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Crippsmas Place

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Crippmas Place returns this December, featuring a cheerful neighborhood holiday display of Christmas lights and unique

decorative lawn displays in north Fremont. Visitors of the north Fremont streets around Cripps Place will be treated to the multi-street festive scenery. Decorations will be up and lit from now to the evenings through New Year's Eve.

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Holiday home decorating contest winners!

SUBMITTED BY
ROBERT SANGCO

This year, Union City hosted their 3rd "Best Home for Holidays" contest. In this friendly

competition, residents showed their holiday spirit with the biggest, brightest and most unique exterior home decorations. Individual homes, clusters, and streets were invited to enter, and winners have been selected.

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Best Use of Inflatables



Best Themed Decorations

Law and orderly conduct: Chief Sean Washington



FPD Chief of Police Sean Washington

BY HUGO VERA
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With the City of Fremont still healing from the effects of a spike in burglaries, hate crimes and civil unrest that was on full display during 2020's George Floyd protests, the need for stronger relations between the public and

police could not be overstated. As the City's newly appointed Chief of Police Sean Washington is on a mission to make Fremont Police Department (FPD) responsive to the needs of the community while also fostering a positive relationship between officers and the public that will continue to evolve.

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'Tis the Season, but Not Everyone Feels Like Celebrating

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and When To Seek Help



Winter officially begins on December 21, but already, the days are growing colder and shorter, and there is less light outside. It is no wonder that we celebrate mid-winter holidays like Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, with lighting candles while spending time with family and friends.

But for many of us, all that joy to the world can feel like it is passing us by. This past year has been a particularly challenging one that may have included feelings of loss or isolation.

“While sadness and depression can be the result of many factors, the winter season itself can be a contributing cause,” says Dr. Lincy Mathew, a Washington Township Medical Foundation primary care physician. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that becomes more

common in late fall and early winter, and goes away during the spring and summer.

While the exact trigger for SAD is not known, lack of daylight is thought to be an important factor. Light helps control our circadian rhythm and our levels of melatonin. Our bodies produce the hormone melatonin when darkness occurs, making us crave sleep. For some, the change in daylight can cause fatigue, leading to stress and low spirits.

“Too many people try to brush off their downturn in mood as ‘winter blues’ or just a seasonal funk that they should tough out on their own,” says Dr. Mathew.

SAD can be serious. "Those predisposed to depression may be further affected by SAD during the winter months," warns Dr. Mathew. "SAD can

also cause depression in individuals who do not suffer from depression at other times of the year.”

SAD most frequently affects individuals ages 30 to 50, and more often women than men. Signs and symptoms of SAD may include:

- Feeling hopeless, worthless, or depressed most of the day
- Having low energy
- Becoming withdrawn, losing interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Sleeping much more than normal
- Experiencing appetite changes, including a desire for high-carbohydrate foods
- Having difficulty concentrating

If you are feeling the symptoms of SAD or suspect that you are depressed, it is important to seek the advice of a licensed medical

professional. The severity of SAD can vary from person to person. For some, it can turn into a debilitating depression.

There are several options for treatment that can be used alone or in combination. The most common treatments are light therapy and antidepressant drugs. Light therapy is prescribed exposure to a source of light that mimics the sun. A special light box provides light that is much brighter than typical indoor lighting, and the patient sits near the light for a specific time period soon after awakening each morning.

Antidepressant drugs, such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), increase serotonin levels in the brain—a naturally occurring chemical that regulates mood and social behavior. However, there are potential side effects to SSRIs.

Dr. Mathew cautions that, "Patients may need to try several different antidepressants before finding one that causes the fewest side effects while improving symptoms. What works for one person, may not be effective for another."

Dr. Mathew encourages anyone who is feeling out of sorts, overly tired, or depressed, to consult a physician. "At this time of year, what we see is the tip of the iceberg," says Dr. Mathew. "Patients come to us when they feel they really can't manage. Our doctors are here to help," she adds. "If you are feeling down and are having difficulty coping with work, family, life—you do not need to 'get over it' on your own."

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	12/14/21	12/15/21	12/16/21	12/17/21	12/18/21	12/19/21	12/20/21	
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021	Medicare: What You Need to Know	Managing Diabetes During Challenging Times	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Solutions for Weight Management	
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support		Fremont Bank Staying Healthy in 2021	Chronic Pelvic Pain in Women				Don't Let Hip Pain Win
1:00 PM 1:00 AM				Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	Diabetes Matters: Travel & Disaster Preparedness	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Stress Management					Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021
2:00 PM 2:00 AM				Keeping Your Brain Healthy	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Fun Fresh Summer Cooking Demonstration	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Chronic Pelvic Pain in Women	Metabolic Disorders	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?					Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy
3:00 PM 3:00 AM				How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Diabetes Matters: What You Need To Know	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations	Sports Medicine Program: Big Changes in Concussion Care: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You	Diabetes Matters: Travel & Disaster Preparedness					Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods
4:00 PM 4:00 AM				Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021	Family Caregiver Series: Nutrition for the Caregiver	Stroke: Warning Signs and Prevention	COVID-19: The Road Ahead	
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Care for the Caregiver	Interventional Radiology (IR) for Vascular Disease	Breathe Easier with Pulmonary Rehab					Suffer From Sinus Problems?
5:00 PM 5:00 AM				Learn the Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Hernias: Causes Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options	Diabetes Matters: Managing Diabetes During Adverse Conditions	
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Keeping Your Lungs Healthy	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression					Diabetes Matters: Managing Diabetes During Adverse Conditions
6:00 PM 6:00 AM				Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery	Stroke: Warning Signs and Prevention	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Treating Neck and Back Pain from Home	
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options	Family Caregiver Series: Tips for Navigating the Healthcare System	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders					Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders
7:00 PM 7:00 AM				Sick Feet?	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Colon Cancer	

Marriage and Family Therapist Joins Behavioral Health Team

Washington Township Medical Foundation Welcomes Wajeeha Khan

In 1996, Wajeeha Khan, MS, LMFT, was managing a large childcare center. “Though I was the center’s director,” she recalls, “I wasn’t qualified to help parents resolve behavioral health issues they or their children were facing.” That was when she decided to pursue a career as a licensed marriage and family therapist.

“Parents would talk to me about their children’s struggles, or their own parenting challenges, but I didn’t have the credentials to provide the professional mental health support they needed,” she recalls. “I wanted to help families understand symptoms and improve their mental wellness.”

Kahn set out to acquire the appropriate clinical training she would need to become a licensed marriage and family therapist. She completed her master’s degree in community counseling at California State University, East Bay, and was licensed by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences as a marriage and family therapist in 2015. This process required 3,000 hours of clinical training beyond her master’s degree.

Last month, Khan joined the Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF) behavioral health team. “I’m thrilled to be working with an organization that sees the value of community mental health.” Kahn will

work in collaboration with multidisciplinary teams, including physicians, psychiatrists and other providers. “Being a therapist is very fulfilling,” she adds, “It’s extremely rewarding to help people reduce their symptoms and to see their successful outcomes.”

A Safe Space

“Therapy provides a safe and confidential space where patients can verbalize feelings and find consistent, compassionate support,” says Khan. “I help patients develop insights and learn how to cope with challenges in their daily lives.” She notes a recent spike in anxiety and depression related to the pandemic. “Feelings of isolation can trigger fear and depression, and we’ve definitely seen an increase in those symptoms since the beginning of 2020.”

Her treatment approach is to start with self-compassion and to focus on rational ways to solve problems. “We can train our brains to think positively by eliminating negative or distorted thinking, which has an impact on how we feel and behave.”

The same concepts apply whether working with individuals or with couples, who may feel the other person doesn’t understand what they’re going through. “I facilitate conversations in couples’ therapy by reflecting what each person

says, or what they are trying to convey,” observes Khan. “This is often hard for couples to do on their own because each person may find it difficult to regulate their emotions at that very moment.”

Dedicated to Alameda County

Before joining WTMF in October, Khan was the senior director of an adult outpatient program at La Familia counseling services in Hayward. She has also worked in many other Alameda County community-based organizations such as Pathways to Wellness, Abode Services and the Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center.

In 2016, she decided to continue her education by seeking a doctoral degree in organizational leadership. “I’d like to be a clinician who understands the role of leadership in providing compassionate behavioral health services,” she says. She’s completed her doctoral coursework at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology and is now working on her dissertation. Her research involves the utilization of service leadership approaches to improve quality care for community members.

Khan, whose parents are from Hyderabad, India, was born in Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1978 her father, who was a

mechanical engineer working for IBM, was transferred to San Jose. The whole family piled into their 1974 Cadillac and enjoyed a 10-day road trip from New York to Northern California, where they’ve lived ever since. She now lives in the East Bay. She is fluent in Urdu/Hindi,

and is the proud mother of two boys, ages 18 and 20.

For more information, see the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences page on MyWTMF.com. To schedule an appointment with Wajeeha Khan, MS, LMFT, call 510.248.1820.



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Crippsmas Place



The Crippsmas Place event is how these neighbors celebrate and give back to the community, continuing a holiday tradition begun on Cripps Place by former neighbor Robert "Spider" Cantley over 40 years ago. Unique to Crippsmas Place are the 300 plywood cutout decorations, displayed at over 70 homes featuring classic and new beloved children's cartoon characters. Every year, new decorations are made by dedicated neighbor volunteers. Look for characters from the movie Raya and the Last Dragon, and the video game Fortnite.

Planning and much of the work is done by a dedicated group of neighbors, appropriately dubbed the "Crippsmas Club." Everyone involved is an unpaid volunteer. The Crippsmas Club motto is 'For Community, Charity and Childhood Joy.'

Now through Christmas Day December 25, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening volunteers (wearing masks and gloves) will be handing out free candy canes at the end of Wellington Place. Visitors are encouraged to donate at Crippsmas place or online at www.CrippsmasPlace.org.

This year, to ensure a happy and healthy holiday, we ask visitors walking around Crippsmas Place to wear a mask and not unwrap candy canes until back in their vehicles or at home.

Six charities will benefit this year, with donations received split evenly among them:

- Leukemia Lymphoma Society - "Fighting blood cancers"
- SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) "Because Peace Begins at Home"
- HERS Breast Cancer Foundation - "Caring for women and families until there's a cure"

- Adopt an Angel – Gifts/Basics for children in the Alameda County's Protective Child Services
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Harmony Fusion Chorus

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI MASSIE

What can a women's chorus do during months and months of pandemic separation? Plenty! Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's acapella show chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International kept singing together every week online, preparing music for their first virtual show "Jazz Girlz" which premieres on its YouTube channel on Saturday, December 18.

"Although we were not able to sing together in person due to COVID-19 restrictions," says Joanne Morrison, chorus board president, "thanks to Zoom calls, we remained fully engaged in learning new music and honing our skills. We finally were able to return to in-person rehearsals this fall for our vaccinated members and finished work on our virtual show."

For years, the chorus has presented a full musical show featuring quartets, instrumental groups and youth choruses. But due to ever-changing restrictions, a live performance seemed unlikely this year. Yet director Barb Vander Putten found a way to continue the tradition.

"I'm always fascinated by women who take matters into their own hands," says Barb, "so, when I came across an article about women's jazz bands, I knew I just had to write a show about it! I went down a rabbit hole on the topic, and the chorus jumped in with me, each contributing their own creativity and sense of fun to their videos that we combined to create our first virtual show."

"Jazz Girlz", written by Barb and chorus member Jenny Gurney, highlights the variety in jazz music performed by the all-women jazz bands of the 1930s and '40s. The video features a narrative of history of the bands, songs performed by the chorus and quartets With a Twist and



Vocal Ease, with a couple holiday songs thrown in.

"We invite you to watch 'Jazz Girlz' on December 18, available on-demand on the

Harmony Fusion Chorus YouTube channel," says Joanne. "Enjoy a variety of music, learn some musical history and have fun with us!"

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2022 Mitsubishi Outlander

By Michael Coates

There are cars that people aspire to own. The dream cars. The leaders in their segment. Then are cars that aspire to be more than their perceived role in the automotive world. 2022 Mitsubishi Outlander is one of the latter cars. A car punching above its weight as this three-row (seven-passenger) compact SUV is packed with top-line technology and has clearly set its sights on being seen as a near-luxury car with a mainstream price.

2022 Mitsubishi Outlander SEL 2.5 S-AWC that we tested has a final MSRP of \$37,995, including its \$1,195 destination/handling fee. This year's Outlander has a fresh look and some new hardware and software from its corporate partner, Nissan.

Under the hood is Nissan's 2.5-liter double overhead cam

four-cylinder engine and a continuously variable transmission (CVT), both borrowed from Nissan Rogue. The engine's power is far from overwhelming, but it does the job, only complaining when pushed to accelerate uphill.

On the EPA test cycle the powertrain delivers 24 mpg in the city; 30 on the highway and 26 combined. We were able to best those numbers slightly (26.8 combined) while driving primarily in Eco mode (one of several drive-mode choices). While they're well below the best numbers in this segment, a plug-in hybrid (PHEV) version of the Outlander is due next year that will offer the potential of zero-emission miles.

Tech that impresses

A more impressive piece of technology borrowed from Nissan is part of what moves the Outlander into the aspirational category—the MI-PILOT Assist.



It's one of the best driver assist programs I've experienced, capable of keeping the car at the designated speed, in lane, appropriately distanced from the car ahead. Of course, it reminds you constantly to place your hands on the wheel and is primarily designed for freeway driving, but it's still a solid step on the path to autonomous driving.

Some of the other tech standard on this model was also impressive. Starting with the full-color puddle lights that illuminate your path when you open the door, the Outlander has a list of features that are often found on models with price tags double what Mitsubishi charges. Among those are the automatic retracting side mirrors, automatic high-beam headlights, rain-sensing wipers, a hands-free power liftgate with adjustable height, heated front and rear seats, two-tone synthetic leather interior, a Bose premium sound system with 10 speakers and wireless Apple Car Play. The package is something to take in, building a solid value message for this model.

A side note on the value: This all-wheel drive model was top of the line (until the PHEV arrives). You can get a front-wheel drive Outlander with a more limited option list starting at \$26,990. It's still the bargain in the segment.

Some weak points

The Outlander looks substantial and carries a

distinctive front signature with stacked headlights. It rides high on 20-inch wheels in all but the entry-level models, which gives it an impressive 8.3 inches of ground clearance.

While the silhouette is similar to most SUVs in this class, its upright stance helps make room for a third row of seats, but at its current dimensions (106.5-inch wheelbase and 185.4-inch overall length) doesn't leave much room if you are trying to haul seven persons. There are two issues—that third row is really only designed for relatively small, very agile folks. With that third row seat in place, you're only left with 11.7 cubic feet of space in the rear. A much more functional configuration will be to use the Outlander as a five-passenger SUV. That set-up gives plenty of room for the passengers and 33.5 cubic feet of luggage space.

With its relatively small non-turbocharged four-cylinder, the 3,800-pound Outlander is



Auto Review



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only rated to tow 2,000 pounds. Mitsubishi warranties are more generous than some of its more popular competition—the basic warranty is 5 years/60,000 miles and includes roadside assistance, while the powertrain is covered for 10 years/100,000 miles.

The Mitsubishi Outlander has great aspirations. It goes a long way toward reaching those goals, but comes back to being the value proposition in its segment. That's not a bad thing to aspire to.

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Law and orderly conduct: Chief Sean Washington

Serving FPD since 1997, Washington was born in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson, California. Washington was first motivated to pursue law enforcement after observing his father, who served as an LA County Sheriff's Deputy, interact with the community.

"My father had always served his community with respect and patience, and seeing that motivated me to get involved as well," says Washington. "I was in high school during the Rodney King riots and I understood the frustrations of the community at that time, but I was also directly witnessing the good side of policing in relation to the community and I knew that I wanted to be a part of the solution."

Washington subsequently played basketball for Cal State East Bay before earning his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice there and going on to earn his Master's in administration of justice from San Jose State University. Washington states that the move from his hometown of Carson to the East Bay, and Fremont in particular, was a major turning point in his career.

"Through no fault of its own, Carson just wasn't that diverse but as soon as I came to Fremont, I fell in love with the city. The diversity here is remarkable. I'm constantly exposed to new cultures, and I learn something new every day. The way so many of us can be so different yet coexist peacefully, really sets an example for the rest of the country."



Washington has made history as Fremont's first Black Chief of Police. As the memory of hundreds of Fremonters marching to the gates of FPD headquarters last summer stays fresh in the minds of many, Chief Washington doesn't want to hide from the controversy and division. Rather, he intends to seize the opportunity to turn it into a learning experience.

"This city has been through a lot in the past two years, with the pandemic, the protests and countless other challenges. But I look at it as an opportunity for policing to evolve. I always think 'What a great country we live in' where we can exercise our right to protest, to demonstrate peacefully and not be thrown in jail or worse. Being the city's first African-American to serve as

police chief doesn't make me better for this job, I just think that where I'm coming from and my experiences give me a perspective that other chiefs of police might not have had—and that's okay."

When he first got the news that he would be sworn in as chief, Washington took it upon himself to facilitate "community listening meetings" in which he gained input and feedback from various members of the Fremont community. Community concerns ranged from the rise in catalytic converter thefts, dangerous 'sideshows' (unlawful amateur motor vehicle stunts), rising gun violence, and grievances from the deaf community about certain officers' inability to properly confront deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals. This

led to the city's Gun Violence Reduction Team, as well engaging in other community-centered endeavors, such as supporting the Special Olympics and encouraging the community to attend the annual basketball game between FPD and Fremont Fire Department.

"One of the lasting messages that my predecessors have left behind is that the police are the community and the community are the police. This department is better than it was 10 years ago, and 10 years from now I want to be able to tell my kids that I helped make it even better. It's our job to not only keep people safe, but to earn their trust and maintain transparency. Yes, we as a city have had our challenges, but we've faced them just like we'll face everything else... together."

Park It

By NED MACKAY

The holiday season is in full swing at the historic carousel in Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley. The carousel was built in 1911 in New York State by Herschell Spillman Company. It's an ornate merry-go-round with hand-carved animals and mechanical band organ music. Originally operated in Southern California, it was brought to Tilden Park in 1948 by Ross Davis and his son, John. It's located on Central Park Drive near Lake Anza.

For the holidays, the carousel is now open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays (weather permitting), and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends, with Santa and the Elf in attendance. During these hours the café offers ice cream, hot dogs, burgers, sandwiches, beverages and snacks.

A single ticket costs \$4 and a book of seven \$22. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Masks must be worn at all times.

There's also a Breakfast with Santa event offered from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on December 18. It includes unlimited carousel rides, a buffet breakfast, photos with Santa, a gift from Santa and classic Christmas movies. Reservations cost \$35 for kids, \$55 for adults and ages two and under are free. Attendance is limited.

For more information and reservations for the carousel holiday programs, visit the website, www.tildenmerrygoround.org. For general information, call (510) 559-1004.

If you're at Tilden on Saturday, December 18, check out the sheep at Little Farm during a program from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., hosted by naturalist Jenna S. Collins. Meet the flock and make your own mini-sheep from their wool to take home. This is a free, wheelchair accessible program and reservations are not required. You must wear a mask.

Or you can try hydro-dipping from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 19 with naturalist Trent Pearce. Bring a metal water bottle or mug to paint, and Trent will show how it's done. This program is also free and no reservation is needed. Masks are required.

Both programs meet at Tilden's Environmental Education Center and Little Farm, which are at the north end of Central Park Drive. For information, call (510) 544-2233.

Out at Contra Loma Regional Park on Frederickson Lane in Antioch, you can join in the annual community science effort known as the winter bird count. Learn local species, record data, and the census results will be sent to National Audubon Society.

The count is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 18 with naturalist Ashley Adams. Participation is free, but registration is required and a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle may apply. To register, call (888) 327-2757 and select option 2.

Winter begins, at least astronomically, with winter solstice on December 21, the shortest day of the year. The naturalists will anticipate it with a

winter solstice walk from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 18 at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch.

Bring binoculars, meet in the park's upper parking lot, which is at the end of Somersville Road 3½ miles south of Highway 4. Registration is required, the minimum age is six years and parents must participate.

The program is free, but the park's parking fee of \$5 per vehicle may apply. To register, call (888) 327-2757.

At Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County, naturalist Betty Villalta will lead a family-friendly stroll from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 19. The group will meet at the visitor center, sip hot chocolate, and venture forth to learn how animals stay warm during the winter months. Registration is required and the park has a \$5 parking fee. Call (888) 327-2757.

Sunol Wilderness is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road, five miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol.

This is just a sample of regional park programs planned in December. For the whole story, visit www.ebparks.org.



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Chabot winter events

SUBMITTED BY
MARY CATHERINE FRANTZ

The newly-reopened Chabot Space & Science Center has relaunched with a full suite of events this December, bringing back many annual favorites in person.

Continuing Chabot's long legacy, public telescope viewings have resumed in-person and virtually. Free telescope viewings invite the public to look through Chabot's historic telescopes every Friday and Saturday from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Virtual telescope viewings will provide live views through Chabot's most powerful telescope, Nellie, on Facebook and YouTube at 9 p.m. every 3rd Thursday of the month.

The largest space telescope ever made is scheduled to launch soon! This new instrument will unveil invisible mysteries of the universe never before captured in infrared radiation from the early universe and the birth of stars to distant other worlds. To mark the upcoming launch, Chabot will offer a day of special activities, infrared demonstrations and talks about the telescope with educators and partners.

Ring in the new year without staying up late! We're celebrating the strokes of midnight around the world with multiple balloon drops throughout the day. Continuing a popular Bay Area tradition, our party will feature hundreds of colorful, bio-degradable balloons raining

down from above. This year, drops will be offered at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

James Webb Telescope Launch Party
Saturday, Dec 18
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Free with general admission

Annual Balloon Drop Celebration
Friday, Dec 31
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Non-members: \$10 per child + General Admission
Members: \$10 per child

Newly-updated holiday hours:
Dec 26, 31, Jan 2: 10 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Dec 25, 27-30, Jan 1

Check out all these events and more at www.chabotspace.org.

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Colorblindness tests and glasses

SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH BLACKFORD

Pacific Commons, together with EnChroma, maker of eyewear for color blindness, will provide 30 color blind children free glasses for color blindness as well as free color vision testing to the public on Monday, December 20, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Color blindness is common, with an estimated 13 million people in the United States (one in 12 men and one in 200 women) having the condition. Color blind people see only about 10% of the million hues and shades those with normal color vision can experience. To those with color vision deficiency, colors appear dull and red or green are washed out and hard to see. EnChroma glasses enable people with red-green color blindness to see an expanded range of clear, brilliant color.

On December 20, EnChroma will offer adults and children a free two-minute test of their color

vision at The Block (near Koja Kitchen) at Pacific Commons. The first 30 children (ages 12 and under) who test positive for color blindness will receive a FREE pair of EnChroma glasses (a \$300 value) and the opportunity to meet Santa in person, seeing his vibrant red suit for what may be the very first time.

Parents are asked to bring proof of their child's age; no appointment is needed. Guests are asked to observe all state and local healthcare regulations; masks may be required. For more information, visit www.pacificcommons.com.

Vision tests and colorblindness glasses
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Made Up Theatre Holiday Shows

SUBMITTED BY
MADE UP THEATRE

Made Up Theatre is back with their classic weekend improv shows and two special holiday shows in December, "Holiday Spectacular!" and "New Year's Eve Spectacular!"

You have the choice to attend in person or watch online at home. In order to attend, guests must bring a vaccine card (at least two weeks out from final dose), a valid photo ID, and a mask to wear during the performance. Alternately, they may bring a negative COVID-19 test from within 72 hours of the show's start time. Performers have been fully vaccinated and will be un-masked.

New Year's Eve Spectacular will feature two acts. In "Laugh Track City," audience suggestions will inspire fast-paced improv games and scenes similar to "Whose Line Is it, Anyway?" The second act will feature the "Wheel of Genres," where an improvised movie will be

performed for the first—and last—time ever, inspired by a random movie genre and a title from the audience. We'll even do a simulated countdown, so you can have time to get to your final destination to countdown to midnight.

Both shows are recommended for ages 16 and up. Online shows stream on YouTube, Facebook and Twitch.

Holiday Spectacular!
Saturday, Dec 18
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$12 senior/student/military
(Pay what you can for the online show.)

New Year's Eve Spectacular!
Friday, December 31
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$20

Made Up Theatre
4000 Bay Street, Ste B., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
<https://madeuptheatre.com/>

Toy and blanket drive

SUBMITTED BY
RITU MAHESHWARI

In keeping with the giving tradition, FOG (Festival of Globe) Fremont Hindu Temple and Federation of Indo-Americans (FIA) of Northern California are organizing a "Holiday Toy & Blanket Drive."

A giveaway will be held at Fremont Temple on Sunday, December 19, to distribute the toys to needy children including incarcerated youth and destitute kids. There has been a tremendous community response to FOG's appeal. Mayors, Assembly members, Alameda County Superior court judges and other dignitaries are expected to attend the giveaway.

Dr. Romesh Japra, Founder and Convener, of FOG, said, "The real strength of a community is visible in the ways it supports all its members. We extend thanks to all the donors of toys, blankets and other items for needy, destitute, incarcerated

and disabled children. We look forward to making this holiday season special for these children."

Next time you are out shopping, remember to buy a new, unwrapped toy and drop it in specially marked bins placed in Fremont Hindu Temple. Toys will be handed out to local charities in the Bay Area. Your gift could make someone's holidays bright and cheerful! You can also make a monetary donation toward this cause.

Visit FOG's Facebook page @fogsv.org, FOGSV.org, or Fremonttemple.org to donate. Contact Ritu Maheshwari at (510) 304-5619 for any questions.

FOG Holiday Toy Giveaway
Sunday, Dec 19
12 noon - 2 p.m.
Fremont Hindu Temple
3676 Delaware Dr., Fremont
Contact: Ritu Maheshwari
(510) 304-5619
FOGSV.org
(Toy and monetary donations accepted until the 19th)

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SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

S. Vasquez, an Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy, was honored as Deputy of the Month for November 2021 at Eden Township substation in the unincorporated Hayward area.

In his nomination, ACSO officials cited Vasquez for his outstanding investigative work,

including a knack for finding firearms. During the past six months, Vasquez has recovered illegally possessed weapons from at least seven suspects including a loaded Glock 17 and an un-serialized AR-style pistol recovered during a traffic stop on November 30.

Supervisors and co-workers also pointed to Vasquez' compassion when dealing with

the public. Vasquez recently took a report from male high school student whose bicycle was stolen. The student purchased the bicycle with his own money to use as transportation to school and was distraught over the theft. Because Vasquez did not want the youth to be without transportation, he immediately purchased a new bicycle for the youth using his own funds.

Growing tea at home

BY PAT KITE

Can you grow tea at home? A reader wants to know. I have never tried it, but apparently it is possible. There are all sorts of instructions on the internet, many disagreeing with each other. But as winter Covid gardening tends to be boring, it might be worth a try.

To start, unless you can snag a cutting of Camellia sinensis from somebody, you need to buy tea seeds. For this you must go online. Upon receiving the pale-brown seed capsules, first soak, then nearly dry them on a sunny dish towel. Mist occasionally. In about two days, the capsules will crack open. Sow the emerging seeds immediately. Place them about an inch deep into half potting soil and half perlite. Keep moist. Germination takes about four weeks. When your plant has two sets of leaves, transplant into a larger sheltered pot, half potting soil and half perlite.

If you use a large pot, it should have several drainage holes. Tea plants will not grow

in a bog. Water regularly. Keep the pot in a warm place with bright indirect light. If you want to put seeds in the ground, since we have clay soil here, break up the soil first. Tea's long tap root will then be able to slither down. The ideal location will get about seven hours daily of almost full sun. In about three years, you may get a small usable shrub.

Do you want to try tea-leaf reading? It's formally called tasseography. Teas with long leaves make the best designs. Do not fudge by using a tea-bag tea. The kind of tea that's in tea bags has been processed into tiny pieces and won't make the shapes the way a nice loose tea will.

Put half a teaspoon of your loose leaf tea in the tea cup. Pour boiling water to almost fill the cup. Don't add anything. Steep for three minutes before drinking. During those few minutes, think of any questions you want answered. Now begin drinking the tea until only a teaspoon or two of water remains. Swirl the cup in the air in front of you three times. Three is the magic number.

Pat Kite's Garden



PAT KITE

L. Patricia [Pat] Kite's several garden books include *KISS Guide to Gardening*, *Gardening Wizardry for Kids*, *Raccoons*, *Ladybug Facts* and *Folklore and Silkworms*. They may be found at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [Alibris.com](https://www.alibris.com).

Place a saucer upside down on top of your cup and flip it over, allowing the remaining water to drain into the saucer.

When picking up your tea cup, make sure that the handle is closest to your body. Then study remaining leaves both inside your cup and on your saucer. It is amazing how many sane and/or sensible folk like to hear the results. There are internet instructions and books which help you interpret. Have fun!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's time; make Fremont aesthetically pleasing

The City of Fremont has the honor of receiving the All-America City Award and many others. Fremont residents are indeed proud of that and all of us want the city to continue to improve and preserve our good reputation going forward.

However, over the last few years the city has seen some deterioration on the major corridors that connect freeway 880 to 680 - the most traveled not only by city residents but also by many from neighboring cities. Specifically, 880 to 680 via Auto Mall Parkway and 880 to Paseo Padre on Mission Blvd. Both of these key corridors are plagued with degraded medians and litter, exhibiting poor city management and painting an extremely poor image of the city.

The wide median (divider) on Auto Mall Pkwy, mainly between Fremont Blvd and Grimmer Blvd, has been barren and undeveloped for ages. Proper landscaping of this median has been ignored for years by city management. Driving along Auto Mall Pkwy, depending on the time of year, one cannot escape noticing the open area with a swamp of water in winter, and tall weeds in the summer. It looks like a rundown area which is an eyesore. The whole sight just does not bear well with the Silicon Valley spirit...the innovation hub of the world.

The community has discussed this initiative, to develop the Auto Mall Pkwy median, with our District 5 Councilmember, seeking guidance to understand the process of sourcing the funds, including getting federal and state grants for these improvements. Our councilmember responded by saying that, "he likes the initiative and he has

discussed it with the city management. The city management is looking into it and he is awaiting their feedback and will let us know when he hears more."

The community has also communicated with city management via several email correspondences and at Fremont City Council meetings. It has been a few months now and the community is still waiting to hear any response or feedback on this initiative from city management. This lack of response gives the perception that our local government is governing without any accountability.

The purpose of this petition is to seek your support to help convince Fremont city management to act now, to identify this initiative, and to develop a project that includes cleaning the median on Auto Mall Pkwy and explore resources to fund it.

Nicely landscaped and properly maintained medians along these corridors will make the whole area aesthetically more pleasing. Let us make the City of Fremont a beautiful place to live, work and play.

The louder our community voice, the better we are heard!

If you support this initiative, please show your support by signing this petition now: <https://chng.it/t88xCzrG>

Also forward it and request that other community residents do the same.

Mahesh Agrawal
Fremont

SUBMITTED BY COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

A new resource hub offering health and community services to Vietnamese and Spanish-speaking clients opened its doors December 13 in San Jose.

Patient navigators and dieticians at Vietnamese American Service Center (VASC) are available to meet with visitors to provide initial services including behavioral health and support and navigation, Valley Health Center patient navigation, enrollment assistance for health coverage, emergency rental assistance, COVID-19 support programs and a senior Nutrition Lunch Program.

"We are thrilled that this center is now open to our community," said County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D. "The VASC is the culmination of years of work to

bring more accessible resources to Santa Clara County's underserved residents. It will be a place where our community members can get services in their preferred language, in an environment built specifically for their needs."

More services will be added in February 2022 and will eventually include primary care, dental care, social services, on-site child supervision, and an array of community programs to promote wellness. Language capacity at the center will include, at minimum, English, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

Located at 2410 Senter Road, the center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. A Senior Lunch Program is offered 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with registration required by calling (408) 946-8777. For more information about the VASC, call (408) 828-4981 or send an email to VASC@ceo.sccgov.org.



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Meet the Peacock

People call them peacocks, but that's the correct name for only the male **peafowl**. Females are called **peahens**.

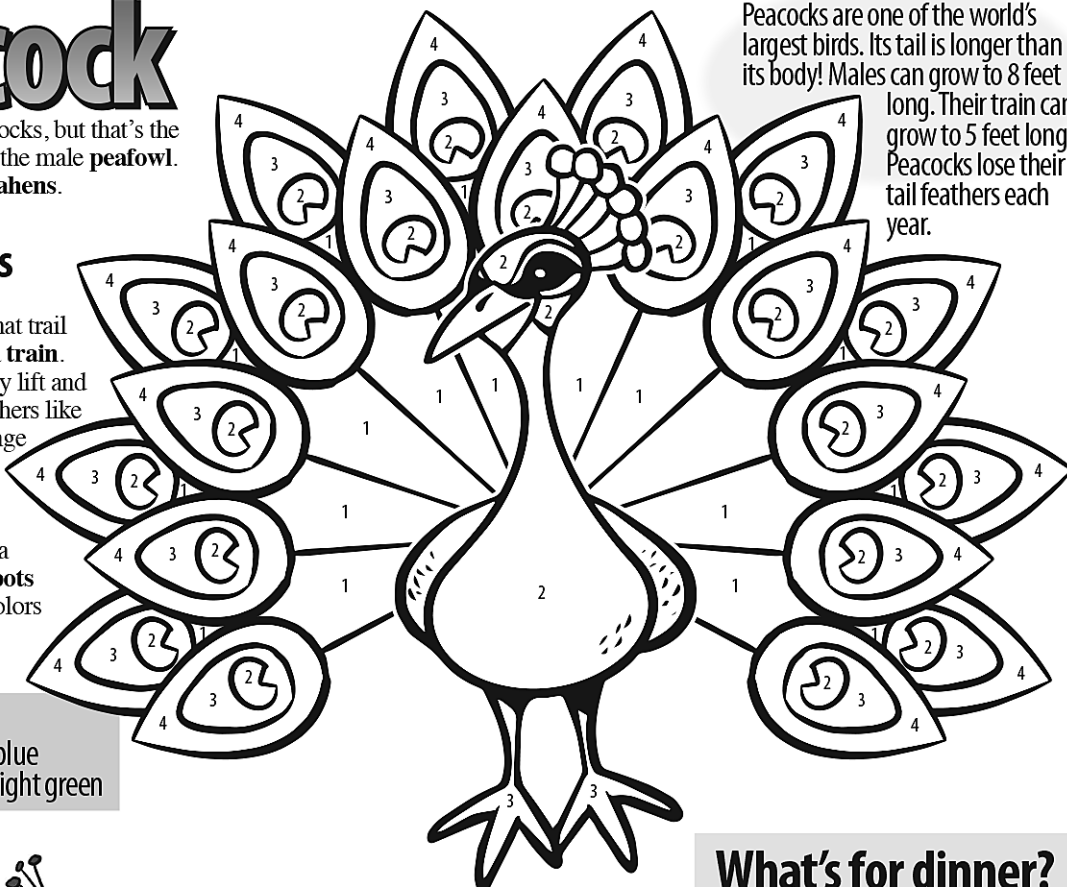
Fancy Feathers

Peacocks have long, colorful tail feathers that trail behind them to form a **train**. To attract females, they lift and spread out the tail feathers like a big fan that can change color and seem to sparkle in the light.

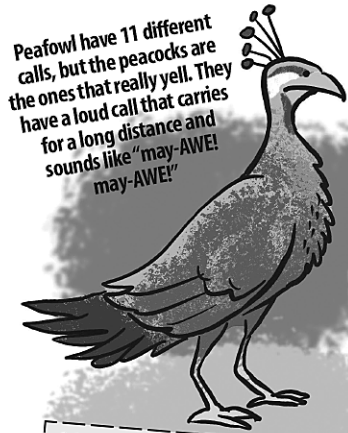
When spread out like a fan, you can see **eyes** on the feathers. The colors and eyespots attract females.

Color By Numbers:

1 = dark green 2 = blue
3 = orange 4 = light green



Peacocks are one of the world's largest birds. Its tail is longer than its body! Males can grow to 8 feet long. Their train can grow to 5 feet long! Peacocks lose their tail feathers each year.



Peafowl have 11 different calls, but the peacocks are the ones that really yell. They have a loud call that carries for a long distance and sounds like "may-AWE! may-AWE!"

Peahens: Fewer Colors = Safety!

Cut out each part of this paragraph and paste them in the correct order.

hatched, she stays on the ground with them until they can fly into the trees.

her eggs on the ground and sits on them until they hatch. It is safer for her to be a color that

Peahens are mostly brown and tan. This keeps them and their peachicks safe. The peahen lays

blends in with ground colors so she is harder for predators to see. Once the peachicks are

What's for dinner?

Peafowl eat grain, insects, small reptiles, mammals, berries, figs, leaves, seeds, and flowers. This means they are:

- ☐ Omnivores eat plants and animals.
- ☐ Herbivores eat only plants.
- ☐ Carnivores eat only meat.

ANSWER: Omnivores

Bird Words

Do the math to match each word with its definition.

21 = FOWL 7 = TRAIN
10 = PARTY 12 = ROOST
15 = CREST 24 = HATCH

12 + 12 = when a baby bird comes out of its egg

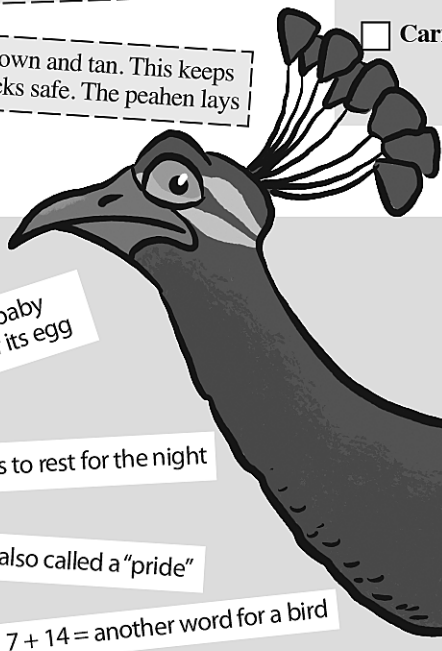
18 - 6 = where a bird settles to rest for the night

11 + 4 = a crown of feathers on a peafowl's head

8 + 2 = a group of peafowl — also called a "pride"

9 - 2 = long tail feathers of a peacock

7 + 14 = another word for a bird



The Eyes Have It

Look through the newspaper and count all of the eyes you can find. Categorize the eyes. Are some animal eyes? People eyes? Eye decorations? Other? Make a graph to show the kinds of eyes you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Organize data and display as a graph.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler



Peafowl have sharp eyes. When they see a predator, they make a loud call which alerts other wildlife.



Use your sharp eyes to find where each of these images came from on this Kid Scoop page.



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

OMNIVORES
FEATHERS
EYESPOTS
PEAFOWL
BLENDS
ALERTS
SHARP
SHEDS
YEAR
LOUD
BODY
TAIL
TAN
FAN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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P N S A E E A Y D B
P L U P R N M A E G
S E R O V I N M O E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together:

Peacock True or False?

Read today's Kid Scoop page and then answer the following True or False questions.

- Only males are called peacocks.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peahens are mostly red and yellow.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A crown of feathers on a peafowl's head is called a crest.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks shed their feathers every year.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks only eat plants.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks are tiny birds.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A peacock's train can grow to be 5 feet long.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks sleep in trees.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks can't fly.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks fan out their tail feathers to attract females.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

ANSWERS:
1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. False 6. False 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PREDATOR**

The noun **predator** means an animal that hunts other animals.

The **predators** were silent, waiting for the smaller animals to gather.

Try to use the word **predator** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Dressing Up

Peacocks aren't the only animals that like to look bright and flashy. Look through the newspaper for some examples of ways people dress up for special occasions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.



Where does a peacock go when it loses its tail?

ANSWER: A re-tail store!

Write On!

My Hero

Write about someone who is your hero. Why is this person special to you?



City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled for Dec. 23 - 31, 2021

Police, Fire Services Not Affected

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many City offices continue operating at reduced physical staffing. As in years past, the City of Fremont will be implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City services. Some City offices will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 27, 28, and 29, 2021, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 23, 24, 30, and 31, 2021. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:

- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
- Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.
- Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
- All Community Centers and Recreation Buildings

- Age Well Centers at Lake Elizabeth and South Fremont
- Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) Administration, Suite A110
- Tri City Animal Shelter, 1950 Stevenson Blvd.

During the Holiday Closure:

- The Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.
- Parks and Recreation Registration Desk, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B will be open for walk-in registration of recreation programs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 27, 28, and 29, 2021.
- Parks and Recreation Division will offer camps and other programs at some facilities following our COVID-19 Safety Plan. Visit www.RegeRec.com for more info.
- A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
- Regularly scheduled street sweeping will occur on Dec. 27, 28, and 29, 2021; weather permitting.

No street sweeping on City-observed holidays. (Dates for make-up street sweeping will occur on December 29 and 30.)

- No changes to garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection by Republic Services both weeks.
- The City's online permitting portal, Citizen Access, will be unavailable starting Dec. 22, 2021, at 12 p.m. through Jan. 3, 2022 at 8 a.m. Online requests for permits and building inspections will be unavailable during this time. This includes Planning, Building, and Engineering permits. Please take this into consideration when planning for your project.
- Afghan Elderly Association will provide limited services. Clients should contact their Health Promoter for additional information.
- Youth & Family Services will have on-call crisis counselors to respond to youth referred from the Alameda County Crisis Receiving Home.
- Most FRC agencies are working during the City's holiday closure and will be closed according to their own holiday schedule. Call the agency that you are visiting

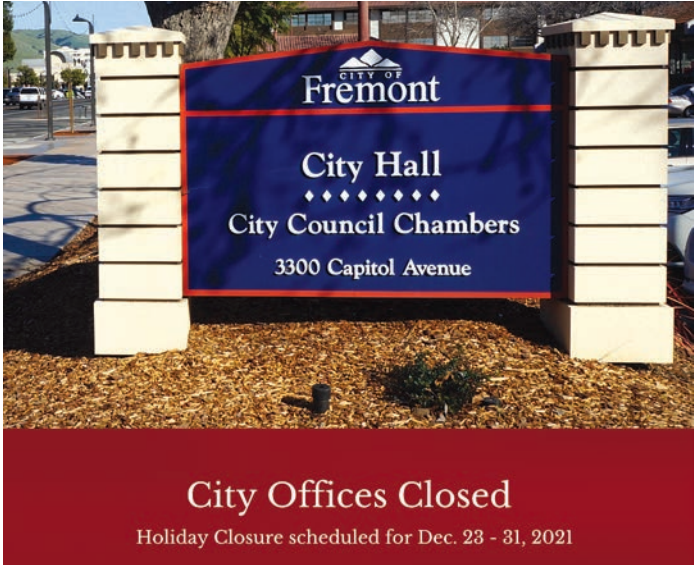
ahead before traveling to the FRC for their status. Phone list: <https://www.fremont.gov/DocumentCenter/View/44052/FRC---Agency-Re-Opening-Status-100821?bidId=>)

- Animal Field Services will be limited.
- The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. There will be some limited holiday public hours; call 510-790-5510 for more information.

- Covia/Home Match will provide appointments by video call or phone. Call 510-574-2173 or email cfuchshuber@covia.org for more information.

Many City facilities and programs experience a reduction in service demand during the Holiday Closure dates. The City anticipates a further reduction in demand in some areas due to the pandemic.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call 510-284-4093.



State Awards Fremont \$7.2M for

I-680 Interchange Modernization Project

On December 7, the City of Fremont was awarded \$7.2 million from the State of California as part of the Senate's 'Build Back Boldly' Budget for Fremont's Interstate 680 Interchange Modernization Project at North Mission Boulevard. Senator Bob Wieckowski and Assemblymember Bill Quirk were on hand in Fremont to present the ceremonial check to City officials, including

the Mayor, several Councilmembers, and City staff. The project's goals include upgrading offramp and traffic signals to improve vehicle operations and safety; providing multimodal access through the interchange to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety; improving transit reliability/priority; and providing congestion relief through improved transportation alternatives.

City to Offer Seagate

STEM Winter Camp Scholarships

The City of Fremont Recreation Services Division is pleased to offer the Seagate STEM Winter Camp Scholarship to qualifying Fremont families for school break camps. The Seagate Winter Camp STEM Scholarship will provide opportunity for students to participate in STEM camp offerings during school breaks in winter for a total of \$10,000 in

scholarship funding. Through Seagate's generous donation, youth will have an opportunity to participate and learn about science, technology, engineering, and math through Recreation's creative camp programs.

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$199 to those registering for a STEM-based camp and meeting the scholar-

ship requirements. The scholarship amount will allow a full scholarship for the 3-day camps and partial scholarship for the week-long winter as well as for the higher fee contracted programs such as Mad Science and PlayWell.

Scholarships are made possible by the Recreation Services Division, corporate, and individual



donations. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Lance Scheetz at 510-494-4331 or email lscheetz@fremont.gov.

For more info visit www.Fremont.gov/Scholarships, and to apply go to <https://form.jot-form.com/211377449773062>.

Calling All Students: Sign up to be

a Fremont Climate Solutions Ambassador



The City is pleased to announce this new leadership opportunity for Fremont students who care about the environment and want to be prepared for disaster, save money and resources, and create a healthier and brighter future for Fremont. Through the City's Fremont Green Challenge, Fremont's new Climate Solutions Ambassador Program is for students ages 16+ who care about climate change and want to act but don't know where to start. Students will form teams and be provided with the tools and training they need to

learn more about climate change and work together to reduce emissions, save water and money, and make Fremont more resilient. This program is open to all Fremont residents ages 16 to 22. Those who participate will have the opportunity to gain meaningful leadership and volunteering experience that will look great on college and job applications. The program will only require about one hour of time per week from January through June.

For more information and to sign up, students can visit Fremont.gov/ClimateSolutionsAm

bassador. Students who want to learn more about the program before signing up can attend a 30-minute virtual information session in January. Several dates are available. Students can sign up on this Eventbrite webpage at www.eventbrite.com/e/fremont-climate-solutions-ambassador-information-sessions-tickets-211950578887.

The Climate Solutions Ambassador Program is part of the Fremont Green Challenge (www.fremontgreenchallenge.org), a City platform with the goal of empowering residents to take action together to reduce emissions and help meet the City's climate action goals. Community Climate Solutions is the City's partner for the Fremont Green Challenge and will be facilitating the program.



Community Service Opportunity!

City of Fremont, Youth and Family Services is inviting high school students to participate in a social impact project:

Role of Technology in Promoting Wellbeing

Project Period:
Jan 11 - Mar 15

Service Hours:
Up to 30

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Benefits of Participation

- Learn how technology is transforming youth health & wellbeing
- Participate in a focus group to evaluate an emerging wellness & productivity mobile app
- Present results to Fremont community

Click here to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Monday, December 20, 2021

ORIENTATION MEETING:
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
4-6PM

City of Fremont, Human Services Dept.
Youth and Family Services Division
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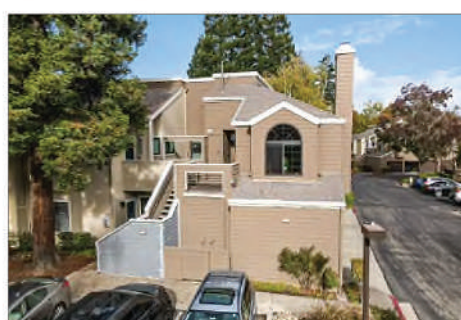
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

East Bay holiday lighting... wheelchair accessibility and more

The holiday season is here! We are trying to keep the holiday spirit alive. COVID-19 cases are also stabilizing for vaccinated people. Even though more and more are getting vaccinated, we still must take all necessary precautions to protect others as well as ourselves. It has been a yearly tradition in my family to explore new places to see holiday lighting. As we have a wheelchair user in the family, this is a doable activity for wheelchair users and at the same time, you can feel the fresh air of Christmas. The colorful lights across the streets and the Jingle Bells playing on the radio create the cozy atmosphere we feel every year.

Listed below are some of the beautiful holiday lightings around East Bay. All of them are wheelchair-friendly.

Oakland California Temple, Oakland – Beautiful holiday decoration of the temple and the

gardens. Each tree is decorated with colorful lights. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Bay while visiting. This is a perfect place to take holiday pictures. You can drive or stroll by, depending on the crowd. There are a few ADA parking spaces in the lot. For more details visit <https://templehill.org/christmas/>.

Picardy Drive, Oakland – Drive through the Mills college neighborhood on Picardy Drive, Oakland between Seminary and 55th Ave. The fairytale-style houses are decked with colorful lights. It's a small loop that can be easily covered by wheelchair users. You can drive by or stroll around for some nice photoshoots.

Candy Cane Lane, Pleasanton – A couple of blocks off Main Street in Pleasanton, families can enjoy the festive music and lights of Candy Cane Lane, on Walnut Drive. This neighborhood

tradition has been going on since 1955. You can drive by slowly listening to KCCL 91.5 FM. It is a wheelchair-friendly neighborhood. There is some ADA parking on the Main Street parking lot.

Alameda's Christmas Tree Lane – 3200 block of Thompson Avenue. This is one of the best places to see holiday lights in the East Bay. Each house has a different theme and the surroundings look very festive like a carnival. You can enjoy them driving by. There is a lot of traffic on weekends; better to visit on weekday evenings as parking is limited.

6716 Fountaine Ave, Newark – This is a family affair that has passionately built a festive Holiday Scene. You can walk or stroll around and enjoy the Christmas light and sound decorations as the place is not very crowded.

4th Street, Berkeley – Three blocks of sparkling colorful lights. This place has a refreshing

flavor with some photo opportunities. You can drive by or park your car and stroll around maintaining Covid-19 precautions. There is some ADA parking nearby. You can also drive by Monterey Avenue at North Berkeley for a very unique display.

Crippsmas Place, Fremont – Crippsmas Place is on Cripps Place, Asquith Place, Nicolet Court, Wellington Place, Perkins Street, and the stretch of Nicolet Avenue between Gibraltar Drive and Perkins Street. This is a Fremont holiday tradition since 1967 and life-size plywood displays of new cartoons are its specialty. This is a drive-by place. It does get crowded, and traffic is very slow. You can park your car at the ADA parking and stroll around. They also run an annual fundraiser. For details visit www.crippsmasplace.org.

Train of Lights, Niles Canyon Railway – Train of Lights is a unique experience for

the holiday time in Fremont. This is a 1.5 hour-long round trip through Niles Canyon at night and a very doable thing for wheelchair users if planned beforehand. The antique coaches and open cars are all decorated inside and out. Santa is on board too. While at Niles Station, don't miss the opportunity to take pictures with the beautifully decorated old tram.

The Niles Canyon Railroad Depot is wheelchair accessible. Train cars have some steps, but a wheelchair lift is used to board the train. It is a little hard to move around inside as the alley is very narrow. There are a couple of accessible parking spaces at the train depot both in Fremont and Sunol. If you have a wheelchair or need other special assistance, please contact them beforehand at www.ncry.org/contact.

**Twesha Ghosh
Fremont**



Home & Garden

Indoor trees for the holidays

BY MELINDA MYERS
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Add a small-scale living evergreen to your holiday celebrations. Consider one that is suitable for growing indoors so you can enjoy it throughout the year.

Lemon Cypress makes a great miniature holiday tree, centerpiece or gift for a friend. The fragrant chartreuse foliage of this dwarf evergreen continues to brighten your winter décor long after the holidays are over. You can find them as topiaries or in their more natural pyramidal form.

Grow them in a sunny window and turn the plants occasionally to ensure all parts receive equal sunlight and grow evenly. You'll have the best

results if you keep your plant in a cool location free of cold and hot air drafts. Water your mini holiday tree whenever the top few inches of soil are dry. Wait until spring when plants begin to actively grow and need a nutrient boost before applying fertilizer.

The Norfolk Island pine has long been a favorite of indoor gardeners. Its pine-like appearance makes it a great holiday tree. Add a bit of garland and a few small ornaments for a festive effect.

Grow this plant in a cool, well-lit location free of drafts of hot and cold air. Avoid dry air and soil to keep the needles and branches green, flexible and healthy. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is just slightly moist. Boost humidity around this and other plants with a

gravel tray. Place pebbles and water in the saucer. Set the pot on the pebbles above the water. As water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant.

Switch out the ornaments when celebrating other holidays. Use hearts for Valentine's Day, eggs for Easter and orange lights for Halloween.

Rosemary wreath and tree topiaries are festive as well as fragrant and edible. Give the leaves a pet to enjoy the fragrance and lift your spirits. Or pluck a sprig to add welcome flavor to your winter meals and beverages. Rosemary was as popular a Christmas plant as mistletoe and holly until the 20th century. It's not clear why this plant fell out of favor, but it is growing in popularity again as a holiday plant. You can find it in many



garden centers and florists this time of year.

Rosemary represents love and remembrance, a great sentiment to share during the holidays. Growing Rosemary indoors can be challenging. Don't let past failures stop you from trying. Keep experimenting until you find the location and maintenance routine that keeps your Rosemary thriving. If the plant turns brown, move it out of sight to the back of your indoor garden. It still smells good when you give it a pet, and no one but you will know.

Change things up this season with the addition of one or more of these indoor evergreen trees. They are sure to brighten your spirits and holiday décor.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her website is www.melindamyers.com.



THE ACWD CONNECTION

Serious Drought Conditions Water Shortage Emergency Declared

The Alameda County Water District has declared a water shortage emergency and adopted an ordinance that includes water use restrictions. We ask all customers in Fremont, Newark and Union City to follow water use restrictions and prohibitions to reduce water use by 15% across the Tri-City area. Individual customer accounts will not be subject to specific reduction levels. Some prohibitions include:

- Runoff from irrigation or watering
- Using hoses without quick-acting positive shutoff nozzles
- Hosing off sidewalks and driveways
- Irrigation that results in ponding, flooding or excessive runoff

For more information on drought and a full list of accepted and prohibited practices, please visit: acwd.org/drought

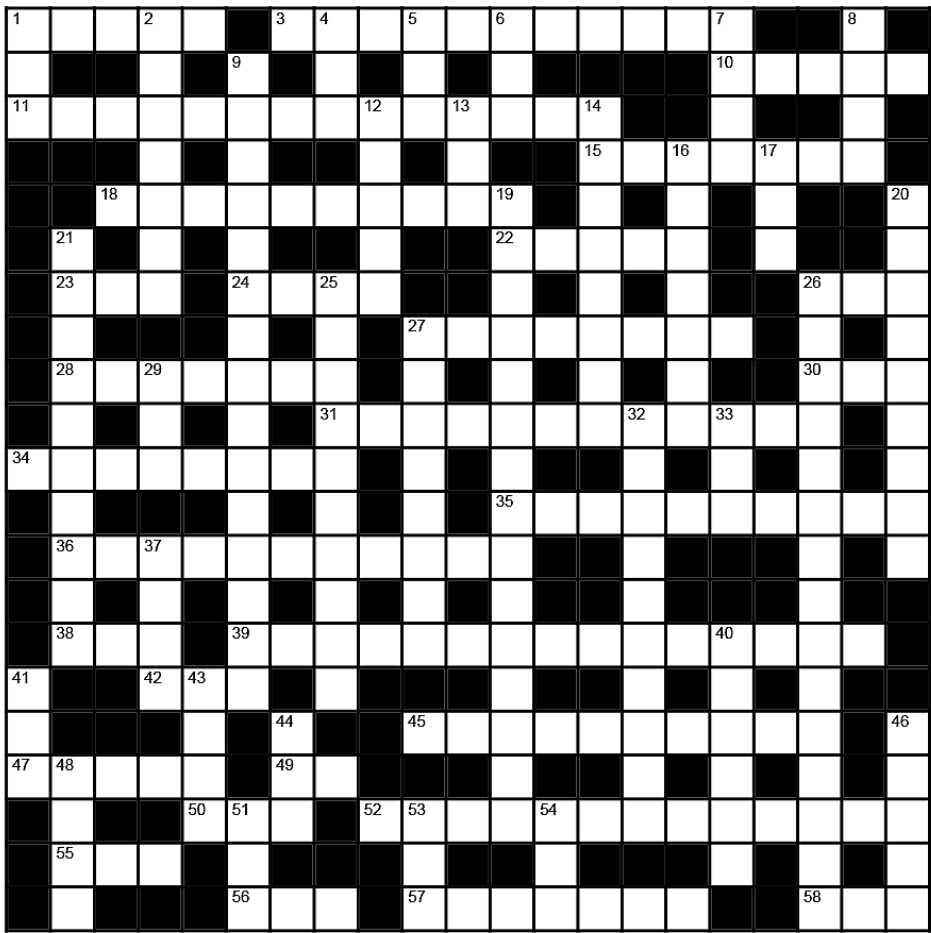


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Meteorological effects (5)

3

Fuss (5,1,5)

10

Bicker (5)

11

End of the definition (6,8)

15

More impertinent (7)

18

"Of course" (10)

22

Big name in daytime TV (5)

23

Actress Brenneman (3)

24

Spare (4)

26

Norse war god (3)

27

Wuss (5,3)

28

United Nations member since 1993 (7)

30

Codgers' replies (3)

31

Well-to-do (4-8)

34

Abu Dhabi, e.g. (8)

35

How this answer is situated (6,4)

36

A jab well done (11)

38

Cookbook amt. (3)

39

Maiden voyage preceder (9,6)

42

Explorer of the Canadian Arctic (3)

45

Train part (7,3)
- 47

Kind of dish (5)

49

... (2)

50

___ de vie (3)

52

End of the query (13)

55

Invoice abbr. (3)

56

Record store purchases (3)

57

"Don't evade the question!" (3-2-2)

58

___-de-lance (0-3)
- Down

1

New Test. book (3)

2

The process of mountain formation (7)

4

Alert, for short (3)

5

___ Paulo, Brazil (3)

6

Word of support (3)

7

Manhattan's state: Abbr. (4)

8

Remorseful one (4)

9

Shot putter? (10,5)

12

Protest (5)

13

Small, in Dogpatch (3)

14

Starbucks order (8)
- 16

Junk (7)

17

Bother (3)

19

"Uh-uh!" (3,4,2,6)

20

Revolts (9)

21

Don't be cruel (4,1,5)

25

Because (2,2,4,2)

26

Fighting words (3,6,3,3)

27

Tiny bit (8)

29

Here, elsewhere (3)

32

Dog restraint (5,5)

33

Having four sharps (3)

37

Cold war initials (4)

40

Directed skyward (6)

41

Bit of a draft (3)

43

"___ Baby" (song from "Hair") (4)

44

"The Simpsons" storekeeper (3)

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Selfish sort (5)

48

"Voice of Israel" author (4)

51

Truman's nuclear agcy. (3)

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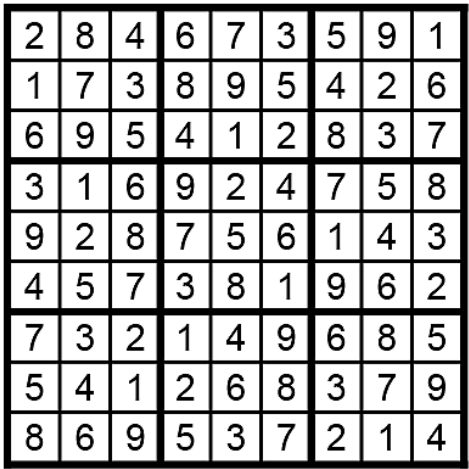
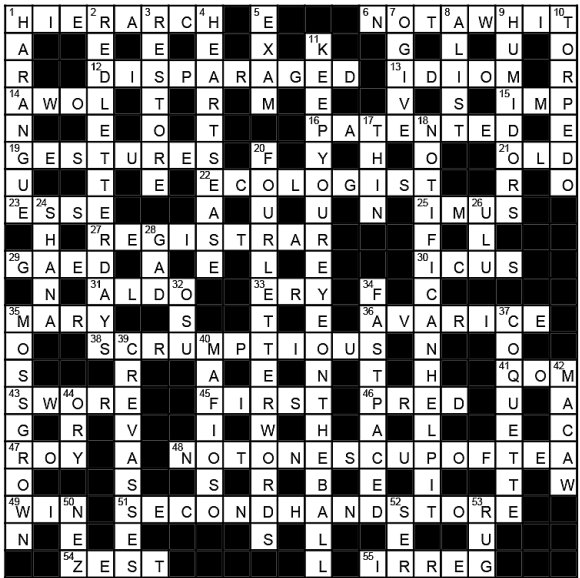
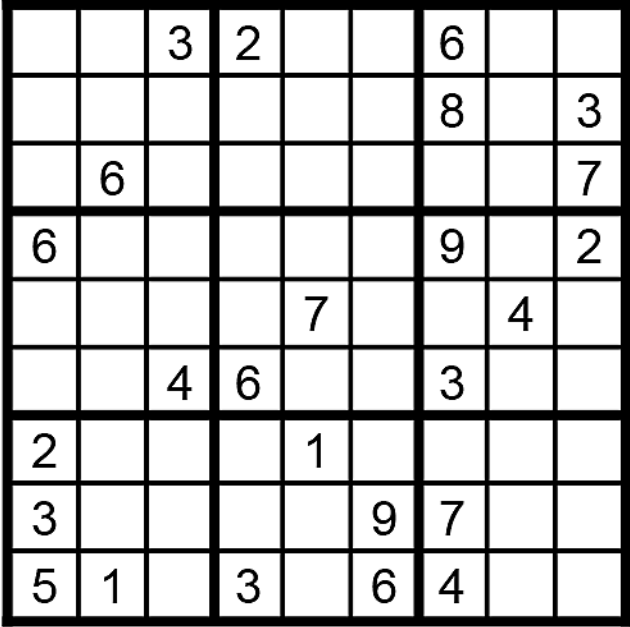
___ Khan (3)

54

Sob syllable (3)

Sudoku:

Fill in the missing numbers (1 – 9 inclusive) so each row, column and 3x3 box contains all digits.



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 14, 2021

All Signs: We will feel a shift of energy this week. On Monday, two planets change signs: Feisty Mars moves into energetic Sagittarius (for six weeks), while Mercury moves into business-oriented Capricorn. Mercury in Capricorn will help holiday shoppers be practical and avoid going overboard. Capricorn hate waste. Midweek, especially by Thursday, everyone’s in party mode! Nevertheless, throughout the week, there’s a steady build up to the Full Moon in Gemini on Saturday. By Sunday, everything settles an anti-climactic way.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):
Grab every chance to travel, because you need a change of scene. With Mercury at the top of your chart, you’re thinking about long-term goals. You might make an effort to impress bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs, which is good because Mercury at the top of your chart favors discussions with authority figures. Midweek, especially around Thursday, enjoy schmoozing with friends. Nevertheless, be aware that there is a steady build up towards the Full Moon on Saturday, which is accident-prone for you. Pay attention to everything you say and do.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):
This is an intense week, especially dealing with other people’s property, shared possessions, loans, mortgages and debt. Do your best to stay top of things because you might face disputes about these issues in the next few weeks. In fact, these disputes might come to a head when the Full Moon peaks on Saturday. If these disagreements are not about shared property or wealth, they might be about a difference in values.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):
Relations with partners and close friends are testy. This is because both the Sun and Mars are opposite your sign, which sets up a polarized situation. This makes you more impatient with others. Another contributing influence that might make you tense is that as the week wears on, there’s a build-up of energy before

the only Full Moon in Gemini all year. The plus factors are that this same polarized situation will give you more objectivity and more wisdom about your relationships.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):
You’re doing your best to get better organized and improve your health. Ironically, your motivation to be more productive will increase this week and stay that way for the next six weeks. Mercury is now sitting opposite your sign, which will help you to clarify and explain issues to someone close to you. This is a good week to discuss difficulties. You will also welcome stimulating, intellectual conversations. Don’t worry if you feel muzzled by the end of the week. After the Full Moon on Saturday, this restriction will diminish.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):
It’s a playful week for Leos! You want to party, schmooze and enjoy the company of others. You feel the holiday buzz and you want to share good times! Fear not, you’re still in work mode. In fact, as Mercury changes signs this week. You will become more hands-on with tasks, especially those that involve mental work. It will be easy to pay attention to detail. A tiny warning: Be careful about being critical of others, especially coworkers. This Full Moon can create tension with kids and romantic partners.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):
Home and family continue to be your primary focus. Do be aware that with fiery Mars in the

picture for the next six weeks, there will be increased chaos and activity where you live. This might be due to visiting guests, renovations or residential moves. This week in particular, energy will build up before the Full Moon on Saturday, which makes you choose between your career and external world versus family and home. Note: With this particular Full Moon, you can’t ignore home and family.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):
This continues to be a busy time because of the demands of your schedule, including short trips, errands, appointments, and increased reading and writing. Be extra cautious because as the week approaches the Full Moon on Saturday, it becomes an increasingly accident-prone time for you. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Family discussions will take place in the next few weeks. Some of you will also tackle home repairs. Enjoy entertaining at home and tweaking your digs.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):
Money is still a major focus for you: money you earn and money you spend. You’re also focused on your assets and possessions. Starting this week, you will work harder to boost your income. (This is a good thing because Mars will encourage you to spend money.) You might also disagree with someone close to you about how to approach things. This friction might come to a head by the end of the week during the Full Moon on Saturday. Fortunately, you will be charming and diplomatic.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):
You’re pumped because the Sun is in your sign. Then, on Monday, fiery Mars enters your sign as well (for six weeks). This is great if you have to get a lot done, because you will have the energy to do whatever you want. The downside is you might be coming on a too strong for some. Be patient with partners and friends this week because by Saturday, the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year will take place. This means tensions will increase until they come to a peak.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):
On Monday, Mercury moves into your sign to stay for the next few weeks, giving you a stronger than ever desire to express your point of view to people. Your mind will be very busy jumping from topic to topic, which might confuse others. You will want to get out and travel. And yet, because both the Sun and Mars are hiding in your chart, you will want to hide at home and be invisible. Meanwhile, be circumspect and notice the activities of others – what they’re doing and saying.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):
Your popularity continues this week. In fact, your interactions with others will become more intense. You might be involved in sports or group activities with a competitive edge. Also, you’ll be interested in making long-term goals for the future. Your best success will be to coordinate your needs with the needs of others and

turn your efforts into a win-win situation. Don’t waste energy on disputes; you have a lot of energy now to work with others.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):
This week you look fabulous in the eyes of others, especially bosses, parents and VIPs because the Sun is still at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. Now Mars is also at the top of your chart, which means your ambition is aroused! This is a popular week; and you will enjoy schmoozing with others, especially younger people and creative types. As this week progresses, there will be a buildup of energy leading up to Saturday’s Full Moon that might create issues with family members. Be patient and charming.



By Georgia Nicols
www.georgianicols.com.

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 13						
Highest \$: 2,437,500		Median \$: 1,088,000				
Lowest \$: 818,000		Average \$: 1,317,731				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD\$	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
19945 Lorena Circle	94546	818,000	2	1276	1995	9/17/21
3989 Mabel Avenue	94546	850,000	2	845	1953	9/15/21
20471 Waterford Place	94552	875,000	3	1726	1981	9/17/21
21054 Nunes Avenue	94546	942,000	3	1267	1948	9/16/21
18435 Watters Drive	94546	1,050,000	4	2226	1983	9/17/21
19020 Mount Hood Way	94552	1,070,000	3	1625	1989	9/14/21
18770 Madison Ave	94546	1,088,000	3	1850	1953	9/13/21
4990 Seaview Avenue	94546	1,300,000	3	1974	1959	9/15/21
4301 Vine Court	94546	1,380,000	3	2222	2001	9/15/21
16890 Hallmark Court	94552	1,530,000	4	2262	1987	9/16/21
20404 Beacon Hill Ct	94552	1,690,000	4	2834	1974	9/13/21
18407 Cotton Court	94552	2,100,000	4	1901	1962	9/13/21
4632 Crow Canyon Pl	94552	2,437,500	-	5150	2004	9/15/21

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 56						
Highest \$: 3,650,000		Median \$: 1,306,000				
Lowest \$: 550,000		Average \$: 1,454,545				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD\$	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
2855 Pinnacles Terrace	94538	550,000	3	2093	2013	9/13/21
3517 Birchwood Ter #102	94536	600,000	2	981	1984	9/14/21
3671 Adams Avenue	94538	603,500	3	1380	2002	9/17/21
39450 Albany Cmn #Y	94538	650,000	2	991	1981	9/14/21
46900 Shale Cmn #136	94539	710,000	2	936	1987	9/17/21
284 Junipero Cmn	94536	715,000	2	972	1972	9/13/21
5209 Fairbanks Cmn #2	94555	730,000	2	1000	1989	9/16/21
39263 Walnut Terrace	94536	760,000	2	1270		0 9/13/21
3870 Lake Woodland Cmn	94555	760,000	2	1056	1971	9/14/21
4717 Doane Street	94538	767,500	2	1308	1987	9/16/21
151 Wenatchee Cmn #14	94539	830,000	3	1170	1987	9/14/21
4099 San Francisco Ter	94538	915,000	-	1257	1978	9/16/21
4061 Marshall Terrace	94536	915,000	2	1228	1986	9/16/21
4758 Balboa Way	94536	985,000	3	1163	1955	9/14/21
901 Camero Way	94539	1,012,500	5	1902	1965	9/14/21
310 G Street	94536	1,060,000	3	1130	1937	9/17/21
2510 Tassajara Terrace	94538	1,091,500	2	1644	2014	9/17/21
4925 Boone Drive	94538	1,125,000	3	1158	1960	9/16/21
4745 El Rey Avenue	94536	1,140,000	3	1163	1955	9/14/21
1195 Gilbert Court	94536	1,160,000	3	1243	1977	9/13/21
34486 Benedick Lane	94555	1,230,000	4	1647	1986	9/17/21
41328 Malcolmson St	94538	1,250,000	4	1620	1958	9/17/21
44949 Challenge Cmn #401	94538	1,260,000	3	1701	2020	9/16/21
37837 Farwell Drive	94536	1,268,000	4	1398	1956	9/17/21
5642 Cello Way	94538	1,278,000	3	1131	1963	9/14/21
4679 Hampshire Way	94538	1,295,000	3	1434	1962	9/16/21
42339 Gatewood St	94538	1,300,000	3	1108	1960	9/14/21
2851 Arlington Place	94555	1,302,000	3	1877	1971	9/15/21
40430 Torenia Circle	94538	1,310,000	3	1117	1994	9/16/21
36661 Nichols Avenue	94536	1,320,000	4	1603	1983	9/13/21
4099 Tamayo Street	94536	1,350,000	3	1305	1971	9/14/21
4777 Canvasback Cmn	94555	1,400,000	3	1607	1988	9/16/21
37585 Chauntry Cmn	94536	1,430,000	3	1523	1994	9/13/21
34507 Locke Avenue	94555	1,450,000	4	1494	1971	9/15/21
34822 Gladstone Place	94555	1,465,000	3	1390	1971	9/14/21
41083 Joyce Avenue	94539	1,490,000	3	1389	1972	9/16/21
3538 Surry Place	94536	1,501,500	3	1420	1972	9/17/21
1481 Hardy Place	94536	1,520,000	5	1680	1977	9/17/21
34379 Newton Court	94555	1,525,000	3	1390	1970	9/16/21
34391 Torrington Ct	94555	1,541,000	4	1400	1970	9/15/21
4457 Bush Circle	94538	1,570,000	3	1717	1988	9/17/21
35047 Lucia Court	94536	1,585,000	4	1862	1964	9/16/21
45168 Tom Blalock St #302	94539	1,610,000	3	2392	2020	9/15/21
38250 Alta Drive	94536	1,660,000	4	1436	1959	9/16/21
1464 Vernal Avenue	94539	1,880,000	4	1698	1962	9/17/21
33467 Caliban Drive	94555	1,920,000	4	2052	1981	9/17/21
42459 Palm Avenue	94539	1,980,000	4	2232	1964	9/16/21
41725 Chadbourne Dr	94539	2,150,000	4	1830	1960	9/13/21
33722 Whimbrel Road	94555	2,375,000	4	2609	1980	9/14/21
45257 Elk Court	94539	2,500,000	4	2743	1989	9/17/21
2273 Valorie Street	94539	2,538,000	4	2310	1957	9/14/21
33518 Maverick Loop	94555	2,650,000	4	3075	2017	9/16/21
43034 Via Moraga	94539	2,720,000	4	2178	1973	9/14/21
40812 Ondina Place	94539	2,900,000	4	3434	1978	9/17/21
43534 Gallegos Ave	94539	3,201,000	5	4207	2002	9/16/21
827 Yakima Drive	94539	3,650,000	-	-		0 9/14/21

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 33						
Highest \$: 2,488,000		Median \$: 850,000				
Lowest \$: 380,000		Average \$: 925,258				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD\$	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
29581 Highgate Dr #219	94544	380,000	1	643	1988	9/15/21
27351 Marigold Court	94545	550,000	2	884	1971	9/13/21
29581 Highgate Dr #320	94544	550,000	2	900	1988	9/14/21
814 Climbing Rose Ct	94544	560,000	4	1312	1980	9/13/21
11 Crystal Gate Cmns #11	94544	622,000	3	1585	1992	9/16/21
344 Lexington Avenue	94544	707,000	3	1127	1951	9/13/21
242 Blossom Way	94541	715,000	3	1272	1939	9/15/21
668 Atherton Pl #509	94541	720,000	3	1224	1997	9/13/21
19836 Waverly Avenue	94541	750,000	3	1182	1952	9/13/21
23775 Santa Clara St	94541	750,000	3	1041	1950	9/14/21
636 Grand Terrace	94541	760,000	3	1319	2004	9/14/21
27668 East 10th St	94544	760,000	2	780	1947	9/17/21
209 Gloria Street	94544	777,000	3	1170	1952	9/15/21

26260 Eldridge Avenue	94544	780,000	3	1077	1954	9/16/21
28463 Brighton Street	94544	820,000	3	1135	1955	9/15/21
31289 Carroll Avenue	94544	825,000	3	1161	1955	9/13/21
989 Currant Way	94545	850,000	3	1464	1959	9/16/21
29067 Colony Court	94544	860,000	3	1304	1987	9/15/21
1044 Shelley Lane	94544	905,000	3	1254	1955	9/15/21
1842 Egret Lane	94545	907,000	3	1452	1965	9/17/21
22030 Betlen Way	94546	925,000	-	1312	1954	9/17/21
29860 Vanderbilt St	94544	950,000	4	1748	1960	9/15/21
1643 Cheney Lane	94545	950,000	3	1119	1956	9/16/21
451 Lawton Place	94544	1,000,000	3	1176	1957	9/17/21
2052 Jubilee Drive	94541	1,040,000	3	1922	2017	9/17/21
22377 Main Street	94541	1,043,500	3	2765	2004	9/15/21
1528 Seaver Court	94545	1,050,000	5	1808	1959	9/14/21
27622 Miami Avenue	94545	1,060,000	4	1594	1972	9/15/21
3264 Hackamore Drive	94541	1,100,000	3	1476	1962	9/15/21
1521 Hayden Street	94545	1,225,000	4	1974	2014	9/13/21
2652 Admiral Circle	94545	1,436,000	4	2377	2019	9/17/21
30053 Mountain View Dr	94544	1,718,000	5	2915	2018	9/15/21
3571 Star Ridge Road	94542	2,488,000	3	3959	1990	9/14/21

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 9						
Highest \$: 1,580,000		Median \$: 1,000,000				
Lowest \$: 610,000		Average \$: 1,065,333				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD\$	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1101 South Main St #429	95035	610,000	1	768	2007	11/3/21
264 Parc Place Drive	95035	875,000	2	1104	2005	11/5/21
800 South Abel St #214	95035	916,000	3	1421	2007	11/4/21
109 Parc Place Drive	95035	942,000	3	1530	2005	11/3/21
700 South Abel St #413	95035	1,000,000	2	1851	2007	11/1/21
943 Erie Circle	95035	1,200,000	2	1459	1984	11/1/21
1652 Lee Way	95035	1,215,000	3	1622	2013	11/1/21
1625 Lee Way	95035	1,250,000	3	1622	2013	11/5/21
239 Balboa Drive	95035	1,580,000	4	1886	1991	11/2/21

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 11						
Highest \$: 1,461,000		Median \$: 935,000				
Lowest \$: 550,000		Average \$: 988,000				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD\$	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6286 Joaquin Murieta Ave #A	94560	550,000	2	905	1982	9/16/21
6124 Joaquin Murieta Ave #D	94560	815,000	3	1394	1981	9/13/21
36769 Mulberry St	94560	816,000	2	1174	1952	9/17/21
5889 Central Avenue	94560	865,000	3	1447	1980	9/17/21
6423 Galletta Drive	94560	880,000	3	1260	1960	9/15/21
6387 Cotton Avenue	94560	935,000	3	1419	1968	9/16/21
37578 Shelter Rd #84	94560	986,000	3	1566	2017	9/14/21
36955 Nutmeg Court	94560	1,050,000	4	1708	1973	9/16/21
39844 Sawyer Terrace	94560	1,160,000	4	2114	2016	9/17/21
36033 Sandalwood St	94560	1,350,000	4	1521	1961	9/15/21
8606 Mahogany Place	94560	1,461,000	3	1632	1994	9/16/21

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 19						
Highest \$: 1,300,000		Median \$: 860,000				
Lowest \$: 670,000		Average \$: 896,895				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD\$	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
966 Billings Boulevard	94577	670,000	2	872	1942	9/17/21
1866 Pacific Avenue	94577	680,000	3	1083	1952	9/13/21
990 Castro Street	94577	701,000	4	1740	1912	9/15/21
1397 Marybelle Ave	94577	725,000	3	1028	1944	9/14/21
2215 Transom Way	94577	725,000	3	1125	1979	9/14/21
2030 167th Avenue	94578	750,000	2	810	1947	9/14/21
16390 Mateo Street	94578	800,000	2	1018	1947	9/16/21
237 West Broadmoor Blvd	94577	825,000	3	1577	1926	9/16/21
15358 Elvina Drive	94579	830,000	3	1303	1956	9/14/21
1392 Purdue Street	94579	860,000	3	1081	1951	9/15/21
842 Fulton Avenue	94577	900,000	4	1666	1949	9/16/21
16314 Ridgehaven Dr #301	94578	910,000	4	1930	2020	9/16/21
14366 Lark Street	94578	940,000	3	1616	1948	9/17/21
1630 Vining Drive	94579	950,000	4	1465	1956	9/15/21
15134 Andover Street	94579	1,000,000	4	1524	1950	9/17/21
1129 Tulip Lane	94577	1,050,000	4	1742	1994	9/17/21
2347 Prosperity Way	94578	1,130,000	3	1990	1954	9/15/21
2479 Longview Drive	94577	1,295,000	3	1930	1961	9/15/21
2327 West Ave 133rd	94577	1,300,000	5	3053	1940	9/16/21

Bird populations DECLINING



Blackbirds are among the avian species experiencing the greatest amount of population loss across North America as their preferred wetland habitat dries up and is filled in and paved over. Credit: Skyler Ewing, Pexels.

EARTHTALK

By RENEE JIANG

Dear EarthTalk: How are bird populations faring in the U.S. and around the world? What are some ways to help them?

-- Mark Johnson, Butte, Montana

Not surprisingly, given the myriad environmental threats they are facing, bird numbers continue to decline rapidly today across North America and beyond. Researchers at Cornell's Lab of Ornithology and Canada's National Wildlife Research Centre found in a 2019 analysis that wild bird populations in the continental U.S. and Canada have declined by 29% -- or a total net loss of around three billion birds -- since 1970. Their landmark study is the first ever to perform a comprehensive assessment of wild bird net population changes across the continent.

The study found that population decline was not limited to a few species but a wide range of species across every biome (a large naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat). Population loss in each biome ranged from Grassland bird populations suffering the greatest loss at 53% to eastern forest birds with the lowest loss at 17%. Researchers also found that common birds from just 12 families, such as blackbirds, sparrows and finches, account for over 90% -- or over 2.5 billion birds -- of total population decline. Experts believe that habitat loss due to agricultural development and intensification is most likely the driving factor.

Amid this concerning data, hope remains for the birds of our world. Over the past few years, organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, National Audubon Society, and California Waterfowl Association have collaborated to conserve waterfowl habitat (though critics point out that in some cases it is motivated by the self-fulfilling desire to provide more targets for their hunter members). Under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, these organizations have raised billions of dollars in funds to restore and preserve waterfowl habitat, especially wetlands.

Readers can also help protect birds by taking a few simple actions. An easy one is to install window screens or eliminate window reflections with film or paint. (A 2014 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Smithsonian study found that between 365 million and one billion birds die each year across the U.S. as a result of window strikes.) If you're a cat owner, another way to cut down on bird kills is to keep Fluffy from roaming freely outside. The U.S. North American Bird Conservation Initiative estimates that our pet felines kill some 2.6 billion birds annually in the U.S. alone.

Yet another way to help our avian friends is to provide shelter and nesting areas in your backyard. Planting native plants (instead of grass) will give both local and migratory birds a reason to hang out. Likewise, avoid synthetic pesticides and fertilizers on your land: They not only indirectly harm birds and the insects they like to eat, but can also poison wildlife directly. Shopping organic at the grocery store is another way to reduce the overall load of pesticides and synthetic fertilizer that birds encounter.

One additional way to be part of the solution is to join the Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, whether you're a beginner birder or expert. From December 14 through January 5, the initiative promotes counting instead of hunting birds, a fun and simple way to get outdoors while also helping to protect your favorite backyard birds. Audubon has been running the count for 122 years, and collates the data collected by its "citizen scientists" into an annual report on the state of the birds across the U.S.

- CONTACTS:
- Decline of North American avifauna: www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.aaw1313
 - Join the Christmas Bird Count: www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count

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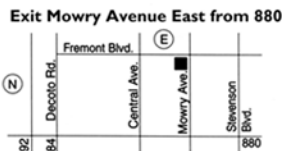
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Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.

CONTINUING EVENTS

First Tuesdays, December-January
Exploring the World of Wine \$
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Learn about wine and its origination?
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Tuesday – Sunday, October 9 – February 13
Color into Line: Pastels from the Renaissance to the Present
9:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
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Legion of Honor
100 34th Ave., San Francisco
[Legionofhonor.org](http://legionofhonor.org)

Tuesday, December 7 – Saturday, December 18
Empty The Shelters – Holiday Hope Event
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
\$20 Adoptions on all cats, kittens, and dogs
Free adoptions for all hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, and mice
Hayward Animal Shelter
16 Barnes Ct., Hayward
(510) 293-7200
www.haywardanimals.org/adoptions
www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets

Tuesday, December 7 – Wednesday, December 15
Holiday Toy Drive
New, unwrapped toy donations
Newark Police Department
37077 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 578-4956

Wednesdays, October 20 - December 15
Insight into Local Government R
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
League of Women Voters 3-part series
Session 3 – 12/15: info on running for office
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3AFDu4X>
www.lwv.org

Wednesday, November 10 – Thursday, January 6
50 Faces
Thursday – Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Portraits in contemporary mosaic
Bankhead Theatre Gallery
2400 First St., Livermore
www.LivermoreArts.org

Wednesday, December 1 – Sunday, January 30
Glowfari: A wildly illuminating lantern festival \$R
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Glowing animal lanterns and train rides!
Oakland Zoo
9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland
(510) 632-9525
<https://www.oaklandzoo.org/>
Tickets: \$24 adults, \$20 children & seniors
(Under 2/over 76 free)
Free parking

Wednesday, December 15 - Thursday, December 23
Las Posadas
6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Holiday tradition with performances by local artists
Virtual: Via Zoom
To register, email LasPosadasF-CAC@earthlink.net
www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org
www.missionsanjose.org

First Wednesdays, November - April
Talkin’ Dirt
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Free webinar on gardening, hosted by LEAF
Via Zoom
RSVP at Fremontleaf.org/talkindirt
<https://bit.ly/3hsOGKG>

Second Thursdays, September 9 – June 9
Cafe Dad
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Program for fathers to support each other
Virtual meetings via Zoom
<https://husd-us.zoom.us/j/91644497730>
For more information contact: ep101@husd.k12.ca.us

Arts & Entertainment

Thursday, March 18 – Monday January 3
Immersive Van Gogh
9 a.m. – 11 p.m. (times vary)
Walk-in exhibit with digital projections and music
SVN West San Francisco
10 South Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
Tickets: \$24.99 - \$39.99
www.vangoghsf.com

Friday, November 19 – Friday, December 24
Pictures With Santa!
Daily at the NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
<https://www.newparkmall.com/en/vents/santa-pictures-37475.html>

Friday, December 3 – Friday, December 24
14 Nights of Christmas
Ice skating, tree lighting, movies, music, food
3Crosses Church
20600 John Dr., Castro Valley
<https://www.christmaswith3crosses.com/>

Saturday, December 4 – Sunday, December 19
Holiday Magic on Main Street
M – Th: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
F: 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sat: 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun: 12 noon – 9 p.m.
Admission to the event area is free
Skating rink fee \$10, skate rentals \$2 (408) 586-3212
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/Holiday-Magic

Saturday, December 11 – Friday, December 31
Crippsmas Place
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
70+ home light display; charity fundraiser
(510) 821-5579
<https://www.crippsmasplace.org/>

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Saturdays and Sundays, December 4 – December 19
Christmas at the Patterson House\$
Tot Tours: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Full Tour: 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Parlor Tours: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Historic house decorated for the holidays
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-4365
For more info: rkiehn@fremont.gov

Saturday, December 11 – Sunday, December 19
The Nutcracker \$
12/17: 7 p.m.
12/18: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
12/19: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Valley Dance Theatre
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
www.livermorearts.org
(925) 373-6800

Sunday, October 17 – Sunday, December 19
Consumer Couture: Wrapped in Conversation
Exhibit featuring wearable art by South Bay Artist
Virtual Exhibit: 10/17 – 12/19
In-Person Gallery: 10/21 – 12/19
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
www.fremont.gov/olivehyde
(510) 791-4357

UPCOMING Events

Wednesday, December 15
Creekside Middle School Orchestra Winter Concert \$
7 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://bit.ly/3Cvx1KG>

Wednesday, December 15
BART Redistricting 2021
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Community participation in BART redistricting
Via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81632001022>
1-669-900-6833
Access Code: 816 3200 1022
Questions? Call (510) 464-6080 or email: redistricting@bart.gov
www.bart.gov

Thursday, December 16
Women in Profile R
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Learn how local authors got their stories in print
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley
Via Zoom
Register at www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, December 16
Survivor Blues: John Mayall and Walter Trout \$
7:30 p.m.
Grandfathers of blues
Tickets: \$20-\$78 (\$20 student/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St, Livermore
www.LivermoreArts.org

Friday, December 17 – Wednesday, December 22
Washington High School Holiday Ceramics Sale
12/17, 12/20 - 12/22: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
12/18: 12 noon – 7 p.m.
Mugs, candles, cups, jars, and more!
Washington High School
Room 68 (next to tennis courts)
38442 Fremont Blvd., Fremont
Questions? Contact Jacob Rodenkirk: jrodenkirk@fusdk12.net

Friday, December 17
Latino Business Roundtable
9 a.m.
Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3mf183Z>
Meeting ID: 846 7995 7684
Passcode: 700197

Saturday, December 18
Swingin’ Christmas with Jeff Bordes & Friends \$
8 p.m.
Soulful twist on Christmas Favorites
Firehouse Arts Center
4444 Railroad Ave, Pleasanton
www.FirehouseArts.org

Saturday, December 18
Snowfriends Show
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Artful snowmen and women made from real snow
Fremont Hub (near Old Navy)
Snowfriends Show (shopkimco.com)
www.fremonthub.shopkimcom/showfriends-show

Saturday, December 18
Native Plant Gardens
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Explore native gardens
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, December 18
Pollinator Power!
11 a.m. – 12 noon
Explore power of creatures who help our plants grow
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, December 18
Christmas Joy Tea \$
12 noon
Enjoy tea while listening to water-color painting program
Shinn House
1251 Peralta Blvd., Fremont
Reservations call Kaye (510) 656-1025 or Joan (510) 795-0891

Saturday, December 18
Country Western Night
9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Dance with Neon City Limits
Bistro 880
Doubletree Hilton Newark/Fremont
39900 Balentine Dr., Newark
(510) 413-2300

Saturday, December 18
Music For Minors II Virtual Holiday Concert
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mini concert performed by singing tots
Via Zoom and Facebook Live
www.tinyurl.com/btk4rrzk
www.musicforminors2.org

Saturday, December 18 – Sunday, December 19
Holiday Pops! \$
Sat: 7:30 p.m., Sun: 3 p.m.
Fremont Symphony and guests
James Logan High School Performing Arts Center
1800 H St., Union City
<https://fremontsymphony.org/holiday-pops>
<https://www.vivatrio.com/>

Sunday, December 19
Make a Seed Ball
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Plant wildflowers at home
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, December 19
The Groovy Judy Band
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Free Holiday Rock! 21+
The Florence Bar
37349 Niles Blvd, Fremont
www.groovyjudy.com

Monday, December 20
Pet Nights With Santa!
12/20: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Holiday pet photos with Santa!
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
<https://www.newparkmall.com/en/vents/pet-nights-with-santa-37590.html>

Monday, December 20
Nochebuena: Christmas Eve in Mexico \$
7:30 p.m.
Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles
Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar
Tickets: \$20-\$98 (\$20 student/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
www.LivermoreArts.org

Sunday, December 26
Pollinator Puppet Show
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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MICHAEL GALINDO

“You have everything it takes to make anything you want happen in your life.” These words changed local digital marketing entrepreneur, Michael Galindo, into the person he is today. When Galindo was young, he did well in school, enjoyed listening to music with his family and had a knack for engineering inspired by his father’s job as a mechanic. When a local group, infamous for gang activities, defended Galindo after school bullies threatened to hurt him, he felt indebted to them. After taking part in some of their antics, he was arrested.

“There was a moment in high school I remember where I felt like I needed to be friends with someone who would help me in the future,” Galindo stated, as he reminisced on his high school years. “When I was in jail, I realized my life could go in one of two ways. The first is I can stay cooped up in jail to support these ‘friends’ I had, and the second is I can come out and do something better with my life. I followed my heart and chose the second option.”

Once Galindo got out, he started working for a furniture sales company, and eventually worked his way up to become manager. One of his coworkers thought he was too skilled the



position, so she introduced him to her husband, who hired Galindo to work in Sutter Healthcare as a facility manager. With over seven years of work experience under his belt, Galindo eventually decided it was time to pursue a career that leaned more toward his passions.

Starting out by designing websites, Galindo took on multiple jobs, including engineering, plumbing, electrical and carpet cleaning. He then opened up The Digital Marketing Agency, which mainly deals with marketing consulting and advertising management for clients of both small and large

companies. A notable project this agency contributed to was a virtual New Year’s Event, Unity Concert Series, where he took part in marketing campaigns promoting celebrities like Snoop Dogg. Ever since, Galindo has been recognized as a certified Digital Marketing Professional and as a Professional Certified Marketer by the Digital Marketing Institute and the American Marketing Association respectively.

The Digital Marketing Agency’s work would sometimes coincide with Galindo’s own music production company - Mike Galindo Productions.

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Founding the company after taking salsa classes in 2013, he started teaching his own classes and filled other roles for the music industry under the name DJ Magic Mike. Through sponsors like Hard Rock Cafe and MGD Productions, Galindo has DJed for places like Marriott and Hornblower cruise ship lines, which helped him become known as one of the top DJs in the Bay Area for Bachata, a music genre from the Dominican Republic.

“It’s really interesting to me how in the moment of working all these different careers, I didn’t know how they were going to make sense for me in the future,” Galindo says “As long as you find something you’re really good at and also really passionate about, and figure out how to make it marketable, then your job won’t really feel like work to you.”

Learn more about Galindo’s work at:
www.digitalmarketingagency-consultant.com
www.djmagicmikeofficial.com

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California eyes tough standards for trucks, lawn equipment

BY ADAM BEAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Along with speeding tickets, truck drivers in California could soon have to worry about pollution tickets while traveling the state's roads.

State regulators are considering cracking down on heavy duty trucks weighing more than 14,000 pounds -- those big semi-trailers that make up just 3% of all vehicles in California but spend so much time on the road they account for more than half of all pollution from cars and trucks each year.

The rules would require these big trucks -- including ones from other states passing through California -- to be tested at least twice per year to make sure they meet the state's standards for particulate matter and ozone pollution. Passenger cars are already required to get smog checks.

Newer trucks have sensors on board that can monitor emissions and send data to the state. But regulators also plan to use roadside monitoring devices to catch trucks that pollute too much, along with automated license plate readers to identify the offenders. The state has two of these unattended monitoring devices in place and plans to install more. The devices

resemble toll booths and capture a sample of the truck's exhaust as it passes through without stopping.

Environmental advocates say the rule would be the most significant action in a dozen years to clean up California's air, which consistently ranks among the dirtiest in the country. If enacted, state officials estimate the rules would prevent more than 7,000 premature deaths because of respiratory illnesses by 2050, avoiding more than \$75 billion in health care costs.

"The rules have some significance for climate, but what we're really talking about here is the smog and the particulate matter that is making people sick and killing people," said Bill Magavern, policy director for the Coalition for Clean Air, a statewide advocacy group.

The proposal is one of a flurry of forthcoming changes that could dramatically reshape consumer and industry behavior in the nation's most populous state that, were it an independent country, would have the world's fifth-largest economy.

Also on Dec. 9, the California Air Resources Board was to consider banning the sale of new products run by small gas-powered engines, including leaf blowers, lawn mowers and

portable generators -- a rule recently mandated by the state's Democratic-dominated state Legislature. Next year, regulators are poised to tighten emission standards for barges, ferries, fishing boats and tugboats that line California's coastal cities. And, further down the road, regulators plan to ban the sale of all new gas-powered cars by 2035.

"These are the decisions we have to make if we're serious about reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and leaving future generations with healthier communities," said Assemblyman Marc Berman, a Democrat from Palo Alto who authored the law requiring the ban on new gas-powered lawn equipment.

While the new smog check rules for big trucks will have the largest impact on air quality -- preventing more than 680,000 tons of smog by 2050 -- banning the sale of new gas-powered lawn equipment will be the rule consumers notice the most.

Car engines have advanced over the years to pollute less. But the small engines that power most lawn equipment haven't made as much progress. State regulators say the amount of pollution that comes from running a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour is

comparable to driving a gas-powered car about 1,100 miles -- or roughly the distance between Los Angeles and Denver.

"Nobody will have to give up or stop using equipment they already own. The force of this regulation falls on manufacturers" Berman said.

The rules would have the biggest impact on professional landscapers, who rely on gas-powered equipment to do multiple jobs per day. California lawmakers included \$30 million in the most recent state budget to assist these companies converting to battery-powered equipment. But on Dec. 9, some landscapers testified that equipment would not be as reliable.

Trucking companies and small engine manufacturers have mostly complained about how fast these new standards would imposed. Both the smog check rules for trucks and the ban on the sale of new gas-powered lawn equipment would be fully implemented by 2024, while a similar ban on sales of new gas-powered generators would take effect in 2028.

Chris Shimoda, senior vice president for government affairs with the California Trucking Association, said the industry is suffering from a shortage of

drivers and parts because of global supply chain disruptions. He said one sensor that measures diesel exhaust fluid that normally costs around \$300 now can cost \$7,000 or more. "We just want to make sure that, again, anybody experiencing those sort of issues is not left high and dry," Shimoda said.

Jeff Coad, vice president for marketing and product management for the small engine manufacturer Briggs & Stratton, said the company is ambivalent about how their products are powered but said it won't have enough time to fully comply.

"Converting a product such as a large zero turn mower from gas to lithium battery power is not just a matter of replacing the engine with the battery," he said, adding the development time can take up to two years.

Liane Randolph, chair of the California Air Resources Board, said the state is sensitive to those concerns, adding that regulators do a careful analysis of both the costs and the health benefits of any proposed rule. "These regulations result in less trips to the emergency room, less long-term health impacts, and, frankly, less medical costs for the community," she said.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Friday, December 3

• At 11:12 p.m. a man identified by police as Abrion Mcelmore was stopped on the top of Hayward station parking structure. A record check showed he was on probation; a search of his backpack revealed nunchucks, ammunition and burglary tools. He was arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, December 6

• At 7:00 p.m. a man identified by police as Jonathan Osey-Cruz, 21, of Hayward was arrested at Hayward station on suspicion of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, probation violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, December 7

• At 1:01 p.m. a man identified by police as Jonathan Wright, 33, of Vallejo was arrested at Castro Valley station on suspicion of violating a court restraining order. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, December 8

• At 1:11 a.m. a man identified by police as Gustavo Tavera, 32, of Hayward was arrested at South Hayward station on suspicion of domestic battery and probation violation. He was given a prohibition order and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Sunday, December 5

• At about 8:25 p.m. officers responded to a report about gunshots heard in the 33800 block of Seventh Street. Upon arrival, officers found a man, later identified by police as Terelle Arlando Martin, 35, of Union City in the driver seat of a vehicle parked on Seventh Street. Martin and the vehicle had been struck by numerous bullets. Responding fire department personnel pronounced Martin dead at 8:47 p.m. Police are asking the public's help in locating video footage taken in the area from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. to assist in their investigation. Witnesses with information can call Detective Smith at (510) 675-5268 or call the Union City anonymous tip line at (510) 675-5207.

Police and fire services unaffected by holiday closure

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES

While many City of Fremont offices and services may be curtailed during the holiday season, police and fire services will still be available.

While many city offices have continued to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic at reduced physical staffing, as the holiday season approaches, the City is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety city services from December 23 through December 31.

Specific holiday closures are set for December 27, 28 and 29, while city holidays are observed on December 23, 24, 30 and 31. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business Monday, January 3, 2022. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:

- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY YANNETH CONTRADA, FREMONT PD

Tuesday, November 30

• Sometime between November 30 and December 3 someone stole about 35 Christmas trees and a flocking machine from KLM Trees at the corner of Paseo Padre Parkway and Fremont Boulevard.

Friday, December 3

• Two auto burglaries occurred at The Globe Shopping Center, 6004 Stevenson Blvd. and two more at In-N-Out Burger when someone shattered the passenger side windows of the vehicles and removed items.

Saturday, December 4

• A male and female attempted to sell a stolen guitar to Allegro

Music, 3115 Walnut Ave. in central Fremont. Two suspects, identified by police as Matthew Wright, 35, of Hayward and Rachel McIntosh, 29, of Fremont were arrested on suspicion of possession stolen property.

Sunday, December 5

• Sometime between 12:01 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. someone removed three catalytic convertors from vans used to make Amazon deliveries in the 44000 block of Pacific Commons Blvd.

• Sometime between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. a residential burglary occurred on Martingale Drive in South Fremont when someone made entry through a kitchen window and ransacked the interior of the residence.

Monday, December 6

• At about 7:28 p.m. a motorcyclist died in a collision

Friday, December 10

• At about 12:26 p.m. officers responded to a report about a dead body in the 3800 block of Decoto Road. Arriving officers found the remains and determined there was not a community safety issue. An investigation is underway and anyone with information is asked to call the police department's non-emergency line at (510) 790-6800, extension 3.

Police DUI checkpoint planned

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Union City Police Department (UCPD) officers will be on the lookout for impaired drivers during an upcoming DUI checkpoint planned this week at an undisclosed, but heavily traveled location in the city.

The checkpoint is set for 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18 and will continue until 2:00 a.m. the next day. During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

“The safety of our community is and always will be our mission,” said Sergeant Stan Rodrigues. “We are looking for impaired drivers because driving under the influence is dangerous and puts others on the road at risk.”

UCPD is reminding the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol; some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may also interfere with driving. People should always follow directions for using medications and read warning labels about driving or operating heavy machinery, which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana is legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Anyone that is planning on drinking or taking medications that may impact their ability to drive safely should stay home or ride with a designated driver. Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this DUI checkpoint program was provided by a grant from California Office of Traffic Safety, through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

• Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.

• Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Road

• All community centers and recreation buildings

• Age Well Centers at Lake Elizabeth and South Fremont

• Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) Administration, Suite A110

• Tri City Animal Shelter, 1950 Stevenson Blvd.

During the Holiday Closure:

• Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.

• Parks and Recreation Registration Desk, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B will be open for walk-in registration of recreation programs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 27, 28, and 29.

• Parks and Recreation Division will offer camps and other programs at some facilities following the City's COVID-19 Safety Plan. Visit www.RegeRec.com for more information.

• A minimum number of city staff members will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.

• Regularly scheduled street sweeping will occur on December 27, 28 and 29; weather permitting. No street sweeping on city-observed holidays. (Dates for make-up street sweeping will occur on December 29 and 30.)

• There will be no changes to garbage, recycling and yard waste collection by Republic Services both weeks.

• The City's online permitting portal, Citizen Access, will be unavailable starting at 12 noon December 22 and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 3. Online requests for permits and building inspections will be unavailable during this time. This includes Planning, Building, and Engineering permits. Clients should take this into consideration when planning for their project.

• Afghan Elderly Association will provide limited services. Clients should contact their Health Promoter for additional information.

• Youth & Family Services will have on-call crisis counselors to respond to youth referred from the Alameda County Crisis Receiving Home.

• Most Fremont Resource Center (FRC) agencies are working during the City's holiday closure and will be closed according to their own holiday schedule. Clients should call the agency they want to visit ahead of time to get their status.

• Animal Field Services will be limited.

• Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. There will be some limited holiday public hours; call (510) 790-5510 for more information.

• Covia/Home Match will provide appointments by video call or phone. Call (510) 574-2173 or send an email to cfuchshuber@covia.org for more information.

For more information, visit the Holiday Closure 2021 page on the City of Fremont website at www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call (510) 284-4093.

Major crashes increase in Fremont

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officials from Fremont Police Department are tracking a concerning rise in major traffic crashes in the city that have resulted in fatal or severe injuries during 2021.

In a statement released December 9, police reported a striking number of crashes involved reckless speeding (25 mph to 40 mph over posted speed limits) and crashes involving homeless people walking in the roadway.

Police said these issues will require a holistic approach, including new partnerships and tools to enforce speed

limits and create a culture of safety, and building on existing city initiatives to provide services and stable housing to individuals experiencing housing insecurity.

“We urge residents to take proper caution by driving at appropriate speeds, wearing proper attire when walking/biking at night, and being aware of other roadway users in our community as they travel

on Fremont streets,” the police statement read.

Information about City of Fremont's traffic safety program, including data on crash trends and circumstances surrounding 2021 major crashes is posted on its Fremont Vision Zero website at www.fremont.gov/VisionZero.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

In military terminology, the phrase, “Order of Battle” refers to the components of strategic and tactical forces - function, structure and strength. This method organizes the deployment and efficient use of assets so opposing forces can be met with determination and efficiency. Historically, the order of battle determined the alignment of troops in relationship to the commander. This has changed over time to indicate function and movement of both friendly and enemy forces.

Large organizations depend on similar systems to define internal and external strengths, weaknesses, roles and responsibilities. In almost all instances, successful strategies depend on proper and thorough planning well in advance of any action. Although some details may seem relatively minor and irritating in the present, they can become consequential over time and in moments of stress. One such planning item currently shared by all U.S. governmental jurisdictions is the redistricting process. Similar in fashion to a military order of battle, the result will determine the future command strength

and structure at many levels of civil administration.

An example of its importance is the current crisis in several states impacted by historic weather disruptions. Devastation is monumental, eclipsing the capacity of local residents who, in many cases, have lost much or all personal means of financial and material support. The enemy in this case is an external force currently outside our control. A primary resource in a crisis of this proportion is the combined power of our governmental structure that relies on efficient and effective relief for those affected. Private enterprise can add an essential layer of aid, but the scope and depth of disasters of this proportion requires national coordination.

Our area is not immune to such challenges and has, in the recent past, relied on regional and national assistance to cope and recover from wildfires, earthquakes and drought. How our government responds to the mundane and extraordinary challenges – external and internal – is a function of the strength and responsible guardianship of elected leaders and their staffs. Without clear, reasonable guidance from principled and dedicated leadership, the general population is at the mercy of fickle whims of Mother Nature and more tenuous, the manipulations and machinations of ill-informed, ill-equipped, morally deficient, selfish ambitions of corrupt politicians.

In a recent Fremont City Council meeting, Ken Chawkins, a representative

of National Demographics Consultant Corporation called the redistricting process “a fundamental element of a democracy.” The foundation of our republic, the United States of America, is based on citizen representation in its government. Our order of battle is how people are aligned in voting blocs. However, unlike military components that may be reorganized during engagements to adjust to new or changing circumstances, district boundaries are fixed for a 10-year census period. As a consequence, it is imperative for the electorate to pay close attention to the redistricting process and how it may be manipulated to give unfair advantage to a particular ideology or creed.

As each governmental jurisdiction provides the public with opportunities to add their voice to redistricting decisions, the important factor for politicians is that whatever the outcome, their constituents are watching and will hold them accountable at the ballot box. This period of change is a test of how we, the public, value our local, regional, state and federal Order of Battle. It is a critical time to pay attention and let our representatives know that a free and open democracy is alive and well!

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Water customers face new restrictions amid drought

SUBMITTED BY
SHARENE GONZALES

Following two critically dry years and with expected water supply constraints, the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) has declared a water shortage emergency in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

At its December 9 meeting, the board adopted an ordinance with water use restrictions aimed at reducing water use by 15% across the Tri-City area. Effective immediately and until further notice, customers are asked to eliminate water waste, limit outdoor irrigation while maintaining landscape viability, and minimize other non-essential water use.

Prohibit during the water shortage emergency:

- Runoff from irrigation or watering.
- Leaks and breaks within customers' plumbing that are not fixed within 72 hours after the leak is discovered.

- Draining and subsequent refilling of swimming pools.
- The use of decorative water fountains.
- Using hoses without quick-acting positive shutoff nozzles.
- Hosing off sidewalks, driveways, etc.
- Irrigation while it is raining, or irrigation that results in ponding or excessive runoff.

Lawns and other landscaping may be watered no more than one day every other week, November through February, with additional irrigation days in warmer months. Public parks and sports and playing fields are allowed one extra day of irrigation per week. Customers are encouraged to maintain and irrigate trees to ensure survival during extended dry periods

“With record low rainfall and dismal long-range forecasts, we need customers to conserve,” said ACWD Board President John Weed. “Reduced strain on our water supply will help us meet our customers’ needs, and we ask

customers to save where they can,” he added. Weed stressed the importance of water use efficiency if the drought is prolonged.

California is currently under a statewide drought emergency as much of the West braces for a third dry year. The Department of Water Resources has informed its 29 State Water Contractors to expect an unprecedented water allocation of 0% in 2022. ACWD typically receives 40% of its water from the State. ACWD’s water supply from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is also impacted by requesting a 10% voluntary reduction. Local supply from the Alameda Creek watershed has been nearly half of normal for two consecutive years.

“This drought is serious. However, together with our customers’ commitment to water conservation and ACWD’s management of water resources and water supply planning, we can mitigate the severity of the drought’s impact on the Tri-City

area. Many customers are already efficient, leaving little room to conserve,” said ACWD General Manager Ed Stevenson. “Still, some can dial back irrigation and make other changes that help them tighten up non-essential use,” he said.

ACWD’s goal to reduce water use by 15% is applied across the Tri-City area and does not impose water reductions to individual water accounts. Instead, the ordinance aims to educate customers on conservation though it does include a process to address violations. The three-step progressive process to address violations consists of a written warning, an onsite visit, and the termination of water service for repeated violations. Exceptions to the ordinance will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Customers can learn about conservation programs, rebates and how to report water waste by visiting the ACWD website at www.acwd.org/drought or calling (510) 668.4200.

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BART Redistricting

SUBMITTED BY BART

BART election districts are redrawn every 10 years following the U.S. Census. The primary purpose of redistricting is to ensure population equality among districts. This process is guided by traditional redistricting principles as well as the U.S. Constitution, California Constitution, federal Voting Rights Act and BART District Act.

BART Board of Directors' Redistricting Committee has begun the process of redrawing election districts to align with current population information based on 2020 Census data. Public involvement is encouraged throughout the process.

BART is inviting the community to provide input on the redistricting process in the next Committee meeting on December 15, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The meeting will be available via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81632001022>.

Members of the public can also join the Committee meeting via Zoom by calling 1-669-900-6833 and entering access code 816 3200 1022. Dial *9 to raise your hand when you wish to speak, and dial *6 to unmute when you are requested to speak.

Contact the District Secretary's Office at (510)464-6080 or by email at Redistricting@bart.gov.

For more redistricting information, please visit this webpage: <https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2021/news20211105>

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English proficient who wish to address Committee matters. A request must be made within one and five days in advance of Board/Committee meetings, depending on the service requested. Please contact the Office of the District Secretary at (510)464-6083 for information.

Mapping Tools for Public Engagement

BART has rolled out an interactive mapping tool to enable public input for redistricting. Residents have the ability to create and share a Community of Interest and/or draft Board of Director districts. Map submissions will appear in the gallery on the main landing page, enabling residents to view public input for redistricting.

<https://geoinovo.net/main/bart.html>

In addition to the interactive mapping tool, BART is providing a Community Input Map to allow residents to identify and provide supplemental information regarding their Community of Interest. This feature can be used on a mobile device and is offered in English and Spanish (Español), providing residents with an app that can be used to submit community information in their language of choice. Explore these tools using the links below:

Community Input Map:
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Community Input Map:
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Milpitas City Council

December 7, 2021

Presentation:

• Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Library Advisory and Education Commissioner Elpidio Estioko.

Consent Calendar:

- Approved execution of a Stormwater Management Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement for SHAC Centre Pointe LLC for the Centre Pointe Apartments at 312 Gates Drive.
- Adopted a resolution amending the Classification Plan to establish the position of Planning Technician.
- Adopted Ordinance Amending Chapter on Solid Waste Management of Title V (Public Health, Safety, and Welfare) of the Milpitas Municipal Code to comply with SB 1383 requirements.
- Approved the execution of the Professional Services Agreement with Raimi+ Associates Inc. to provide for Housing Opportunity Zone Consulting Services.
- Received Utility Outstanding Balance Due Update and Authorized City Staff to Resume Discontinuance of Water Services Policy on April 1, 2022.
- Accepted the City's Annual Financial Comprehensive Report (ACFR) and other Related Annual Audited Reports for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021.
- Opted into settlement agreements with opioid distributors, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, whereby the County of Santa Clara will receive the City's designated share of settlement funds.
- Opted into settlement agreement with opioid manufacturer, Janssen (owned by Johnson & Johnson), whereby the County of Santa Clara will

receive the City's designated share of the settlement funds.

• Adopted Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section on Public Access to Meetings of Chapter on Open Government Ordinance of the Milpitas Municipal Code.

Items Removed from Consent Calendar:

- Authorized the disposal of one surplus Ditch Witch FX30 Vacuum Trailer by auction.
 - Approved proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Work Plans for: Economic Development and Trade Commission; Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission; Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Commission; and Science, Technology, and Innovation Commission.
 - Received Mayor Tran's recommendations for appointments to the Planning Commission. After long and contentious discussions about potential conflict of interest concerns regarding one of the proposed candidates, the Council approved the Mayor's recommendations. Vote: Aye 3 (Tran, Montano, Chua) Nay 2 (Phan, Dominguez).
- Community Development:**
- Received staff report and presentation and provided direction on the staff recommendation to proceed with the sale of parcel 1 at 1432-1446 South Main Street and the further evaluation of parcels 2 and 3 at 1452-1488 South Main Street after adoption of the Metro Specific Plan.

Mayor Rich Tran Aye
Vice Mayor Carmen Montano Aye

Anthony Phan Aye Nay 1
Karina Dominguez Aye Nay 1
Evelyn Chua Aye

Fremont City Council

December 7, 2021

Public Announcements:

•Thank you to Sisters of the Holy Family and Washington Hospital Employee Association for contributions to the Afghan Refugee Help Fund.

Consent Calendar:

- Accept Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,664,550 and approve funding agreements with Caltrans for the 2023 Pedestrian Crossing Enhancement Project.
- Approve grant application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for funding from the CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Program for the 2021-2022 application cycle.

Ceremonial Items:

- Recognize Arunay Foundation
- Recognize Sea Valor

Public Communications:

- Ohlone Humane Society – Growing problem of feral cats. Full time veterinarian at shelter is needed and continued and additional support for the shelter.
- Increase of hate speech of Asian-American community and others.
- Cat overpopulation issues.
- Closure issue of Mission Peak entrance.
- Fight against racial discrimination.

Scheduled Items:

- Public Hearing: City of Fremont 2021 Redistricting Process. Six maps submitted by public. Three reviewed at meeting. Still accepting alternative maps from public. Public outreach survey continuing through January 2022. Maps from public can be submitted through

www.fremontdistrict.org or all city community centers and libraries. Process will continue through April 2022.

Council Communications:

Appointments to Boards and Commissions by Mayor Mei

Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District George Young

Art Review Board Jacline Deridder, Barbara Meerjans, Nancy Benton

East Bay Regional Park District Rick Jones

Liaison Committee (Council Representative)

Economic Development Advisory Commission

Yogi Chugh, Benjamin Craig

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Martin Kludjian, Jr., Shobana Ramamurthi, Dyesha Gardner

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Erin Vaca, (Pedestrian Representative), Ken (Kuan Jen) Wu (Bicycling Representative), Nisar Ahmed (Transit Representative)

Planning Commission

Benjamin Yee

Recreation Commission

Elissa Winters

Senior Citizens Commission

Krishnaswamy Narasimhan

Youth Advisory Commission

Aunya Campbell,

Sriram Natarajan, Saanchi Kapoor

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Raj Salwan,	
District 5	Aye
Teresa Keng, District 1	Aye
Rick Jones, District 2	Aye
Jenny Kassan, District 3	Aye
Yang Shao, District 4	Aye
Teresa Cox, District 6	Aye

New county district boundaries approved

SUBMITTED BY COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

At its Tuesday, December 7 meeting, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed to new supervisorial district boundaries that will impact numerous cities and communities in the county. A vote on the final resolution for adoption to implement the boundary maps is set for December 14.

The final map, labeled 90195, is posted online at www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting. The population of each of the county's five districts is different by 4.1% across all boundaries (standard deviation), maintains a majority-minority Asian and Pacific Islander voter representation in District 3 (50.6%), and has a Latino influence in District 2 (49.5%).

There are several changes from previous district boundaries that will be instituted on January 13. The most notable changes are:

- The City of Sunnyvale will be entirely located in District 3 where it had been previously split into Districts 3 and 5.
- The Town of Los Gatos, the City of Monte Sereno, and the Almaden Valley and Lexington Hills areas will move from District 1 to District 5.
- The community of Evergreen in San José will move from District 3 to District 1.

Every 10 years, the County of Santa Clara draws new supervisorial district lines based on updated census data. District boundaries must take into consideration topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguousness, compactness of territory, and communities of interest.

“This has been a challenging process and a lot of great work has been done,” said District 3 Supervisor Otto Lee, who represents Milpitas, Sunnyvale and parts of San Jose. “I want to thank all of the residents who came forward to voice their concerns and who contacted my office. We came up with a good map that preserves a majority Asian district and a Latino influence district, which is reflective of the diverse community we live in. At the end of the day, I believe we live in an amazing county and we're moving forward in a positive direction.”

The board established an Advisory Redistricting Commission earlier this year to take community of interest testimony, analyze population shifts, and consider initial district maps. The commission submitted draft maps to the Board in October which members worked from to develop the final map

Per state law, the board must adopt an updated map by December 15, and be in place before the next election cycle, so that candidates and voters know in which district they reside. More information about the county's redistricting process is posted online at www.sccgov.org/2021redistricting.

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December 30, 1922 – December 2, 2021

Sushila Amlani
Resident of Fremont
May 18, 1934 – December 1, 2021

Premlata Dixit
Resident of Fremont
August 15, 1934 – November 29, 2021

Regino Nepomuceno
Resident of Sunnyvale
February 1, 1944 – November 27, 2021

Treasure Deeter
Resident of Mokelumne Hill
June 2, 1934 – November 27, 2021

Innocencio Garcia Jr.
Resident of Fremont
March 20, 1924 – November 26, 2021

Suzanne Selph
Resident of Fremont
April 27, 1939 – November 25, 2021

Genevieve Fasolis
Resident of Fremont
February 10, 1931 – November 25, 2021

Shih-Wen Chou
Resident of Fremont
August 6, 1934 – November 24, 2021

Harold Barone

June 23, 1928 - November 29, 2021

Resident of Fremont

In Loving Memory of Harold Barone age 93, passed away peacefully at home on November 29,2021.

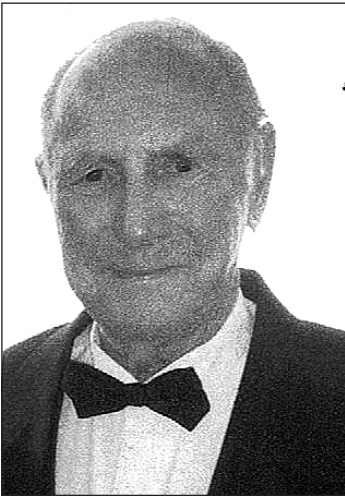
Preceded in death by his daughter Debra Logan, Mother Frances, Father Charles, brothers Frank, Albert and Butch.

Survived by wife Patricia, Son John Barone & wife Deborah, Granddaughter Melissa & Husband Ian Sigman.

Great Grandson Salmon, Great Granddaughter Zoe Sigman , Grandson Andy Aragon & Great Granddaughter Stella. Granddaughter Marisa & Husband Imran Ashraf & Great Granddaughter Elise Also many nieces & Nephews.

Harold was born in Stockton, Ca and graduated from Stockton High. He was working for Klinger Steel Co when they sold out to Pacific States Steel Co in 1961. Harold moved his family to Fremont, Ca and begin working for Pacific States Steel Co as head of the fabrication Division. He designed most of their fabricating equipment.

He retired from R.P.S. in 1993, but not for long. Harold decided he was not quite ready to retire so he started a consulting



job designing fabricating equipment for Salinas Reinforcing Co. And P.J. Lumber.

The family wishes to thank those who were there for Harold with their love and friendship. Harold was like a little kid who always had this mischievous sparkle in his eye and a true zest for life. He would want you to raise a glass, make a toast and share your favorite memory of time spent with him.

A celebration of life to be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Marie Carol Bailey

September 11, 1935 - December 6, 2021



Marie Carol Bailey (McConnell) passed away December 6, 2021, in Greeley Hill, CA at the age of 86. She passed peacefully in her recliner while drinking a cup of coffee. She loved to sit and watch the birds that she would feed every morning, so we like to believe that she enjoyed her last moments and passed peacefully.

Marie was born September 11, 1935, in Ottawa, Canada to Coleman and Anne McConnell and lived there until 1960 when she moved to CA. She married Harley Ernest Bailey in 1957 in Canada.

Marie is preceded in death by Harley. Marie is survived by four sons James Bailey, William Bailey, and wife Earleen, Christopher Bailey, Richard Bailey, and Elizabeth Bailey, daughter: Grandchildren Jason, Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan, Matthew, Angel, Shawna, and Ryan, and Mitchell; Great grand-children Roxanne and Cameron.

Marie attended Ohlone and Chabot Colleges. Marie was an ICU and CCU registered nurse with Kaiser Hospital and continued her education to advance her skills in her career.

She worked for Kaiser for 35 years until she retired in 1998. Keep in mind that Marie was also raising five children. She would work swing shift or nights so that she could be home while Harley was working.

In her spare time Marie liked sitting quietly and reading books and watching Law and Order. She had quite a collection, but her favorite were romance novels (Harlequin Romance) and had bookshelves full.

Marie liked being in nature and enjoyed spending a lot of time at the cabin in Greeley Hill. She loved going for walks, collecting rocks and driftwood. Her son shares that when they went on family outings she would always want to stop to pick up a rock or driftwood even when their dad would tell her she had enough rocks and driftwood at home.

Marie loved feeding the birds including the 50 turkeys that visited the cabin. It started with a 16-ounce Oakland A's cup and grew to a one gallon feeding bucket. She also made sure the 50-pound automatic deer feeder was full. She always had a companion dog that ate more treats than dog food.

A funeral service is scheduled for December 15, 2021, at the Berge- Pappas- Smith Chapel of the Angels in Fremont, 40842 Fremont Blvd. 4:30pm – 6:00pm viewing and reminiscing. Service starts at 6:00 pm. There will be a small reception following. Marie was a kind and loving woman and will be missed. We will carry her memory and stories in our hearts.

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Serafin Santos

July 13, 1943 - December 9, 2021

Resident of Union City



In the early morning of December 9th 2021, Serafin “Gerry” Santos raced into the arms of his Savior with great joy, and it was while his wife Lydia “Liding” Santos and youngest son Serafin “JhunJhun” Santos Jr. were besides him. He is survived by his wife Lydia of 48 years and his two children, Dr. Noel Santos and wife Dr. Sim and Serafin Santos Jr. and wife Cathie and 7 grandchildren; Carina, Ella, Ellie, Third, JR, Tintin, and Sean.

Gerry was born on July 13, 1943 to Dionisia and Cornelio Santos in Santo Tomas, Lubao, Pampanga where he was born and grew up. He graduated from FEATI University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He loved playing poker with his family, loved watching sports like the Golden State Warriors, LA Lakers, 49ers, and the SF Giants. He loved watching classic western movies. He loved singing, especially his favorite song “My love will see you through.”

He was a great provider for over 20 years.

During the early years of his career, although he was far away from his family, he made sure that they were all well provided for. He worked from many different countries like Kuwait, Borneo, Saudi Arabia and many different provinces in the Philippines.

He migrated to the United States with his wife in December 1999 and resided in Union City. He worked at Communication Power Industry (CPI) in Palo Alto until his retirement in 2013.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, December 15th 2021 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont. A Memorial Mass is Thursday, December 16th 2021, 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont. Interment at Manila Memorial Park, Philippines.

Rodolfo Kent “JonJon” Endaya, Jr.

August 17, 1979 - November 26, 2021

Resident of Fremont

Rodolfo “Kent/Jon” Endaya, Jr of Fremont, died November 26, 2021 due to Stage IV Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma. He was born August 17, 1979 in Manila Philippines at St. Rita Hospital. Son of Rodolfo and Constancia Endaya. His siblings were Kathy, Karyll and Kris. Much loved father of Melissa and Jillian. Husband to Karen. He attended Nazareth High School and was class President during his Senior year. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science at Centro Escolar University in 2000.

Straight from College he worked for China Banking Corporation and in 2004 he moved to California with his wife. He briefly worked for Marshal's and Menlo Logistics. Finally for 16 years he worked for Fremont Bank (Research and IT).

Kent was a devoted husband and father. He was a praiseworthy son and brother and a faithful friend to many. He worked hard to provide for his family. God was the center of his life and his faith was of significant importance to him.

Kent was an avid Green Bay Packers and Warriors fan. He



collected Marvel and DC Action figures. He loved listening to music. Christmas was his favorite holiday. He looked forward to vacations, especially when he visited his family and friends in the Philippines.

The viewing will be held on Friday, December, 17, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a Vigil Service at 6:30 pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, December, 18, 2021, 10:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 41933 Blacow Rd., Fremont. He will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward at 11:30 am. Lunch to follow at Pinoy Handaan from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm.

Fremont Human Relations Commission

BY ASOK CHATERJEE

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HRC fosters mutual understanding and respect among the diverse groups of the community, and the improvement of inter-personal relations, and works to eliminate prejudice and discrimination. It also advises the City Council on all matters relating to human services, public and private, in the City of Fremont.

The most important functions of HRC can be summarized as follows:

- study any problems of prejudice and discrimination in the community and the causes thereof.
- work with other agencies, public and private, in developing programs to eliminate racial prejudice and discrimination.
- initiate and encourage educational and other appropriate activities which tend to promote inter-racial, inter-faith and inter-ethnic harmony, progress and integration.
- foster mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious and nationality groups, and the improvement of inter-personal relations.
- advise the city council on all problems of local inter-group relations.

From its very inception, HRC has been driving various socially critical issues through all tools available to it, such as hosting Forums, Workshops, Town Hall meetings, Resource Fairs to name a few. In Fremont it has sponsored National Night Out, and LGBTQ+ parades. While it is impossible to elaborate on each and every successful endeavor of HRC over the past decades, a sampling of the major areas it has worked on, and accomplished a lot, would surely provide a glimpse into the impact it continues to make.

- Monitor school issues, and work collectively with the Senior Citizens Commission of Fremont
 - Equity of life in the Fremont community, including Racial Equity and Social Justice
 - Homelessness
 - Rental discrimination against families
 - Youth violence
- Immediately prior to the uncertainties and challenges brought about by the pandemic in 2020, HRC made possible two most consequential achievements for the City of Fremont in 2019.
- Housing Navigation Center development approved for final site behind City Hall
 - HRC and City of Fremont's Human Services Department presented to City Council a new Tobacco Retail License Ordinance with intent to address the public health epidemic of vaping amongst youth and disproportionately impacted LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color, by deterring youth access to any tobacco products in an effort to prevent future generations from nicotine addiction. Ordinance was approved by City Council.

During the current year HRC Commissioners served as judges in the annual art competition in honor of Youth Mental Health Day. This year's theme was Coming Together with Hope.

HRC is comprised of nine Commissioners, appointed by the Council, with staggered terms of appointment to ensure continuity, and to preserve institutional insight and knowledge. The support to HRC's activities is provided by the City of Fremont staff as follows:

- Noelle Tolentino - Secretary to the Commission
- Suzanne Shenfil - Director, Human Services
- Arquimides Caldera – Deputy Director, Human Services

The Human Relations Commission of Fremont meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, except when the date falls on a Holiday. It meets at City Hall, Building B, Training Room. Anyone interested in exploring further, please feel free to contact the Human Relations Commission: hrc@fremont.gov

Small businesses grant program

SUBMITTED BY MARK TIERNAN

At a recent meeting, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors affirmed their support for small businesses as the region continues to navigate the uncertainty of the pandemic and its impacts on the local economy and jobs. Supervisor Otto Lee joined Supervisor Susan Ellenberg for a joint referral for the creation of a Small Business Resiliency Grant Program.

“Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, and they have also been among the hardest hit by the pandemic. When we first provided support to our small businesses, the demand for funding far exceeded available funds. This grant program will help local businesses that are struggling to stay open, with a focus on equity, COVID-19 response, and resiliency,” said Lee.

As a small business owner, Lee knows the challenges small businesses faced to stay open during the pandemic. A Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), loan was critical for his law firm.

“I’m grateful that we had the PPP loan to support the firm. The pandemic presented a lot of fiscal uncertainty,” Lee explained. “Thanks to these loans and grant programs, small businesses are still open and staff are still gainfully employed.”

This referral allocates \$20 million of American Recovery Plan Act funding to Small Business Resiliency Grant Program. A wide range of businesses, including barbers, beauticians, nail salons, day care and home care, restaurants, coffee shops and nonprofits are expected to benefit from the program. Many of the businesses have five or fewer employees.

Supervisor Otto Lee represents District 3 on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors which represents the northern neighborhoods of Milpitas, Sunnyvale, Alviso, Berryessa, East Foothills, Evergreen and Rosemary Gardens neighborhoods of San José. More information is available at on the supervisor’s website at <https://district3.sccgov.org/home>.

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NASA's 10 new astronauts: pilots, doctor, physicist, cyclist

BY MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS AEROSPACE WRITER

NASA selected 10 new astronauts on Monday, Dec. 6, half of them military pilots, as it looks ahead to the moon and Mars. The space agency introduced the six men and four women during a ceremony in Houston, home to Mission Control and the astronaut corps.

More than 12,000 applied for the coveted spots. The 10 selected are in their

30s and 40s, and face two years of training before becoming eligible for spaceflight.

Besides the combat and test pilots, the astronaut candidates include a medical physicist, drilling specialist, maritime roboticist, NASA-turned-SpaceX flight surgeon and bioengineer who was a champion cyclist. Two astronauts from the United Arab Emirates will train with them.

One of the pilots -- Air Force Maj. Marcos Berrios, who's from Puerto Rico

-- volunteered during a question-and-answer session to fly a life-size successor to NASA's mini helicopter at Mars. "I know Deniz, the other helicopter pilot here, and I would love to take it for a spin for science," he said, drawing laughs and applause from the audience. Navy Lt. Deniz Burnham, an Alaskan, manages drilling projects throughout North America.

NASA has accepted 360 people into its astronaut corps since the original Mercury

Seven in 1959. The previous astronaut selection was in 2017.

With SpaceX sending astronauts to the International Space Station and other private companies launching tourists on short rides, and NASA's Artemis moon-landing program on the horizon, "we are in the golden age right now of human spaceflight," said NASA chief astronaut Reid Wiseman.

NASA plans to put astronauts back on the moon no earlier than 2025.



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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01
AN ORDINANCE OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT DECLARING A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND ADOPTING WATER USE REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT as follows:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY.
The Board of Directors finds and declares as follows:

- (a) The District is responsible for providing a reliable supply of high-quality water within its service area.
- (b) The District's primary sources of supply include: imported water from the State Water Project (40%); imported water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Regional Water System (20%); and local supplies originating from rainfalland runoff from the Alameda Creek Watershed (40%).
- (c) Locally, Water Year (WY) 2019/20 was a dry year with only 58% of the long-term average precipitation, followed by a second dry year, WY 2020/21, with only 46% of the long-term average.
- (d) On May 10, 2021, Gavin Newson, Governor of California, proclaimed a Drought Emergency to exist in Alameda County due to severe drought conditions.
- (e) On May 13, 2021, The District launched its "One Saves Water" water conservation campaign and asked customers to take simple actions to save water.
- (f) The District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, adopted by resolution on May, 13, 2021 along with the District's Urban Water Management Plan, establishes criteria and guidelines for operations and water conservation during a water shortage condition and states that "the District Board shall declare a water shortage emergency condition to prevail whenever it is determined that the ordinary demands and requirements of our customers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection."
- (g) On July 8, 2021, Governor Newsom, issued an Executive Order requesting a voluntary 15% reduction by all Californians, and the District began a request for a voluntary 15% reduction by its customers.
- (h) During July, August, September, and October 2021, District customers had not yet achieved enough additional conservation to consistently meet the District's 15% reduction goal. The District saw a 6% reduction in July 2021, a 8% reduction in August 2021, a 5% reduction in September 2021, and a 15% reduction in October 2021 in comparison to 2020 water demands during those same months. The District significantly increased customer outreach and Water Use Efficiency program efforts to achieve further savings.
- (i) On October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed a Statewide Drought Emergency and urged Californians to step up their water conservation efforts and directed local water suppliers to execute their urban Water Shortage Contingency Plans at a level appropriate to local conditions that takes into account the possibility of a third consecutive dry year.
- (j) The District conducted public outreach, coordinated with Cities and other stakeholders, and hosted public meetings on November 3, 2021 in advance of the November 17, 2021 Board meeting, where consideration of a water shortage emergency and supporting Ordinance was reviewed with the Board.
- (k) On November 23, 2021, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) declared a water shortage emergency and established a voluntary systemwide 10% water use reduction.
- (l) On December 1, 2021, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced the initial 2022 State Water Project (SWP) allocation will only allocate available new water supplies necessary to provide for unmet minimum health and safety requirements.
- (m) WY 2021/22 is also projected to be dry, impacting local surface water and groundwater supplies, in addition to the constraints on the District's imported supplies.
- (n) The District finds that ordinary water use demand will be approximately 15% greater than available water supply levels in 2022.
- (o) The District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan recommends a Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency condition be declared when the District identifies up to a 20% water supply shortage.
- (p) This Water Shortage Emergency Ordinance based on Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency condition was developed to achieve a 15% reduction through mandatory conservation measures such as eliminating water waste, limiting outdoor irrigation while maintaining landscape viability, and minimizing other non-essential uses.
- (q) Additional findings supporting the actions in this Ordinance are set forth in the staff report for this Ordinance and the November 17, 2021 and December 9, 2021 staff presentations to the Alameda County Water District Board of Directors, which are incorporated into this Ordinance by this reference.
- (r) On November 17, 2021, at a properly noticed regular Board meeting, the Board considered whether to declare that a water shortage emergency condition exists within the water service area of the District and set a public hearing for December 9, 2021 on this issue, and to provide District customers an opportunity to be heard to protest against the declaration and to present their needs to the Board of Directors.
- (s) Notice of the public hearing was published pursuant to law one time at least seven days prior to the date of the public hearing in *The Tri-City Voice* and *The Argus*, newspapers of general circulation, printed and published within the water service area of the District.
- (t) A summary of this Ordinance was published in *The Tri-City Voice* and *The Argus* at least five days prior to the date of the public hearing.
- (u) The full text of this Ordinance was posted in the office of the District and posted on the District's website at least five days prior to the public hearing.
- (v) At the public hearing all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard and all persons desiring to be heard were heard.
- (w) The public hearing was called, noticed, and held in all respects as required by law.
- (x) This Board heard and has considered each protest against the water shortage emergency declaration and all comments presented at the public hearing.
- (y) The Board of Directors declares that a water shortage emergency condition exists and prevails within the water service area of this District and declares that the District is in Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan and directs that Stage 2 be implemented. The water shortage exists by reason of the fact that the ordinary demands and requirements of the water consumers in the Alameda County Water District service area cannot be met and satisfied by the water supplies now available to the District without depleting the water supply or diminishing its quality to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection. Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to impact the District's ability to take actions to maximize its water supplies for an anticipated long term water shortage emergency, for example by participating in regional reliability efforts or in water wheeling or water transfer arrangements, in ways that benefit the District and its customers.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.
The purpose of this Ordinance is to conserve the water supply of the District for the greatest public benefit with particular regard to public health, fire protection and domestic use; to conserve water by reducing and restricting nonessential water use that if continued would constitute waste; and to the extent necessary by reason of drought and the existing water shortage emergency condition, to reduce water use fairly and equitably. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the District's authority under Sections 350 et seq., 365 et seq., and 31026 et seq. of the California Water Code.

The water supply of the District includes water from the District's distribution system, as well as groundwater from the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin (Niles Cone or Subbasin 2-09.01), which the District manages and regulates pursuant to its statutory authority authorizing groundwater management, specifically the County Water District Law (California Water Code Section 30000 et seq.), the Replenishment Assessment Act of the Alameda County Water District (Chapter 1942 of the Statutes of 1961, as amended in 1970 and 1974), the Alameda County Water District Groundwater Protection Act (California Water Code Section 31142.20 et seq.), ACWD Ordinance No. 2010-01, Hayward Well Standards, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code Section 10720 et seq.).

The Niles Cone Groundwater Basin is an essential component of the District's water supply and must be conserved during this water shortage emergency. This Ordinance applies to all water from the District's water distribution system from any of the District's water supply sources and to all wells, public and private, within the District's service area boundary that produce water from the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin.

SECTION 3. EFFECT OF ORDINANCE.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the District's Board of Directors, shall supersede and control over any other ordinance or regulation of the District in conflict herewith, and shall remain in effect until the Board of Directors declares that the water shortage emergency has ended.

SECTION 4. WATER USE LIMITATIONS.

- (a) Mandatory Restrictions on Water Use.
During the water shortage emergency condition, and to preserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection, the following uses of water are prohibited, unless exempt to meet state and federal permit obligations:
- (1) Use of water in violation of ACWD Ordinance No. 2008-01 Prohibiting Wasteful Use of Water, pursuant to California Water Code Section 375;
- (2) Use of water for the irrigation of lawns or other landscaped areas using overhead irrigation, which is any irrigation that is applied above the ground surface through the air, on consecutive days cannot be more frequent than (per irrigation valve):
- One day every other week for the period of November 1 through February 28. Landscape irrigation during this period should be avoided except during an extended dry period;
 - One day per week for the period of March 1 through May 31;
 - Two days per week for the period of June 1 through September 30; and
 - One day per week for the period of October 1 through October 31.
- Landscape irrigation of turf at sports fields, playing fields, and other active recreation use areas within public parks, school grounds, golf course greens, and day care centers, will be allocated one additional day per week during each period provided that such irrigation does not exceed:
- o One day per week for the period of November 1 through February 28. Landscape irrigation during this period of should be avoided except during an extended dry period;
 - o Two days per week for the period of March 1 through May 31;
 - o Three days per week for the period of June 1 through September 30; and,
 - o Two days per week for the period of October 1 through October 31.
- Landscape irrigation during and within 48 hours of measurable rainfall of at least one-fourth of one inch of rain, is prohibited. In determining measurable rainfall in a given area, records of the National Weather Service, the closest CIMIS station, or any other reliable source of rainfall data available to the District may be used.
- Potable water on ornamental turf in public street medians, is prohibited.

- This section does not apply to the following categories of use:
- Watering or irrigating with drip or other subsurface irrigation systems
 - Watering trees with bubblers
 - Watering or irrigating trees that are on a separate valve that irrigates trees only.
 - Watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container.
 - Watering water-efficient landscaping to get low water use, drought tolerant, or native plants established with a hose equipped with a shut off nozzle, or other acceptable means (i.e., bucket, watering can, greywater).
 - Watering for very short periods of time (5 minutes maximum per valve) for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system.
 - Maintenance of existing landscape necessary for fire protection.
 - Maintenance of existing landscape for soil erosion control.

- Maintenance of plant materials identified to be rare or essential to the well-being of protected species.
 - Actively irrigated environmental mitigation projects.
 - Maintenance of vegetation, including fruit trees and shrubs, intended for consumption.
- Note: Maintenance of landscape for the purposes listed above should be done with drip or in-line irrigation systems, wherever feasible.
- Increasing the frequency or duration of irrigation run times to offset the above restrictions on the number of days of allowable irrigation is contrary to the purpose of this Ordinance and is therefore prohibited.

- (3) Use of water for lawn or garden watering, or any other landscape irrigation, in a manner which results in excessive ponding, flooding, and excessive runoff in gutters or other waterways, patios, driveways, walks or streets. Incidental runoff that results in water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas or structures is also prohibited. Every customer is deemed to have their water system under control at all times, to understand the manner and extent of the system's water use and run-off, and employ all available means to irrigate efficiently and within the requirements of this Ordinance;
- (4) Use of water for washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts or other hard-surfaced areas by direct hosing, except as may be necessary to protect public health and safety;
- (5) Use of hoses for any purpose, including washing cars, boats, trailers or other vehicles and machinery, without a quick-acting positive shutoff nozzle and which result in excessive ponding, flooding, and excessive runoff in gutters or other waterways, patios, driveways, walks or streets;
- (6) The use of water for cleaning building or mobile home exteriors, including windows, except for the preparation of such exterior surfaces for the purpose of repair or repainting (only allowed with the use of a pressurized washing device equipped with a quick-acting positive shutoff nozzle);
- (7) The draining and refilling of all existing swimming pools, except for protection of public health and safety;
- (8) Use of single pass cooling systems in new (non-residential) connections;
- (9) Use of non-recirculating systems in new conveyer car wash and commercial laundry systems;
- (10) Use of decorative water fountains';
- (11) Leaks and breaks within the customers' plumbing must be fixed seventy-two (72) hours after the customer discovers the break or leak or receives notice from the District, or as a minimum, must be addressed to stop the flow of water from such break or leak;

Depending on the continued severity of the drought and water shortage emergency, the District may update this Ordinance to impose additional water use prohibitions as conditions warrant. Any updates to this Ordinance will be adopted pursuant to the District's authority under Sections 350 et seq., 365 et seq., and 31026 et seq. of the California Water Code.

(b) Enforcement of Restrictions.

- (1) First Written Warning: If the District determines that a customer is using water in violation of this Ordinance, the District will send a written warning to the customer. The warning will list the name and address of the person on the account where the violation is occurring, identify the wasteful use of water that violates the mandatory restrictions on water use, request that the customer stop such wasteful use, inform the customer about the process for applying for an exception from the requirements of this Ordinance, and inform the customer that failure to comply with this Ordinance may result in the termination of service.
- (2) On-site Notification: The District may, after issuing a written warning, and if the customer does not request an exception, investigate, either through a follow-up visit or other means, in order to ascertain whether wasteful use of water is still occurring. In the event that continued waste of water that violates the mandatory restrictions on water use is identified or observed, and no exception has been granted, the District will make reasonable efforts to notify, on the phone or in person, an adult residing at the property if a residential account or an adult working on the property if a non-residential account, and will issue a second written warning by on-site notification of wasteful water use and the customer will be charged the field service visit charge established in the District's Rate and Fee Schedule. This second written warning will include all the information included in the first written warning and will be hand delivered to an adult on the premises or posted on the premises.
- (3) Termination of Water Service: In the event that District personnel identify or observe continued waste of water that violates the mandatory restrictions on water use occurring at a customer's premises more than 48 hours after the on-site notification, and the customer has not requested an exception, it shall be deemed to be a willful violation of the mandatory restrictions on water use, and the General Manager may authorize termination of water service. Flow restrictors may be installed where termination of water service is not feasible. The customer will be charged applicable fees established in the District's Rate and Fee Schedule".
- (4) Restoring Water Service: The customer must have stopped the wasteful use of water and have paid all charges owed to the District under this Ordinance before the District will restore full water service. The customer will be charged applicable fees established in the District's Rate and Fee Schedule".
- *The applicable fees charged to the customer will be as established in the District's Rate and Fee Schedule in effect at the time the charge is incurred, as the Rate and Fee Schedule may be amended by the District.

(c) Violation is a Misdemeanor.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 31029, use of water in violation of the restrictions on water use set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 30 days, or by a fine not exceeding \$600, or both.

(d) Further Prohibitions.

It is unlawful to remove, replace, alter, or damage any water meter or components thereof, including but not limited to the meter face, its dials or other water usage indicators and any flow restricting device installed pursuant to this Ordinance, and any such actions will be deemed the theft of water and is a misdemeanor under California Penal Code Section 498.

SECTION 5. WATER USE GUIDELINES.
During the water shortage emergency condition, customers are urged to adhere to the following guidelines to conserve the limited water supply available:(1) Use water for beneficial purposes in a manner which minimizes the use of water.

- (2) Look for leaks and repair them as soon as possible.
- (3) Replace older inefficient and high volume/high flow plumbing fixtures (e.g., toilets, showerheads, faucets, clothes washers) with newer, water-efficient models.
- (4) Reduce indoor water use by taking the following actions:
- a. Turn off the tap while brushing teeth, shaving, and washing hands
 - b. Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only
 - c. Take shorter showers
 - d. Reduce unnecessary toilet flushes
 - e. Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator
 - f. Collect your shower warm up water and use it to flush your toilet
 - g. Turn off water when washing your hair or body
- (5) Reduce outdoor water use by taking the following actions:
- a. Install a rain barrel and use collected water for landscape irrigation
 - b. Remove lawn and install low water use plants instead
 - c. Use water collected from indoor uses, such as shower warm up water or water used to rinse vegetables, for plants
 - d. Wash cars at a commercial car wash that recycles water
 - e. Put compost and mulch around your plants to reduce soil evaporation
- (6) Landscape Irrigation Guidelines:
- a. Irrigate early in the morning (before 10:00 a.m.), to minimize evaporation.
 - b. Installation of new landscaping should utilize best known irrigation and horticultural practices for efficient water use.
 - c. Existing irrigation systems should be evaluated and repaired to minimize leaks and evaporation and increase water use efficiency.
 - d. Water used outdoors should be prioritized for trees. Watering trees gradually but deeply will ensure they survive. Trees are best watered by hand or using a drip irrigation system.
 - e. Use of drought tolerant plant species wherever possible when replacing or renovating existing landscapes and at all new landscape installations. Installation of non-drought tolerant landscaping, including turf, should be avoided.
 - f. Use non-potable water from rainwater capture and/or graywater systems for landscape irrigation where possible. Graywater should not be used in vegetable gardens on root crops that will be consumed as food or in areas where edible parts of plants touch the ground surface. Regulations for the design and construction of graywater systems can be found in Chapter 15 of the California Plumbing Code. Check for requirements at city permitting departments. Learn more at acwd.org/graywater.
- (7) Use non-potable water for construction purposes when it is appropriate and available. If reclaimed water is used, the proposed conditions of use must meet the requirements of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- (8) Non-residential customers should utilize process water systems which recycle water when possible.
- (9) Restaurants should serve water to customers only when requested.
- (10) Hotels should provide guests with an option of choosing not to have towels and linens changed and laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.

SECTION 6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR EXCEPTIONS.
Consideration of applications for exceptions regarding the mandatory restrictions on water use set forth in Section 4 shall be as follows:

- (a) A customer may submit a written application or electronic form for an exception to the mandatory restrictions on water use to the District's Drought Management Team. The application must be on the District's form and must include the customer name, account number(s), if applicable, a description of the proposed water use and estimated duration and quantity of water use (e.g., gallons per day), and a description of the reason an exception is requested.

- (b) The Drought Management Team will consider each application for an exception to the mandatory restrictions on water use based on the criteria established, within the District's form, for residential and non-residential customers. If the criteria are satisfied, the Drought Management Team may grant exceptions for reasons that include benefits of the excepted water use, need of water use, potential adverse economic impacts, implementation complexities and issues, and mitigation measures and offsets.

- (c) A customer may appeal a denial of an application by submitting a written or electronic appeal to the General Manager on the District's form and include the reasons why the customer disagrees with the denial.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION FROM CEQA.
The District Board of Directors finds that the actions taken in this Ordinance are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 because they are immediate actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, as described in section 15269(c), and to assume the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource, as described in section 15307, of the Guidelines promulgated under said Act.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.
If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, that holding will not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF ORDINANCE.
The Board of Directors direct that a summary of this Ordinance be published in *The Tri-City Voice* and *The Argus*, and that a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance be posted in the Office of the District and on the District's website within ten days from the date this Ordinance is adopted. The posted Ordinance shall identify how each Director voted on this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2021, by the following vote:
AYES: Directors Weed, Gunther, Huang, Sethy, and Akbari
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Aziz Akbari, President
Board of Directors
Alameda County Water District

ATTEST:
FORM:
Gina Markou, District Secretary
Alameda County Water District

APPROVED AS TO
Patrick T. Miyaki, General Counsel
Alameda County Water District

PUBLIC NOTICES

2022-2025 SOCIAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Para información en español, por favor llame a Guadalupe Gonzalez a (510) 574-2087.
若您需要中文的訊息，請撥510-574-2046與翁于慈聯絡。謝謝。

The City of Fremont will award approximately \$783,000 in Social Service grant funds to non-profit organizations in FY 2022-2025 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025). The grants are awarded on a three-year funding cycle. Agencies funded through this Request for Proposals (RFP) process will receive funding for FY 2022-2023. These agencies will also receive funding in FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025, pending availability of funds, satisfactory mid-year evaluations, Senior Citizen Commission or Human Relations Commission recommendations and City Council approval. RFP materials will be available via ZoomGrants at <https://www.fremont.gov/257/Social-Services-Grant-Program>

The following types of proposals may be funded with Social Service funds:

Crises Intervention Services	Basic Needs Services	Strengthening Services
Services that help people who are in crises and in immediate risk of losing their independence.	Services that help people with the fewest resources and who are most in need.	Services that are designed to foster independence and/or prevent people from needing services in the future.
Service Examples: Counseling, family mental health, domestic violence, sexual assault, youth criminal justice, substance abuse treatment	Service Examples: Food, housing, preventative health care	Service Examples: Health monitoring, child care, citizenship/refugee assistance, job training, legal assistance, transportation

Note: The service types shown under each category are only examples and are not exclusive or limiting.

The City of Fremont will hold a virtual RFP Overview for all agencies interested in submitting funding proposals. City Staff will review the RFP, the proposal timeline, criteria used to evaluate proposals and answer questions. **Please RSVP for the Overview by Wednesday, December 15, 2021 to Shanti Jeyakumar at sjeyakumar@fremont.gov.** The Zoom link will be provided to agencies who RSVP for the Overview. The Overview is not mandatory.

Virtual RFP Overview:

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Please note the following important dates:

- Friday, December 10, 2021** - RFP materials available via ZoomGrants at <https://www.fremont.gov/257/Social-Services-Grant-Program>
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 2:00 p.m.** – Deadline to RSVP for RFP Overview to Shanti Jeyakumar at sjeyakumar@fremont.gov
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021** – Virtual RFP Overview
- Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (5:00 PM PST)** – Deadline to submit pre-application via ZoomGrants
- Friday, January 28, 2022 (5:00PM PST)** – Deadline to submit completed proposals via ZoomGrants. Proposals must include complete and accurate responses to all sections. No changes or additions will be accepted after the submission deadline. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

The Human Relations Commission and the Senior Citizen Commission will review proposals in February and March 2022, depending on target population. Commissioners will make funding recommendations to the Fremont City Council. The City Council will review these recommendations and make their final funding decisions in May 2022.

For more information, contact Guadalupe Gonzalez at ggonzalez@fremont.gov, Leticia Leyva at lleyva@fremont.gov, or Shanti Jeyakumar at sjeyakumar@fremont.gov

CNSB#3536629

**Wednesday
DEC 15TH
2021**

Community participation is available via Zoom on
December 15, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81632001022>

You may join the Committee Meeting via Zoom by calling
1-669-900-6833 and entering access code 816 3200 1022.
Dial *9 to raise your hand when you wish to speak, and
dial *6 to unmute when you are requested to speak.

Questions? Contact the District Secretary's Office at
(510) 464-6080 or by email at Redistricting@bart.gov.

For more Redistricting information please visit us on the
BART website at www.bart.gov.

BART provides service/accommodations upon request to persons with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient who wish to address Committee matters. A request must be made within one and five days in advance of Board/Committee meetings, depending on the service requested. Please contact the Office of the District Secretary at (510) 464-6083 for information.

CNSB#3536963

SAVE THE DATE!

BART Invites The Community To Provide Input
On The Redistricting Of It's Nine BART Districts.



BART has rolled out an interactive mapping tool to enable public input for redistricting. Residents can create and share a Community of Interest or draft Board of Director Districts. Visit www.bart.gov to try out this feature!

CIVIL

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21-CV-003383

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: NISAR AHMAD for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Pettitioner NISAR AHMAD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
NISAR AHMAD TO NISAR AHMAD AHMADI
FNU MADINA TO MADINA AHMADI
FNU MASHIHA TO MASHIHA AHMADI
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.

Office of Hearing:
Date: 01/12/2022, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: WHAT'S HAPPENING TRI CITY VOICE
Date: DECEMBER 2, 2021
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4/22

CNS-353624#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584607

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MINIVOLLEY CORPORATION, 12 SNYDER WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MINIVOLLEY CORPORATION, 12 SNYDER WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ MINIVOLLEY CORPORATION, DAT HABA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 30, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4/22

CNS-3537102#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584682

Fictitious Business Name(s):
SHOP SHEET, 350 MAIN ST., STE H 10,

PLEASANTON, CA 94566, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
JOY PRATT, 2063 MAIN ST #307, OAKLEY, CA 94561
IMRAN ABBASS, 1171 FRUITWOOD CT., TRACY, CA 95376
Business conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-1-2021
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ JOY PRATT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DEC 01, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4/22

CNS-3535856#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584360

Fictitious Business Name(s):
NEW LIFE SKILLS CENTER / FAYETH GARDENS, 25391 CAMPUS DR., HAYWARD, CA 94542, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 924, SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577
Registrant(s):
VELDA GOE, 25391 CAMPUS DR., HAYWARD, CA 94542
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ VELDA GOE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 12, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-3535154#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584478

Fictitious Business Name(s):
TMT WOODS, 39257 MARBELLA TERRAZA, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MELISSA AIMEE OH, 39257 MARBELLA TERRAZA, FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ MELISSA OH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 22, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-3535153#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584465

Fictitious Business Name(s):
PUTT DQ CONSULTING, 4372 NAGLE WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
BRIAN HOLLIS PUTT, 4372 NAGLE WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on SEPTEMBER 2021
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ BRIAN HOLLIS PUTT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 29, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-3535149#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584448

Fictitious Business Name(s):
AURA K-BEAUTY SALON LLC, 47644 BANNON CT., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
AURA K-BEAUTY SALON LLC, 47644 BANNON CT., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ KU CHI WONG

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 18, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-3532490#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584310

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MAGICAL BOX BAKERY, 36655 MAGNOLIA ST., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
HEATHER DRISCOLL, 36655 MAGNOLIA ST., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ HEATHER DRISCOLL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 10, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-3532480#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583949

Fictitious Business Name(s):
1. FLY AIR TRAVEL 2. A SPIRIT EVENT, 151 ESTRELLA RD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
NIRAV GHUNCHALA, 151 ESTRELLA RD., FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on OCT 16 / 8/19/12
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ NIRAN GHUNCHALA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 26, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3531888#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584253

Fictitious Business Name(s):
AD EXPRESS, 20475 WISTERIA ST. APT 18, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
AMANJEET SINGH, 20475 WISTERIA ST. APT 18, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3-21-2021
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ AMANJEET SINGH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 08, 2021
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3531476#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584322

Fictitious Business Name(s):
GOLDEN STATE TOWING A TRANSPORT, 3454 ROCKETT DR., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 37139 DENNING TERRACE #198, FREMONT, CA 94536
Registrant(s):
GOLDEN STATE TOWING A TRANSPORT LLC, 3454 ROCKETT DR., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09-16-2021
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ SAAD R. AMIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 12, 2021
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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3530606#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584244

Fictitious Business Name(s):
PACIFIC COAST CREATIONS, 6154 BENNINGTON DR., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MARY ELIZABETH BRADFORD, 6154 BENNINGTON DR., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ MARY ELIZABETH BRADFORD
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 08, 2021
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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3530604#

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Union Sanitary District in their office located at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, CA 94587-2508, at any time prior to 11:00:00 a.m. local time on January 13, 2022, or furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the construction of improvements designated as:

- Irvington Basin Reinforced Concrete Pipe Rehabilitation Project
- Project No. 800-551
- The project consists of the following:
 - Rehabilitation of approximately 150 linear feet of existing 18-inch diameter cast iron pipe by CIPP method, which consists of three (3) 50 linear feet siphons.
 - Rehabilitation of approximately 2,030 linear feet of existing 33-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
 - Rehabilitation of approximately 2,760 linear feet of existing 36-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
 - Rehabilitation of approximately 1,040 linear feet of existing 39-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
 - Rehabilitation of approximately 1,050 linear feet of existing 42-inch diameter VCP by CIPP method.
 - Rehabilitation of approximately 540 linear feet of existing 48-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
 - Sewage flow control.
 - Installation and maintenance of facilities as required for traffic control.
 - Pavement removal, including saw cutting and cold milling, as required.
 - Excavation and backfilling of excavations.
 - Sheeting, shoring, and bracing support of adjoining ground, where necessary.
 - Handling drainage and groundwater removal.
 - Handling, stockpiling, sampling, and testing of contaminated soil and groundwater.
 - Unloading, loading, hauling, distributing, preparing, installing, curing, and testing the cured-in-place pipe.
 - Lateral Reinstatement
 - Manhole rehabilitation.
 - Surface Restoration.

The successful bidder will have two hundred and ninety (290) calendar days to complete the Project from the Notice to Proceed regardless of whether or not any bid or all alternates are selected by the District.

The Engineer's Estimate for this Project is \$3,963,000 for the base bid and \$5,662,000 total including the two and two bid alternates.

Prebid Conference
A non-mandatory virtual prebid conference call will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time on December 21, 2021.

Instructions on how to join the prebid conference are as follows:

To attend the prebid conference by web browser, use the Zoom link below for video and audio:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85448219715>

To attend the pre-bid conference by phone:
Call: 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247

Webinar ID: 854 4821 9715#

Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared on said day and hour, and will be referred to the District Board of Directors for subsequent action. The bid opening will be web casted on the internet starting at 1:30 a.m. local time. Instructions on how to join the bid opening are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87860892898>

To attend the bid opening by phone:
Call 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247

Webinar ID: 878 6089 2898#

A site visit prior to bidding is not mandatory for bidders to be qualified to bid on the project.

Prebid photos and videos of the Site of Work as described in the Contract Documents are available to download and view at the hyperlink below:

<https://www.unionsanitary.ca.gov/about-us/usd-construction-projects/prebid-photos-and-videos>

Under California Laws and Regulations, the District shall inform all prime contractors of public works, to the extent feasible of relevant public work requirements as listed in Section 00010 of the Contract Documents.

All bidders shall consider and incorporate measures to ensure compliance with all applicable state and county health orders, including but not limited to Alameda County Health Order No. 20-14a, as may be updated from time to time (County Health Order), and the Construction Project Safety Protocols in Appendix B to the County Health Order. Among other things, compliance shall include but is not limited to the designation of a site-specific COVID-19 officer or supervisor, daily screening protocols, the implementation of social distancing, the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and requirement to

PUBLIC NOTICES

CASE NO. RP21112387
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SARA SALCIDO ACUNA AKA SARA S. ACUNA AKA SARA S. BEVACQUA
AN AMENDED Petition for Probate has been filed by GLORIA ACUNA in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The AMENDED Petition for Probate requests that GLORIA ACUNA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The AMENDED Petition requests the decedent's LOST 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 AMENDED 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 in this court on 01/06/2022 at 2:00 P.M. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE:The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.
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: GLORIA ACUNA, 39676 BRUNING STREET, FREMONT, CA 94538, Telephone: 510-490-5334 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LISA MARIE MERRELL CASE NO. RP21116890
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LISA MARIE MERRELL
A Petition for Probate has been filed by ARON MERRELL in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that ARON MERRELL 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 in this court on 12/22/2021 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.
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Attorney for Petitioner: CARON CALABRESE, 105 WEST F STREET, SUITE 213, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101, Telephone: 858-598-5552 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/21
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-18-809353-RY Order No.: 180095363-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/20/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): GERARDO GRANADOS AND LETICIA GRANADOS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS. Recorded: 7/20/2006. Instrument No. 2006291051 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of ALAMEDA County, California; Date of Sale: 1/20/2022 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$918,142.92 The purported property address is: 41669 GIFFORD ST, FREMONT, CA 94538 Assessor's Parcel No.: 525-1116-013 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the

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Newsom pens children’s book about dyslexia

BY ADAM BEAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California Gov. Gavin Newsom still can't spell the word “dress.” He can't read aloud from a piece of paper in public. That's why his speeches are long, mostly from memory and sprinkled with some awkward moments when his words bump into each other.

Newsom accepts these challenges as part of his dyslexia -- a common learning disability that makes it harder for him to read and do many things related to reading. He's had dyslexia for most of his life, but it came into sharper focus for him recently after watching some of his own children fall behind in reading.

That prompted him to search for picture books about dyslexia to use with his kids. But he was surprised when he did not find many. So, he wrote one.

“Ben & Emma's Big Hit,” published by Philomel books, came out Tuesday, Dec. 7. The book tells the story of a young boy named Ben who uses baseball to cope with his dyslexia, along with the help from a caring teacher and a friend.

The book is presented as a bridge to help some children with dyslexia understand why it's harder for them to read. But beyond that, it's a semi-autobiographical account of Newsom's childhood that offers a glimpse of what shaped his personality and his politics.

“It doesn't go away. I'm dealing with this every day,” Newsom said in an interview with The Associated Press. “So many folks (with dyslexia) do give up, and that has tragic consequences. And others that don't (give up) start to discover that this is the greatest gift in their life and they can't imagine a life without it. That's really been my experience.”

Newsom, a Democrat, left California on December 6 to kick off a book tour in New York with interviews at national media outlets. He has pledged to donate all proceeds from the book to the International Dyslexia Association.

Newsom said his dyslexia caused him to make a lot of mistakes in school that isolated him and made him feel anxious about reading. He said he often pretended to be sick to get out of reading in class. But over time, Newsom said making mistakes made him resilient, which he said has become a useful tool in the world of politics.

“The problem is, we're in a racket, where anytime I make a mistake, man it's all over the AP. And that's hard, right? And that's why we're cautious. But in that caution, perhaps, is the biggest mistake in politics and why people can't stand (politicians) anymore,” Newsom said.

But Newsom said people with dyslexia are “experts in mistakes,” adding that “We're like pros.”

Newsom didn't learn he was dyslexic until he was 10, when he discovered some medical evaluations about him in his mother's room. His mother, who was single and worked multiple jobs to support him and his sister, had kept the diagnosis from him in an effort to protect him.

But Newsom said learning that he had the disability was a relief because he realized why he had been struggling in school and that it had nothing to do with his intelligence. The discovery taught him to overcompensate for his flaws -- something he says he still does.

Newsom said he can't read and understand anything without making notes, including underlining, circling and putting stars next to words. But that makes it hard to read speeches in public, so he compensated by developing his memory. His annual news conference announcing his state budget proposal often lasts for more than two hours as Newsom, without notes, recites facts and figures he has painstakingly memorized.

“You could ask me any budget number from last year -- public education, \$123.9 billion,” Newsom said. “I have to be right because I have to overcompensate because I'm so often wrong. And so, you just you learn you have to do more. You have to be more; you have to work harder. You have to, in order to compete.”

The book -- printed in a special font designed to help dyslexic people read it more easily -- has a baseball theme because, as a kid, Newsom said his self-esteem strengthened on the baseball diamond, where he saw the field of play better than words written on pages.

Newsom was good enough to get a partial baseball scholarship to Santa Clara University. He didn't play much, but it allowed him to get a four-year degree, which Newsom said changed his life. After graduation, he founded a winery that grew to include a number of restaurants, wineries and retail stores before entering politics.

Now 54 with four young children, Newsom said he's seeing dyslexia from a new parental perspective and that it has given him a deeper appreciation for his mother, Tessa Newsom.

She died in 2002 and there is a subtle homage to her in the book. One scene takes place in the hallway of the school. Above the door is the room number “5902,” which corresponds to May 9, 2002, the day Newsom's mother died.

“It's the one thing I never, you know, was able to express to her is a deep appreciation for what she did for me and how much she sacrificed and how hard that must have been for her,” he said. “That's what this book is about. It's about authenticity. It's about marching down your own path. It's about making mistakes. It's about not fearing failure.”

Meet Moxi, the robot helping nurses

THE ROBOT REPORT

BY BRIANNA WESSLING

When walking through the halls of Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, you might run into a pair of Moxis, white autonomous mobile robots with light up, heart-shaped eyes.

Moxi is tasked with helping nurses do time consuming but simple tasks, so they can have more time to do more complicated tasks. Nurses at Cedars Sinai use Moxi to run prescriptions, deliver lab samples and even bring patients gifts from the gift shop.

“The intent is really to take basic tasks away from frontline healthcare workers so that they can focus on taking care of our patients,” said David Marshall, JD, DNP, RN, senior vice president, chief nursing executive and chair of the department of nursing at Cedars-Sinai. “We’ve already seen a significant improvement on time and steps saved. We’re tracking the turnaround times that Moxi takes to do a task, which is currently running less than 30 minutes, which is great.”

Moxi was created by Diligent Robotics, which was founded in 2017, and has been working on Moxi since.

Moxi was first brought to Cedars Sinai in September 2021 and in just its first six weeks, it saved 300 miles of walking for nurses. Moxi works all hours of the day. “We love Moxi,” said Melanie Barone, RN, associate nursing director. “I think it’s important to have Moxi present because they not only provide an opportunity to improve workflows and be more efficient, but they’re a fun thing to see around the halls. They feel very future forward.”

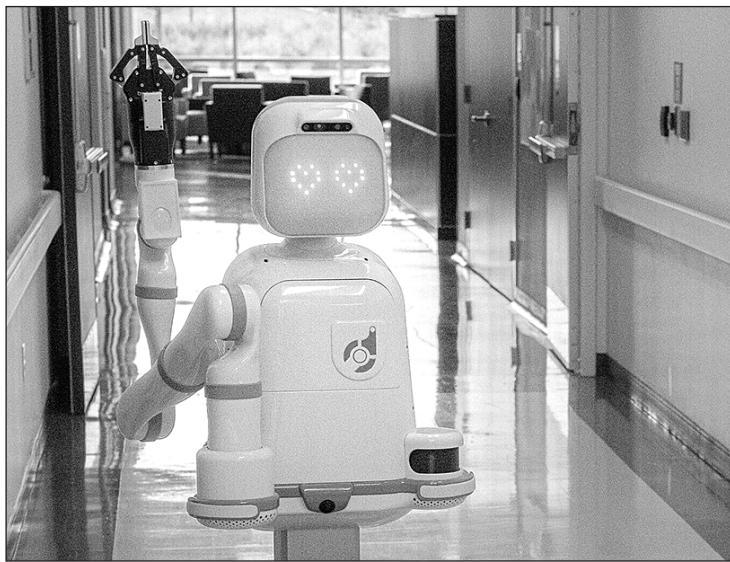
To call on Moxi, nurses can simply text or call from a hospital issued phone. The robot will respond within five minutes with a status update and an estimated arrival time.

While Moxi was created to make hospitals more efficient, it also aims to improve morale. Moxi uses artificial intelligence, machine learning technology and social engineering to interact with people. Moxi waves when it sees someone new, and even poses for selfies.

“It’s nice to say hi and see it wave and watch it keep going down the hallway no matter where you are,” Barone said. “It’s that little connection. Even though it’s a robot you still get that feeling of, you’re my friend, you’re my helper. Let’s work together.”

Moxi can be implemented into a hospital in just weeks. It charges itself automatically, and can navigate elevators, security doors and automatic doors.

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Moxi, a helper robot created by Diligent Robotics, can perform time consuming tasks for nurses.



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3rd Place - Becket Drive home
Best Use of Inflatables - Ruth Way home
Best Themed Decorations - Ithaca Street home

Those selected will receive a "Best Home for the
Holidays 2021" sign to display for the rest of the
holidays.

Union City Recreation Department has released
a suggested driving route for those who want to
admire the most notable displays around the city.
Start at Civic Center, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road.

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7. Meridien Circle
8. Ruth Way
9. Goshen Street
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11. Santa Maria Drive

Thank you to all who participated!

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1st Place Winner, Richter Family home on Palmetto Drive



2nd Place, on Valiant Way



3rd Place, on Becket Drive