexisting concerns about Plaintiff's lack of professionalism and ineffectiveness as a manager, constitute compelling and legitimate reasons for the termination, particularly given Plaintiff's responsibilities in a leadership role," the judge stated.

"The timing of the City's actions vis-a-vis the alleged protected activities discloses no causal connection between protected activity and the City's termination decision," Whitman wrote of the whistleblower retaliation allegation.

"Thus, a reasonable factfinder, considering the overall chronology of events, would be required to find it 'highly probable' that the City's decision to terminate

Plaintiff would have occurred for legitimate, independent reasons even if Plaintiff has not engaged in protected activity," she added. "Accordingly, the City has met its burden, and the Court must GRANT summary adjudication as to the first cause of action for whistleblower retaliation."

As for the claim of age discrimination, Whitman concluded, "The only theory articulated in the Complaint and the opposition to this motion is that Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment due in part to his age; however, Plaintiff has not identified any other circumstance to suggest a discriminatory motive."

"The City has sustained its burden on this cause of action, and Plaintiff has cited no evidence of discrimination or pretext; accordingly, the Court GRANTS the motion as to this issue," the judge ruled.

The final decision was largely in line with the sentiments in

Whitman's tentative ruling issued Oct. 2, with the city trying to quash the case before a scheduled November jury trial. Wolff opposed the judge's initial direction, leading to a virtual court hearing for final oral arguments Friday afternoon.

The plaintiff's attorney spent nearly 45 minutes of the hourlong hearing trying to convince the judge to change her mind.

"I obviously wouldn't be pursuing this case if I believed the city's evidence," Wolff told the court. "A jury is entitled to hear all of the evidence and to look at the witnesses, listen to the tone of their voice, watch their body language and decide for themselves whether they believe that the reasons that the city is asserting for his termination were operative reasons at the time he was fired or if the city manager — angered at being sued by a thorn on his side — decided to throw every possible reason at the firing."

The city's defense doubled down on Repp's conduct at work having gotten worse, there being no evidence for age discrimination and

Repp having to take anger management classes being strong evidence to show reason for termination.

"The evidence is that (the city) had substantial reasons at the time (and) that it would have fired Mr. Repp regardless of any whistleblowing activity," said Natalie Price, the attorney for the city at Friday's hearing. San Jose-based law firm Burke, Williams and Sorensen represented the city through the regional liability insurance pool.

"I do think I need a little bit more time just to digest what you've provided today," Whitman said in taking the case under advisement after Friday's hearing that followed her tentative ruling.

The judge was ultimately unconvinced by Wolff's core arguments, as bore out in her final order — which will become official once a proposed judgment drafted by the city's attorneys is signed by the court.

An appeal process, which Repp intends to pursue, would typically take one to two years, according to his lawyer. ■

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# Thayer wins county Teacher of the Year

Longtime Granada math teacher, debate coach advances to statewide competition

By JUDE STRZEMP

Math educator John Thayer of Granada High School was recently named a recipient of the 2025 Alameda County Teacher of the Year award.

Thayer was recognized as one of two county winners by the Alameda County Office of Education on Sept. 25, alongside Alameda Unified School District teacher Michael Kramer Wong.

The pair was selected among 19 honorees, representing 17 school districts and regional occupation programs countywide, according to the ACOE website.

Thayer and Kramer Wong are now slated to represent the county in the State Teacher of the Year competition, which will be announced this month, according to a statement from the ACOE.

"It's been incredible feeling all the

love after receiving this recognition," Thayer said in a statement. "It makes me realize that every single person who helps our students — from the classroom to the front office, to the cafeteria — should be celebrated like this. We work hundreds of miracles together every day and I wouldn't want to miss it!"

As an instructor for over 20 years, Thayer is known for his dedication to making math accessible, engaging and meaningful for all students, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District officials said in a statement.

During bilingual math courses, Thayer incorporates project-based learning to connect math with real-world applications such as bridge design, food truck businesses and public art projects, according to district officials.

"Creating spaces for students

to succeed in small and big ways, showing them that I believe in them, and waiting for them to teach me how to better teach them," Thayer said of his approach to education.

In April, Thayer was recognized as the LVJUSD Teacher of the Year for the 2024-25 school year.

Outside of his role as a math teacher, Thayer has also coached debate teams in English and Spanish. Through his coaching, he has helped students develop research, communication and critical thinking skills while supporting their advancement to regional and state-level competitions, LVJUSD officials said.

Thayer also leads college field trips for emergent bilingual students and works with families through the English learner advisory committee at Granada.

"I'm grateful that I get to do what I do and live this life and learn

from all these teachers and kids who bring joy and light into classrooms and communities when there are so many people now who seem so determined to keep us all in the dark," Thayer told Livermore Vine.

Thayer was later selected as the 2025 Alameda County Teacher of the Year among district-level winners who submitted an application and a series of essays, according to ACOE officials.

"Mr. Thayer's selection as Alameda County's Teacher of the Year is well deserved," Granada principal Clark Conover said in a statement. "He cares about kids and creates a classroom where students feel empowered to take risks, discover their strengths and build confidence."

"Granada is lucky to have a teacher like him," Conover added.

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COURTESY ACOE

Granada High School teacher John Thayer (left) was awarded the 2025 Alameda County Teacher of the Year award alongside Alameda Unified School District teacher Michael Kramer Wong (right).

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their voices heard and they're not," Hallett said.

Phyllis Couper, a resident of the Happy Valley neighborhood, said she has experienced up to three to five outages a month and was also hoping to speak with some of the decision-makers for PG&E to express to them just how impactful these outages are to residents like her who, at one point, experienced an outage for up to four days.

She said that as a retired senior on a fixed income, she isn't able to afford throwing away food in her fridge after every single outage.

"PG&E just doesn't ... understand the problems they're causing to individuals," she said. "They're not big problems to many of these guys who manage the towers but they're big problems to us."

Couper also expected a different type of meeting format and was disappointed that employees kept answering the same questions throughout the night but couldn't answer specific questions that she had regarding her bill.

"An event like this is not necessarily going to change their outage history. It's not meant to do that," Zigelman said. "It's meant to explain

the facts to them and be here, have a listening ear and show them that we do care, we are listening, we are taking this seriously and that we have a plan that is going to improve things."

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch was one of the few elected officials, along with Councilmember Julie Testa, who were engaging with residents at the meeting.

Balch said he understands there is a high level of frustration coming from residents who constantly experience these power outages and that the point of Monday's event was to hear from as many people as possible; however, he said that town halls can sometimes become unruly, which the city wanted to avoid for the session.

Balch also said he believes there has been improvement on PG&E's part over the past year to address power outage concerns, it just hasn't "yielded the results yet that people may be expecting."

As an example, he referenced PG&E's replacement of 3,700 feet of cable and the installation of an EPSS protection device as one of the projects they've done to address the ongoing issues. However, he acknowledged there are still more important projects in the pipeline.

Zigelman mentioned that the company is planning to break up

the power grid into smaller chunks so that the safety settings only serve customers who are in those high-fire threat areas and leave others in the city who are not in those areas out of those outages.

"The goal here is to protect all of the customers who are most at risk from a wildfire perspective but remove everyone who is not and make sure their reliability is as good as it can be," Zigelman said.

State Sen. Jerry McNerney, who represents parts of the Tri-Valley, also attended the event both as an elected official and as a Pleasanton resident who has experienced numerous power outages and wanted to voice his concerns as a PG&E customer.

One of the many points McNerney made during his comments was that the power company's past deferred maintenance should have been addressed earlier in order to mitigate some of the infrastructure issues. But even while being critical of the company, McNerney also said he's aware that PG&E is working to invest in future projects to improve overall reliability.

"It's in their interest to do that because they are very unpopular as a corporation and (it's) not in their best interest to be that unpopular," McNerney said. ■

## SPIRIT RUN

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through downtown Pleasanton and the surrounding residential neighborhoods — a 5K which totals 3.1 miles or a 10K which totals 6.2 miles.

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 can also sign up to participate in the Kid's Challenge, which is a quarter-mile and a 100-yard dash that will both begin at 10 a.m.

The Kid's Challenge will be held on Main Street and registered kids will be set to receive a T-shirt and a medal.

All participants — both young and old — are also encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes while they either run or walk the routes. According to the Rotary club, awards and raffle prizes based on age groups will close out the morning activities.

"The race is a great opportunity

to have fun and get some exercise with your family and friends while supporting our local community," Van Dorn and Alameda said in the joint statement.

To register for the run, visit [www.pleasantonrotary.org](http://www.pleasantonrotary.org). Registration will also be available in person at Fleet Feet starting on Oct. 25. Participants can also register the morning of the race from 7-8:15 a.m. Oct. 26 in the parking lot adjacent to Workbench. ■

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# Raise a glass: Free Range Flower Winery closes

Owner announces move to Africa amid difficult economic climate, personal life changes

By CIERRA BAILEY

Aliyah Nitoto, owner of Free Range Flower Winery, recently confirmed the closure of her unique flower wine business that had been based in Livermore for roughly four years. “It’s been a long road filled with adventure. Learning the craft of winemaking and creating flower wine formulations from scratch was no easy feat,” Nitoto wrote in an Instagram post last week. “Every step required care, and building in quality was always at the heart of it.” Wine sales officially ended on Sept. 30 after a summer clearance sale that started back in June — prior to Nitoto’s official closing announcement. “This economic climate is really hard and

the wine industry is pretty challenging right now, paired with the fact that I’ve worked seven days a week for over eight years with almost no break and family tragedies that I’ve had, it’s been really difficult,” Nitoto shared with the winery’s social media followers Sept. 19, thanking customers for their support over the years.

Days after announcing the business closure, Nitoto returned to social media to share more about what’s next for her. Citing her sister’s recent death, Nitoto said she wanted time to take better care of herself and pour into herself more as she has been working everyday with very little time off for nearly a decade.

Nitoto shared that she is

embarking on a new chapter in her personal life and moving to Kenya.

“It’s something I’ve always wanted to do. I’ve always wanted to live on the continent (of Africa) and I picked Kenya a while ago and I figured that it’s better now than never,” Nitoto said. “And also it’s a time where as a Black woman, it would just be great to be somewhere where I don’t have to be concerned over issues because I’m a Black woman. I can just live my life.”

She’s also bringing her senior dog, Fauna, who she’s had for more than two decades and she launched a GoFundMe campaign to help with the pet’s travel expenses.

“Fauna has been with me for over 20 years — she’s my family,” Nitoto

wrote in a Sept. 23 Instagram post. “She’s living with kidney disease and needs special care, which makes her medical bills and travel to Kenya very expensive and risky. I can’t leave her behind. We’ve never been apart.”

As of Wednesday morning, the campaign had raised \$250 of its \$1,500 goal. Free Range Flower Winery first moved to Livermore in 2021 after Nitoto had been making her wines inside of a 320-square-foot shipping container in West Oakland for about 3-1/2 years.

Nitoto said as part of phasing out the business, she had initially closed her tasting room, which was located at 2111 Research Drive, and went fully online before deciding to close

up shop for good. Free Range Flower Winery had just expanded to the space on Research Drive in 2024 after Nitoto had been sharing a tasting room with the only other Black-owned winery in town, Longevity Wines nearby on South Vasco Road.

Nitoto said she sets off to Kenya on Oct. 20, but not before having a going away celebration with the community this Sunday (Oct. 12) at her old tasting room, which is now occupied by the newly opened Sakura Winery.

“This is a good thing. Please feel happy for me, don’t be sad,” Nitoto said. “Please be happy, because the decision, basically, I made this decision because I feel like it’s the best thing for me.” ■

## City Center welcomes new restaurant tenants

KHAKI opens on second floor; Meyhouse, Palmetto Superfoods, Rico Rico Taco due in coming months

By JEREMY WALSH

City Center Bishop Ranch officials revealed one new lessee restaurant that just signed, celebrated another that recently opened and provided updates on two other new eateries that are set to arrive soon at the retail and dining complex in San Ramon.

Highlighting their four newest restaurant tenants five days after losing the prominent Starbucks store on the first floor, officials said the new additions reflect City Center’s focus on maintaining a vibrant lineup and “strengthening its standing as a go-to place for unique, locally rooted dining.”

“We’re excited to welcome these restaurants that showcase such a fun mix of flavors and traditions,” said Jeff Dodd, senior vice president at Sunset Development, owner and operator of the complex. “They make



JEREMY WALSH

Palmetto Superfoods is “coming soon” to City Center Bishop Ranch in a first-floor unit next to LB Steak.

City Center Bishop Ranch an even better spot to gather, share a meal and try something new.”

With the Oct. 2 announcement

comes the news that Rico Rico Taco has secured a lease for the 1,464-square-foot restaurant space between West Elm and Fieldwork

Brewing Company that has been vacant since C Casa closed at the beginning of the year.

Slated to open on the first floor in February, Rico Rico Taco is a fast-casual taqueria “known for bringing the bold flavors of Mexico City to life with handmade tortillas, spit-roasted al pastor and colorful, ingredient-forward dishes,” according to City Center officials.

In the meantime, two new eateries are expected to arrive sooner on the ground floor on the southern side of City Center near LB Steak — as signage for each has teased for multiple months.

Build-your-own superfood bowl concept shop Palmetto Superfoods is coming to a 1,035-square-foot tenant space, with a firm opening date still to be determined.

And the operators of Meyhouse — “renowned for its regional Turkish

cuisine and convivial atmosphere,” City Center officials said — are bringing their South Bay restaurant concept to the Tri-Valley for the first time. On track to open during this holiday season, Meyhouse is taking over the 5,359-square-foot space vacated by Dumpling Time in March.

The new arrivals will follow the lead of KHAKI, the most recent restaurant to open in City Center back in July.

From the same braintrust behind Curry Up Now, which previously occupied the 3,124-square-foot unit on the second floor facing Alexander Square, KHAKI is “a modern Indian bar and canteen (whose) menu reimagines Indian comfort food with global techniques and California’s seasonal bounty, offering everything from bold street-style kababs to soul-warming curries,” City Center reps said. ■

## Supes endorse ethical investment policy, but delay start

Designed in part to steer county money away from companies that enable ‘severe violations of human rights’

By KILEY RUSSELL /  
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a new policy last week — with conditions — that is designed to steer county investments away from companies that facilitate or enable “severe violations of human rights”, among other things.

The so-called “responsible and ethical investment criteria” was developed by county Treasurer Henry Levy after supervisors unanimously voted to direct him to do so in December.

The county’s Treasury Oversight Committee reviewed the proposal in May and recommended it to the board for approval.

“This policy will reflect our core

values of sustainability, social responsibility and compassion,” Levy said.

Supervisors, however, balked at full approval, putting implementation of the policy on hold until it can be reviewed by the county’s Finance Committee and an outside consultant.

Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas, who liked the policy as presented, was the lone dissenting vote. She grew visibly frustrated with her colleagues when, at one point during the meeting, Supervisor Nate Miley made a motion that would have simply sent the proposal back to committee without approval.

“This is incredibly disheartening and disappointing,” Bas said to loud applause and yelling from policy

supporters in the crowded chamber. Supervisor David Haubert, the board president, called a brief recess so people could calm down.

“I support the policy as is,” Bas said. “I think this is not the right decision.”

Miley said he was uncomfortable with part of the new policy that discourages investments in companies that earn more than 10% of their revenue from several specific sectors, including oil, coal and gas operations, firearms and tobacco companies, casinos and gambling ventures, security and correctional facilities, distillers, vintners and the defense industry, among others.

He said he’d rather see that language stricken from the criteria so that Levy would have more

discretion when making investment decisions.

The policy also says the county won’t use its \$10 billion investment fund to “invest in companies that consistently, knowingly and directly facilitate and enable severe violations of human rights”.

It requires that divestments in specific companies need approval by the Board of Supervisors. Acquisitions would be identified using the new criteria, which prioritize companies that don’t have “negative environmental, social, governance or controversy” profiles.

Those acquisitions wouldn’t require board approval.

While the policy doesn’t explicitly mention companies doing business

with Israel, or any other individual country, dozens of public speakers on both sides of the issue — who packed the board chamber and an overflow room and weighed in on Zoom — said the proposal was in response to the war in Gaza and ongoing accusations of genocide.

Several people against the policy said during the public comment period that it’s backed by anti-Israel activists, that it’s divisive, gives cover to antisemites and would make people in the Jewish community feel less safe.

Many in the audience expressed support for the Palestinian people and said the policy would help the county divest in companies that are helping with the war effort and the killing of civilians. ■

# Dublin readies for fall events this month

Harvest Fair, Floating Pumpkin Patch, Trunk or Treat, Night Market among seasonal happenings

By JUDE STRZEMP

Autumn is upon us — and with it, a lineup of seasonally inspired events in the city of Dublin.

Kicking off the celebrations this Saturday, Dublin is set to host its annual, family-friendly Harvest Fair at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

The fair is set to have interactive games, a petting zoo, face painting, apple crate and pumpkin ring tosses as well as activities such as gold panning, washboard laundry and butter churning.

Open to the public, the event will also feature art and food vendors.

For those who want to get a taste of the old-fashioned, guests can enter the 1910 Kolb House to see how a farm family lived in the early 20th century.

“Fall is here, Dublin,” city officials



COURTESY CITY OF DUBLIN

Among the autumn-inspired events this year in the city of Dublin, the annual Harvest Fair is set to take place Oct. 11 at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

wrote on social media. “Whether you’re looking for family fun, festive traditions or a little Halloween thrill, we’ve got you covered — there’s a lot to look forward to!”

Since the city began hosting the annual Harvest Fair in 2011, with the opening of the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, it has become one of the city’s favorite

events, Dublin spokesperson Shari Jackman told the Weekly.

“There is such wonderful history to be found at the park,” Jackman added, given the site’s original buildings like the Kolb family house, hay barn and Sunday school.

The Harvest Fair is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 11).

Following the Harvest Fair, the city’s autumn celebrations continue Oct. 24-25 with the “Ghosts of Dublin,” wherein attendees take flashlight tours at night through the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery.

Also scheduled for Oct. 25 is the Floating Pumpkin Patch at The Wave, where visitors select their pumpkins from a pool and later decorate it, according to the city website. Sessions are scheduled to begin at 1:30-4:30 p.m.

During the evening of Oct. 25,

Dublin Police Services is set to host the fourth annual Trunk or Treat event from 5-9 p.m. at Don Biddle Community Park.

“This fun, Halloween-inspired event will provide a safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating,” Dublin officials wrote on the city website. “Dressing in Halloween costumes is highly encouraged!”

The city is also scheduled to continue hosting the Night Market on Oct. 24 and Nov. 21 at St. Pat’s Row. The markets feature food vendors, artisanal goods, live entertainment and cultural performances as well as family-friendly activities and games, the city website states.

Admission to the Harvest Fair is free, while activities are for-purchase. Other fall events may require registration. For more information, visit the city’s website at [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov). ■

## TEACHERS

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possible to their students, but added that the district’s financial practices are creating an obstacle to achieving that goal.

“It is frustrating to hear the narrative of ‘no money’ and necessary cuts while watching the district fund non-essential projects,” Thompson said.

In August, negotiations began between district representatives and LEA, the union representing counselors, nurses, psychologists, teachers on special assignment, social workers and speech pathologists in addition to teachers.

On average, LVJUSD teachers currently rank 9th out of 11 when comparing total compensation — composed of salary and the district’s contribution to health benefits — within unified school districts in Alameda County and Contra Costa County, according to Thompson.

Meanwhile, Thompson said LVJUSD receives more total revenue per average daily attendance, than school districts in Dublin, Pleasanton,

San Ramon and Fremont.

In an effort to approach the top quartile, LEA has proposed a 4.75% increase to salary and an additional \$3,500 in district contribution to benefits.

“The district has stated they share the goal of top quartile but has not presented a meaningful offer or plan to achieve this goal,” Thompson said.

The district’s current counter-proposal includes \$1.8 million for 2025-26 and an additional \$1.2 million for 2026-27 for application to salary and benefits as LEA designates, according to Thompson. But the offer is contingent upon the district not purchasing new social studies curriculum for 6-12 grades and spending less to replace aging technology.

The counter-proposal equates to a raise of approximately 1.8% for 2025-26 and approximately 1.2% for 2026-27, according to Thompson.

The district’s counter-proposal would elevate teacher compensation one rank within the range of 11 districts. Notably, the offer still lands below average and below median, Thompson said.

“Achieving the current ask would

ease the pressures on our teachers, many of whom have second jobs, and are struggling to pay their bills,” Thompson explained.

“The cost of health insurance premiums increased significantly this year, and the full cost of this increase is being paid by teachers,” Thompson said. “To our members this essentially translates to a pay cut.”

According to the 2025-26 health benefit plan information for LEA, the monthly premium for health coverage increased by 11.8%-14.4% from 2024-25 to 2025-26. The bump equates to a monthly premium increase of \$127 to \$357, depending on the plan.

The breakdown of plan costs do not take into account the district yearly contribution of \$10,900, according to the health benefit packet.

Achieving LEA’s current ask would also help the district attract and retain qualified teachers, Thompson added.

Though wages and benefits are the sticking points in negotiations, other items are still open for discussion including leaves, workday and work year. ■

also recognized honorees from across the county.

In addition to Thayer, Tri-Valley honorees included Joy Sherratt of Dublin Unified School District’s Emerald High School, Esperanza Jimenez of Pleasanton Unified School District’s Valley View Elementary School and Shelley Matek of Tri-Valley ROP at Dublin and Foothill high schools.

“For many of our young people, the brightest part of their day is when they are learning, growing, and connecting in our classrooms and on our campuses. Great educators do more than just teach: they build confidence and shape how young people see themselves

and the world,” Alameda County Superintendent Alysse Castro said in a statement. “I am grateful for our county’s teachers, and commend their work to shape whole humans.”

As Alameda County Teachers of the Year, Thayer and Kramer Wong are slated for consideration of state-wide recognition.

“We wish John the very best as he is considered for State Teacher of the Year,” LVJUSD Superintendent Torie Gibson said in a statement. “But regardless of that outcome, we are thrilled that John’s exceptional teaching was recognized at the county level. His commitment and impact on our students serves as a model for us all.” ■

## THAYER

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Granada math department chair Julian Avilla expressed similar sentiments regarding Thayer’s ability to work with students.

As a former pupil and current colleague, Avilla first met Thayer in 2000, according to district officials. At the time, Thayer was his trigonometry teacher.

“Over the last 25 years, I have witnessed firsthand his exceptional dedication and passion for teaching,” Avilla said in a statement. “His ability to connect with students and teach them math at all levels is inspiring.”

The awards ceremony Sept. 25

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### 'Smoke shop smackdown': Authorities sting Dublin businesses for banned products

Two Dublin smoke shops find themselves out of more than 4,000 units of illegal products and in the hole nearly \$200,000 in fines combined after recent joint operations by city and state authorities, Dublin Police Services said last week.

Investigators reported confiscating more than \$135,000 worth of prohibited products from Royal Novelties and Smoker Friendly — 81 boxes of items such as banned flavored tobacco, illegal THC products and psilocybin mushrooms.

"Citations flew faster than candy on Halloween night. Violations

covered everything from unlicensed sales to unauthorized advertising, basically turning these shops into tobacco-themed amusement parks," Dublin police stated in an Instagram post Sept. 30. "The damage? Nearly \$200,000 in fines, because breaking the rules in Dublin isn't just dumb, it's very expensive."

Setting out on the stings in September — "for what can only be described as a smoke shop smackdown" — were DPS's crime prevention and school resource officer units, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and the city of Dublin's code enforcement division.

"The mission? Sniff out shops selling illegal goodies to minors and spoiler alert: the squad found way more than just questionable flavors," police stated. "Turns out,

bubblegum-flavored vape juice wasn't the only thing these shops were blowing smoke about."

Authorities allegedly seized approximately 4,100 units of illegal products combined from the Royal Novelties Smoke Shop on Amador Valley Boulevard and Smoker Friendly Dublin Smoke Shop on Amador Plaza Road.

"Moral of the story — If you're gonna sell banned stuff in Dublin, especially to minors, don't be shocked when the smoke clears and the fines roll in," police said.

— *Jeremy Walsh*

### Middle schooler arrested in armed robbery

A 13-year-old boy was arrested following an armed robbery of another juvenile in Livermore, the city's police department said.

The August incident occurred at a business on North Vasco Road, where the Livermore Police Department responded at about 4 p.m. Aug. 22 to a report of a juvenile with a gun, according to police.

While LPD officials did not disclose the exact location of the incident to the Weekly, it purportedly took place at a Starbucks in the area, according to East Bay Times, which first reported the story.

Upon investigation, LPD found that the boy had allegedly stolen the property of another juvenile and displayed a firearm during the incident.

"A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's residence, where officers located evidence of the crime, along with an unregistered loaded firearm in the family home," LPD officials told Livermore Vine.

The suspect was transported to juvenile hall, and the case was forwarded to the Alameda County Juvenile Probation Department for review and charging, LPD officials said.

As a minor, the suspect's name was not released by police.

The Alameda County Juvenile Probation Department did not respond for comment as of press time.

— *Jude Strzemp*

### Mob-style robbery in SJ could be tied to others

Four weeks after a San Jose jewelry store was robbed in a mob-style attack that injured the 88-year-old owner, seven suspects have been arrested, police said Friday.

"Seven people are in custody, seven suspects who brutalized an elderly man, destroyed a family business and terrorized an entire community," San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan said in a briefing.

"This was not a crime of desperation," he said. "This was organized theft and violence, the kind

of smash-and-grab attacks we've seen spreading across the Bay Area and the entire state."

On Sept. 5, a car rammed through the front door of Kim Hung Jewelry and more than 10 masked thieves stole thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry. Surveillance video showed an assailant pushing the store's owner to the ground.

The older man suffered a stroke and heart attack due to the stress and shock of the robbery, according to the owner's niece.

"From the very moment these cowards fled Kim Hung Jewelry, we have not stopped," Assistant Police Chief Brian Shab said. "We scoured the entire Bay Area, conducting surveillance, serving search warrants, and working day and night with our law enforcement partners, and today, that persistence has delivered results."

Arrested were Angel Herrera, 21, of Pacifica; Toddisha Mayfield, 31, of San Leandro; Tom Donegan, 19, of Manteca; Jacques Samuel, 18, of San Francisco; Cisco Lutu, 18, of South San Francisco; Zakhari Blue-Gordon, 21, of East Palo Alto, and Amari Green, 21, of San Francisco, police said.

During the execution of search warrants at the residences of the suspects, detectives found a firearm, loaded magazine, multiple rounds of ammunition, and large quantities of suspected cocaine, police said.

Police said some of the suspects may be tied to other mob-style robberies of jewelry stores across the Bay Area. The San Ramon Police Department has not confirmed whether any of the new San Jose defendants are suspects in the investigation into the similar armed robbery at Heller Jewelers in City Center Bishop Ranch on Sept. 22.

"It's not just this one robbery that we're looking at," Shab said. "We believe that some of the people in this group were connected to some of the other robberies."

Mahan said law enforcement is still working to identify additional suspects, since police believe there were at least a dozen individuals involved.

"We know there are still people out there who took part in this attack," he said. "To those still hiding, we are coming for you."

— *Story by Alise Maripuu, Bay City News Service. Weekly editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed local information.*

### Teen cyclist hit on East

A 13-year-old boy sustained minor injuries after being hit by a vehicle last week while biking along East Avenue in Livermore, the city's police department said.

"The cause of the collision is still

under investigation," LPD officials told the Weekly on Tuesday.

At about 7:45 a.m. Sept. 29, LPD responded to a report of the collision at the intersection of East Avenue and Hillcrest Avenue.

Police found that a 34-year-old Livermore driver, turning left onto East Avenue, struck the juvenile cyclist as he was riding westbound on the street.

The driver remained on scene and is cooperating with the investigation, police said.

The minor cyclist's name and school were not released by police.

— *Jude Strzemp*

### Youth riders fleeing police prompts e-bike advisory

Danville police are reminding residents of all ages about the rules for electric motorbikes after an incident in which two juveniles reportedly tried to elude an officer after being caught riding recklessly last week.

The situation unfolded on Oct. 1, when a Danville Police Department officer observed two e-motorbikes weaving through traffic near El Cerro Boulevard and Diablo Road. The pair initially ignored the officer and fled through a red light before ultimately yielding near the intersection of McCauley and Diablo roads, police said.

"Both were cited for reckless driving (CVC 23103), their bikes towed with a 30-day hold — meaning owners pay all impound/storage fees," DPD stated in a Facebook post the next day.

"Don't run from police — it escalates everything," police added. "And don't ride unregistered electric motorcycles on roads; they're not street-legal without DMV registration, insurance, and a licensed driver."

The post also included reminders about the differences between e-bikes (Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3), electric motorcycles and off-highway vehicle (OHV)-style motorbikes. ■

— *Jeremy Walsh*



COURTESY DPD

Two juveniles were cited and had their e-motorbikes confiscated for a 30-day hold after allegedly trying to elude police during a traffic stop in Danville.



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By GABRIELLE WELK

### Ensuring Pleasanton remains a downtown destination

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is in the midst of an ambitious transformation—rethinking its mission, renewing its structure, expanding its scope and aligning investments with community expectations.

Over the past months, the PDA has launched a major repositioning effort, highlighted by the creation of the Pleasanton Downtown Foundation, a nonprofit arm dedicated to long-term revitalization projects such as beautification, historic preservation and community programming. This new structure distinguishes daily operations from strategic, lasting investments that shape the future of downtown.

At the same time, the PDA is finalizing its 2025-27 Strategic Plan, focused on modernizing its organization, expanding stakeholder engagement and diversifying funding sources.

As a Main Street-style organization, the PDA remains rooted in the

four-point approach of organization, economic vitality, promotion and design. Funding now comes from member assessments, city support, sponsorships and events—ensuring both stability and flexibility.

On the ground, change is already visible. Beautification efforts, signage and lighting upgrades, and new place-making features are creating a more inviting atmosphere. Enhanced programming continues to attract visitors and sustain foot traffic—investments not just in aesthetics, but in the very identity and economic health of downtown.

The topic of increased assessments is understandably sensitive, but

context matters:

1. No increases since 1996. For nearly three decades, business improvement district assessment levels have remained unchanged, even as costs for labor, materials, events and marketing have risen sharply.

2. More value, not just higher costs. The new structure funds expanded benefits—stronger events, improved marketing, enhanced beautification and proactive business support—allowing PDA to meet modern needs



rather than react to challenges.

3. Transparent and data-driven. At a recent City Council meeting, PDA and city staff, including economic development manager Lisa Adamos, shared the calculations and rationale for the proposed increases to ensure fairness and transparency. Similar to the current structure, fees would be assessed in three categories based on location relative to Main Street: Main Street facing, second floor or off-Main.

This effort will only succeed if businesses engage. The PDA's benefits may seem general—marketing, events, beautification—but each provides tailored tools for every type of downtown business, from retail and restaurants to professional services and fitness studios.

Members are encouraged to reach out, seek assistance and propose ideas. Co-marketing opportunities, facade grants, joint promotions and shared infrastructure become powerful when businesses participate. Assessments without engagement become burdens; assessments with engagement multiply opportunity.

Pleasanton is not alone in rethinking downtown. Neighboring cities are

aggressively investing in their commercial cores to attract shoppers, entrepreneurs and experiences. Standing still is no longer an option in a world reshaped by e-commerce, changing consumer habits and regional competition.

By realigning its mission, establishing the foundation, modernizing governance and resetting assessments to reflect real costs and benefits, the PDA is ensuring Pleasanton remains a thriving, competitive downtown destination.

We understand skepticism and the fair questions—“Why now? Why me? What do I gain?” But downtown is a shared asset. Its success benefits every business, property owner and resident. Revitalization requires partnership, not passive expectation.

We invite every downtown merchant, salon, cafe and professional service to collaborate with us. Together, we can shape a vibrant, sustainable and beautiful downtown that reflects Pleasanton's character and ambition. ■

*Editor's note: Pleasanton native Gabrielle Welk is in her first year as executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association.*

## GUEST OPINION

### State Water Project maintains our way of life

By VALERIE PRYOR

As best practice, public water agencies prudently plan for regional water supply needs and carefully piece together resilient portfolios of various water supply sources. Zone 7 is no different.

Our agency plans for and delivers safe and reliable water to over a quarter of a million residents in eastern Alameda County. We do this primarily by importing surface water through the State Water Project, a vast system that captures and moves water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to communities across the state.

The State Water Project is the backbone of California water infrastructure, delivering water supply, protecting against floods, generating clean hydropower, providing recreational opportunities and environmental benefits, and driving California's economy.

The State Water Project supplies water to 27 million people and 750,000 acres of irrigated farmland. This water supply supports an

economy that provides 8.7 million full-time jobs, provides for 800,000 businesses, and employs 160,000 farmworkers. The agricultural land irrigated by the SWP water produces \$19 billion in crops and agricultural products every year.

A significant 70% of our Tri-Valley water comes from the State Water Project. This imported water is delivered to our neighbors in the Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Dougherty Valley communities.

We have studied other alternatives to augment State Water Project supplies, but the state's system remains the backbone of the Tri-Valley's water supply and is a lifeline for the local economy. The State Water Project serves our homes and businesses, supports our Livermore Valley wine-growing region and helps us maintain a thriving economy, including more than \$300 billion in assessed property value.

And while Zone 7 uses stored supplies, including local groundwater, to sustain our community during

droughts, it's important to understand that the stored supplies were imported through the State Water Project prior to use. For example, during the most recent drought (2020 to 2022), approximately 60% of the total water used by the Tri-Valley came from previously stored State Water Project supplies.

In addition, our retail water agencies in the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton produce recycled water that made up approximately 12% of our regional needs over the past 10 years. During the 2020-2022 drought, recycled water made up 15% of total water use. But recycled water needs a source to blend with and treat. For our region, the primary source is the State Water Project.

It's too easy—and irresponsible—to dismiss the State Water Project as the crucial water source that it is for the Tri-Valley and the state of California. The SWP maintains our community's way of life, and we must continue to support it and invest in it. Over time, various factors,



including aging infrastructure and a changing climate, have resulted in significant reductions in the reliability of the State Water Project. Recent estimates by the California Department of Water Resources show that the State Water Project could lose up to an additional 23% of its supply in the next 20 years if we fail to modernize.

For these reasons, Zone 7 continues to support investment in and modernization of the State Water Project. We are supporters of the Delta Conveyance Project, the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program and other efforts to invest in and modernize the State Water Project. We also recognize that these investments will have cost implications for our ratepayers.

Given the importance of the State Water Project to the state and to our region, our own data and analysis demonstrates that these supplies are critical for drought mitigation and maintaining a sustainable groundwater basin that supports the economic vitality that the Tri-Valley enjoys.

Don't be misled by political stunts and hyperbole—no other alternative can match the volume, quality and reliability of State Water Project supplies. ■

*Editor's note: Valerie Pryor is general manager of the Zone 7 Water Agency.*

## LETTERS

### PUSD parcel tax

Tim Hunt's anti-tax crusade purposely misleads on the facts. Not only is he factually wrong—PUSD's last attempt at a parcel tax was 2011 and was just 297 votes shy—but he calls into question board

members without acknowledging the changing nature of California school funding, which is part of the problem with “cash flow”.

Living in a city that has been slow to grow has limited Pleasanton's ability to qualify for more state funding. If we cannot continue to increase enrollment, we lose out on funds. It's that simple.

In addition, none of the

current board members hired David Haglund, the person most responsible for leaving a legacy of overspending on district facilities and staff. They inherited the mess left by past board members who rubber-stamped Haglund's directives.

My wife and I were teachers in 2009, the first time Pleasanton rejected a parcel tax, and my wife was

laid off for an entire year. Instead of the community funding the schools that have made their properties so valuable, teachers had to take furloughs to continue to provide the excellent education that prop up the inflated property values.

Maybe if Pleasanton wasn't so anti-teacher and anti-tax, we would not be in the position we are in now.

— Sam Weaver

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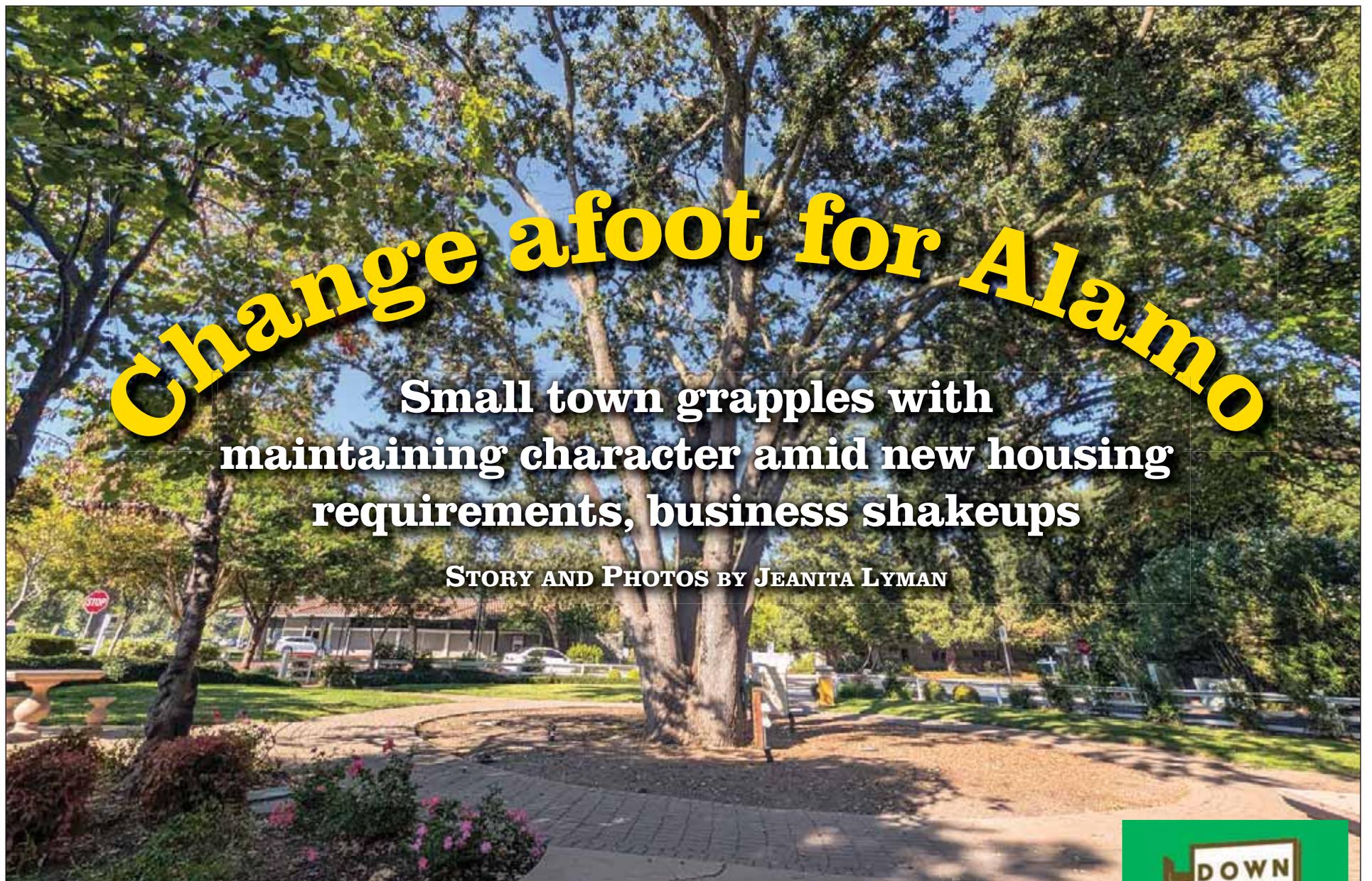
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# Change afoot for Alamo

## Small town grapples with maintaining character amid new housing requirements, business shakeups

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JEANITA LYMAN



The heritage oak tree in Andrew H. Young Memorial Park across the street from Alamo Plaza.



*The Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Vine and DanvilleSanRamon.com are embarking on a cover story series in 2025 exploring the downtowns throughout the Tri-Valley. Our project now travels north for reporter Jeanita Lyman's examination on an inflection point for affluent Alamo.*

Alamo is unique compared with its Tri-Valley counterparts for many reasons.

It is the only community in the San Ramon Valley that has been in operation since the Gold Rush era but has not yet incorporated like its neighbors to the south. And while some of its counterparts are grappling with either reinvigorating their downtowns — or creating new centralized neighborhoods from scratch — downtown Alamo is a longstanding hub for a range of retail, dining and services.

“It’s almost like a little city, but not,” said Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen, whose District 2 represents the community.

Alamo also stands out within the Tri-Valley region for the minimal population growth it’s seen over the years. Its population stood at 15,314 as of the most recent census — a modest 5.1% increase over the 2010 census, which reported a 6.8% decline in population. In short, Alamo’s resident count is currently less than it was at the start of the century, making it the only Tri-Valley community, other than Sunol, that has not seen major population increases in recent years.

But that could be changing in the coming years.

### A housing project in the heart of downtown

One factor Alamo shares with its neighboring communities — and much of California — is its own share of a state-mandated demand for increased residential zoning and housing availability in the current General Plan cycle.

Although they are the final decision-makers on new developments in Alamo, Andersen and

her colleagues on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors receive advice and feedback from two longstanding groups — the Alamo Improvement Association and the Alamo Municipal Advisory Council.

Those two bodies — and Andersen — have had their hands full in recent weeks, with the county sharing plans for their review on a proposed 60-unit housing project that would replace existing office space across the street from Alamo Plaza.

Multiple shopping centers and storefronts make up downtown Alamo, a two-block stretch along Danville Boulevard on either side of the Stone Valley Road intersection. Alamo Plaza is particularly prominent, housing community essentials such as Safeway, the post office, the Alamo Women’s Club that serves as a primary location for public meetings and the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office’s Valley Station.

More than 60 people attended



Left: The new roundabout at Danville Boulevard and Orchard Court, completed in 2024, is among the recent new additions to downtown Alamo. Right: The shoe repair shop at 3194 Danville Blvd. was previously home to the community’s post office. In the decades since, it has been home to the prominent horse sculpture affectionately referred to by its late owner as “Easy Keeper”.





Left: Rendering of the 60-unit housing project being proposed for downtown Alamo. (Image courtesy Contra Costa County). Right: The Alamo Commons shopping center at 3201 Danville Blvd.

a virtual meeting of the Alamo Improvement Association last week for a conversation that has come to be a common sight at city council and planning commission meetings in the larger, incorporated Tri-Valley communities. The association's planning committee led the discussion introducing the proposed project, with developers on hand for a presentation on the item.

The project would see the demolition of two existing office buildings at 3236 and 3240 Stone Valley Road West in order to make way for a cluster of three-story buildings with an underground garage. It is being pursued by developers from Danville-based Blake Griggs Properties, with architecture by the Pleasanton-based Dahlin Group.

Although the project itself — a major multi-family development — would mark a change in the landscape of downtown Alamo, applicants Brad Blake and Scott Griggs said that their goal was to make something that could serve existing residents, not just newcomers.

“The buyer is likely to be the empty nester or the senior person who is moving out of their single

family home somewhere in the area, someone who wants to move into something that's lower maintenance, secure, sort of no hassle — I guess I'll call it downsizing,” Blake said.

“And then probably some of the three-bedroom units, families that want to be in Alamo for the schools that can't afford the typical \$3 million to \$3.5 million Alamo house,” he added. “We're thinking that's probably the market, and maybe some people that were divorced or separated and had to have a separate place to live.”

“Or what we've seen in the project in both Danville and Lafayette is people who have kids in the area, and they've moved out of the area to Florida or Arizona or Nevada, and they buy one of these places to sort of come back and have a place to stay locally,” Blake continued.

The current proposal also marks a decrease in density from earlier plans for the site, which would have consisted of 111 units — a decision applicants said had made sense for the needs of the community.

Nonetheless, a 111-unit project

would have been allowed — and perhaps even desired — by the county, given the current need for new housing and the increase in new housing opportunity sites assigned to Alamo in the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process. For the site in question, as many as 130 units would be allowed under its current zoning by the county.

“The county went through this process and it was a multi-year study in the General Plan and the zoning and the Housing Element, which has now been in effect for I think it's going on two years, and there are a variety of sites that have been allocated up to 350 — a goal,” said Cecily Barclay, a land use attorney and member of the Alamo Municipal Advisory Council.

“Actually the range is, if you go to the top range of every single site I think you'll go over 350 units — I've never gone back and looked at the charts again, but it's actually a lot less than the county originally allocated to Alamo,” Barclay added.

However, a housing project of this scale — and the support for it from county and state government — remains a new occurrence for Alamo,

which has traditionally been allocated approximately 50 units by the county in previous RHNA cycles, according to Andersen.

The item was set to be up for discussion again at both a land-use meeting of the MAC and its regular session earlier this week, with results pending as of press time.

“The MAC is an advisory body to

**‘It took a few years to get going again, but now I've got to say, it's going.’**

Becky Wynn,  
Co-owner,  
EJ Phair Alehouse  
and Pub

the county, so ultimately the zoning administrator and the planning commission will consider their recommendation along with other community recommendations,” Barclay said.

Although the two advisory bodies work closely together, they are distinct groups.

The AIA — which marked its 70th anniversary this year — was founded more than half a century ago, functioning as a kind of overarching homeowners association for the community. Meanwhile, the MAC's express purpose is to advise Andersen and the Board of Supervisors.

Given the gravity of the proposal in the context of the small community, and the heavy turnout at the AIA meeting on Oct. 1, the project is set for continued lively discussion at the local level.

Concerns abounded from meeting attendees, specifically about traffic impacts, potential parking overflow, the obstruction to hillside views on neighboring properties, and the removal of numerous

longstanding trees — as well as the potential for all of those factors to impact property values, in addition to quality of life, for neighboring residents.

### Breathing new life

Not all changes in downtown Alamo are controversial, however. As the housing project makes its way through the two local advisory bodies and the Board of Supervisors, another new addition to the area was also underway: Oktoberfest at EJ Phair Alehouse and Pub.

When the pub was first opened in Alamo Plaza in 2019, it was then-brewery's third location, having first opened in Concord then in Pittsburg. Following the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns, the Alamo location is now EJ Phair's only one, having nixed its brewing operations and shuttered the two previous outposts.

However, the pub's roots are in Alamo, where its namesake and co-owner EJ Phair calls home.

“We don't have that many emergencies, but let's say something goes wrong, something with the gas or something breaks, or the water, they all call him because he'll be here in three minutes,” said co-owner Becky Wynn.

Despite the closure of their other locations, Wynn said the Alamo pub has continued to establish itself in the community in the years since it reopened, with more and more new faces coming to join the ranks of its established customer base. While most of the clientele is local, Wynn said that she has seen customers visit from as far away as San Jose specifically to taste their burgers.

“It's a nice community and we really, really like it here,” Wynn said. “It took a few years to get going again, but now I've got to say, it's going.”

The roster of regular customers and their relationships with the small staff — including Wynn's



Co-owner Becky Wynn chats with customers at EJ Phair Pub in Alamo Plaza during the pub's first-ever Oktoberfest celebration in 2025.

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daughter — are what Wynn and Phair have been seeking to foster since opening the business more than five years ago.

“We wanted to be that place, for lack of a better word, like ‘Cheers,’ where you come here and you know all the bartenders,” Wynn said.

Having recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic closures and established itself as a primary local watering hole — and restaurant, known for its authentic German dishes and weekly specials, as well as staples like burgers and fries — Wynn said that this year was a natural time to start a new tradition in the form of the pub’s first-ever Oktoberfest.

“It’s something different that we have never done before,” Wynn said. “And then I’ve had so many regulars come in and go, ‘Oh, I’m going to come back,’”

The special menu centered on German comfort food from Sept. 20 to Oct. 5 ranged from latkes to jagerschnitzel and bratwurst dinners, with apple strudel and German chocolate cake on the dessert menu, all while taps poured a range of imported German beers.

Although the event had not yet concluded upon speaking with the Pleasanton Weekly, Wynn said that it had already been a major success, and that she was already looking ahead to next year’s celebration. She said she was also eyeing a new springtime celebration next year.

### ‘It will still look like Alamo’

Not all changes at Alamo Plaza in recent years have been for the better, though. Wynn and Andersen both pointed toward an uptick in vacancies at the shopping center, which include the now-shuttered Rite Aid site that has joined the other vacant storefronts in the area.

Wynn noted that the shopping center has changed owners in the years since EJ Phair opened there,



The chainsaw art carved into the stump of a fallen redwood tree in 2024 outside On Track Learning at 3150 Danville Blvd. was created as a tribute to the former owner of the site.

leading to higher rents and a landlord who is less connected to happenings on the ground — which Wynn and other business owners have sought to provide perspective on.

“We’re trying to help them out,” Wynn said.

Nonetheless, the plaza remains a staple, even among the surrounding shopping centers. It’s home to what Wynn said was the nicest Safeway she’s ever been to.

Despite the departure of Rite Aid and other businesses, downtown Alamo continues to offer the basics — specifically Safeway, the post office, one remaining pharmacy in the form of CVS, and a number of casual restaurants — and then some. Salons, medspas, fitness studios, and doctors offices abound throughout the plaza and the surrounding shopping centers.

Andersen noted that Alamo residents generally go to the

larger neighboring communities of Danville and Walnut Creek for shopping, recreation and entertainment. But Alamo continues to foster its own local traditions, including an annual tree lighting ceremony at the heritage oak tree at Andrew H. Young Park, the Autos of Alamo car show, which marked its 12th year on Sept. 4, and a popular weekend farmers market.

The community’s beloved characters over the years are also memorialized in smaller, less prominent landmarks throughout downtown Alamo.

Andrew H. Young, the namesake of the small park at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Jackson Way, is memorialized both in the name of the park and a plaque that sits at the base of the prominent heritage oak tree at the park’s center. The tribute to the past Contra Costa Historical Society president, World War II veteran and prolific civic leader was

established nearly 20 years ago, following his death in 2000.

Meanwhile, a newer tribute has been installed two blocks to the south along Danville Boulevard, with chainsaw art on a massive tree stump outside On Track Learning dedicated to the former property owner Robert Swedberg. The public art installation and tribute was produced on the remains of the old-growth redwood tree at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Orchard Court.

Further south on Danville Boulevard sits a longer-standing landmark — a shoe repair shop, and former post office site topped with a distinctive, life-sized horse sculpture.

The sculpture was installed by the building’s late owner John Bellandi, a prolific rancher, horseman and operator of the now-shuttered Alamo Hay and Grain. He dubbed the horse “Easy Keeper”,

## ‘For anyone who comes to Alamo 10 years from now, it will still look like Alamo.’

Candace Andersen,  
Contra Costa County  
supervisor

contrasting the low-maintenance sculpture with the needs of his more than a dozen live horses — as well as the \$900 price tag when he bought it in 1980.

It remains to be seen exactly what new sites will be on display in downtown Alamo by the end of the current Contra Costa County General Plan Cycle in 2040. But what is clear is that there will be new additions and changes, based on the current zoning of the neighborhood.

According to the guiding principles for the area in the county’s General Plan, multi-family homes “should generally be located within one mile” of the downtown neighborhood, with the goal of providing residents of those projects access to transit, services and the Iron Horse Regional Trail. In addition to housing, county guidelines emphasize maintaining and enhancing the community’s commercial core, and to maintain its character as a central gathering space.

Overall, Andersen emphasized that in spite of the relatively high number of new housing units on the horizon, the county’s goal was to minimize the impact of those new residences on surrounding neighborhoods while making downtown a livelier mixed-use neighborhood with increased attractions and services in addition to new housing.

“For anyone who comes to Alamo 10 years from now, it will still look like Alamo,” Andersen said. ■



Left: Trek bike shop in Alamo Plaza. Right: The former site of Rite Aid in Alamo Plaza is among a handful of empty storefronts in downtown Alamo’s largest shopping center.

## Cultural Celebration Series

### Pleasanton's yearlong program of heritage events kicks off this month

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton's Library and Recreation Department has announced the launch of its 2025-26 Cultural Celebration Series, which is a string of events spread out over the next year that honor — and educate people on — various cultures and heritage months.

According to a press release from the city ahead of the opening celebration next weekend, the series is a collection of “engaging and educational events designed to bring the community together.”

“The Cultural Celebration Series is one of the most meaningful ways we live out the city's commitment to building a community where everyone belongs,” city recreation manager Rachel Prater said in the press release. “These events invite residents of all ages

and backgrounds to come together, celebrate traditions and create connections that strengthen the fabric of Pleasanton.”

The series will kick off with a Diwali Celebration next Saturday (Oct. 18) that will take place at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The program, which will last from 1-3 p.m., will highlight Diwali — also known as the Festival of Lights — with music and dance performances, cultural activities and opportunities for families to learn more about the Hindu festival.

Following that will be two cultural celebrations in November; one for Día de los Muertos and another for Native American Heritage Month.

The Día de los Muertos celebration will take place during the Mexican holiday on Nov. 1 and will feature



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The city will be hosting a Día de los Muertos celebration on Nov. 1 at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

activities that honor and remember loved ones — the holiday focuses mainly on remembering the dead — through art, culture and storytelling, according to the city. That event will also take place at the Pleasanton Senior Center and last from 1-3 p.m.

For Native American Heritage Month, the recreation department will be inviting the community to Alviso Adobe Community Park on Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to also honor the stories, traditions and contributions of Native American communities.

“By offering opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to connect through arts, music, and reading, the city continues its commitment to promoting inclusion and cultural understanding,” according to the press release. “Each event will feature performances and family-friendly activities that honor and showcase the richness of Pleasanton's cultural diversity.”

Looking ahead into the new year, the city also has a couple of other cultural celebrations planned as

part of the series including one on Feb. 14 to celebrate Lunar New Year and one on Feb. 28 to celebrate Black History Month. Both of these events in 2026 will take place from 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The series will then wrap up on May 16 with an Asian American Pacific Islander Month celebration at the Firehouse Arts Center which will last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To learn more about the different — and free — events, visit the “Cultural Celebration Series” page at [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org). ■

## ArtWalk Livermore returns to downtown this weekend

Artwork sales, live music, fun walk among activities scheduled for Saturday

BY JUDE STRZEMP

More than 200 artists are set to descend upon downtown Livermore on Saturday to display and sell their work for an annual one-day art festival.

Hosted by Livermore Valley Arts, attendees of the free event can expect to see a full range of art types including pottery, mixed media, handmade bags, ceramic garden art and jewelry, according to the LVA website. Stylistically, the pieces will be just as varied, ranging from contemporary to classic.

Artist booths will be set up along First Street, between South Livermore Avenue and Maple Street, and in surrounding plazas, parks and the Bankhead Theater.

In addition to art sales, attendees of the 24th annual ArtWalk can expect to see live music, face painting, family-oriented art activities as well as a “portrait paint-off” conducted

by local artists all day on the east side of First Street.

“Our goal is to bring to the community a showcase of the area's talented artists, to bring opportunity to the artists to sell their art and to engage with the community and to inspire and enrich our community,” said Anne Giancola, event organizer as well as LVA visual arts and education manager.

Among the hundreds of scheduled attendees is local artist and arts educator Thomasin Dewhurst, whose work is visible throughout the city.

Her recent work in the city has included the “1910 Livermore Western Pacific Railroad” as well as contributions to other public art like the “L Street Mural” of astronauts and the “South Oak Street Cultural Mural”.

She has also taken part in creating a transportation and clean fuel innovation mural, set for display

on a hangar wall at the Livermore Municipal Airport.

As a returning attendee of ArtWalk, Dewhurst said the event is a chance for her to see the work of artists from near and far.

“It is also a wonderful chance to talk to these artists, as well as to the public and to art-interested organizations, and to glean ideas, pool resources and discuss my own ideas for community art projects and events, and to get feedback on these ideas,” Dewhurst said.

In addition to mingling with the art community, ArtWalk offers Dewhurst the chance to display and sell her work.

Previously knee-deep in creating public art, Dewhurst said her booths at ArtWalk consisted mainly of information on public art projects and the arts education activities that she leads.

But since August, Dewhurst said she has started focusing more on her

personal artwork. She has given particular attention to watercolor, drawing and ceramics.

This year, she plans to display at ArtWalk five ceramic pieces and a couple of small oil paintings.

“I choose pieces that I think might be sellable,” Dewhurst said of the creations she plans to show off. “One of the guidelines I use to gauge whether pieces are sellable is to question whether I do want to sell them. If I want to keep them, rather than sell them, then I have found they're very likely to be appealing to others.”

Similar to year's prior, Dewhurst will also be sharing information at her booth about her art classes through the Bothwell Arts Center and Las Positas College as well as information on grants for artists that are offered by the Livermore Commission for the Arts.

Additionally, art students from Las Positas College and the California College of the Arts are expected to

join ArtWalk. The work of local high school students will also be on display in the Bankhead lobby.

ArtWalk Livermore is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday (Oct. 11) along First Street, between Maple Street and South Livermore Avenue, as well as McLeod Street, between First and Second streets. Booths will also be set up in the Bankhead Plaza, Livermorium Plaza, the Bankhead Theater lobby and UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery.

Ahead of ArtWalk Livermore, LVA is hosting a one or two-mile Art Walk & Roll Fun Walk through downtown. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, attendees complete the walk at the opening of the art festival. Registration is required to participate in the Art Walk & Roll Fun Walk.

The ArtWalk serves as a fundraiser for LVA's visual arts. For more information, visit the LVA website at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Money time arrives as EBAL divisional play begins

Foothill sits at 4-2 but Valley is anyone's game; Amador has uphill battle in tough Mountain

I love the golf saying drive for show, putt for dough. This year I liken that to the East Bay Athletic League football season.

The non-league campaign, while it certainly has a bearing on the overall season, it is more show. When the league season begins, it's time for the money to be on the line.

For the teams at Amador Valley and Foothill, it's exactly that when Mountain and Valley divisional play gets underway this week.

Amador Valley enters the higher-ranked Mountain Division at 2-4 in non-league action after fighting the injury bug and a brutally tough pre-season schedule.

The Dons started 0-4 but won their last two games, beating Valley

Division teams Foothill (49-25) and Dublin (17-14).

The Dons are finally starting to get healthy, or at the least, healthier.

"We're still really banged up, but we are getting better," Amador coach Danny Jones said. "This a new beginning for us — our goals are all still in front of us."

The goals, which are the same every year, were achieved last year and include beating Foothill and making the North Coast Section playoffs.

They have the win over the Falcons, but the road gets very tough now as they need a .500 record. And at 2-4, they need to win two games out of three — San Ramon Valley, Monte Vista and California.

Amador starts the grind with San Ramon Valley this week.

"It's a new beginning," Jones said. "Everything is right in front of us and no one is coming to save us. We can't look back at this point."

Thus far, the biggest return from injury has been all-world talent and Idaho State commit Anthony Harrington. In addition, the play of running back Vincent Maiorana has been crucial.

With little depth at running bank, Maiorana has been huge, running for 350 yards and six touchdowns in the win over Foothill.

"He's been very good, playing really well," Jones said of Maiorana. "Foothill couldn't stop him, so we just kept giving him the ball."

Foothill as usual is facing overall number issues — but unlike the past few years, injuries are not compounding the problem.

"We are healthier than ever at this point," said coach Greg Haubner, who also noted the return of star running back Dylan Souza this week. "This is the best we have been in three to four years; we are seriously starting to find our identity."

Haubner had praise for quarterbacks Gavin Brown and Andrew Nelson.

"I've never rotated quarterbacks



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Cameron McDonald (52), Alex Brooks (1) and Grant Olivier (17) have helped Foothill to a 4-2 mark.

before," Haubner said. "But when I've got two guys playing well, why not use both of them?"

The big dog thus far for the Falcons has been 6-foot-3 receiver Max Shuga.

"I've never been a fan of throwing jump balls, but with Max you have to," Haubner said.

The Falcons (4-2) have three Valley games, needing at least one win to qualify for NCS. Dublin, Livermore and Granada all look balanced with Foothill, leaving the EBAL at "on any given day."

"Anyone could win (the Valley)," Haubner said. "We could win all three games or could lose all three games."

#### Foothill girls' volleyball

The Falcons took another pair of games this past weekend to keep pace atop the EBAL.

To start the week, the Falcons recovered from a decisive first-set loss to beat San Ramon Valley 14-25, 25-19, 21-25, 25-18, 15-8. Highlights came from Paige Nelson (23 kills,

16 digs, 3 aces), Olivia So (17 digs, 3 aces), Emily Evans (6 kills, .550 percentage, 2 blocks) and Ilayda Caglar (first match of the season coming off an injury, 9 kills).

The Falcons closed the week with a 25-14, 25-17, 25-14 win over Dublin. Highlights were from Brooke Stedman (19 assists, 9 digs, 7 service points), Nelson (10 kills, 10 digs), Sahej Toor (3 blocks, 2 kills) and Tanvi Powar (7 digs, 7 service points).

#### Amador girls' water polo

The Dons topped California 12-5 behind a balanced scoring attack.

Susan Swyers had four goals, with Addi Drain adding three and Zahra Alami netting a pair. Abigail Jones, Anusha Shelatker and Rachel Thalman scored one each. ■

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### Football coach Jones leaving Amador after season

Trading in Bay Area life for small-town Idaho 'just seemed like a no-brainer'

BY DENNIS MILLER

I was a little taken aback when I was first told Amador Valley High School football coach Danny Jones was leaving the Pleasanton school and heading to Star, Idaho with his family.

Jones, an Amador graduate himself, has built a reputable program at his alma mater. Last

year he coached the Dons to a CIF Northern California title and a berth in a CIF State Bowl game.

But the more I thought about it, the more it made sense. Jones and his wife Lanni have three small children, with a fourth on the way. It's not cheap to raise kids in California, and it's getting less attractive to have a family in the state.

"I've always had a dream to live in a small town and raise a family," Jones explained.

And now it's going to come true.

How did this come to be?

"Last year after the season we talked about it, and I mentioned I'd like to move," said Jones. "But we both liked our jobs and (Lanni) wanted to play it safe."

Jones wanted to take a deeper dive into a potential relocation. He researched home prices, job opportunities and just about everything else associated with making the move.

"In February I laid it all out to (Lanni), how we would have no mortgage, and she would be able to stay home," Jones said. "It got her wheels turning."

At about the same time, one of the kids got sick and Lanni stayed home for a couple of days. With one of the parents being home, life seemed so much easier.

"After that, she said she was down with it," Jones explained. "We pulled the trigger on the lot — it just seemed like a no-brainer."

Currently, their new home is under construction in the Star area, with Jones initially teaching at Star Middle School. In Idaho, the middle schools have tackle football programs in seventh and eighth grade.

In 2029-30, the brand-new Star High School will open, with Jones looking to come in as the first coach at the school. In the meantime,

Jones is looking forward to being an assistant coach for the middle school team, eventually coaching his sons.

Star seems the perfect spot for the Jones family. In the 2000 census the population was 1,795, and that grew to 11,117 in the 2020 census.

"It's like at 15,000 now," Jones said of the population of Star. "I think it will be about 22,000 when the high school opens. Star is like Pleasanton was in the 1980s. There are a lot of young families — from a lot of other states — moving into the area."

For those of us who lived in Pleasanton — my family came in 1968 — we constantly harken back to growing up in the town and wanting to raise our kids in that type of community.

Those days have disappeared, but Jones and his wife seem to have been able to turn back time and find a similar environment.

Jones also has the incentive of one of his former coaches — Terry Butler — being in the town as well. Lanni's family is from the Midwest and Jones' family is looking for spots to move to the Star region as well.

Ideally in three to four years, Lanni will return to her teaching career as well. It does seem like a win-win all around. Personally, I am happy for Danny and Lanni.

However, for Amador, it will be a big hit.

It's tough to find a quality coach



CHUCK DECKERT

Amador Valley head football coach Danny Jones.

who wants to build a program at a school, and to have one that's an alumnus and wants to build the program that's one of the elites in the area is even more unlikely.

I am a big proponent of former athletes giving back to their schools. Jones has done just that — in aces. It's time for him and Lanni to finish building their family.

For Jones it's not any easy decision, leaving some place that has been so special.

"Leaving Amador is hard," Jones said, midway through what will be his final season in purple and gold. "We've built something here, and it's something I will always remember." ■

*Editor's note: This column originally appeared in Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, a weekly sports e-newsletter published by Embarcadero Media Foundation.*

## Employment

#### TECHNOLOGY

BlackLine Systems, Inc. is accepting resumes for the position of Staff Software Engineer, Test in Pleasanton, CA (Ref. #9199982). Drive creative and innovative technical concepts to automate workflows from ideation to operational tools that are reusable, maintainable, and efficient. Telecommuting permitted. Annual Salary: \$190,609.33 to \$220,609.33. Mail resume to BlackLine Systems, Inc., HR Department, Tamara Saltzman, 21300 Victory Blvd., 12th Floor, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Resume must include Ref. #9199982, full name, email address & mailing address. No phone calls. Must be legally authorized to work in U.S. without sponsorship. EOE.

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# Calendar

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## Halloween & Fall Fun

**PIRATES OF EMERSON** Pirates of Emerson is an extremely frightening, walk-thru haunted house. Enjoy four haunted houses, a virtual reality ride, games, bands and a gift shop. This highly detailed haunt is not geared for children. 7:05-10 p.m. Through Nov. 2. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**MUSEUM ON MAIN GHOST WALK** This family-friendly tour brings stories and experiences collected and documented from locals over the years. At each haunted location, groups are met by actors playing the roles of the various ghosts around town, bringing their stories and Pleasanton history to life. Oct. 10-11; 17-18. For more information visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** Visit vendor booths offering arts, crafts and traditional clothing from India while enjoying cuisine from across India. Experience a lively cultural program with Bollywood dances and Disco Dandiya. 12-11 p.m., Oct. 11. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE** Tri-Valley Haven is accepting unused new or unused costumes for children and teens ages 0-17 through Oct. 17. Help make this spooky season fun and memorable for local families in need. Drop off costumes, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

**SYCAMORE SCARES AT RAVENSWOOD** Step into the shadows of Ravenswood Historic Site for two nights of spine-tingling haunted tours. The later it gets, the scarier the monsters. 6-9 p.m., Oct. 17-18. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**SENSORY BOO BASH** For children and families who may experience sensory sensitivities, join for a



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

## Meet Daisy and Mazie

Like a pumpkin spice latte come to life, Daisy and Mazie are a warm, cozy blend of orange and cream. These bonded sisters are polydactyl cats — meaning they have extra toes, making their little paws very special! They enjoy each other's company most, but happily coexist with other cats. With their adoption fee waived, this pumpkin spice pair is the perfect fall treat waiting to head home with you. Call Valley Humane at 925-426-8656 or email [info@valleyhumane.org](mailto:info@valleyhumane.org) to get started with the adoption process.

calmer and quieter atmosphere, but still full of spooky fun. 3:15-4 p.m., Oct. 18. Cost \$16. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**HALLOWEEN BOO BASH** Join for the Halloween Boo Bash where this hauntingly delightful gathering is perfect for families looking to embrace the Halloween spirit in a fun and enjoyable environment. 4-6 p.m., Oct. 18. \$16. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**CREEPY NIGHT HIKE** Animals that creep in the night, zombification in nature, and other frightful night tales await when an LARPD Ranger leads this special hike after dark at Sycamore Grove. 6-8 p.m., Oct. 19. \$10R/\$11/NR. Register at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**ROCKY HORROR MUSICAL** Las Positas College Theatre Arts presents this outrageous, high-energy revival inviting the audience to celebrate one of the most iconic and unconventional musicals of all time. Age 16+. 7 p.m., Oct. 23-25; Oct. 30 to Nov.1. Visit [lpc.ludus.com](http://lpc.ludus.com).

**PUMPKIN PATCH AND SPLASH** Bring family and friends for a fun-filled day where guests pick a pumpkin from the floating pumpkin patch while enjoy games and crafts. 1-4 p.m., Oct. 25. Robert Livermore Aquatic Center. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**ENCORE PLAYERS AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY** Livermore's community theatre group, Encore Players, presents a Halloween-themed show for the whole family designed to entertain audiences of all ages. 2-3 p.m., Oct. 26. Livermore Civic Center Library.

## Entertainment

**IN THE SPIRIT OF LENNON** In this intimate acoustic tribute to the life and music of John Lennon, Drew Harrison presents a heartfelt, emotionally charged retrospective of the life and career of one of the most influential artists of all time. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 10. Tickets \$33-\$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**THE FILHARMONIC** This a cappella group of Filipino-Americans brings their unique blend of hip hop, pop and R&B to The Bankhead. 8 p.m., Oct. 11. Tickets \$50-\$80. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**MARATHI NATAK SAKKHE SHEJARI** This episodic drama celebrates the bittersweet bonds between three neighboring couples in a lively Mumbai apartment complex. Join for an evening filled with laughter, warmth and a touch of drama. 3:30 p.m., Oct. 11. Tickets \$28-\$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**BALLET FOLKLORICO MEXICANO DE CARLOS MORENO** Celebrate the energy and passion of traditional Mexican folk dance honoring ancestors in a vibrant and uplifting celebration. 3 p.m., Oct. 12. Ticket \$30-\$50. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**JACKIE AND THE BEANSTALK** This East Bay Children's Theatre production featuring an all adult

cast will delight children and adults alike with its upbeat attitude, clever comedy and Broadway-style songs. 2 p.m., Oct. 12. Tickets \$18-\$28. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**WENTE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES** Jazz Festival. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 12. General admission \$65 Visit [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com).

**JOHN C. REILLY IS MR. ROMANTIC** Academy Award-nominated actor and beloved performer John C. Reilly brings this intimate vaudeville show to the Bankhead Theater. Join for an evening of timeless songs all wrapped in Reilly's warm, captivating style. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 13. Tickets \$90-\$125. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**EMPTY NEST AND ALL THE REST** This is a hilarious and heartfelt one-man comedy show that asks, have your kids grown and left? If not yet, do you wish they would? 8 p.m., Oct. 17. Tickets \$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**DEL VALLE FINE ARTS FANDANGO!** One of the most exciting groups on Chicago's musical scene, Fandango! presents a spicy mix of Latin, Spanish, Sephardic, Balkan and classical sounds. 2 p.m., Oct. 18. Tickets \$35-\$57. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**THE MARTIN SEXTON ABBEY ROAD SHOW** Come Together and celebrate the timeless music of The Beatles' Abbey Road album, alongside Sexton's own soulful originals in a night that blends nostalgia with fresh, powerful artistry. 8 p.m., Oct. 18. Tickets \$35-\$65. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**PEPPINO D'AGOSTINO AND MVI** A native of Italy, D'Agostino has made his considerable international mark as a musical artist on the guitar since he arrived in America 40 years ago. Guitar Player listed him as one of the 50 transcendent guitar superheroes of all time. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18. Tickets \$48. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** Join this free concert by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at the Firehouse Arts Center. 5 p.m., Oct. 18. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO. 7.** Stunning virtuoso violinist Livia Sohn returns with a tour de force combination of the ages that makes any singular concerto seem tame. 3 p.m., Oct. 19. Tickets \$25-\$85. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Talks

**AN EVENING WITH ROCKY BLEIER** Join for an inspiring evening with Rocky Bleier, Vietnam veteran, Purple Heart recipient and four-time Super Bowl champion. His story of perseverance, courage and determination will leave you motivated and uplifted. 7 p.m., Oct. 16. Tickets \$40-\$500. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

# Public Notices

**DV-730 Order to Renew Domestic Violence Restraining Order**

Instructions: Restraining Order After Hearing (form DV-130, JV-255, or JV-265) must be attached to this form.

**1 Protected Person**  
Name: ROBERT LATONA

**2 Restrained Person**  
Full Name: AYLA ORTIZ  
Address: 2503 SANTA RITA ROAD #49  
City: PLEASANTON State: CA Zip: 94566  
624 Encos Way, Apt #11  
Livermore, CA 94551

**3 Renewal and Expiration**  
The request to renew the attached restraining order is:  
a.  Granted.  
The attached restraining order is renewed and will (check one):  
(1)  Expire on (must be renewed for at least five years) (date): \_\_\_\_\_ (time): \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m.  midnight  
(2)  Not expire (permanent order)  
(\*Child custody and visitation, property, and support orders may have been changed (modified) and may be different from those issued on the attached restraining order.)  
SEE ALSO: A24-0082, A24-0086 - WDA  
b.  Denied. The attached restraining order expires as stated in that order.

**This is a Court Order.**

Judicial Council of California, www.court.ca.gov  
Rev. January 1, 2024, Mandatory Form  
Family Code, § 6345

Case Number: MSD19-05244

**4 Hearing**  
There was a hearing on (date): 8/125 at (time): \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m.  
These people were at the hearing (check all that apply):  
The person in (1)  The lawyer for the person in (1) (name): Parra D. Witt, Esq.  
The person in (2)  The lawyer for the person in (2) (name): \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Lawyer's Fees and Costs**  
The person  in (1)  in (2) must pay the following lawyer's fees and costs:  
Pay to: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pay to: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due date: \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Service by Person in**  
(Check a or b.)  
a.  No other proof of service is needed. The people in (1) and (2) attended the hearing, either physically or remotely (by telephone or videoconference), or agreed in writing to this order.  
b.  The person in (2) was not present. The person in (1) must have person in (2) served with a copy of this order by (check all that apply):  
(1)  Mail (at the address listed on form DV-710)  
(2)  Other: 2503 Santa Rita Rd #49, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
(3)  The court has scheduled a firearms and ammunition compliance hearing. The person in (1) must have person in (2) served with a copy of this order by: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication (FL-982)  
(a)  Personal service by (date): \_\_\_\_\_  
(b)  Mail at the person in (2)'s last known address by (date): \_\_\_\_\_  
Court will email Attorney Witt with a copy of order by close of business on 8/125.

**This is a Court Order.**

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**7 No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person**  
The sheriff or marshal will serve this order for free. If you want the sheriff to serve your papers, (1) complete form SER-001, Request for Sheriff to Serve Court Papers, and (2) give form SER-001 and a copy of this order to the sheriff.

**8 Attached Pages**  
All of the attached pages are part of this order.  
a. Number of pages attached to this three-page form: 18  
b. Attachments include forms (check all that apply):  
 DV-820  Other: DV-130 FILED 3-9-22, DV17, blank Proof of Service for Alternative Service, FL-982.

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 08/07/2025  
Judge or Judicial Officer: WENDY COATS

**Certificate of Compliance With VAWA**  
This restraining (protective) order meets all "full faith and credit" requirements of the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. section 2265 (1994) (VAWA) upon notice of the restrained person. This court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter; the restrained person has been or will be afforded notice and a timely opportunity to be heard as provided by the laws of this jurisdiction. This order is valid and entitled to enforcement in each jurisdiction throughout the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, all tribal lands, and all U.S. territories, commonwealths, and possessions and shall be enforced as if it were an order of that jurisdiction.

(The clerk will fill out this part.)

Clerk's Certificate (seal): \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk's Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_  
I certify that this Order on Request to Renew Restraining Order (form DV-730) is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.  
Date: 8/125 Clerk, by: B. MC CAUSE Deputy  
B. MC CAUSE

**This is a Court Order.**

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# Public Notices

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 579925

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): PROSHRED PROSHRED SFBA PROSHRED SECURITY 5635 West Las Positas Blvd., Suite 405 Pleasanton, CA 94588 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/01/2013 UNDER FILE NO. 579925 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): MJT Ventures Corporation 732 Sunny Brook Way Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on September 24 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 610776

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): PACIFIC DAS 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 11/21/2024 UNDER FILE NO. 610776 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BOBCOMM, INC. 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## MONARCH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617308

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Monarch , located at 151 Lawrence Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ZIMENO, INC. 151 Lawrence Drive Livermore, CA 94551 State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 29 2025. (PLW Sep 19, 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

## HANDY HIVE COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617815

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Handy Hive Company , located at 4061 E Castro Valley Blvd, Ste 426, Castro Valley, C 94552, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ELIZO LLC 4061 E Castro Valley Blvd, Ste 426, Castro Valley, CA 94552 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## PMS (PROFESSIONAL MOVING SERVICE) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617988

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

## 1.) PMS (PROFESSIONAL MOVING SERVICE)

, located at 25341 Cypress Ave Apt. 35 Hayward, CA 94544, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4217 Orinda Way Bakersfield, CA 93306 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JUAN PEREZ 4217 Orinda Way Bakersfield, CA 93306 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 30 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## BRIGHT BINS TRI-VALLEY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617849

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Bright Bins Tri-Valley , located at 830 Main St Ste B Pleasanton, CA 94566 , Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PYT CONSTRUCTION CORP 830 Main St Ste B Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 24 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## JOIE STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617802

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Joie Studio , located at 4024 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 , Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by: a General Partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): STANLEY DOUGLAS 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588 SIBYLLE DOUGLAS 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## UNION JACK LOUNGE AND KITCHEN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617381

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Union Jack Lounge And Kitchen , located at 706 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3533 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DEMERARA DINING GROUP LLC 3533 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## KIND DENTAL CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617477

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) KIND DENTAL CARE , located at 1472 Cedarwood Ln, Suite A Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

## ZDENT PROFESSIONAL DENTAL CORPORATION

1472 Cedarwood Ln, Suite A Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 09 2025. (PLW Sep 19, 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

## ADD FROSTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617796

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Add Frosting , located at 525 Selby Ln Unit 1 Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARIA DINA MAE OJEDA 525 Selby Ln Unit 1 Livermore, CA 94551 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 16 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## VINEYARD ESTATES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617353

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) VINEYARD ESTATES , located at 3263 VINEYARD AVE PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PLEASANTON MOBILE HOME PARK LLC 430 S San Dimas Ave San Dimas, CA 91773 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2010 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 03 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## JST PEOPLE STRATEGY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617948

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) JST People Strategy , located at 2648 International Blvd, STE 301 #299, Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JST PEOPLE STRATEGY, L.L.C. 2648 International Blvd, STE 301 #299 Oakland, CA 94601 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/26/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## JOX MEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618079

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) JOX Media , located at 3938 Stoneridge Dr, Apt 1, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JOX CONSULTING INC 3938 Stoneridge Dr, Apt 1 Pleasanton, CA 94588 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 1, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## PACIFIC DAS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617812

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Pacific DAS , located at 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BOBCOMM LLC 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/23/2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## GOLDEN SKY GRAPHICS & SIGNS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618029

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Golden Sky Graphics & Signs , located at 350 Main Street Suite H2 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1514 Calle Santiago Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): GOLDEN SKY ENTERPRISES INC 1514 Calle Santiago Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 01 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## BEYOND BOOKKEEPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618067

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Beyond Bookkeeping , located at 2550 Skylark Way Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1807 Santa Rita Road H-229 Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): INTEGRITY PROCESS MANAGEMENT LLC 1807 Santa Rita Road H-229 Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## SONG MATCHA ECOSIP SUPPLY CO

BAAN THAI MOO MOO THAI HIMEJI JEWELRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617613

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) SONG MATCHA , 2.) ECOSIP SUPPLY CO , 3.) BAAN THAI , 4.) MOO MOO THAI , 5.) HIMEJI JEWELRY , located at 1707 GRAND VIEW DRIVE BERKELEY, CA 94705, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): TANG SONG LLC 1707 GRAND VIEW DRIVE BERKELEY, CA 94705 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 15 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## STRADA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617945

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) STRADA , located at 6743 Dublin Blvd.

Suite 32, DUBLIN, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): KKW ENTERPRISE, LLC 6743 DUBLIN BLVD. SUITE 32 DUBLIN, CA 94568 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 3rd, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## RH FINE CABINETRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617940

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) RH FINE CABINETRY , located at 5107 Norma Way APT#24 Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RAUL HERNANDEZ EQUIHUA 5107 Norma Way APT#24 Livermore, CA 94550 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## MPOWER CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617931

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Mpower Consulting , located at 5112 Genovesio Dr. Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): STEVE MCCOY-THOMPSON 5112 GENOVESIO DR PLEASANTON CA 94588 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on AUGUST 25 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

## QUEEN'S NAILS STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617309

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Queen's Nails Studio , located at 160 S K St. Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2985 First St., Unit 1204 Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DAVID NGUYEN 2985 First St., Unit 1204 Livermore, CA 94550 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 02 2025. (PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

## MARIPOSA FREMONT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617551

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Mariposa Fremont , located at 4022 Papillion Terrace Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 111 Pine Street Suite 1300, San Francisco, CA 94111 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): 4022 PAPILLION TERRACE LLC 111 Pine Street Suite 1300 San Francisco, CA 94111 State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on December 30, 2021 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 11 2025. (PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

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**ECOPACKS**  
**ARF SOURCING**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 617349  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) EcoPacks , 2.) ARF Sourcing , located at 5403 Cameo Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SM3 LLC  
5403 Cameo Ct  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/10/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 02 2025.  
(PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

**TWIXTE**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 617354  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Twixte , located at 1881 Trestle Glen Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ACCELERANT SYSTEMS, INC.  
1881 Trestle Glen Rd  
Oakland, CA 94610  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 03 2025.  
(PLW Sep 19, 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

**THE ENTRY EDIT**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 617632  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) The Entry Edit , located at 3263 Vineyard Ave. spc 99, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
EMILY WARREN  
3263 Vineyard Ave. spc 99  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 15 2025.  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

**GOLDEN STATE LUXURY GROUP**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 617559  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) GOLDEN STATE LUXURY GROUP , located at 480 St John St. #240 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
MICHAEL G ROBERTS RE LLC  
480 St John St #240  
Pleasanton CA 94566  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/31/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 11 2025.  
(PLW Sep 19, 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

**PINK HORIZON CONSULTING**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 617388  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Pink Horizon Consulting , located at 4050

Chalk Hill Way, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
JASKARAN KAUR  
4050 Chalk Hill Way  
Dublin, CA 94568  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/19/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 04 2025.  
(PLW Sep 19, 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

**STORIES WE TELL THERAPY**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 617636  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Stories We Tell Therapy , located at 2991 Sacramento Street #544, Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
COURTNEY QUATRINI  
2991 Sacramento Street #544  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/15/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 16 2025.  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
Case No.: 25CV118690  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
Petitioner: FNU Saleha filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
FNU SALEHA to SALEHA SAYED  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:** 10/24/2025, 9:00 AM, Dept. 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St, Hayward, CA 94544.  
A copy of this **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
**PLEASANTON WEEKLY**  
Date: 09/08/2025  
Thomas J. Nixon  
**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
(PLW Sep 19, 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
Case No.: 25CV144227  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
Petitioner: Dario Francisco Motomochi Hernandez and Susana Marcela Cedillo Pliego filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
JAVIER MOTOMOCHI CEDILLO to JAVIER MOTOMOCHI  
MATEO MOTOMOCHI CEDILLO to MATEO MOTOMOCHI  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:** November 14th 2025, 9:00 am, Alameda County Superior Court of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

A copy of this **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
**PLEASANTON WEEKLY**  
Date: September 23th, 2025  
Thomas J Nixon  
**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
(PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
Case No.: 25CV126150  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
Petitioner: Vinh Thong Kong filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
VINH THONG KONG to THOMAS KONG  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:** Oct 24 2025, 9:30 AM, Fremont Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538.  
A copy of this **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
**PLEASANTON WEEKLY**  
Date: June 12, 2025  
Thomas J Nixon  
**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY**  
Case No.: 25CV142442  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
Petitioner: Christl Violet Bickham filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
CHRISTL VIOLETT BICKHAM to VIOLETT CHRISTL BICKHAM  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:** 11/21/25, 9:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice Dept. 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.  
A copy of this **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
**PLEASANTON WEEKLY**  
Date: 9/11/25  
Danielle Harbour  
**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**LYN ENCARNACION JOSON**  
Case No.: 25PR129794  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **LYN ENCARNACION JOSON**.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Emily Rose Encarnacion Illo in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: Emily Rose Encarnacion Illo 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 October 27 2025 at 9:45 AM in Berkeley Courthouse, Dept 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner: Jessica Gordon, Esq. / Oliver Morrison, Esq. Gordon Trust Law  
2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 800  
Los Angeles, CA 90067  
310-321-3646  
(PLW Oct 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**MARY C. TAI**  
Case No.: 25PR133722  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **MARY C. TAI**.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **THERESA MY TAI-BOTTENHORN** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: **THERESA MY TAI-BOTTENHORN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A **HEARING** on the petition will be held on November 19 2025 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: Theresa MY Tai-Bottenhorn  
1190 Cagle Court  
Dixon, CA 95620  
650-823-7322  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**WILLIAM COULTER WALSH III**  
Case No.: 25PR143558  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **WILLIAM COULTER WALSH III**.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Thomas W. Hancock in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: Thomas W. Hancock 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 October 27 2025 at 9:45 AM in Department 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.  
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Attorney for Petitioner: Robert K. Roskoph, Esq.  
Crist Biorn Shepherd Roskoph APC  
2479 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 155  
Palo Alto, CA 94303  
650-321-5000  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3 and 10, 2025)

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 14-25 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

### Pleasanton

- 7410 Aspen Court** H. El to S. & R. Puranik for \$1,540,000
- 4975 Lapis Lane** Guo Trust to Senthilkumar Trust for \$2,250,000
- 4457 Linda Way** Bratman Family Trust to S. & S. Yalamanchili for \$1,590,000
- 2765 Lotus Street** S. & P. Peissner to Turenne Trust for \$1,500,000
- 4839 Merganser Court** J. & M. Heverly to C. & Y. Wong for \$1,975,000
- 4360 Muirwood Drive** D. & M. Meyers to Shimmin Family Trust for \$1,300,000
- 1702 Nursery Way** L. & E. Drattell to S. & A. Kazmierski for \$2,200,000
- 320 Oaks Bridge Place** Wagner Family Trust to Pradeep & Gayathri Living Trust for \$2,350,000
- 1926 Paseo Del Cajon** M. Shansab to S. & S. Li for \$1,701,000
- 4809 Pipit Court** Kvale Living Trust to Wright Trust for \$1,850,000
- 403 Saint Mary Street** Kline-Orphanidys Family Trust to Tierney Living Trust for \$1,906,000
- 628 Saint Mary Street** Tsao Family Trust to Kline-Orphanidys Family Trust for \$3,290,000
- 4111 Torino Court** A. Thoppil to R. & S. Kumar for \$1,055,000
- 4119 Veneto Court** G. Bidarkundi to S. & R. Kasambe for \$1,040,000
- 6130 Allbrook Circle** Mendonca Family Trust to S. & V. Gupta for \$1,200,000
- 801 East Angela Street** Welch Family Trust to H. & H. Wei for \$1,400,000
- 5391 Black Avenue #1** S. & S. Athanikar to J. & D. Jen for \$925,000
- 690 Concord Place** Fritz Family Trust to S. Kant for \$625,000
- 5 Jay Court** R. Arango to L. & S. Dronamraju for \$1,350,000

- 4098 West Las Positas Boulevard** L. & M. Krikorian to V. & R. Janarthanan for \$1,380,000
- 1678 Orvieto Court** Hawkins Family Trust to Fei & Xu Family Trust for \$4,275,000
- 6386 Paseo Santa Maria** Kobo Trust to A. & S. Sharma for \$2,335,000
- 3428 Smoketree Commons #D** D. Mullins to Y. Ding for \$558,000
- 6767 Taffy Court** Hake Trust to M. & J. Norman for \$1,500,000
- 3208 Touriga Drive** S. Kant to Rab Ents Inc Dbpp for \$1,562,000
- 728 Vineyard Terrace** Rice Family Trust to Chatha Living Trust for \$3,000,000
- 2307 Vineyard Heights Lane** R. Ghai to P. Gill for \$3,100,000
- 1193 Vintner Way** D. Wu to P. & G. Maheshwari for \$1,659,000

### Livermore

- 1591 Aria Court** Feduniw Trust to Shah Family Trust for \$2,150,000
- 26 Bellington Common #1501** Dueltgen Living Trust to Sharma Family Trust for \$775,000
- 403 Elsinore Way** L. & J. Greenough to Marx Family Trust for \$2,400,000
- 576 Emerald Street** Henrich Living Trust to Cox Trust for \$1,175,000
- 4052 Emerson Drive** T. & D. Allum to S. & K. Kavanagh for \$1,525,000
- 1190 Flurry Drive** K. Gajjala to A. & I. Thomas for \$953,000
- 2192 Foscalina Court** N. & S. Schorno to Siwik Trust for \$2,500,000
- 530 Hazel Street** R. Carson to T. & J. Bailin for \$1,049,000
- 1047 Innsbruck Street** R. Spencer to Hartman D & N 2006 Trust D for \$1,250,000
- 1932 Meadow Glen Drive** J. & K. Rollins to Bass Family Trust for \$1,500,000

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2 bed · 2.5 bath · 1,221 +/- sq ft  
Listed at \$795,000

**391 Oak Lane  
Pleasanton**



4 bed · 3 bath · 3,521 +/- sq ft  
Listed at \$2,095,000

**2456 Crestline Road  
Pleasanton**



4 bed · 2 bath · 1,926 +/- sq ft  
Listed at \$1,799,000

**1804 Tanglewood Way  
Pleasanton**



4 bed · 2 bath · 2,112 +/- sq ft  
Listed at \$1,998,888

**1253 Ridgewood Road  
Pleasanton**



4 bed · 3 bath · 2,146 +/- sq ft  
Call for details

**2320 Sandpiper Way  
Pleasanton**



4 bed · 2 bath · 2,167 +/- sq ft  
Call for details

**5254 Ridgevale Way  
Pleasanton**



4 bed · 2.5 bath · 2,047 +/- sq ft  
Call for details

**2909 Moreno Ave  
Pleasanton**



3 bed · 2.5 bath · 1,761 +/- sq ft  
Sold for \$1,175,000

**\$2 Billion**  
Combined Sales  
Volume

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**\$140 Million**  
Sales Volume  
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# PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – INTEREST RATE REDUCTIONS LEAD TO FALL RALLY?

The Pleasanton real estate market seemed to see some benefit from a dose of optimism due to the Fed lowering the Federal Funds rate by .25%. Average mortgage rates saw a decline as well, adding optimism that a stronger market is in the works. However, the data suggests that there are still mixed signals in the market.

Let's take a dive into the numbers for September:

**Inventory Lower:** The inventory of available single-family homes slid to 75 homes for sale at the end of September, a 21% decrease from the 91 homes for sale at the end of August and 25% lower than the 99 homes for sale at the end of July. This is also 11% lower than September of last year. It is not unusual to see lower inventory in the Fall, and this year seems to follow that trend. Lower inventory means fewer choices for buyers, and in some cases may put pressure on buyers to make stronger offers.

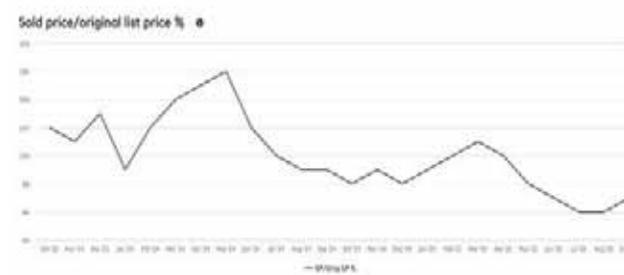
**Demand is Mixed:** Pending sales (homes under contract) declined 19% in September, with 44 pending sales for the month, down from 55 in August. It is however 7.3% higher than September of last year. However, closed sales were up 24% in September with 52 closings, up from 42 closed sales in

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## Pleasanton Market Report Data for September 2025 Single Family Detached Homes

	SEP 2025	CHANGE FROM AUG 2025	CHANGE FROM SEP 2024
Homes sold	52	↑20%	↑11%
Homes for sale	75	↓21%	↓11%
Median days on market	14	↓44%	↓22%
Median price per square foot	\$817	↑2.4%	↓9.3%
Months of inventory	1.4	↓30%	↓30%
Median sold price	\$1,527,000	↓7.8%	↓10%
Homes under contract	44	↓19%	↑7.3%

### Sales Price to Original List Price %



COMING SOON

#### Ruby Hill Custom Home

Call for Price | 5 BR | 4.5 BTH | 5600 SQ FT  
Enchanting home on premium golf course lot



JUST LISTED

#### 5603 Highcrest Terrace

\$1,795,000 | 3 BR | 2.5 BTH | 2056 SQ FT  
Upgraded modern in premium location



PENDING SALE

#### 3625 Pontina Court

\$3,688,000 | 4 BR | 3.5 BTHS | 4000 SQ FT  
Completely remodeled one story with pool



PENDING SALE

#### 7297 Huntswood Court

\$3,575,000 | 5 BR | 5 BTH | 4600 SQ FT  
Stunning one story on 1/3 Acre w/pool and ADU



JUST SOLD

#### 3633 Terrazzo Court

\$2,860,000 | 5 BR | 4.5 BTHS | 3900 SQ FT  
Elegant Ironwood estates Home on cul-de-sac



JUST SOLD

#### 6340 Inspiration Terrace

\$4,801,500 | 5 BR | 5.5 BTHS | 6219 SQ FT  
Fabulous Happy Valley Area custom with views

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## SOLD

1916 Ticino Ct, Ruby Hill | \$6,500,000

With Alexis Venema

Luxury  
INTERNATIONAL

### Ruby Hill's Highest Recorded Sale

### FOR SALE

in Downtown Pleasanton

4073 Stanley Boulevard  
\$2,600,000

### PENDING

in Downtown Pleasanton

3939 Vineyard Avenue  
\$1,995,000

### SOLD

in Downtown Pleasanton  
with Liz Venema

Represented Buyer

433 Saint Mary Street  
\$4,580,000

### FOR SALE

in Ruby Hill

641 Varese Court  
\$3,695,000

### FOR SALE

in Ruby Hill

1655 Orvieto Court  
\$3,885,000

### FOR SALE

in Vintage Hills

3126 Arbor Drive  
\$1,695,000

### FOR SALE

in Vintage Hills

3134 Arbor Drive  
\$2,199,000

### SOLD

in Ruby Hill  
with Lisa Desmond

Represented Buyer

1569 Via Di Salerno  
\$5,558,888

### PENDING

in Vintage Hills  
with Jacob Ackman

954 Crellin Road  
\$1,665,000

### SOLD

in Pleasanton  
with Adam Monje

Represented Buyer

3509 Gulfstream Street  
\$1,600,000

## Just Listed

OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1 - 4



### 80 Canary Court, Livermore

A court location shows off this 4 Bdr, 3 Bath home. One Bdr and Bath are on the main level. 2,496 SqFt of living space with a lot size of 9,497. Side yard access.

Presented at \$1,550,000



KRIS MOXLEY  
REAL ESTATE

## Available

### 1834 Brooktree Way, Pleasanton

A one-story home offering 4 Bdr, 2 Bath with 1,854 SqFt of living space. Located in the heart of Pleasanton and close to all levels of schools. Along with an 18 Ft. wide side yard access.

Presented at \$1,645,000



## Coming Soon



### Pleasanton Charmer

Updated and ready to move right, this one-story home offers 3 Bdr 2 Bath with 1,673 SqFt of living space. Enjoy a 6,700 SqFt lot size. Coming onto the market soon.

Kris Moxley

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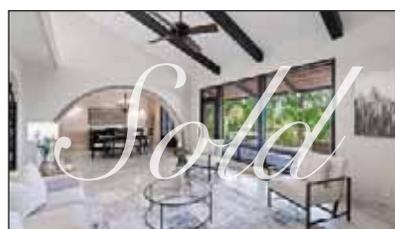
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## Recently Sold Properties



4946 Sequoia Way, Dublin  
Sold for \$1,900,000  
Represented sellers



14 Castledown Rd., Pleasanton  
Sold for \$2,325,000  
Represented sellers



2458 Ancona Circle, Livermore  
Sold for \$2,300,000  
Represented buyers



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