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## The Fremont Nutcracker Is Back!

SUBMITTED BY DAVID SLOSS

Once again Fremont Opera and Yoko's Academy of Dance & Performing Arts are joining forces to present Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet." Since 2005, this annual Nutcracker has been a much-loved and anticipated community event in Fremont. Presented at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts at Ohlone College on December 9 and 10, this lavishly staged and costumed production features a cast of 100 children of all ages, from the youngest beginners to the most advanced and talented young adults.

Dancers from Yoko's Academy win prizes in national competitions year after year, and have performed in Japan, at the Super Bowl, and in London at the Olympics. A number of celebrities from the Fremont area, including Fremont Mayor Lily Mei and City Council

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Yoko's Dance & Performing Arts Academy

## Crippsmas Place: Holiday Family Fun

SUBMITTED BY KATE AMON

Crippsmas Place returns this December, featuring a cheerful neighborhood holiday display of Christmas lights and unique decorative lawn displays across 70 houses in north Fremont. Visitors to streets around Cripps Place will be treated to the multi-street festive scenery. Decorations will be up by Saturday, December 9, and lit in the evenings through New Year's Eve.

Starting Saturday December 9, through Wednesday December 28, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. every evening, volunteers will be handing out candy canes at the end of Wellington Place. Visitors can hand cash donations to the volunteers handing out candy canes, or donate online anytime at

www.CrippsmasPlace.org. Donations support six local charities and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be with us from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for five evenings: December 10, 11, 17, 18 and 19. We ask that visitors who want to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus to please wear face masks.

### NEW FOR 2023:

The Mission Peak Chamber Singers will perform for the first time ever at Crippsmas Place on Sunday, December 17!

Crippsmas Place 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

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## 9 Foot Graffiti Menorah Brings the Community Together to Celebrate Chanukah



2022's Menorah was made of ice!

SUBMITTED BY CHAYA FUSS

Chabad of Fremont will host its 11th Annual "Chanukah Lighting" at Fremont Downtown Event Center on Sunday, December 10 starting at 4:30 p.m. on the fourth night of the eight-day Festival of Lights. This event brings together hundreds of people from all walks of life to celebrate the universal messages of freedom and light.

Local dignitaries and City officials will be in attendance, and the event will feature the live creation of a "Graffiti Menorah" by local Artist

Regis Danon. Complimentary Chanukah Donuts and Holiday Treats will be served and Gatsby Entertainment, and DJ Chanukah Music will keep the night fun. The event will also feature a Children's Choir, Craft Corner, and special welcome packages for the first 300 attendees.

The public Chanukah celebration is being heralded as a response to the worrisome rise in anti-Semitic rhetoric online and in person. "Our response to hatred of any kind must never be to cower or hide our faith," said Rabbi Moshe Fuss.

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# Make Wellness Part of Your Holiday Preparation

Maintaining a healthy weight during the holidays doesn't mean skipping the fun foods.

There are many things to celebrate this holiday season, and good health is high on a lot of people's lists. But eating right and getting enough exercise can be challenging at this time of year. It is natural to want to treat yourself to the season's special offerings, and everyone has their favorites. Whether it is fudge, gingerbread cookies, or seasonal lattes, the calories from treats can add up fast.

"A healthy goal for most people is to maintain your current weight over the holidays," says Thomas Collins-Pallet, MD, a family medicine specialist with Washington Township Medical Foundation who is also board certified in obesity medicine. "It is important to be realistic. At this time of year, trying to lose weight may not be practical."

For maintaining weight, Dr. Collins-Pallet says that exercise is key. "I tell my patients to make sure that they continue their exercise routines throughout the holidays to help them avoid gaining weight."

Even if you do not work out regularly, there are lots of ways to fit in physical

activity. Dr. Collins-Pallet encourages his patients to engage in a range of non-exercise physical activities to improve their metabolism—which is the rate at which a person burns calories. The medical term for this type of energy expenditure is non-exercise activity thermogenesis (NEAT). Everyday exertions like climbing stairs, walking, and even yardwork all contribute to NEAT. "Non-exercise activity thermogenesis can happen when we mow the lawn or walk around a mall. These commonplace activities can contribute to burning calories and maintaining weight," he says.

"Try to incorporate physical pursuits into the time you spend with family and friends. Activities like walks together can build memories just like holiday meals," says Dr. Collins-Pallet. "For myself, being around people I care about is the best thing about the season's festivities."

Dr. Collins-Pallet offers these simple suggestions for enjoying the holidays without overeating:

**Be mindful and slow down:** When you are eating, try to be aware of when



Holiday parties with wonderful foods do not have to be the enemy of your wellness plan.

you start to feel full. I tell my patients to stop eating before they are full. You should aim to feel 70 or 80 percent satisfied. Twenty minutes later, you may find that you have actually had enough. But if after waiting you still feel hungry, you can eat a little bit more.

**Plan ahead and make a budget for foods higher in calories:** No food or drinks should be entirely off-limits for calorie reasons. The trick is to keep your portions small for dishes that are highest in calories. Before a meal starts, make a plan that includes eating plenty of low-calorie vegetables to fill you up. If you are less hungry, you will be better able to manage what you eat during the rest of the meal. The advice I give to my patients is to have an alcohol budget that they decide on in advance. Alcohol is high in calories and drinking too much can diminish your resolve to stick to your eating plan. Usually, two drinks is a good budget, but it depends on the person.

**Drink plenty of water and get enough sleep:** Staying hydrated and getting enough sleep are always good for your health. Sometimes thirst can be mistaken for hunger, and coupled with alcohol can lead to overindulging. Being tired can make it harder to manage your blood sugar. The CDC warns that when

you are sleep deprived, you crave foods that are higher in fat and sugar.

**Make time to exercise:** The holidays can be stressful for some, and stress can contribute to overeating. Exercise reduces stress and burns calories. Dr. Collins-Pallet urges people to partake in any activity that gets them moving such as dancing, caroling, or walking through decorated neighborhoods.

The good news is by planning ahead, being mindful of portion size, budgeting alcohol and sweets, and engaging in physical activities, you can keep from gaining weight. But, if you do put on a pound or two over the holidays, Dr. Collins-Pallet says, "Don't stress out about it. Keep the big picture in mind. The holidays should be about enjoying yourself and being with people you care about. You can work on taking off the extra weight in the months that follow—but be sure you do!"

For more information about Family Medicine practitioner, Dr. Collins-Pallet, MD visit [www.myWTMF.com](http://www.myWTMF.com) and search Find a Physician. The CDC website, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) provides additional resources about meal planning and calorie control under the Healthy Eating for a Healthy Weight section.

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**Is Continuous Glucose Monitor Right for You?**  
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**Pregnancy After Age 35**  
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**Pregnancy After Age 35**  
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**Holiday Anxiety: How to Beat the Blues**  
Seema Sehgal, MD Psychiatry

**Holiday Anxiety: How to Beat the Blues**  
**Monday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.**  
The holiday season can be a time of joy and celebrations, and it can also be a time of stress, anxiety and depression. Along with Dr. Seema Sehgal, let's explore how to cope with the various mental health challenges during the upcoming holidays.

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## Blue Christmas: Dealing with grief during the holidays

In the Western Christian tradition, Blue Christmas is the longest night of the year. For some, that longest night is a metaphor for the entire holiday season, where stress leads to feelings of sadness and depression—the “Christmas blues.” For people dealing with the loss of a loved one, the Christmas blues can replace the joy they formerly felt during this special time of year.

This is how Donna, a retired registered nurse, describes her feelings toward Christmas this year. Donna’s husband passed away this summer following a long illness. As his primary caregiver for more than a decade, Donna knew his prognosis, but wasn’t prepared for how she felt after his death. She’s grappling with feelings of loss and loneliness.

It’s been 10 years since Sarah’s grandmother passed away, but her sense of loss is still sharp. She tries to keep up traditions her grandmother started when Sarah was a little girl, but it’s hard to maintain the façade and she frequently finds herself in tears as Christmas draws near.

Both Donna and Sarah are experiencing grief, the reaction to loss. Like snowflakes, no one experiences grief in the same way because each relationship is unique.

J.B. Goodier, MDiv, Spiritual Care coordinator and clinical chaplain at Washington Hospital Healthcare System,

says this scenario plays out literally everywhere during the six-week holiday period. “When a loved one dies, everything changes,” he said. “The feeling of “home” is completely different. It’s difficult to navigate under the best of circumstances, and during the holidays there are so many reminders of joy, festivity and family.”

### Redefining Self

People who have suffered loss are not only grieving the loss of their loved ones, but also a loss of self-identity, particularly if they’ve been a caregiver for their loved one. “Caregiving becomes your identity, and when your loved one dies, so does that identity,” Goodier explained. “Part of us died with our loved one and we need to reconcile ourselves to a new identity.”

Goodier has been leading a grief support group for the past five years at WHHS. He shares his own experiences as he encourages group members to share theirs. It is important for those grieving a loss to reconcile themselves to a new “normal,” especially during times that might be very stressful, such as the holiday season.

One way to approach this is to change the old way of looking at things, beginning with familiar traditions. “Traditions will change,” Goodier said. “Acknowledge and accept that you may not be able to replicate Christmas or New Year’s the way

it was and give yourself permission to bow out, make new traditions or even get away.” In fact, Goodier said, you can skip the holidays altogether if it’s too much, as long as you don’t isolate. The important thing is to be with someone with whom you feel safe.

How do you accomplish this when your focus is on taking care of others left behind, tying up loose ends, cleaning out a loved one’s possessions or any number of other tasks? It’s not easy, Goodier admitted. “Allow yourself to grieve,” he said, “then use the holidays to renew your own resources and spirits.”

### Care for yourself first

People react to grief in different ways, but most typically exhibit a complex variety of symptoms. Physical symptoms can include fatigue, low energy, overeating or not eating, and tension or stress. Some run the gamut of emotions, while others suffer mentally or behaviorally. Many avoid situations that will arouse the grief response.

Many people, especially women, try to be strong for other family members so the holiday season isn’t sad. The whole family is then ignoring the elephant in the room—the loved one who is no longer there. Taking care of yourself first is a key component of getting through difficult and emotionally challenging situations. “When you’re dealing with loss and grief, you must be open and

*“When a loved one dies, everything changes. The feeling of ‘home’ is completely different.”*

*—J.B. Goodier,  
Spiritual Care  
Coordinator, WHHS.*

mindful to prioritize self-care above everything. You need to understand and be honest about your limits and make saying ‘no’ acceptable—set boundaries. You need to stand up to tradition, history and cultural expectations.”

For many, that will lead to creating new traditions and a new life without the lost loved one. “There will be a long period of re-creation and re-identification,” Goodier explained. “You will have to try new things and see how they work, then incorporate them into the new normal.”

But, Goodier noted, the new normal can and should include some of the old. You can include the lost loved one in family celebrations by making their favorite dish. Make an ornament for the tree and hang it with love. Share memories during family gatherings. “It may be very hard the first time you want to talk about the loved one who won’t be with you this year, but every time you do, you give yourself permission to remember the love outside of the grief,” Goodier said. “The idea is to remember and move on, not bury or forget the person who is gone. Everyone needs a safe place to express their emotions and be heard. We need to be able to touch in with our grief and also move away,” he continued. “Find a middle ground where you can acknowledge your loss and also remember the person who is no longer with you.”

For more information on WHHS’s Grief Support Group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one, please call 510.818.6569. If you know someone who may be struggling with loss this holiday season, consider reaching out. The mental health crisis line, 988, is available seven days a week.



## Virtual Health & Wellness

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Monday, Dec. 18  
11 a.m.

### Holiday Anxiety: How to Beat the Blues

While the holiday season is often a time for joy and celebration, it can also be a time of stress, anxiety and depression for many people. During this seminar, we will explore the various factors that can impact our mental health during the holiday season and strategies for coping with these challenges.



Seema Sehgal, MD  
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## Ruggieri Senior Center celebrates 25 Years

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

On Tuesday, November 28, the Ralph and Mary Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City held a gathering to celebrate 25 years of creating an active senior community. Union City mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci spoke on the history on the center, and volunteers were presented with certificates for their contributions. Rosa Ortega was chosen as the 2023 volunteer of the year—the first time this award has been given since 2020.



Rosa Ortega, 2023 volunteer of the year

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# Costco Opens Newark Location

BY ASOK CHATTERJEE, BUSINESS REPORTER

It was 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 18. A cold mist had not yet lifted from the Tri-City area. And there it was: a brand new spanking Costco Wholesale outlet opening its doors in Newark. As a part of the iconic NewPark Mall, too. It was an event a long time in coming, eagerly awaited by the residents of the Tri-City area. The presence of dignitaries such as the current and former Mayors of the City of Newark, and more importantly of throngs of would-be customers, were testaments to how well this store and its opening were received.

Costco is a membership driven warehouse club. With more than 800 locations, it is synonymous with unbeatable offerings of quality merchandise, plus the convenience of specialty departments and exclusive member services. With this legacy to protect and enhance, Costco's expansion plans are never routine. After having hugely successful stores all over the Bay Area, including in the East and South Bay, Costco was ready to scout for a new location somewhere between their

existing store locations in Hayward to the North and in Fremont to the South.

Newark seemed to be a good location, but needs for a new warehouse outlet came with a long list of "wants" and "good-to-have items." Costco started talking with the City of Newark as far back as in 2017. They made it clear from the very beginning that only a site large enough for all their needs was acceptable for consideration. The question was how to accommodate such a demand in a city like Newark that was already densely built out.

The City of Newark certainly wanted a Costco within its borders, but the challenge was to ensure Costco's needs could merge with the City's vision to make a vibrant, urban space, and most importantly, a vital economic engine for the City. With extensive discussions and planning, a new Costco Warehouse Outlet as a part of the NewPark Mall revitalization seemed to satisfy all parties. Plans for Costco as a part of NewPark Mall were unanimously approved by the City of Newark's Planning Council, and subsequently by the City Council. The proposal also garnered strong support from the Newark community.

Unanimous approval was not a simple process. Costco and the Mall owner



Photo by April Ramos

prepared a complete traffic study for the project. Two nearby off-ramps from I-880, namely Mowry and Stevenson, would distribute the traffic. The planners considered that the regular Mall traffic was expected to increase considerably during major holidays. The "ring road" around NewPark Mall would offer entry to ample surface parking and also a three-level parking structure.

Bigger picture planning considered the crucial aspect of Costco's expected impact on local businesses of Newark. Costco visitors would visit various other stores in the Mall, and vice versa. Increased vehicular and foot traffic would generate more activities for nearby local stores and small businesses. Local restaurants would get to enjoy more business because of increased locals and visitors in the

NewPark Mall neighborhood. In turn, local small business and restaurant owners would find it convenient to buy many of their needed provisions from the nearby Costco, saving them longer trips.

The Newark Costco is larger than either Hayward or Fremont stores. At 166,000 square feet and 36 gas pumps, it is increasing convenience for their customers with more in-store options.

"When we were approached by Costco, it was a unanimous decision to make their request a reality," said Mayor Mike Hannon. "We welcome their opening, and thank the entire Costco team and their new employees who are staffing this location."

Thanks for some details of the story go to: Anne Stedler Economic Development Manager, City of Newark.



Newark Costco Manager Jose Salas and Mayor Mike Hannon cutting ribbon, with Chair of Newark Chamber of Commerce Debbie Montes



Mayor Mike Hannon at extreme right; Retired Mayor Al Nagy 3rd from the left



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## Vehicular Homeless People near Middle School in Irvington

BY MONIKA LEE  
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At the Fremont Council meeting on November 14, Irvington residents passionately voiced concerns about people living in vehicles parked along Chapel Hill and Irvington Drive near John M. Horner Middle School. Many residents' comments at the meeting focused on their fears about the proximity of these vehicles to the school and its effects on their children. Irvington parent Sandia said "I take several walks around the area, and I personally have seen a lot of needles on the ground, and I've also seen the area sidewalks being impaired on certain days. So, it looks like certain things [are happening that] can mandate an action from the city like impairment of sidewalks and bike lanes... There should be a humanitarian approach, but the first priority is [the vehicular homeless] should not be around the schools. Can the city guarantee that my child or any child in that area won't be hurt.

There have been instances where children have been followed, where [the vehicular homeless] have tried to talk to the kids and intimidated them."

Some residents expressed fears about going outside their homes. Irvington resident Mahesh Nagamulla told the city council "We've been residing in Irvington area for more than 6 years. It was a pleasure living in that neighborhood with my family, but in recent years we no longer feel safe due to the presence of homeless people. These people are often high on drugs and chase people and cars and throw stuff. I live on Chapel Way, in front of Horner Junior High School. Due to the presence of the homeless people on the street and their debris it is extremely difficult to live, walk, or bike in that neighborhood. At times we wake up to these people screaming in the middle of the night and I've become too frightened to leave the house even during the day."

Public comments also included potential solutions. "There are

many rental RV [recreational vehicles] places in Fremont. Rent them, ask [the vehicular homeless] to move into these RV places," proposed Selline Maston to the city council. "If there is a money issue we will raise the money, but move these RVs out where people's lives are at stake. If something happens than all of us including all of you will be responsible."

Overall, homelessness in Fremont has increased substantially in recent years, with the latest Homelessness Point in Time (PIT) count indicating unhoused individuals in Fremont rose from 608 in 2019 to 1,026 in 2022. During that same period, unsheltered residents living in RVs has risen from 143 in 2019 to 262 in 2022. On

February 16, 2021, city staff presented to City Council a three-prong "Safe Parking Strategy" that proposed (1) allowing safe parking at host sites, (2) meeting people where they are parked with managed street parking zones, and (3) developing a City-owned or leased safe parking site. At the meeting, Councilmember Jenny Kassen commented on this parking strategy, "It makes me sad that we stalled out on the three-prong safe parking plan and that we're now at a point where we cannot even accommodate everyone who wants safe parking and we're not accommodating RVs... The majority of the council did direct staff not to pursue prongs 2 and 3 [of the

Fremont Safe Parking Strategy] and I think that was a big mistake because now we are in this situation and having additional parking rules is not going to solve the problem."

The current Fremont Safe Parking Program provides city sanctioned parking locations. Autos and vans are allowed, but not RVs. There are five church sites currently participating in this program and there are spaces for 15 vehicles – all presently filled. Seven families are on a waiting list to join the program. City staff are developing a Homelessness Response Plan that is expected to be complete in Spring 2024.



RVs along Chapel Way



Cars and RV on Chapel Way

# Holiday Lights Events

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**The H.A.R.D. Holiday Lights will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.:**

- Tuesday, December 5, at Mt Eden Mansion
- Wednesday, December 6, at McConaghy House
- Thursday, December 7, at Meek Mansion

Event attendees are encouraged to participate in the festive ambiance as they stroll through the captivating mansions and indulge in the warmth of delicious hot chocolate. It's an evening designed to

delight and create cherished memories for families and friends alike.

Rick Hatcher, President of the H.A.R.D. Board of Directors stated, "The Holiday Lights event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy the festive cheer, and experience the magic of these Historic Mansions adorned with dazzling lights. It's a celebration that embodies the spirit of the season and offers a joyous occasion for everyone."

For further information about these events, please get in touch with: Nicole Espinoza Roa at (510) 888-0111 or [Roan@HaywardRec.org](mailto:Roan@HaywardRec.org).

**H.A.R.D. Holiday Light Events**  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:

**Mt Eden Mansion**  
Tuesday, Dec 5  
2451 W Tennyson Rd., Hayward

**McConaghy House**  
Wednesday, Dec 6  
2023 at McConaghy House  
18701 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward

**Meek Mansion**  
Thursday, Dec 7  
Meek Mansion, 240 Hampton Rd,  
Hayward

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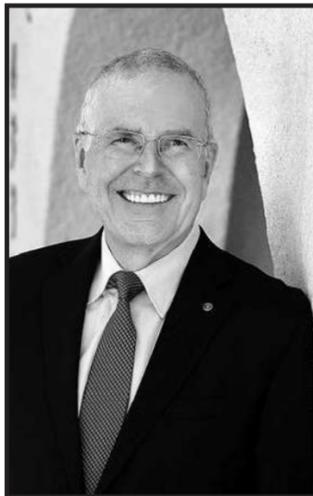
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## BoxArt Call for Artists

SUBMITTED BY  
CITY OF FREMONT

(If submitting as a team, payment will be sent to the designated primary artist.)

**Submission Requirements:**

All artwork designs must use the template, as this is the general format for the boxes and towers. Actual boxes may vary slightly, so designs may need minor editing. Some boxes may not have towers.

**All submissions should:**

- Have fully completed cover sheet. This is a fillable PDF form that allows applicants to enter text in the form fields. Handwritten cover sheets will not be accepted. Each artwork design should have its own cover sheet.
- Artwork design in JPG format at 1280 x 720 pixels. Filename should include last name, first name, and submission number. Please do not use a PDF file for submission. Accepted submissions should be in high-resolution format and transferrable to vector format.
- Include examples of three (3) previous works. Examples can be a list of webpage links.

Submit by email with the subject line "Boxart Proposal - Vinyl Wrap."  
Selections are tentatively scheduled to be made by the Fremont Art Review Board at their Wednesday December 20, 2023 public hearing.

**Fremont BoxArt Submission Deadline:**

**Wednesday, December 13 by Midnight**

<https://www.fremont.gov/government/departments/community-development/boxart-call-for-artists>

The City of Fremont is excited to announce a new phase of the *boxART!* program! This program transforms Fremont's traffic signal control boxes into works of art for all to see. The next call includes a total of 10 traffic signal control boxes to be turned into works of art by artists 18+ who work in photography or digital graphics. Boxes will be fully wrapped with vinyl wrap. This is a great opportunity for artists to showcase their work and help beautify Fremont!

The theme is climate action, sustainability, environmental awareness, and green building. This is a broad, inclusive theme that draws from a wide range of topics including ecology; mobility and connectivity (including alternative modes of transportation); resource conservation and elimination of waste; clean and renewable power; climate adaptation and resiliency; and visions of the future. The artwork should reflect Fremont's efforts and values in creating a more sustainable community, and the city welcomes unique interpretations of the theme.

Artists can apply independently or in teams consisting of no more than three members. Each artist/team may submit up to three (3) artwork designs. All designs must be original to the artist/team. All submitted designs will become the property of the City of Fremont.

A \$500 stipend will be offered for licensing of accepted design

## AAUW Fremont Branch Invites You to Some Sparkle and Dazzle!

SUBMITTED BY  
SHIRLEY GILBERT

Put on your most sparkling and dazzling holiday outfit and dance, mingle, and taste to your heart's content at AAUW (American Association of University Women) Fremont Branch's holiday celebration on December 10!

Kathy Garfinkle, Program Chair and Acting VP of the Fremont Branch, invites members and the community to enjoy an afternoon of music, food, and dancing at the chapter's annual holiday get-together. "We call our party 'Sparkle and Dazzle,'" says Garfinkle, "and we hope folks will come in their shining holiday outfits adding a little sparkle here and there."

The room at the Artist Walk will be transformed into an elegant ballroom with poinsettias and decorations in silver and white. There will be live music provided by the Daily Beats Band headed by singer and conductor Gene Wang. Food will include savory treats and delicious desserts, all provided by AAUW members. The Fremont AAUW

yoga group will be presenting a rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with an appearance of Rudolph and all his fellow reindeer.

AAUW is sponsoring the event, but the organization encourages the community to join in the fun and add some sparkle to the holiday spirit. The event is free to attend!

Garfinkle is a hugely avid AAUW member. She's been in the organization for 48 years and has held numerous leadership positions including president, vice president and program chair. A teacher for 35 years in the Union City School District and volunteer with Music for Minors II, Garfinkle heard about the local AAUW from friends. She attended the non-profit's annual Fall Brunch and was impressed with the tables laden with information about AAUW's many opportunities to serve others and expand one's horizons.

As Program Chair, Garfinkle organized dance performances and a puppet show, and helped plan a year of laughter for members, exploring humor in its many forms, including books, movies, TV, stand-up comics,

and newspaper columns. Garfinkle feels that AAUW has made a positive difference in her life and continues to make a difference in the lives of women and girls throughout the country. "I love working with strong minded and caring women," says Garfinkle, "and I am forever grateful for the wonderful friendships I've made in the 48 years I've been in AAUW."

Garfinkle is also proud of the many programs that AAUW Fremont Branch offers that include the community and encourages the public to attend Sparkle and Dazzle to get in the holiday mood. "It's free, it will be festive, and everyone is welcome," says Garfinkle. "We could all use some sparkle and dazzle in our lives."

**Sparkle and Dazzle, An AAUW Fremont Branch Event**  
**Sunday, December 10**  
**3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Artist Walk**  
**3888 Artist Walk Common, Fremont**  
<https://fremont-ca.aauw.net/>  
**Free; Donations Gratefully Accepted**

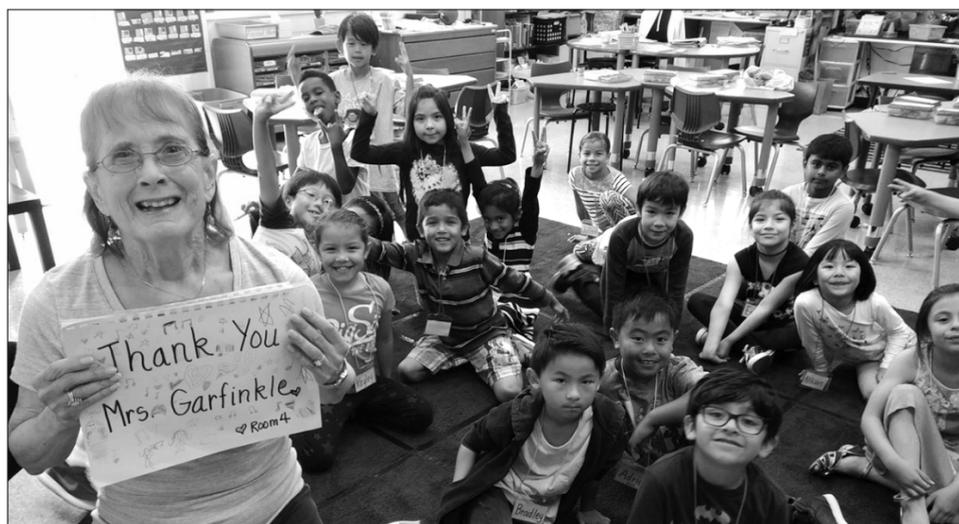
## Call for Decorated Houses

BY STAFF

In the upcoming weeks (or maybe already) local people will be decking out their houses with lights and displays for the Christmas and holiday season. We are hoping to include photos of some of these festive decorations in upcoming issues of Tri-City Voice and on our social media.

Is there a decorated house near you that you would like to share? Or, maybe you think your own decorating skills deserve the recognition.

Email photos and the approximate location to [tricityvoice@aol.com](mailto:tricityvoice@aol.com).



Kathy Garfinkle, Program Chair and Acting VP of AAUW Fremont Branch, with some of her students

# Family-Run Restaurant Jade Palace Bids Goodbye

BY CHARLENE DIZON  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF  
PHIL LEE

After a 54-year-long run of hard work and fun, Chinese restaurant Jade Palace has decided to send customers off with one last meal before officially closing its doors this November. Run by the Lee family, the story of how this well-loved restaurant came to be is one of determination, diligence, and even fate.

In 1970, Oakland resident Edwin Wing Lee was on a leisurely drive when he decided to jump on Highway 17 and get off on Thornton Avenue, entering Newark. During this time, Newark was still minimally populated and only had two main roads. Lee turned into the Old Town Center and walked into Ike's Bar. As Lee chatted with the owner, Ike revealed that he wanted to have a restaurant inside the bar. After some planning and negotiating, Ike established that Lee could rent out the space for merely one dollar's rent, along with splitting the utilities. The very next day, Edwin and his wife Chui Ngan Lee returned to Newark to begin setting up the restaurant. The Chinese-American cuisine at Jade Palace was such a success that three years later, Lee decided to transition the restaurant into a larger space to accommodate their business needs. That location became their professional foundation for the next fifty years, with not only Edwin and Chui Ngan involved in the business but their children and grandchildren as well.

Opening up a restaurant was Edwin Lee's lifelong passion.

Edwin's son, Phil Lee, shares, "This restaurant was my dad's dream. He knew that he wanted the cuisine to be Chinese-American." Initially, the restaurant's demographic was mostly white due to Newark's primarily white population. This developed over time as the Newark community diversified into what it is today. Jade Palace's most popular dishes included classic staples such as sweet and sour pork, broccoli beef, chow mein, and fried rice. In the years to come, Jade Palace was repeatedly invited to cater at community events and venues: Newark Days, the Hilton Hotel, Chambers of Commerce, and even Little Leagues Baseball, to name a few. Phil shares, "We supported everybody. This was the thing to do back then—participate in the community for advertisement and business promotion." This active involvement was Jade Palace's exact formula to successfully remain in business for so long.

As Jade Palace grew, the City of Newark did likewise. The Lee family watched as Newark's population increased and once-vacant lots were filled with businesses and neighborhoods. These changes did not affect their flow of business, which was continuous. Phil states, "The customers that we had forty to fifty years ago are our same customers today. Once, a customer even took my parents for a ride in their Rolls Royce!" The dynamic between the Lee family and their customers was tight-knit, stretching beyond a mere business atmosphere. This strong support base became more meaningful when Edwin Lee unexpectedly passed away in December of 2022. After a



Jade Palace 1973 Opening

sudden fall due to a hemorrhage, he was rushed to the hospital by his family. Unfortunately, due to the severity of the fall, Edwin passed away after a month's stay under medical care.

Though Edwin's passing has forever changed his family and the trajectory of Jade Palace, the outpour of love and support from the community following this tragedy is one that the Lee family is eternally grateful for. This made the decision to close Jade Palace an especially difficult, but necessary one. "If my dad was still alive, this place would still be open," Phil says. "We decided that it's time for us to move on and raise our families." Since the announcement of closure was made public, clusters of customers spread the word online and came out of the woodwork to have their last meal.

The decision of Jade Palace's closure has allowed the Lee family time to reflect on Edwin's legacy. Running a business for over 50



Lee Family and Chambers of Commerce

years can only be done through dedication and steadfast customer service—both of which Edwin and his family exuded for decades. Phil shares, "There's a saying that how others react when you pass shows what kind of person you were, and

my dad's funeral was packed to capacity." The impact that Jade Palace had on new and old customers cements Edwin Lee as an integral part of not only the local food industry but the overall community.



Edwin and Family



Edwin and Lee Children



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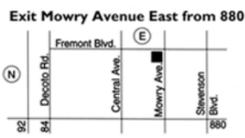
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## Future of Education Reception

SUBMITTED BY  
CITY OF HAYWARD

The Hayward South Alameda County NAACP, in partnership with the City of Hayward, will hold a public reception the evening of December 14 in honor of recently appointed Chabot College President Dr. Jamal Cooks and recently appointed Hayward Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Jason Reimann.

The reception will take place in the Hayward City Hall rotunda from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event is open to the public, free of charge, and will include light refreshments. No RSVP is required.

Dr. Cooks was appointed by the Chabot-Las Positas

Community College District Board of Trustees as Chabot College's president effective Aug. 1, 2023, becoming Chabot's 10th president. Dr. Reimann was selected by the Hayward Unified School District Board of Education as the District's new Superintendent of Schools on June 28, 2023.

To learn more about, join or otherwise support the Hayward South Alameda NAACP, go to the Hayward South Alameda NAACP website <https://naacphayward.org/>.

**Future of Education Reception**  
Thursday, Dec 14  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Hayward City Hall rotunda  
777 B St., Hayward  
[www.hayward-ca.gov](http://www.hayward-ca.gov)

## Hayward gears up for holiday toy drives

SUBMITTED BY JOSE CARLOS MONTESINOS

In December, Eden Youth and Family Center will be spreading holiday cheer with several events giving to those in need in the community. Two upcoming events are:

**Toy Caravan (Hayward) - December 10:**  
Prepare yourself for a day filled with holiday cheer! Eden Youth and Family Center has teamed up with Vocho Aztecas (VW Beetle Car Club) and Fearless Path to bring our toy collection directly to Hayward neighborhoods and distribute toys to families who may not have the resources to attend the Giveaway event. The main focus is on families with children who have disabilities.

**Annual Toy Giveaway (Eden Youth & Family Center) - December 16:**  
The highlight of our holiday season! Come to the center and join us in giving back. We will distribute the toys we have collected to deserving children, ensuring that they have a memorable and joyful holiday season. And guess what? We are also giving away trees! The support of our community in organizing and distributing the toys and trees will have a significant impact on the lives of these children and their families.

Both of these events will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., allowing families to enjoy some holiday cheer. This year, we have established three project goals: 1) Collect 1,000 Toys, 2) Distribute 50 trees, 3) Attract 50 donors/sponsors.



Whether you can join us for one event or both, or help us achieve our goals, your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Holiday Toy Drives**

**Toy Caravan**  
Sunday, Dec 10  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Various Neighborhoods

**Toy Giveaway**  
Saturday, Dec 16  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Eden Youth and Family Center  
680 W. Tennyson Rd., Hayward  
(510) 887-1147  
[www.eyfconline.org](http://www.eyfconline.org)

## Pacific Commons Invites Community to Free Holiday Concert

SUBMITTED BY  
DEBORAH BLACKFORD

Pacific Commons invites the community to a free holiday concert by Grammy-nominated artist Andre Thierry on Saturday, December 9. Thierry is a Grammy-nominated accordion soul artist known for his fast funky rhythms with Zydeco inspiration. Masterful on all types of accordions, this California native has a talent few musicians can match. During the event, attendees will also enjoy face painting, balloon art, and taking selfies with Santa and his elves.

This event is free and open to the public; no pre-registration is required. To learn more, visit <https://pacificcommons.com/event-s>.

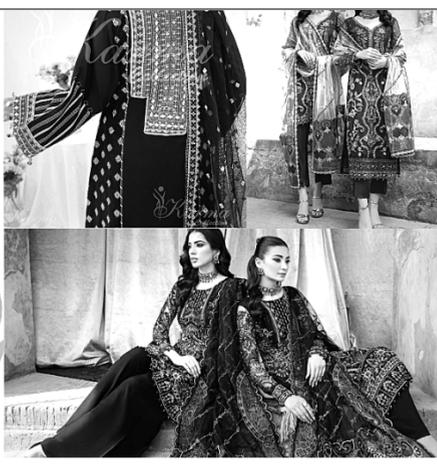
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#### Second Position



#### Third Position



#### Fourth Position



#### Fifth Position



Standards Links: Physical Education: Demonstrate a sense of balance and endurance.

## THE NUTCRACKER

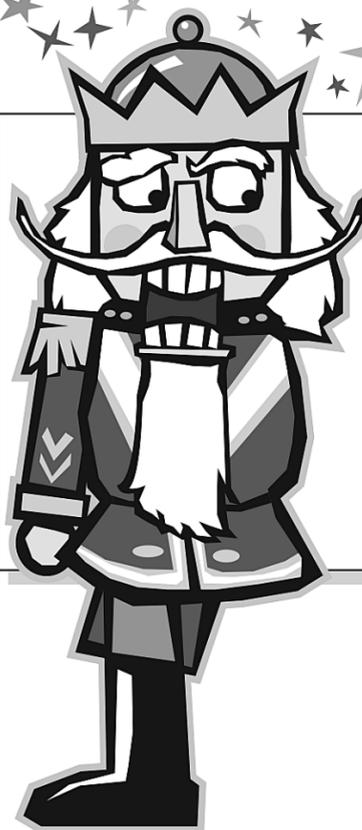
It started as a story called "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." A little more than 100 years ago, this beloved tale was made into a ballet called "The Nutcracker." It has become one of the most popular ballets.

### ACT 1

In a small village, guests are arriving for a Christmas Eve party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum and their children, Clara and Fritz.

Clara's godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, brings toys for all the children.

Help Clara find these toys.



### A Special Gift for Clara

Herr Drosselmeyer brings a special gift for Clara—a nutcracker in the shape of a soldier. Her brother, Fritz, wants the nutcracker, grabs it and breaks it.

Help Herr Drosselmeyer fix the nutcracker. Draw the nutcracker's missing arm and leg, then color them.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand story elements: plot, conflict, resolution and structure.

### The Midnight Battle

That night, an excited Clara cannot sleep. She sneaks downstairs to be with her new nutcracker doll. As the clock strikes midnight, strange things begin to happen ...

The Christmas tree grows to an enormous size and a great battle begins between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker, who comes to life to lead an army of toy soldiers.

Clara uses her to kill the Mouse King and save the Nutcracker's life.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow the sequence of events in a story.



Find at least 10 differences between the two pictures.

Extra! Extra!

### Holiday Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

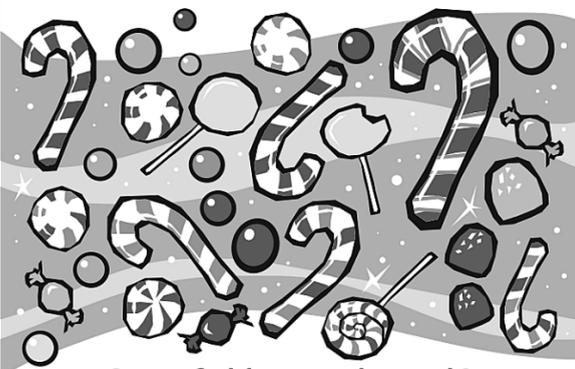
- 5 holiday pictures
- 5 holiday words
- 3 five-digit numbers
- something sweet
- 1 gift for a special person

Standards Link: Classify objects according to common attributes.

CODE: A= E= H= O= S=

### ACT II

The Nutcracker takes Clara on a fantastic journey, which ends at the Sugar Plum Fairy's palace in the Land of Sweets.



Can you find the sweets that match?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination.

### Double Double Word Search

- NUTCRACKER
- MOUSE
- BALLET
- TOYS
- SOLDIER
- CLARA
- PLUM
- SUGAR
- FAIRY
- CLOCK
- TREE
- PARTY
- KING
- ARMY
- GRABS

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



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

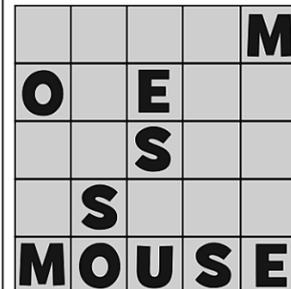
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Select pictures of two different people from the newspaper. Make up first and last names for each one. Create a way for the people to know each other. Describe their relationship. What are the best qualities of each character? Write a quotation for each one. Use this information to write a story.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Create brief narratives describing a fictional experience.

Where is a snowman's favorite place to dance?



ANSWER: At the snowball.

### Write On!

#### Winter Words

Make a list of words that make you think of winter. Use these words to write a short poem or descriptive paragraph.

# Trash Talk

BY THE PICKUP ARTIST

This is the December 2023 edition of Trash Talk, a column devoted to cleaning up our neighborhoods, our environment, and our outlook on life.

## Adopt-a-Storm Drain

I understand not everyone can volunteer to clean up litter in their neighborhood. But you can still make a difference! Some cities offer Adopt-a-Storm Drain programs. The core functions of adopting a spot are to remove litter, weeds, and other unwanted vegetation from the storm drain. It is important to remove debris from storm drain inlets, gutters, and sidewalks, especially during winter storms, to ensure proper storm water runoff and help prevent localized flooding.

## Why are clogged storm drains bad?

Clogged storm drains are a hazard to Public Health. When clogged in urban areas, storm drains can lead to contamination by storm water and flooding, especially if you live downhill! Blockages can spread waterborne diseases such as diarrhea, typhoid, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, giardiasis, scabies, cholera, and

worm infections. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitos that can carry West Nile Virus.

You can sign up to keep your storm drain clean, which is



especially important with the accumulation of leaves in autumn. Of course, you can also clean them without signing up for Adopt-a-Storm Drain.

## For Alameda County:

Alameda County Public Works Administration (ACPWA) provides free, labeled trash bags to all Adopt-a-Storm Drain

volunteers. Trash is placed into the bags and then volunteers call ACPWA at (510) 670-5500 to pick up the bags within 48 hours.

Contact your city's local storm water department and ask an administrator or visit [ms4.adopt-a-drain.org](https://ms4.adopt-a-drain.org) to bring the program to your city. Here is a list of some local city websites:

**Oakland** - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/adopt-a-drain>

**San Leandro** - <https://www.sanleandro.org/813/Adopt-a-Drain>

For a general overview, go to <https://adopt-a-drain.org>.

## Why Recycle? From Keep America Beautiful (KAB.org)

### Saves energy & resources

We use fewer natural resources such as trees, water and minerals, when we recycle. Plus, when we extract and process fewer raw materials, we save energy.

### Reduces landfills

Recycling means less waste, which cuts down on the need for landfills and incinerators.

### Reduces greenhouse gases

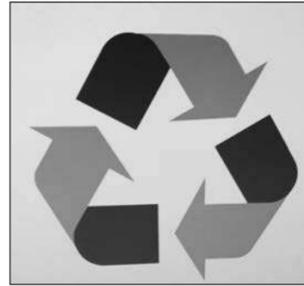
Extracting and processing raw materials causes greenhouse gas emissions— recycling reduces this pollution.

### Sustains the environment

Recycling now helps to create a better planet for future generations.

## Bonus

Recycling reduces the time and effort of volunteer Garbologists who clean up the mess!



## KAB volunteers by the numbers

This year alone, over 490,000 hardworking volunteers logged more than five million volunteer hours over the course of over 40,000 events.

## What did that service to our communities accomplish?

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28,105 trees were planted. Trees purify our air and combat climate change? They provide housing to millions of species that protect us from disease. They

also protect against floods and water pollution, as well as cooling our streets and cities.

## Free Disposal Day Program

Hayward residents can take advantage of the next FREE disposal day on Saturday, December 9. For more information and to register, go to [hayward-ca.gov](http://hayward-ca.gov).

## Quotes for today:

"Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." Frank Crane

## Contact Information



You can contact me at the email address below, or scan the QR code to generate an email. Your comments and suggestions could be used in future Trash Talk columns. What's on your mind? Send comments to [ThePickupArtist-KHCG@Outlook.com](mailto:ThePickupArtist-KHCG@Outlook.com).

# Veterans Memorial Building Tour

SUBMITTED BY PAUL SETHY, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Washington Township Historical Society and American Legion Post 837 will host a Fremont / Niles Veterans Memorial Building tour at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 9. This structure is located at the intersection of Second and E Streets in the Niles district, directly across the street from Niles Elementary School.

The following research was assembled from official Alameda County records and various Alameda County historical societies by Paul Sethy of Washington Township Historical Society:

In the early 1920s, Alameda County voters approved a special tax to construct buildings to honor war veterans and provide a meeting place for their organizations. Ten buildings were erected:

- Oakland VMB completed in 1926
- Berkeley VMB completed in 1928
- Alameda VMB completed in 1929
- Niles VMB dedicated on May 30, 1930
- Emeryville VMB completed fall of 1930
- Livermore VMB completed in 1931
- Albany VMB dedicated on August 14, 1932
- Hayward VMB completed in late fall 1932
- Pleasanton VMB completed in 1933
- San Leandro VMB dedicated on September 23, 1934

Beginning about 1924, several memorial buildings were under construction, originally as memorials to servicemen killed in action during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and Great War (later called WWI). These buildings were built with county, state, and federal funds.

Henry H. Meyers, Alameda County's chief architect, his daughter Mildred, and associated architects, produced dozens of designs for county facilities, including these ten veterans' memorial buildings, which display the varied approaches to historicist design employed by the eclectic American architects of the early 20th century.

Built between 1926 and 1934, buildings in Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Hayward are rooted in Beaux-Arts classicism. Those in Fremont, Pleasanton, Livermore, and Albany are Spanish Colonial Revival in feeling, characterized by white-painted plaster, terra-cotta tile roofs, and a tendency toward picturesque massing. Those in the Cities of Alameda and San Leandro mix elements from both groups.

The Veterans Memorial Building in Niles was the fourth of ten Veterans Memorial Buildings built throughout Alameda County. Henry H. Meyers designed it with associate architects George R. Klinkhardt and Mildred S. Meyers. The latter took the lead role with the project, promoting the "California Spanish style" in both the exterior and interior. She later described the process in an article titled "Memorials" in the August 1935 issue of "The Architect



and Engineer," a professional journal based in San Francisco. She notes that it was a compliment to the architects when three other communities requested the same style developed for Niles.

The California Spanish style was carried out in the interior by exposing the structural members of the roof trusses, treating these with stencil designs inspired by old Spanish ceilings. Walls were deliberately finished with an uneven texture, kept simple in color and given a glaze finish as part of color studies that included the design of decorative tile and draperies.

In 2000, Siegel and Strain Architects of Emeryville were hired by Alameda County with the support of the City of Fremont. Seismic rehabilitation combined with accessibility and code upgrades recognized the historic and architecturally significant features of the original 1930 building. These historic features included the

Lobby; the Auditorium with its maple floors, stenciled trusses, stage, and metal-lined, elevated Film Projection Room; the paneled Lodge Room linked by an Entry Hall to the Men's Clubroom; and the intact Clubroom fireplace.

RSVP to Paul Sethy if you plan to attend the tour: [psethy@comcast.net](mailto:psethy@comcast.net).

## Veterans Memorial Building tour Saturday, Dec 9

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Veterans Memorial Building Intersection of 2nd and E Streets, Niles district

[www.washingtontownshiphist.org](http://www.washingtontownshiphist.org)

RSVP to: [psethy@comcast.net](mailto:psethy@comcast.net)

# Hayward Disposal Days

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

The City of Hayward Maintenance Services Department is hosting its next Disposal Days event Saturday, December 9, providing community members an additional way to dispose of household debris safely and legally free of charge.

The 2023 Disposal Days program allows residents of the City of Hayward to bring up to five cubic yards of household items for disposal to the city transfer station six times per year

on the second Saturday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Five cubic yards is about the equivalent of one full bed of an average size pick-up truck.

Program registration for the last event of 2023 is now open. The bi-monthly events will be held regardless of weather conditions at the time.

## The following items are not accepted at the transfer station:

- Hazardous materials, including paint, motor oil, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, tires and car batteries
- Objects over 75 pounds (except furniture and appliances)
- Medical waste
- Construction and demolition debris
- Rocks
- Bricks

- Dirt
- Concrete

Disposal Days is open to residents of incorporated City of Hayward only, and preregistration and proof of Hayward residency is required. Registration space is limited and typically fills up fast. To learn more, including how to register and join the waiting list, go online to [www.hayward-ca.gov](http://www.hayward-ca.gov) or contact Maintenance Services at (510) 881-7745 or [disposal.days@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:disposal.days@hayward-ca.gov).

## Disposal Days

Saturday, Dec 9

7 a.m. - 12 noon

Hayward Transfer Station

3455 Enterprise Ave., Hayward

[www.hayward-ca.gov](http://www.hayward-ca.gov)

# Free Clothing for All Event

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY

Don't miss our next Community Closet happening at Studio 11 on Saturday, December 16th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. FREE clothing for everyday needs! Donations accepted as well.

The Community Closet is a grass roots program created by

community leader, Sophia Dangerfield in collaboration with Union City Community & Recreation Services. This program provides FREE clothing for ALL. The Community Closet offers all types of FREE seasonal clothing for everyday clothing needs, school clothes, job interviews or a look for a special occasion. The Community Closet also supports keeping our clothing longer, and purchasing new less, not only an economical benefit, but also an environmental act, which is a sustainable method.

## Community Closet Free Clothing Event

Saturday, Dec 16

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Studio 11

34626 11th St., Union City

(510) 675-5445

[erine@unioncity.org](mailto:erine@unioncity.org)

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## Crippsmas Place: Holiday Family Fun

Crippsmas Place are the plywood cutout decorations, featuring classic and new beloved children's cartoon characters. Every year new decorations are made by dedicated neighbor volunteers - look for new decorations like Barbie (including photo op box) and characters from cartoons like Tom & Jerry, and Chota Bheem (from India).

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.'

**Donations received will be split evenly among seven local charities:**

- Leukemia Lymphoma Society
- SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments)
- HERS Breast Cancer Foundation
- Adopt an Angel (Gifts & basics for children in

- Alameda County's Protective Child Services)
- Ohlone Humane Society's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- Fremont Family Resource Center
- LIFE Eldercare

**Crippsmas Place**  
 Saturday, Dec 9 – Sunday, Dec 31

**Candy Canes**  
 Saturday, Dec 9 – Thursday, Dec 28  
 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Santa & Mrs. Claus**  
 Sunday, Dec 10 – Tuesday, Dec 19  
 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Mission Peak Chamber Singers**  
 Sunday, Dec 17  
 6:30 p.m.

**Nicolet Ave., from Wellington Pl. to Perkins St.**  
[www.CrippsmasPlace.org](http://www.CrippsmasPlace.org)



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## Hayward Community Academy 2023 Graduates



**SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD**

Join us in congratulating the 2023 graduates of the Hayward Police Departments Community Academy!

The community academy is designed to foster community involvement, understanding of public safety operations, create partnerships in addressing local issues, and strengthening the relationship between the community and police.

Throughout the 8-week academy, graduates learned about several topics including:

- Patrol Procedures
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse/Tabacco Use

- Community Policing
- Gangs
- Forensics/Crime Scene Investigations
- Homicide Investigations
- Robbery Investigations
- Domestic Violence
- Sex Crimes
- Traffic Enforcement, and much more.

We look forward to hosting the next group of community academy participants next year.

## Welcome CHP Grads

**SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL HAYWARD AREA OFFICE**

Congratulations to our nine new Officers from CTC III-23!

Our new officers reported on November 13th and began their orientation at our office. Tomorrow starts their four phases of field training which lasts for approximately three months.

Once the new officers complete their field training, they will be patrolling on their own. We are excited to have more staff to serve our community.

If you are interested in joining the CHP, visit [www.jointhechp1000.com](http://www.jointhechp1000.com)



# Home & Garden

## Must-Have Gifts for Your Favorite Gardener



BY MELINDA MYERS  
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CORONA TOOLS

Every gardener, new or experienced, appreciates tools to help them better enjoy their hobby. Some may be looking for ergonomically designed tools to help them garden longer, while newbies may need some basic tools as they are getting started. A peek into their shed may help you decide which must-have tool to give them this holiday season.

Every gardener needs a bypass pruner for deadheading, trimming and pruning stems between ¼” and 1”. Bypass pruners have two sharp blades like scissors, making a clean cut that closes quickly.

Bypass loppers allow your gift recipient to cut larger diameter branches and have long handles for greater leverage and longer reach. The extra reach makes it easier to prune all parts of small trees, shrubs and rose bushes. Consider gifting one with a compound cutting action that boosts cutting power with less effort.

If your favorite gardener doesn't have one, a weed knife also known as a

Hori Hori knife will soon become a favorite tool. It is useful for cutting through sod and roots, planting small bulbs, digging weeds and more. Select one like Corona's Hori Hori Garden Knife with a ComfortGel grip ([www.coronatoolsusa.com](http://www.coronatoolsusa.com)) to help reduce muscle fatigue. The metal runs all the way through, providing added durability and leverage. Include a sheath so they can keep this universal tool handy when working in the garden.

Digging small holes for planting in containers and garden beds is a seasonal reality, and a hand trowel is the perfect tool for the job. Look for one that is sturdy and lightweight, and which has an ergonomic grip.

A long-handled pointed shovel is a versatile tool. You can plant, transplant, dig holes and more. Look for one with a foot pad to help reduce foot fatigue and shoe damage. Avid flower gardeners may prefer a short-handled spade that makes working in tight spaces easier. Perhaps your gift recipient needs both.

With an expandable leaf rake, you can adjust the width of the teeth, allowing you to reach into tight spaces or cover larger

areas. An iron rake is great for moving soil, and one with a bow head makes it easier to adjust the depth.

For something different, consider an auger bit available in a variety of lengths and bit diameters. Attach this to a cordless drill and you have the perfect tool for planting bulbs and small transplants, aerating soil, and vertically mulching planting beds.

Perhaps you're just looking for a few stocking stuffers. Safety glasses are a must but are often overlooked. Help gardeners protect their eyes from stray branches. Tinted ones will also protect eyes from UV light, providing an added layer of safety when gardening in bright sunlight.

Make it easy for gardeners to keep their tools sharp with the gift of a tool sharpener. Sharp tools make cleaner cuts and require less effort. A small sharpener with a cap allows gardeners to keep it handy in their tool caddy or scabbard. If they have easy access, they are more likely to use it to keep their tools in the best cutting order.

Drop a pair of snips in their stocking, and they are sure to thank you any time they deadhead a flower, snip off a wayward

or dead stem, or harvest herbs and flowers. This is another tool gardeners appreciate duplicates of—one for the kitchen and one for the garden.

Keep them gardening longer throughout the day and for years to come. Gift a kneeling pad or knee pads that protect young and old joints alike while kneeling in the garden to plant, weed, and more.

Tools make a wonderful gift that will provide years of enjoyment and benefit. Whatever gift you select, your favorite gardener is sure to thank you each time they head to the garden.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released **Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition** and **Small Space Gardening**. She hosts **The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"** instant video series and the nationally syndicated **Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program**. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for **Birds & Blooms** magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).*

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Virtual Office Hours  
with a Water Use  
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- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month @ 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Join via Zoom at [acwd.org/Calendar](http://acwd.org/Calendar)

Office hours are unavailable on holidays. Lawn Be Gone! Rebate participants are required to attend a session for a pre-approval Q&A.

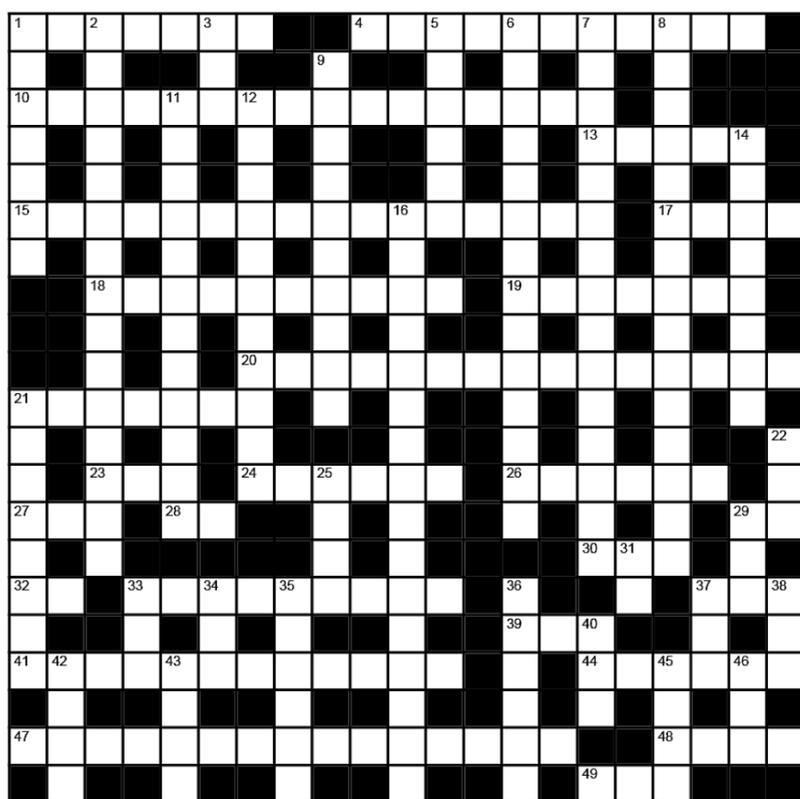


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# Mind Twisters

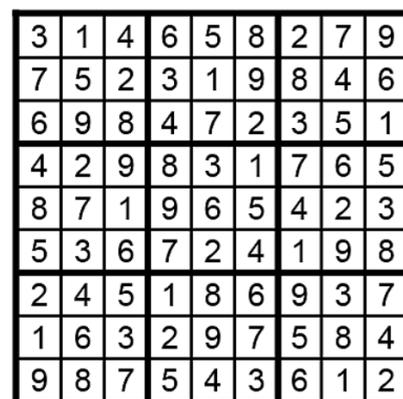
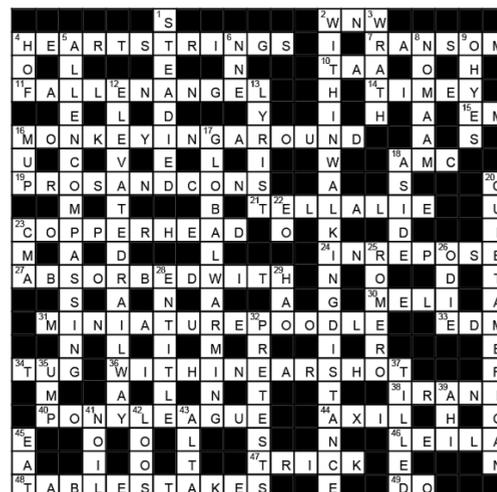
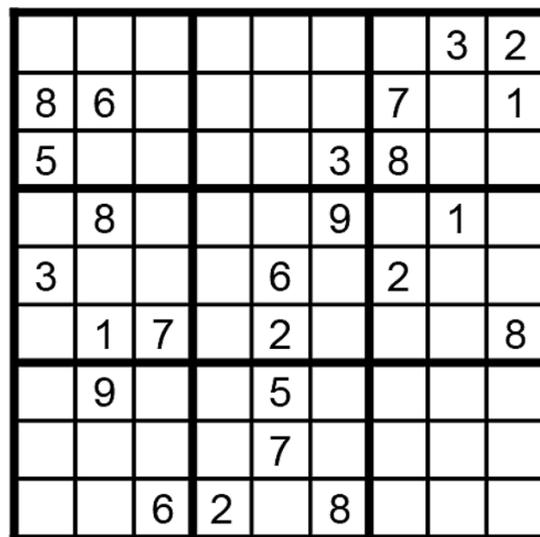
## Crossword Puzzle



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|--------|--|-----------|--|---------------------|--|
| Across | 39   | Elev. (3) | 14                                     | Most diaphanous (8) |  |
| 1      | Up to speed, musically (2,5)               | 41        | 'It's very beautiful over there' (6,6) | 16                  | Good competition (1,3,3,4,5)                               |
| 4      | Gift from home, to a college student (4,7) | 44        | Drafted (4,2)                          | 21                  | I (3,5)  |
| 10     | Banquet hors d'oeuvres (7,9)               | 47        | Country hound? (7,8)                   | 22                  | "... ___ quit!" (3)  |
| 13     | Finds out (5)                              | 48        | Barak who followed Bibi (4)            | 25                  | Houston university (4)                                     |
| 15     | [See above] (5,2,3,6)                      | 49        | "Star Wars" race (3)                   | 29                  | ___ system (3)   |
| 17     | "A Prayer for ___ Meany" (4)               |           |  | 31                  | I give you ___ word (2)                                    |
| 18     | Independent (10)                           |           |  | 33                  | Animation (3)  |
| 19     | Alarm clock (7)                            | Down      |  | 34                  | "60 Minutes" network (3)                                   |
| 20     | Receipt (5-2-8)                            | 1         | Fit (2,5)                              | 35                  | Above the water table (6)                                  |
| 21     | "The Maine Woods" author (7)               | 2         | George Gervin approacheth? (3,6,6)     | 36                  | Horned herbivores (6)                                      |
| 23     | "Yadda, yadda, yadda" (3)                  | 3         | Jumbles (3)                            | 37                  | Big mouth (3)  |
| 24     | Couldn't remember (6)                      | 5         | Document heading (6)                   | 38                  | Drivel (3)   |
| 26     | Foil (4,2)                                 | 6         | Election faction (9,5)                 | 40                  | Turbocharged, direct-injection diesel, briefly (1,1,1) (3) |
| 27     | Try to hit with a rifle (3)                | 7         | "Sell Intel and ___" (4,2,4,5)         | 42                  | Stalk (4)  |
| 28     | Spanish definite article (2)               | 8         | Early (5,2,8)                          | 43                  | As straight as ___ (4)                                     |
| 29     | 2001 Spielberg sci-fi film (2)             | 9         | New Jersey seaport (5,5)               | 45                  | Book before Daniel: Abbr. (4)                              |
| 30     | Mascara mistake (3)                        | 11        | Lip (12)                               | 46                  | Burma's first P.M. (3)                                     |
| 32     | God of midday sun (2)                      | 12        | Emulate the Big Bad Wolf (4,3,4)       |                     |  |
| 33     | Conversely (4,5)                           |           |  |                     |  |
| 37     | Finish, with "up" (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 5, 2023

All Signs: This week is the perfect time for teamwork because we will get more done by cooperating with others. Meanwhile, on Monday, Venus enters lusty, passionate Scorpio to stay until the end of the year. This will increase our interest in romance as well as feelings of longing and desire. In a timely fashion, there are several opportunities for spontaneous romance this week. At the end of the week, on Saturday the 9th, we can enjoy a great day to party and socialize!

### Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

A chance to travel is what you need. And if you can't travel now, then make plans, or check out your neighborhood for places you've never seen. For the rest of this month, you will feel sexy and passionate! You will also attract money to you from your spouse, business partner or a third party like a bank or the government. This is also a great week to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs to ask for a raise or to make your pitch. (Thursday is the best day for this.)

### Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

This is a passionate, intense week for you. On Monday, fair Venus moves into Scorpio, which is opposite your sign. This means not only will you enjoy passionate intimacy, but with Venus opposite your sign, all your relationships will be friendlier. In a way, this is not surprising because with Jupiter in your sign, you have divine protection. Get ready for a lovely week. It's an excellent time to study and finish manuscripts, papers, and screenplays. Dress so that you like what you see in the mirror.

### Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

You still need more sleep and more rest. Fiery Mars is opposite your sign, which might be challenging because this can trigger conflict with those closest to you. (It can even heighten tension with your enemies.) Naturally, all of this is exhausting. Fortunately, relations with coworkers are excellent. In fact, a work-related romance might begin for some of you. In addition,

discussions about loans, mortgages, inheritances will go well. Things will be settled in your favor.

### Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

This is a productive week because both the Sun and fiery Mars are in your House of Employment, which motivates you to work smart. Many of you will delegate tasks. Fortunately, this week is not all work and no play. Venus has just entered the part of your chart that attracts romance and fun! Spontaneous romance, new love and opportunities to party will dazzle you for the rest of the month! Meanwhile, discussions with partners and close friends will be productive. Thursday is the best day for important discussions.

### Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

This is a fabulous week to socialize! Accept invitations to any entertaining diversion that appeals. One of these diversions might be romance. Meanwhile, many will also enjoy redecorating and entertaining at home this week. Family relations will be rewarding and warm because people will express their affection. Nevertheless, this is a productive time. You're working hard because you have a busy agenda and social plans. The best day to deal with coworkers, especially groups, will be Thursday. Everyone will listen to you then.

### Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

Home and family continue to be a major focus. Tension might occur due to renovations, redecorating projects, residential moves or visitors. Fortunately, on

Monday, fair Venus moves into your House of Communications, which makes your dealings with others more pleasant. Plus, your everyday surroundings will become more agreeable. This is an excellent time to let others know how much you care for them. You will also notice the beauty in your everyday surroundings more than before. Discussions about entertainment, the hospitality industry or educating children will go well, especially on Thursday.

### Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

Embrace an accelerated pace and accept the fact that you have appointments, errands plus increased reading, writing and studying to do. You can handle this if you prioritize. (You're good at this.) Meanwhile, you love beautiful things, and this week (in fact, this month) you will buy pretty things for yourself and loved ones. Fortunately, with Venus in one of your Money Houses, you can attract money as well. Family discussions and home repairs will be positive this week. The most auspicious day for discussions and tasks will be Thursday.

### Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

Money issues are on your mind. You're working hard to earn money because you're spending it. (It's that time of year.) The good news is on Monday, fair Venus enters your sign to stay for the rest of the month. It will make you charming. This is a wonderful time to go on a vacation because Venus always ranks pleasure above work. On Saturday, grab lovely opportunities to party. Note: the entire week is an excellent time

to negotiate what you want, but your best day will be Thursday.

### Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

This continues to be a powerful time for you because the Sun is in your sign along with fiery Mars! You want fun and adventure! This is who you are! Fortunately, you will attract people and favorable situations, which means you might pull off some of these wishes. Meanwhile, secret love affairs will blossom for some. Another positive influence is you're full of moneymaking ideas, which benefits discussions about finances, raises, and promotions. In particular, Thursday is the best day to make your pitch.

### Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

Another week with mixed messages from the universe. With the Sun hiding in your chart, you want to be a bit reclusive. Going out and getting involved seems to be too much effort. You want the comfort of your own privacy and keeping things simple. However, completely countering this influence is the fact that Venus has just entered your House of Friendships, and very recently, Mercury has entered your own sign. This combination makes you want to socialize! Juggle these two influences as best you can.

### Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):

This is a social week! You want to see people and you want to be seen. In particular, you will enjoy spending time with groups and organizations, which is an excellent choice because this week, everyone will be the most productive by

cooperating with others. Teamwork is the motto. Some of you will be involved in group competitions and physical sports. However, on Monday this week, fair Venus moves to the top of your chart, which improves your ability to relate to bosses, parents, teachers and the police.

### Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

You look fabulous because the Sun is still at the top of your chart. Fiery Mars is also high in your chart, making you determined to go after what you want. On Monday, Venus moves into your Ninth House, which will make you want to travel for pleasure. This is the perfect month for a vacation! Whether you slip away or not, you'll be attracted to people who are unusual. In fact, a romance with someone different might blossom. Meanwhile, discussions with friends and groups will be productive, especially on Thursday.



By Georgia Nicols  
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# A Flame in the Sky – the Orion Nebula

By KAT TROCHE

It's that time of year again: winter! Here in the Northern Hemisphere, the cold, crisp sky offers spectacular views of various

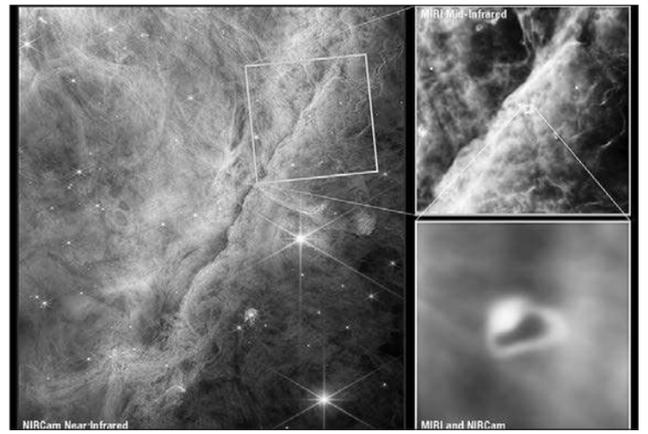
objects, the most famous of all being Orion the Hunter.

As we've previously mentioned, Orion is a great way to test your sky darkness. With your naked eye, you can easily

spot this hourglass-shaped constellation. Known as an epic hunter in Greco-Roman, Orion and all its parts have had many names and meanings across many cultures. In Egyptian mythology, this constellation represented the god Sah. The Babylonians referred to it as The Heavenly Shepard. In most cultures, it is Orion's Belt that has many stories: Shen in Chinese folklore, or Tayamnicankhu in Lakota storytelling. But the Maya of Mesoamerica believed that part of Orion contained The Cosmic Hearth—the fire of creation.

1,500 light years away from Earth sits the star-forming region and crown jewel of Orion—Messier 42 (M42), the Orion Nebula. Part of the “sword” of Orion, this cloud of dust and gas sits below the first star in Orion's Belt, Alnitak, and can easily be spotted with the naked eye under moderate dark skies. You may also use binoculars or a telescope to resolve even more details, like the Trapezium: four stars in the shape of a baseball diamond. These young stars make up the core of this magnificent object.

Of course, it's not just for looking at! M42 is easily one of the most photographed nebulae around, by astrophotographers here on the ground, large ground-based observatories, and space telescopes alike. It has long been a place of interest for the Hubble, Spitzer, and Chandra X-ray Space Telescopes, with James Webb Space Telescope joining the list in February 2023.



Credit: ESA/Webb, NASA, CSA, M. Zamani (ESA/Webb), PDRs4ALL ERS Team

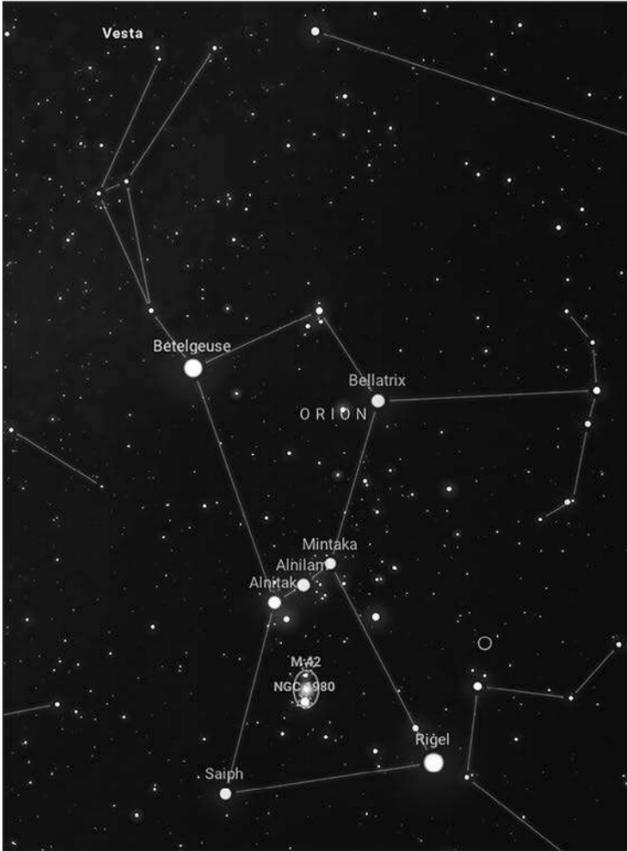
Earlier this year, NASA and the European Space Agency released a new photo of the Orion Nebula taken from JWST's NIRCam (Near-Infrared Camera), allowing scientists to image this early star forming region in both short and long wavelengths.

But stars aren't the only items photographed here. In June 2023, JWST's NIRCam and MIRI (mid-infrared instrument) imaged a developing star system with a planetary disk forming around it. That's right—a solar system happening in real time—located within the edges of a section called the Orion Bar. Scientists have named this planet-forming disk d203-506. By capturing these objects in multiple wavelengths of light, we now have even greater insight into what other objects may be hiding within these hazy hydrogen regions of our night sky.

In addition to our Dark Sky Wheel, a fun presentation you

can share with your astronomy club would be our *Universe Discovery Guide: Orion Nebula, Nursery of Newborn Stars* activity at <https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-search.cfm>. This will allow you to explain to audiences how infrared astronomy, like JWST, helps to reveal the secrets of nebulae. Or, you can use public projects like the NASA-funded MicroObservatory to capture M42 and other objects.

*Learn more about what to spy in the winter sky with our upcoming mid-month article on the Night Sky Network page through NASA's website at <https://science.nasa.gov/skywatching/night-sky-network/>.*



Credit: Stellarium Web

## Rocketing to Success: Newark Rocket Project



SUBMITTED BY ZAYNA ANSARI

Newark Memorial High School (NMHS) students are shooting for the stars as part of the NASA Student Launch Initiative!

With a victorious history in the American Rocketry Challenge (ARC) over the last two decades, including securing 1st place nationally in 2007, NMHS' Rocketry Club has now catapulted into the national spotlight by being accepted into NASA's Student Launch Initiative (SLI) after placing 11th at ARC nationals last year. Their passion, perseverance, and dedication have established the Newark Rocket Project team of the NMHS Rocketry Club as a formidable force in the world of rocketry. Under the guidance of the project lead, Sebastian Llaguno, the team keeps to their mantra “Keep aiming for the stars, even if you occasionally end up in the bushes.”

The NASA SLI provides students the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design, construct, and launch high-powered rockets. Newark's team is set to conduct a scientific payload experiment as part of this initiative. This project involves launching a six-foot rocket carrying an instrument to measure atmospheric data in the payload section. This data will track and analyze the aerodynamics gradient of the surrounding airfield during descent, providing valuable information for future ARC competition vehicle launches. The culmination of their efforts will take place during the final launch at Huntsville, Alabama, home to NASA's Marshall Flight Center, where they will participate in a launch week alongside universities such as Purdue, Virginia Tech, Northwestern, and UT Austin.

To propel the Newark Rocket Project's dreams to greater heights, a GoFundMe campaign has been launched.

Contributions will go directly toward purchasing rocket materials, covering travel expenses, and ensuring Newark Memorial High School's success in NASA's SLI program. By supporting them in this initiative, you are not only investing in the students' dreams but also in the future of STEM for the entire Tri-City community.

The Newark Rocket Project team is thrilled to have the opportunity to represent Newark on a national stage but they can't achieve this feat alone. Your support, donations, and encouragement will play a huge role in helping Tri-City students reach for the stars. To make a contribution or learn more about their campaign, visit the Newark Rocket Project's GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/5181fb38>.

Stay updated on Newark Rocket Project team's journey on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook with @newarkrocketproject. For questions and involvement

opportunities, contact the Newark Rocket Project team at [newarkrocketproject@gmail.com](mailto:newarkrocketproject@gmail.com).

**Also coming up:**

NMHS invites the community to join a public rocket launch on December 9 behind the Newark campus of Ohlone College. This event will bring together rocketry enthusiasts from across the East Bay for a day of rocket launches, STEM demonstrations, experiments with fire, and a chance to observe the wonders of space science. More details to come.

**NMHS Rocket Launch**

**Saturday, Dec 9**

**1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Ohlone College Newark Campus**

**39399 Cherry St., Newark**

**Social Media: @newarkrocketproject**

## Holiday Events - For Pets!

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD ANIMAL SHELTER

In December, Hayward Animal Shelter is an event for pet owners and those who want to support pet adoptions. On December 9, they will be hosting pet photos with

“Santa Claws” with a suggested donation of \$10. On the same day, starting at 11 a.m., the shelter will hold free “Home for the Holidays” adoptions to qualified homes, sponsored by this year's Hayward SantaCon.

Photos with “Santa Claws” & Home for the Holidays adoptions

**Saturday, Dec 9**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Hayward Animal Shelter**

**16 Barnes Ct., Hayward**

**(510) 293-7200**

**Suggested donation: \$10**

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## 9 Foot Graffiti Menorah Brings the Community Together to Celebrate Chanukah



2022's Menorah was made of ice!

"The story of Chanukah is the tremendous power of light to overcome darkness. We can have no better response to the negativity we encounter than to gather together in even greater numbers and celebrate the light of the Menorah and the timeless lessons of Chanukah."

**Chanukah Menorah Lighting**  
**Sunday, Dec 10**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Downtown Event Center**  
**3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont**  
**www.ChabadFremont.com**



### EARTHTALK Q&A

## Giant Sequoias: How To Save The Last Of The Biggest Trees

BY RODDY SCHEER AND DOUG MOSS

*Dear EarthTalk: What is the status of California's giant sequoias trees and what's being done to save them from extinction?*

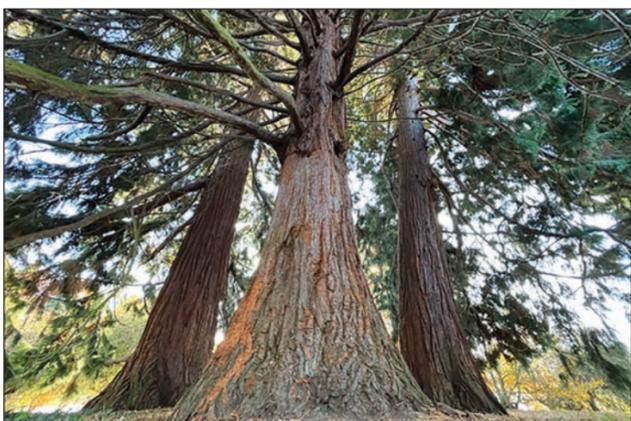
-- M.L., Sacramento, CA

Giant sequoias, which can grow upwards of 300 feet tall with circumferences of 90+ feet around at ground level, are among the largest and longest living species on the planet today. Some are over 3,000 years old. But climate change, human activities and wildfires are threatening their very existence in their native habitat on the

western slopes of California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

Biologists estimate there are about 80,000 naturally occurring giant sequoias left there and worry that another bad wildfire year—like 2015, 2017 or 2020, when National Park Service biologists clad the lower flanks of the biggest trees with tin foil to deter the flames—could decimate those remaining trees.

Giant sequoias have evolved to withstand moderate fires, but the recent infernos, exacerbated by climate change, have been catastrophic. Not only do these fires destroy the trees directly, they also hinder the natural reproduction process by killing



Climate change, human activities & wildfires are threatening giant sequoias very existence in their native habitat in California.  
 Photo Credit: Roddy Scheer

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[www.ohlone.edu/Flea-Market](http://www.ohlone.edu/Flea-Market)  
 Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont

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young sequoias and preventing seeds from germinating.

While fire has been the most immediate threat in recent years, climate change in general is altering the trees' environment—and may be the final nail in their coffin. Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts and erratic precipitation patterns have weakened the trees, making them more susceptible to pests and disease, and disrupting the natural fire regime that they have depended on for regeneration for millennia.

To mitigate the impacts of climate change, researchers and conservationists are studying how these trees respond to changing environmental conditions. They are also implementing measures like controlled burns to mimic natural fire cycles and create a more suitable habitat for the sequoias.

Human activities, such as logging, urban development and recreation further exacerbate the challenges faced by giant sequoias. Urbanization around these groves

disrupts their ecosystems, and recreational activities can harm their shallow root systems. Efforts are also being made to limit human impacts in sequoia territory. Strict regulations on logging, urban expansion and recreational activities near these groves aim to preserve the natural ecosystem and minimize disturbances to the trees.

Moreover, collaborative initiatives between government agencies, conservation organizations, and local communities are crucial for the long-term protection of these ancient giants. Public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and eco-tourism practices that emphasize responsible visitation also play a vital role in ensuring the survival of these magnificent trees. Whether or not our grandchildren will get to visit these giant sequoias may well depend on our ability to rein in carbon emissions here and around the world in time to stave off cataclysmic climate change.

Indeed, the fate of these giant trees, as well as thousands of other plants and animals, hangs in the balance.

### ONLINE CONTACTS

- Helping or hindering? US scientists debate how to save giant sequoias  
<https://phys.org/news/2023-09-hindering-scientists-debate-giant-sequoias.html>
- Save The Giant Sequoias  
<https://www.savetheredwoods.org/redwoods/fire/save-the-giant-sequoias/>
- The race to save 'awe-inspiring' giant sequoias  
<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2023/08/the-race-to-save-awe-inspiring-giant-sequoias/>

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510-293-7200

[www.HaywardAnimals.com](http://www.HaywardAnimals.com)

16 Barnes Court, Hayward  
(Near Soto & Jackson)

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with loving homes!*



**Dewey is a 4 month old German shepherd mix. Dewey is a pup that wants to just be the center of attention in your home. Dewey would do best in a home with teens and adults. To adopt or meet Dewey contact Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.**



**Junior is a 11 month old Doberman mix. Junior is a high flying fun loving dog. Junior is looking for a home that can set him up for success with the training, love and kindness. To adopt or meet Junior contact Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200**

\$ = Entrance or Activity Fee  
R= Reservations Required  
Schedules are subject to change.  
Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.

# Arts & Entertainment

## CONTINUING EVENTS

### First and Third Tuesdays Mobile Food Distribution with Tri-City Volunteers

11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Bring your own bag.  
Fremont Adult and Continuing  
Education  
4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont  
(510) 793-6465  
[tri-cityvolunteers.org/food](http://tri-cityvolunteers.org/food)

### Tuesdays A Matter of Balance R

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Reduce the fear of falling and  
increase activity levels of older adults.  
Age Well Center at South Fremont  
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont  
(510) 742-7529  
[mtorrez@fremont.gov](mailto:mtorrez@fremont.gov)  
[issuu.com/hsdept](http://issuu.com/hsdept)

### Tuesdays East Bay Games Meet

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
German/Euro style board games and  
card games.  
Swiss Park  
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark  
(510) 936-2523  
[sfdavidkaye@yahoo.com](mailto:sfdavidkaye@yahoo.com)  
[meetup.com/east-bay-games](http://meetup.com/east-bay-games)

### Tuesdays, September 19 - May 28

**It's Storytime**  
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Stories, finger plays, nursery rhymes,  
songs, and musical instruments for  
kids ages 18 month - 6 yrs.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400  
[fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org](mailto:fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org)  
[aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/)

### Tuesdays, October 3 - December 5

**Tuesday Chat**  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Improve your English by talking with  
native speakers about everyday top-  
ics. Excluding 3rd Tuesdays.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400  
[fremont@aclibrary.org](mailto:fremont@aclibrary.org)  
[aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/)

### Tuesdays, November 7 - December 26

**Lego Time**  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Use your imagination and engineer-  
ing skills to create your own LEGO®  
designs. Supervision required for kids  
7 and under.  
Centerville library  
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont  
(510) 795-2629  
[aclibrary.org/locations/CTV/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/CTV/)

### Tuesdays, March 21 - December 19

**Chess Mix**  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
Drop in for some casual chess games.  
San Lorenzo Library  
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo  
(510) 284-0640  
[aclibrary.org/locations/SLZ](http://aclibrary.org/locations/SLZ)

### Tuesdays, November 7 - December 19

**Music and Storytime**  
11:30 am - 12:15 pm  
Join for stories, music, and  
movement.  
Cherryland Community Center  
278 Hampton Road, Hayward  
(510) 626-8522  
[aclibrary.org/locations/CHY/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/CHY/)

### Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 9 - May 23

**Literacy Enrichment Program R**  
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm  
Supporting struggling readers  
through personalized lesson plans  
and dedicated one-on-one tutoring  
from volunteers  
(510) 745-1421  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
[fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org](mailto:fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org)

[aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/)  
Email to register.

### First Tuesdays, April 4 - December 5

**BACH- Healthcare &  
Enrollment**  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Learn about the services & programs  
available at Bay Area Community  
Health.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400

### First Tuesdays Open Mic on the Labyrinth

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Share your music, poetry, comedy,  
and spoken words in one of Fre-  
mont's most beautiful settings!  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
2791 Driscoll Rd., Fremont  
(510) 490-0553

### Wednesdays

#### Zumba Gold \$

11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Workout While Dancing  
Age Well Center at South Fremont  
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont  
(510) 742-7529  
[issuu.com/hsdept](http://issuu.com/hsdept)  
[mtorrez@fremont.gov](mailto:mtorrez@fremont.gov)

### Wednesdays

#### Ping Pong

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Activities For people With Parkinson  
Age Well Center at South Fremont  
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont  
(510) 742-7529  
[issuu.com/hsdept](http://issuu.com/hsdept)  
[mtorrez@fremont.gov](mailto:mtorrez@fremont.gov)

### Wednesdays, October 11 - December 27

**Manitas en Acción**  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Combination of reading books out  
loud, hands-on crafts and learning  
about culture in Spanish.  
Newark Public Library  
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark  
(510) 284-0675  
[aclibrary.org/locations/NWK/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/NWK/)

### Wednesdays, November 1 - December 6

**Digital Literacy for Adults**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Learn how to use a computer and  
mouse typing where to find help  
making a resume and more.  
Newark Public Library  
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark  
(510) 284-0675  
[aclibrary.org/locations/NWK/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/NWK/)

### Wednesdays

#### Tropics Bingo

7:00 pm  
Flash games  
Tropics Mobile Home Park  
33000 Almaden Blvd., Union City  
(510) 471-8550  
[the-tropics.net/activites](http://the-tropics.net/activites)

### First Wednesdays

#### Talkin' Dirt R

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Online gathering of gardeners.  
Local Ecology and Agriculture  
Fremont (LEAF) Center  
36501 Niles Blvd., Fremont  
[bit.ly/3UPp51i](http://bit.ly/3UPp51i)

### First and Third Wednesdays, October 4 - December 20

**Castro Valley Library  
Genealogy Study Group R**  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Want to research your family history  
or be companion to others on their  
search.  
Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 667-7900  
[t.ly/rLARe](http://t.ly/rLARe)

### First and Third Wednesdays, August 2 - December 20

**Golden Gatherings**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Gathering of the elders in golden  
years for casual conversations and  
calm, self-guided activities.  
San Lorenzo Library  
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo  
(510) 284-0640  
[sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org](mailto:sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org)

[aclibrary.org/locations/SLZ/](http://aclibrary.org/locations/SLZ/)

### First Thursday, September 7 - December 7

**Connections Through Music  
(Special Needs Friendly) R**  
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm  
Inclusive musical experience to  
children of all abilities!  
Session 1: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm for  
Ages 1-5.  
Session 2: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm for  
Ages 5-14.  
Ticket will be handed 15 min prior  
to the event.  
Newark Public Library  
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark  
(510) 284-0675

### Thursdays - Sundays, November 9 - December 16

#### Ingrid Wells Emotional Support Paintings

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Virtual and in person Exhibit  
Olive Hyde Art Gallery  
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 791-4357  
[olivehydeartguild.org](http://olivehydeartguild.org)

### Fridays - Sundays, December 1 - December 17

#### Play "The Man Who Saved Christmas" R\$

Fridays and Saturdays @ 8pm.  
Sundays @ 2:00 pm.  
Chanticleers Theatre  
3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 733-5483  
[chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org)

### Fridays and Saturdays Telescope Viewings

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
Experience the awe and wonder of  
the universe  
Chabot Space and Science Center  
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland  
(510) 336-7300  
[chabotspace.org/events](http://chabotspace.org/events)

### Fridays - Sundays, December 1 - December 17

#### Christmas Splendor at the Patterson House R\$

11:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Celebrate a turn of the 20th century  
holiday at a beautifully restored  
Queen Anne mansion.  
Special Group Tours (Seniors and  
Students) can be scheduled for Dec 7  
and 14.  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont  
(888) 327-2757, (510) 791-4196  
[www.ebparcs.org/calendar](http://www.ebparcs.org/calendar)  
Reservation email:  
[pattersonhouse@fremont.gov](mailto:pattersonhouse@fremont.gov).  
Admission fee applies.

### Fridays, October 13 - December 15

#### Mat and Chair Yoga R

9:45 am - 10:45 am  
Learn to relax your body and do  
breathing and stretching techniques  
using pranayama.  
Age Well Center at South Fremont  
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont  
(510) 742-7529  
[anc.apm.activecommunities.com/fremont](http://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/fremont)

### Fridays, January 20 - January 5

#### Knit & Crochet Circle

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Learn knitting and crocheting.  
Milpitas Public Library  
160 N Main St., Milpitas  
(408) 262-1171  
[scclld.org/locations/milpitas](http://scclld.org/locations/milpitas)

### Second Saturdays, December 9 - May 11

#### Music Hour at the Library

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Join us every 2nd Saturday afternoon  
for one hour of music performed by  
local musicians. Suitable for every-  
one, kids.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400  
[fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org](mailto:fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org)  
[aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/](http://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/)

**Saturdays - Sundays****Recreational Swim \$**

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Attractions may vary.  
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center  
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark  
(510) 578-4620  
bit.ly/3nXo0is

**Second Saturdays, November 11 - May 11****Music Hour at the Library**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Relax and enjoy the music while reading your favorite book.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400  
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/

**Second Saturdays, April 8 - December 9****The Ohlone College Flea Market**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Ohlone College  
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 659-6285  
fleamarket@ohlone.edu  
bit.ly/3ISRWFg

**Second Saturdays****Alviso Adobe Tours \$**

1:00 pm  
Docent-led tours and video presentation  
Alviso Adobe Park  
2087 Alviso Adobe Ct., Milpitas  
(408) 586-3210  
bit.ly/3Wcmgau

**Second Saturdays****Lend a Hand. Help a Community. R**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Join in volunteering and tackle the projects that benefit from group effort.  
Volunteer agreement need to be completed  
LEAF CR Stone Garden  
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont  
volunteer@fremontleaf.org  
bit.ly/3LDQa3H, bit.ly/42sbWy7

**Second Saturdays****Open Garden Days**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Displays include taxidermy of native birds and mammals, native plant and pollinator garden, and access to an educator and or ranger.  
Central Park Nature Learning Center  
40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont  
cutt.ly/xwdxx9G8

**Saturdays, September 9 - December 30****Computer Crew: Teen Tech Help**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
One-on-one tutor on basic tech issues.  
Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 667-7900  
aclibrary.org/locations/csv/

**Saturdays, December 2 - December 9****Neat Stuff with a Naturalist**

10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Explore the park with a Naturalist! Hands-on activities, tours, or crafts. Age 5+, and parent participation is required.  
Coyote Hills Visitors Center  
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont  
(510) 544-3220  
www.ebparks.org/calendar  
Parking fee applies.

**Saturdays****Laugh Track City R\$**

8:00 pm  
Series of improvised games and scenes  
Made Up Theatre  
4000 Bay St. suite B., Fremont  
(510) 573-3633  
madeuptheatre.com

**Saturdays, May 27 - December 30****Divine Satsang Sabha**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Know techniques of living a virtuous, harmonious, & meaningful life  
SMVS (Shri Swaminarayan Mandir)  
36665 Cedar Blvd, Newark  
(650) 585-5325  
smvs.org/centers/centerdetail/106

**Second & Fourth Sundays****Larry "O" Teen Workshop**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Used bikes, bike parts sale and bike repair.  
Larry Orozco Teen Workshop  
33623 Mission Blvd., Union City  
(510) 675-5487  
Instagram @ibikeunioncity  
RobertS@unioncity.org

**Mondays & Thursdays****Fruit Tree Gleaning**

9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Donate fresh fruits from your garden.  
LEAF CR Stone Garden  
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont  
fremontleaf.org/glean

**Mondays - Thursdays, December 5 - January 24****Homework Help Center**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Offer primary and secondary students the opportunity to receive FREE homework assistance in math, reading and more. Suitable for: kids, teens.  
Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 667-7900  
nsilva@aclibrary.org  
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/

**Mondays - Thursdays, December 5 - January 24****Homework Help Center**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Get your homework questions answered for grades K-8 every Monday through Thursday. Drop-in. Suitable for: kids, teens.  
San Lorenzo Library  
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo  
(510) 284-0640  
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/

**Mondays****Advanced Math + Science Tutoring**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Free high school and college-level tutoring  
Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 667-7900  
aclibrary.org/locations/csv/

**Second Mondays, June 12 - December 11****Tenants' Rights Workshop With Centro Legal Services**

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
For Hayward tenants with legal issues or questions about their housing.  
Hayward Public Library (Downtown)  
888 C St., Hayward  
(510) 293-8685, (510) 437-1554  
tenantsrights@centrolegal.org  
rb.gy/n7k2o

**Second Mondays****Law Librarian Office Hours**

1:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Get help locating legal forms, answers to your legal reference questions, and get referral services.  
Book a 15-minute appointment by calling on the day of the event.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400  
rb.gy/tdw4x

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Tuesday, December 5****Let's Art!**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
With acrylic paints, stencils, and masking shapes  
Newark Public Library  
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark  
(510) 284-0675  
aclibrary.org/locations/NWK/

**Tuesday, December 5****H.A.R.D. Holiday Lights**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
A free, festive event as we illuminate the historical mansion, usher in the season with exciting activities.  
Mt. Eden Park  
2451 W. Tennyson Road, Hayward  
(510) 881-6700

**Wednesday, December 6****Bart - "Safe & Clean Plan" Listening Tour**

7:15 am - 8:15 am  
Give feedback to Bart general manager and chief of police as part of Bart's "Safe & Clean" listing tour. To see other stops on the tour, visits: [www.bart.gov/news/articles/2023/news20231106](http://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2023/news20231106)  
Fremont Bart Station  
2000 Bart Way, Fremont  
(510) 464-6000

**Wednesday, December 6****H.A.R.D. Holiday Lights**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
A free, festive event as we illuminate the Historical Mansion, usher in the season with exciting activities, stroll through the enchanting mansion, and savor some delicious hot chocolate.  
McConaghy House  
18701 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward  
(510) 581-0223

**Thursday, December 7****STEM Career Fair \$R**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Invites you to the job fair to meet many businesses and organizations from across the Bay Area.  
Ohlone College Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology  
39399 Cherry St., Newark  
career-fair rrai@ohlone.edu  
[www.ohlone.edu/careercenter/](http://www.ohlone.edu/careercenter/)  
Parking cost: \$4

**Thursday, December 7****Mobile Office Hours for Senator Aisha Wahab**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Consumer complaints, DMV/auto insurance problems, unemployment insurance questions  
Union City Library  
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City  
(510) 745-1464

**Thursday, December 7****Connections Through Music (Special Needs Friendly)**

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm  
Join us for an inclusive musical experience designed for children with special needs.  
Session 1: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm for Ages 1-5.  
Session 2: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm for Ages 5-14.  
A caregiver must be present with every child at this in-person program.  
Newark Public Library  
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark  
(510) 284-0675  
newarklibrary@aclibrary.org

**Thursday, December 7****H.A.R.D. Holiday Lights**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
A free, festive event as we illuminate the Historical Mansion, usher in the season with exciting activities, stroll through the enchanting mansion, and savor some delicious hot chocolate.  
Meek Estate Park  
240 Hampton Rd, Hayward  
(510) 881-6700

**Thursday, December 7****"Show Me the Funny" - Stand-Up Comedy Competition \$R**

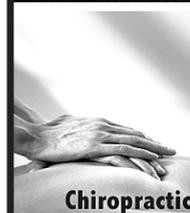
8:00 pm  
Comic finalists will compete in the ultimate round for a \$500 cash prize.  
JP's Family Restaurant  
3600 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley  
https://plethos.org/

**Friday - Sunday, December 8 - December 10****Holiday Concert \$**

Enjoy sacred and secular holiday music.  
Friday @ 8:00 pm. Sunday @ 2:00 pm  
Douglas Morrisson Theatre  
22311 N 3rd St., Hayward  
(510) 881-6700  
douglasmorrisson.thundertix.com

**Saturday, December 9 - Sunday, December 31****Crippsmas Place Holiday Lights 2023**

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
A cheerful neighborhood where decorations with over 70 houses on 6 streets - on Nicolet Ct., Cripps Pl., Asquith Pl., and Nicolet Ave. The lights will be lit in the evenings.  
Wellington Place  
Nicolet Avenue and Four Cul-De-Sacs, Fremont  
<https://www.crippsmasplace.org/>

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**Saturday, December 9****Pop-Up with Local Jewelry Artist Cori Crooks**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Cori Crooks is a seeker and teller, and she artfully documenting her unique take on life through a variety of media including jewelry, music, and more.  
Books on B  
1014 B street., Hayward  
(510) 538-3943  
[www.booksomb.com/event/](http://www.booksomb.com/event/)

**Saturday, December 9****Cook for a Cause! \$R**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
For grades 1 to 12, to join in for an exciting culinary event. Win exciting cash prizes for your school and local children's charities.  
SRCM Heartfulness Meditation Centre  
585 Mowry Ave., Fremont  
(510) 648-2937  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/cooking-for-a-cause-tickets-760738057007?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cooking-for-a-cause-tickets-760738057007?aff=oddtcreator)  
Register before December 7.

**Saturday - Sunday, December 9 - December 10****Nutcracker Ballet \$R**

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Choreographed, staged, and performed by Yoko's Dance & Performing Arts Academy with Fremont opera orchestra.  
December 9 @ 2 pm & 7:00 pm.  
December 10 @ 2 pm.  
Smith Center at Ohlone College  
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont

**Saturday, December 9****In Full Swing: Winter Concert**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Enjoy live, big-band music at the library!  
Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 667-7900

**Saturday, December 9****Laugh Track City - Improv Comedy Show \$R**

8:00 pm  
Join us for live unscripted comedy shows inspired by YOUR suggestions.  
Made Up Theatre  
4000 Bay St. suite B., Fremont  
(510) 573-3633  
madeuptheatre.com/

**Saturday, December 9****Ojos De Dios**

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
See how we make yarn from our sheep's wool and craft your own colorful ornament to hang for the holidays.  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont  
(888) 327-2757  
Admission fee applies.

**Saturday, December 9****Light Up the Holidays!**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Special holiday cookies for children and tasty treats for everyone!  
Artist Walk Apartments  
3888 Artist Walk Common, Fremont  
(877) 619-5266  
kgarfinkle@hotmail.com  
Attendance is free.

**Saturday, December 9****Disposal Day for Hayward Residents R**

This program is open to residents of the incorporated area of the City of Hayward only, proof of residency is required, and preregistration is required.  
Hayward Transfer Station  
3455 Enterprise Ave., Hayward  
(510) 606-1548  
Csnorthbay@wm.com  
To register: (510) 881-7745 or disposal.days@hayward-ca.gov.

**Saturday - Sunday, December 9 - December 10****Silent Film Shows at The Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum \$R**

3:00 pm  
December 9: LA BOHEME @ 7:30 pm.  
December 10: Babes in Toyland, Laurel & Hardy @ 3:00 pm.  
Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum  
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 494-1411  
nilesfilmmuseum.org/?tv=6176182645293056

**Saturday, December 9****Home For The Holidays: Pet Adoption & Phone with Santa "Claws"**

11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
FREE adoptions to qualified homes.  
Hayward Animal Shelter  
16 Barnes Ct., Hayward  
(510) 293-7200

**Saturday, December 9****Bate, Bate Chocolate**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
At the wood-burning stove to prepare champurrado, an ancient corn and chocolate drink  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont  
(888) 327-2757  
Admission fee applies

**Saturday, December 9****Tour Of Niles Memorial Veterans Hall**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Special tour arranged by Washington township historical society.  
Veterans Memorial Hall  
37154 2nd St., Fremont  
(510) 790-2853  
museumoflocalhistory.org/



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**Saturday and Sunday,  
December 9 - December 10**

**Wreath Making at the Barn \$R**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Make a "living wreath" to welcome visitors to your home this winter season. All supplies will be provided. For age 7+yrs, adult participation required.  
Sunol Regional Wilderness Visitor Center  
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol  
(510) 544-3245  
Parking fee applies

**Sunday, December 10**

**Holiday Concert with Jen n Friends FireBird Band**  
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Come decked out in your favorite holiday wear and enjoy a free holiday concert with Jen n Friends Firebird Band.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 745-1400

**Sunday, December 10**

**Holiday Open House - Fremont Art Association**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Start your holiday shopping with unique handmade pieces for sale at the gallery.  
37697 Niles Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 792-0905  
[s\\_helmer@comcast.net](mailto:s_helmer@comcast.net)

**Sunday, December 10**

**Grand Menorah Lighting**  
4:30 pm  
Live menorah graffiti artist. Music by DJ Gatsby. Menorah competition. Craft corner, face painting, hot soup, hot drinks and snacks.  
Fremont Downtown Event Center  
3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont  
(510) 742-7510  
[www.chabadfremont.com](http://www.chabadfremont.com)

**Sunday, December 10**

**Santa Lucia Celebration**  
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
Join us at our country kitchen for traditional Swedish baked goods and candlelit festivities.  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont  
(888) 327-2757, (510) 544-2797  
Admission fee applies

**Monday, December 11**

**Outdoor Discoveries!  
HIBERNATION**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Explore the world around you and get a lesson with a Naturalist followed by a craft or activity.  
Sunol Regional Wilderness Visitor Center  
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol  
(510) 544-3245  
Parking fee applies.

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Holiday Train of Lights \$R**  
4:30 pm  
Join the Holiday fun aboard the magical Niles Canyon Railway Train of Lights! Santa Claus will be aboard for pictures.  
Niles Canyon Railway Museum  
37029 Mission Blvd., Fremont  
(925) 862-9063  
[bayphil.org](http://bayphil.org)  
Cost: \$45.00

**Tree Lighting  
Calendar**

**Washington Hospital Holiday Tree Lighting  
Wednesday, Dec 6**  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Photos with Santa  
Featuring the "Signing Santa", carolers, treats, crafts, & more  
Washington West Anderson Auditorium  
2500 Mowry Ave., Fremont  
[www.whhs.com/upcomingevents](http://www.whhs.com/upcomingevents)

**Boutique  
Calendar**

**Sun Gallery Holiday Boutique  
Friday - Sunday, Dec 1 - Dec 9**  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sun Gallery  
1015 E. St., Hayward  
(510) 581-4050  
<http://sungallery.org/>

**Winter Art Show & Sale  
Thursday, Dec 7**

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Art show and sale by Mt. Eden students  
Mt. Eden High School, Room L4  
2300 Panama St., Hayward  
<https://mteden.husd.us/>

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Parents Pave the Way: FUSD Urged to Embrace Hindi Inclusion

In the wake of recent revelations regarding the exclusion of Hindi from the Fremont Unified School District's (FUSD) world language offerings, the Indian American community is not only demanding answers but also actively working to address the issue. Parents within the community have gone above and beyond, pooling their resources to support the inclusion of Hindi in FUSD's curriculum.

The concerted efforts of these parents reflect a deep commitment to their children's education, with many dedicating considerable time and energy to gather the necessary resources to advocate for Hindi's inclusion. They have been actively involved in presenting a compelling case to the FUSD board.

Teenagers within the community have been vocal in expressing the negative impact of not being able to learn their language at school.

Siya Singh, a 10th grader at Irvington High School, stated, "With Indian Americans students comprising 70% of Irvington and Horner's population, their needs are not just preferences but urgent demands. Yet, these calls seem to be met with blatant

disregard. This is not equity. This is not fairness. FUSD, it's time to awake and genuinely embody the principles you advocate for. Enough with empty promises; it's time for real action."

Their testimonials have highlighted the emotional and educational void created by the absence of Hindi from the curriculum. These students stress the importance of cultural and linguistic identity in their overall wellbeing.

It is noteworthy that FUSD has already recognized an accredited curriculum for Hindi. Parents have taken a proactive approach by submitting a comprehensive binder containing curriculum outlines for Hindi Levels 1 to 4. This detailed proposal can be seamlessly integrated into the existing academic framework. Furthermore, parents have identified and submitted a list of qualified teachers with the appropriate credentials who are willing to contribute to the Hindi curriculum. This initiative showcases the community's dedication to ensuring the program's success.

Expressing a willingness to collaborate, parents have communicated their openness to

working with the FUSD board and school principals to make Hindi inclusion a reality. The Indian American community is urging the board to recognize the substantial groundwork done on their behalf.

The ball is now squarely in the court of the FUSD board. Parents have taken 10 steps forward, demonstrating a commitment to the educational wellbeing of their children. They are urging the board to take just one step in their direction, to listen, and to understand the wellness needs of the over 60% of FUSD students represented by the Indian American community.

In essence, the Indian American community is extending an olive branch, calling for collaboration and understanding, with the goal of implementing the Hindi program in the 2024-2025 school year. The time for action is now, and the FUSD board is called upon to embrace this opportunity for cultural enrichment and educational inclusivity.

**Submitted by a Concerned Parent of FUSD Students**

## Newark Symphonic Winds Holiday Concert

SUBMITTED BY  
NEWARK SYMPHONIC WINDS

The free 2023 Newark Symphonic Winds Holiday Concert, sponsored by Fremont Bank Foundation, will take place on Saturday, December 16 at Newark Memorial High School Theatre. Enjoy an evening of holiday music performed by the Tri-Cities' own 50 musician symphony directed by Richard Wong.

The night will be filled with exciting holiday favorites, including a reading by Newark's Emeritus Mayor - Dave Smith - of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* set to music, a community sing along, and a special performance by the Newark Saxophone Quartet.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive before intermission, so bring the children; they will absolutely love the opportunity to talk with Santa!

**Newark Symphonic Winds Holiday Concert  
Saturday, Dec 16  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Newark Memorial High School Theatre  
39375 Cedar Blvd., Newark  
(510) 552-7186  
<https://newarksymphonic.org>**

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<p><b>Are you troubled by someone else's drinking?</b> Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups are here to help! Al-Anon has but one purpose, to help families and friends of Alcoholics. We have in-person and zoom meetings. Visit <a href="https://alanond17.weebly.com/">https://alanond17.weebly.com/</a> for a full meeting list. You can also email <a href="mailto:easyduz@gmail.com">easyduz@gmail.com</a> or call us at 510.276.2270 for more info.</p>	<p><b>Scholarships for Women</b> <b>Fremont PEO/UF sponsors scholarships for women entering college, earning another degree, returning after 2+ years.</b> 2% education loans. <a href="http://www.peocalifornia.org">www.peocalifornia.org</a> <a href="mailto:peouf150@gmail.com">peouf150@gmail.com</a></p>

<p><b>Fremont Stamp Club</b> Meet 2nd Thurs. each month <b>Cultural Arts Center</b> 3375 Country Dr., Fremont Interesting discussions, trade, silent auction <a href="mailto:fremontstampclub@gmail.com">fremontstampclub@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.fremontstampclub.org">www.fremontstampclub.org</a> Steve (510) 461-3431</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <b>2950 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT, CA</b> We welcome you and your family into the life of Fremont First, regardless of your skin color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental capacity, religious background, family configuration, economic means or immigrations status. Check out our website: <a href="http://www.firstchurchfremont.org">www.firstchurchfremont.org</a> See our website to meet us on Zoom</p>
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<p><b>Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf (MLCD)</b> MLCD is an independent congregation in partnership with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School. <b>Location:</b> Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School (Meeting in Mosley Chapel) 38451 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA <b>Sunday Bible Study:</b> 9:30 a.m. - <b>Sunday Worship:</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Church Office:</b> 510-499-8473 or 510-516-9566 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mlcdeaf@yahoo.com">mlcdeaf@yahoo.com</a> OR <a href="mailto:gomez.andylorena@sbcglobal.net">gomez.andylorena@sbcglobal.net</a> You can find us at: Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf-YouTube <b>"Where people gather...to worship, learn and share the love of Jesus"</b></p>	<p><b>The Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area</b> Experience a country and its culture with local hosts; meet global visitors. Guests from Chile in 2023 Many outbound trip possibilities <b>Enjoy our many Bay Area events.</b> <a href="http://www.fffba.org">www.fffba.org</a> <a href="http://www.friendshipforce.org">www.friendshipforce.org</a> <b>Call or text 510-363-0531</b></p>
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<p><b>TRI-CITIES WOMEN'S CLUB</b> Meets on the third Tuesday Elk's Club on Farwell Drive 9:15 - Cards &amp; Games 11:30 - Lunch 1:00 - Program &amp; Meeting Group meeting monthly/bimonthly; bridge, lunch bunch, Rummikub, bocce ball &amp; book club. For more info, call 916-217-3074</p>	<p><b>Want to see a collection of vintage buses?</b> Visit the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont at 37974 Shinn Street. View and explore these antiques which were built from 1932 to 1995. Open the first and third Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm. Children always welcome. <a href="http://www.pacbus.org">www.pacbus.org</a></p>	<p><b>ABWA - Pathfinder Chapter American Business Women's Association</b> Provides opportunities for women for leadership, education, &amp; networking. Virtual meetings - 3rd Wednesday of each month. 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Call Donna at 510-299-4332 or send email to <a href="mailto:pathfinderabwa@gmail.com">pathfinderabwa@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.abwa-pathfinder.org">www.abwa-pathfinder.org</a></p>
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<p><b>Fremont Cribbage Club</b> Meets to play weekly, every Weds. We play a Cribbage Tournament starting at 5PM. at BRONCO BILLY'S PIZZA at 41200 Blacow Road, Fremont We welcome experienced players and will work with new players hoping to learn the game. <a href="mailto:Accgr43@gmail.com">Email:Accgr43@gmail.com</a> For more information.</p>	<p><b>LOVE to WRITE? WANT to WRITE? WRITER'S BLOCK? Fremont Area Writers (FAW) is here to HELP!</b> Zoom meeting 4th Saturday of the month (off July &amp; Dec) 2:00-4:00 PM Great speakers! * All genres! * Critique groups available! <b>Email <a href="mailto:scottfrombayside@yahoo.com">scottfrombayside@yahoo.com</a></b> for Zoom link before the meeting. Writers' Salon meets 4th Monday of the month (occasional exceptions) Join us via Zoom 7:00-9:00 PM Read, discuss or just listen. <b>Email <a href="mailto:up.dragonfly.com@gmail.com">up.dragonfly.com@gmail.com</a></b> for Zoom link before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! <a href="http://www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org">www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org</a></p>
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<p><b>Tropics BINGO Every Wednesday Games start 7pm</b> 33000 Almaden Blvd. Fremont Buy-In \$10 Flash games \$100-\$500 90% Payout Profits go to local Charities the-Tropics.net</p>	<p><b>Masquerade \$5 Jewelry and Accessories Sale</b> Nov. 27, 28, 29, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Washington West, 2500 Mowry Ave. Ample free parking Support the Washington Hospital Service League of Volunteers and find fun and budget-friendly household items and gifts.</p>
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<p>A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs. A HUD Approved Agency <b>Credit and Money Mgmt. Workshop</b> Presented on Zoom For dates, go to our website Please register at <a href="http://www.a1chs.org">www.a1chs.org</a> call 510.674.9227</p>	<p><b>BINGO BINGO BINGO</b> Niles Canyon Mobile Estates 711 Old Canyon Road, Fremont (Niles District) The FIRST MONDAY of Every month in 2023 Doors Open @ 6:00 PM Games Start @ 7:00 PM \$7.00 - 6 pack; \$1.00 Bonanza; \$1.00 Blackout; \$1.00 Hot Ball; \$2.00 Daubers</p>
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<p><b>Ohlone College Flea Market</b> 2nd Saturday of every month 9AM - 3PM Lower Lots E &amp; D Free Admission &amp; Free Parking Come to your community flea market, your one-stop destination for great deals and unique finds! Explore the deals waiting just for you - happy shopping! <a href="mailto:fleamarket@ohlone.edu">Email: fleamarket@ohlone.edu</a> Phone: 510-659-62851</p>	<p><b>Serious Mental Illness Free 8-week course for caregivers of someone with a serious mental illness starting Jan 6, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 in Fremont.</b> Registration is required. Contact: Joe Rose at 510-255-3903 or <a href="mailto:F2F@NAMIacs.org">Email F2F@NAMIacs.org</a> <a href="https://www.NAMIacs.org">https://www.NAMIacs.org</a> <a href="https://www.NAMI.org/f2f">https://www.NAMI.org/f2f</a></p>
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<p><b>SAN LEANDRO HISTORICAL RAILWAY SOCIETY</b> is open to the public each Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Located at 1302 Orchard Ave, San Leandro, Ca. Outdoor &amp; indoor model trains will be in operation. Information: Eugene 510 963-2965 Model train donations: Bob 510 566-3499</p>	<p><b>HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE &amp; CRAFT FAIR</b> <b>Sat. December 2nd, 9am-3pm</b> <b>Fremont's largest!</b> <b>Over 80 artisan vendors</b> <b>FREE admission and parking</b> American High School 36300 Fremont Blvd, Fremont Proceeds benefit the Class of 2024 Safe &amp; Sober Grad Nite celebration <a href="https://ahsboutique.weebly.com/">https://ahsboutique.weebly.com/</a></p>
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<p><b>EARLY RISERS start your Tuesday with a boost of energy. Join the NEWARK TOASTMASTERS from your home 7 am - 8 am via Zoom.</b> Boost your communication, leadership &amp; personal growth skills. It's FREE to attend as a guest. Info: <a href="mailto:wmfitts@yahoo.com">wmfitts@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:profiricka@gmail.com">profiricka@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.1118.toastmastersclubs.org">www.1118.toastmastersclubs.org</a></p>	<p><b>Ohlone College Flea Market **Garage Sellers promo**</b> Buy 1 market and get the second market 50% off!! No permit is needed for your first 2 markets The Ohlone College Flea Market is on the 2nd Saturday of every month Claim your deal! <a href="mailto:fleamarket@ohlone.edu">Email: fleamarket@ohlone.edu</a> Phone: 510-659-6285</p>
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<p><b>Holiday Boutique</b> <b>Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 10am-4pm</b> <b>Georgian Manor Mobile Home Community Club House</b> 1419 Buckingham Way, Hayward 94544 Here is your chance to purchase handcrafted items for your holiday gift giving or a gift for yourself. Proceeds from space rent and raffle table donations go to NFL Alumni Toy Drive. For information call Harlene Strauss 510-887-4366 or email <a href="mailto:harleneatvip@comcast.net">harleneatvip@comcast.net</a></p>
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<p><b>BINGO - BINGO... LETS YELL BINGO!!!</b> <b>Fremont Elks Lodge (510-797-2121)</b> 38991 Farwell Drive - Fremont Every Thursday - Doors open @ 4:30pm. Flash/Strips start 6:00... Regular Paper games start 6:30pm. Packs: 1/\$20 2/\$25 3-5/\$30 6-8/\$35 9-12/\$40 FREE COFFEE - WATER - POPCORN SNACKBAR AVAILABLE Grab some friends &amp; Come on down!!</p>
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**WILLIAM MARSHAK**

## Deserts

When using the term "desert", we often think of a barren landscape, devoid of life and activity. In reality, deserts are active, environments as plants and animals adapt to limited resources and harsh conditions. A delicate balance to support this ecosystem can easily be upset with disastrous consequences. Those living within the desert may be unaware of their precarious existence but an outside observer can appreciate its fragility.

Deserts can exist in a different context as well. These are similar to those of sand dunes, lacking an ample supply of one or more vital resources. In some cases, just as the addition of an "s" transforms the word desert to dessert, with proper management a can bloom and thrive. A current challenge for our cities is the immense pressure to create affordable housing. Unfortunately, supply is woefully short of demand, creating an affordable housing desert.

Currently we are witnessing the demise of small and medium size business. As the insatiable hunger for housing continues, vacant land and existing commercial property is disappearing as tightly-packed housing units that often masquerade as retail "mixed use" projects. Many of these have minimal retail space and cannot form a nucleus of commercial energy for themselves or additional shops. This lack of retail vitality can easily descend into a retail desert.

The idea of complete communities includes housing of course. But, people living

in those houses, condominiums or apartments need a full range of services nearby as well. Schools, offices, ideal. The destruction of existing retail or land that could be used for retail operations is antithetical to that vision. The magic bullet of mass transit has also lost some of its shine as some of the workforce has transitioned to home-based telecommuting. We cannot afford to ignore where, when and how deserts are created or strengthened. To live successfully in a desert, conservation of limited resources is mandatory. Can we or should we adjust to life in the desert?



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**SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS**

## Ask Rusty—We're planning to claim at 62; what do we need to know?

**BY RUSSELL GLOOR,**  
**NATIONAL**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR,**  
**AMAC FOUNDATION**

*Dear Rusty: My wife (born May 1962) and I (born April 1963) are retired and will soon be looking to start collecting our Social Security as we each hit 62. As this is new to us, I'm wondering what things we may need to be aware of or consider as we get closer to her 62nd birthday in May. Any advice or information will be appreciated!*

Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: If you and your wife are both retired from working and have decided to start

your (reduced) Social Security as soon as you are eligible at age 62, then there is nothing you need to do in advance of applying. The Social Security (SS) retirement benefit amount for each of you will be determined by your individual lifetime earnings record and your age when you claim. If either of you will be eligible for a spousal boost from the other, that will be automatically applied when both of you are collecting.

If your wife plans to claim her Social Security as soon as she is eligible, she should apply for her benefits about three months in advance and choose the option on the application which states, "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction." For information, an applicant must be 62 for an entire month to get benefits, so your wife's first month of eligibility will be June 2024. Social Security deals only in whole months and pays benefits in the month following the month earned; so if your wife's birthday is between the 11th and 20th of the month, her first Social Security payment will be received in her bank account on the third Wednesday of July. All subsequent payments will be on that same schedule. Then, when it's time for you to claim, you should follow the same process as your wife and, if either of you is entitled to a higher amount as a spouse, it will

be automatically applied when your benefits start later.

Applying for benefits is a relatively simple process if done online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply). Note that to apply online your wife will need to first create her personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). To prepare for applying later, you can also create your personal online account now (it's required to apply online), at which you will see what your estimated benefit will be at different ages. Of course, your wife first (and later you) can also call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213 to request an appointment to apply for SS retirement benefits in person. Applications which are not done online are usually taken over the phone vs. requiring a visit to your local Social Security office, but applying online is, by far, the most efficient method (you can link to the application process from your online account).

One important thing to be aware of: By claiming at age 62, the monthly payment for each of you will be 70% of what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) and that is a permanent reduction. If you expect at least average longevity—about 84 for you and 87 for your wife—and if it is financially feasible, then waiting longer to claim would

yield a higher monthly amount as well as the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. For those with an FRA of 67, SS retirement benefits claimed at FRA are 30% higher than at 62 and, if claimed at 70 are 75% more than at 62. And, although the decision on when to claim is always personal, a married couple should also evaluate their joint needs when deciding.

One final word of caution: although you and your wife are now retired from working, be aware that if you claim SS benefits before your FRA and return to work, Social Security has an earnings test which limits how much you can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age.

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### How To Optimize Your Social Security Income

Want to know how to get the most out of your Social Security benefits? Speaker Thien Khuu, a Registered Social Security Analyst and a 25-year veteran with the Social Security Administration, can help you to understand, navigate and plan for a secure retirement.

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# An interview with Fremont's Mayor Mei

BY JACK ALCORN,  
GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Mayor Lily Mei was sworn in December 2016 as Fremont's first woman and minority mayor in Fremont's 63 year history.

I had the opportunity to speak with the Mayor about Fremont and her work as head of the city. She eagerly shared her thoughts with openness and enthusiasm for her service.

The Mayor said that public safety and homelessness are the top priorities for her administration.

"Our city, much like other cities, has been impacted by some of the challenges with COVID in terms of housing and homelessness. We have been working very hard to address it, everything from our Homeless Navigation Center to creating more housing...and I'm proud to say that in the last couple years we've given out over \$17 million in rental assistance to keep people from becoming homeless," said the Mayor.

Regarding the future of Fremont, one of the nation's 100 most populous cities, Mayor Mei stated, "Building

housing is great. But that doesn't build a community. You need the other pieces, the recreation, the education and the other supportive services such as the community centers and other health facilities that are really important to make a well-rounded community where people want to live, work, play and also worship."

The Mayor said that Fremont has great schools, transportation, and an amazing park system.

"Keeping people employed, keeping people housed and keeping people healthy is really critical," she said.

Mayor Mei stated that Fremont's greatest strength was its people. "We have over 105 languages and dialects being spoken and we have to bridge diversity of ethnic backgrounds and religious faiths...being able to admire and appreciate the differences as well as to support [them] in our community."

The Mayor spoke about the flexibility of Fremont's abundant commercial real estate, noting that it is less expensive than other parts of the Bay Area. "We've been blessed in the middle of the pandemic to have one of the largest UPS logistics hubs as well as Amazon."

Mayor Mei earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Drexel University. Her professional experience includes over 20 years in management and operations.

In 2019, Mayor Mei was nominated to serve on the National League of Cities (NLC) policy committees of Transportation & Infrastructure Services. Most recently she was appointed as Co-Chair of the NLC Transportation Technology subcommittee. NLC includes more than 2,700 cities across the nation. The organization advocates for, and protects the interests of, cities, towns and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership and driving innovative solutions.

The Mayor recently attended NLC's City Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. She said, "It's a very important opportunity to gather and coalesce some of our thoughts and also to learn about how we as an organization and as individual cities...get awareness of issues, policies, programs and funding in particular that are important for us to be able to function."

Drones and First Responders was a work session at the Summit that the Mayor found relevant to

Fremont. Drone technology is becoming an integral part of a first responder's toolbox. Drones increase situational awareness and promote safer outcomes for residents and responders.

"We as a city are also implementing that [drones] process. So it was great to hear from service providers as well as other cities who are exploring or currently in the process of doing some of the things that we're looking at too. I think when it comes to being able to have greater access and safety, it's important," said the Mayor.

"Our city right now is working on an active transportation plan, in terms of providing different ways for people to get safely around the city, and then also we're working on a homelessness plan. They'll be coming out in March," shared the Mayor.

The Mayor expressed that she wants to provide more workforce housing and ensure that Fremont has a good solid education system. "My vision for Fremont is that we continue to thrive and be sustainable."

Mayor Mei was first elected to the Fremont City Council in 2014. Her term ends December 2024 after eight years as mayor.

Accomplishments from her time in office have included new parks, a new elementary school and the Downtown Event Center.

The Mayor proudly spoke about the work of Fremont's City Council, "We have a lot that focuses on families, which is wonderful, and that's why I think we're one of the top places to raise a family. And we also focus a lot on seniors, which has been great."

She also spoke about diversity, equity and inclusion. "I spoke to the kids, I was speaking about, if they played music, if they've been on a sports team, if they've been in an orchestra, it's the ability to recognize the different strengths and skills of others and to bring out those and to recognize the uniqueness and work with one another, rather than tear us apart."

"I feel very honored and blessed to represent the community and this will be going on my 16th year. I'm really humbled really, and thankful," said the Mayor.

Mayor Mei lives in Fremont with her husband Peter. They have two children, Katie and Calvin.

## Neighborhood Anger Over Proposed Recreational Marijuana Store

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Following a decision earlier this year to move forward with the approval process of an additional recreational marijuana store in Union City, residents of the city's Cherrywood neighborhood have submitted a protest petition to the council with over 2,000 signatures urging members to rescind their approval. Over the summer, the council voted to conditionally approve a third marijuana business in the east bay community of 71,000- and the first to be located in a residential neighborhood. On a 3 to 0 vote (members Wang and Singh abstaining), the council approved the proposal just days after a security guard was shot during a robbery at Union City's Flor recreational marijuana store in Union Landing.

The move angered residents that live in the neighborhood surrounding the proposed location for Embarc Cannabis at 2621 and 2607 Decoto Road, prompting an e-mail and letter writing campaign against the store, followed by street protests and an aggressive petition campaign which netted over 2,000 signatures from area

residents protesting the location. The applicant for the store is former Union City Planning Commissioner Raymond L Gonsales, Jr., a resident of the city. "Our grandkids play here and this just invites violence and trouble based on all the robberies Union City's existing stores have faced" stated resident Mike Garcia, who lives just feet away from the proposed location. "Why anyone would think putting a business like this in a residential neighborhood near children and yards away from a senior citizen complex is a good idea just baffles me," said Garcia, who has lived in the quiet Cherrywood neighborhood for 38 years.

On November 21, 2023 at 3 a.m., Union City Police responded to a break-in at the Lemonnade marijuana store on Union City Boulevard., and minutes later a separate group of burglars forced their way into the Flor marijuana store. Ironically, only the week before Lemonnade had installed dozens of concrete barriers in an effort to discourage cars from being driven into the front window, which had occurred multiple times in the past. In response to the council's move, a large group of residents have regularly been showing up at council meetings voicing their displeasure, 100 street signs were posted and over 2,500 informational flyers distributed in the neighborhood which is located near James Logan High School. The Pacific Justice Institute, a non-profit law firm that has successfully advocated against the placement of marijuana dispensaries in locations in close proximity to children represents a group of concerned citizens of the City of Union City opposing the store. The council is slated to make the final decision about the fate of the store sometime in December.

## Fremont City Council

November 14, 2023

### Scheduled Items

- Code Updates – Housing Element Program Implementation – Citywide. Passed 5-0-2 (2 Absent: Cox, Shao)

### Consent Calendar

- Authorize FY 2023/24 standard service agreements with motels for temporary use of hotel rooms as winter relief shelter, and Abode Services for support services; appropriate additional funding.

- Authorize a five-year license agreement, with two five-year renewal options, with Washington Township Museum of Local History, for use of Rancho Higuera Historical Park & Adobe.

- Award contract to Calstate Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,841,055 (including 10% Contingency) for the Police Department Vehicle Storage Warehouse Project.

- Amend the facilities maintenance agreement for

playground maintenance and safety resurfacing with SpectraTurf, Inc.

- Approve the plans and specifications for the Central Park Pickleball Court Project; reallocate \$150,000 from PWC 8501 to the project, and award a contract to Silicon Valley Paving, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$378,184, plus alternate #1 - four additional pickleball courts at lower courts for \$96,047; alternate #2 – install court furnishings for \$54,175; and, alternate #3 – electrical conduit and pullboxes for \$24,900; plus a 15% construction contingency amount of \$82,995, for a total construction contract amount of \$636,301.

- Award a contract to Life Scan Wellness Centers and authorize the City Manager to issue a service agreement for firefighter medical examinations in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Teresa Cox	Absent
Raj Salwan	Aye
Yang Shao	Absent
Teresa Keng	Aye
Jenny Kassin	Aye
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**Avinash Sharma**  
Resident of Hayward  
August 17, 1951 – November 23, 2023

**Parminder Dhillon**  
Resident of Castro Valley  
March 18, 1949 – November 23, 2023

**Jayesh Patel**  
Resident of Hayward  
June 8, 1957 – November 22, 2023

**Janit Sharma**  
Resident of Fremont  
September 27, 1974 – November 20, 2023

**Luong Nguyen**  
Resident of San Jose  
March 2, 1938 – November 19, 2023

**Felix Bermudez**  
Resident of Fremont  
March 16, 1923 – November 19, 2023

**Theresetta Dunn**  
Resident of Fremont  
July 22, 1929 – November 19, 2023

**Naomi Campbell**  
Resident of Fremont  
November 13, 1934 – November 19, 2023

**Chabi De**  
Resident of Milpitas  
October 14, 1940 – November 18, 2023

**Randall Marin**  
Resident of Union City  
June 28, 1955 – November 17, 2023

**Amber Yen**  
Resident of Fremont  
September 26, 1929 – November 17, 2023

## Donna Beaver Dodson née Garciduenas

April 15, 1951- November 14, 2023

Donna was born in San José, CA to Ralph and Margarita V. Garciduenas. She was raised in the communities of "Old Alvarado" and Decoto in Union City, CA. Donna attended Alvarado Elementary, Decoto Elementary, Barnard Jr. High and James Logan High School, Class of 1969.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Margarita, and her second husband of 26 years, John Beaver. She leaves behind her third husband Steve Dodson, Step son Timothy (Non) Dodson and their children Rae and Tye Dodson; sisters Martha (Greg ) Minor, Margarita "Margie" Garciduenas, and Sarah (Randy) Mills. Nephews and Niece; Greg III and Marc (Erica) Minor, Andrew (Kristine) Mills and Janelle (Russell) Finizie. Grand nephews and nieces Cara, Carmina, and Marcela Minor, Hudson and Rowan Mills, Rhys and Julian Finizie.

After graduating high school Donna worked for PACBELL as a long distance operator. She later worked as a teller for Bank of America (BoFA). She advanced in positions ultimately working for BoFA 25 years around the Bay Area. Donna met his first husband Robert Diehl while working at BoFA but the marriage ended in divorce. Donna also earned a BA degree in 1987 from the University of Virginia in Retail Bank Management. Donna worked at WestAmerica bank in Lafayette 6 years and Washington Mutual/JPMorgan Chase bank in Palm Springs 10 years. Donna retired July 1, 2011.

Following retiring Donna kept active playing golf with late husband John, and traveling. Donna joined the Palm Springs Woman's Club November 2015. She was a very active member serving multiple years as the



Treasurer and as President for Club Year 2019-2020. After her term as President had ended she again acted as Treasurer. After she moved to Mesquite with husband Steve, she continued her membership with PSWC and once again served as treasurer remotely. She was very active in the Club that she continued working as treasurer as much as she was able to. Her last log in into the PSWC's software was 10-18-2023. Her dedication to PSWC will never be forgotten.

On 11-06-2023 Donna was awarded The "Heart of Gold" Diamond Service Award this award is given to a deserving member chosen by past recipients and the President for meritorious service and dedication to the Palm Springs Woman's Club.

Donna also met with a group of women golfers once a week at the O'Donnell Golf Club. The group was known as the "O'Donnell Niners."

Donna and Steve (married 2017) moved to Mesquite, NV in the summer of 2022.

Donna's ashes will be spread off the Big Island of Hawaii. A Celebration of Life for Donna will be held at Carlton Senior Living in Fremont on Saturday, January 20th, 2-5 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society supporting research.

## Alicia Higuera Miramontes

July 20, 1929 – November 25, 2023

Resident of Union City



Alicia Higuera Miramontes passed away on November 25th, at the age of 94. She is survived by her children, Frank Miramontes and his wife Lorraine, Manuel Miramontes and his wife Teresa, Norma Braswell and her husband Steve, and Ruben Miramontes and his wife Melody. She also is survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her sister, Julia Higuera of El Paso, Texas. Predeceased by her husband Jose Miramontes and two sons, Joe and Arthur, and two grandchildren Desiree and

Fatima.

She was born in San Francisco Del Oro, Chihuahua, Mexico. As a young woman, she came to the US through El Paso where she met her husband and they later moved to Decoto, California in the early 50's where she raised her six children.

She loved her family dearly and her favorite times were attending family gatherings and events. She was a strong, loving, generous person that will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 7th, 4:00pm-7:00pm with a Chapel Service starting at 7:00pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536. There will be a final viewing on Friday, December 8, from 10:30am-12:30pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, followed by a burial at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park in Hayward.

Fremont Memorial Chapel  
510-793-8900

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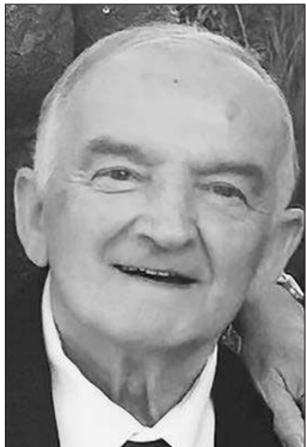
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**Francisco G. DaCosta**  
 January 5, 1940 – November 30, 2023  
 Resident of Union City

Francisco Garcia DaCosta, 83, of Union City, California, passed away on November 30th due to complications from cardiovascular disease.



Francisco grew up in the Azores Islands, Portugal, on the island of Pico, and worked as a shop keeper on the island of Faial. He immigrated with his wife and 2 young children to the United States in 1967, and soon grew his family with the addition of two more children. Within a few days after arrival to the US, he secured employment at U.S. Pipe & Foundry in Union City, where he worked for 36 years before retiring. His position as a quality assurance manager brought him satisfaction, and he was valued for his strong work ethic.

act as master of ceremonies at traditional Portuguese festivals for many years. He was adored for his outgoing and personable manner.

He was a loving husband to his wife, Maria, as well as a wonderful father to his 4 children, Fernando, Cecilia, Linda, and Elizabeth, and a loving grandfather to his 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. His favorite saying was "better days are coming", which guided his life with positivity and smiles for all, even in the face of difficult circumstances.

In addition to his love of family, he pursued a deep passion to maintain connection to his Azorean roots. He was a successful radio broadcaster, growing his weekly Portuguese language program on KRVE entitled "Asas do Atlantico" (Wings over the Atlantic). He offered news from the Azores and musical selections, and excerpts from Portuguese soccer games, especially those involving his beloved Benfica team. The program also allowed him to support the Azorean community, both in California and the Azores. After a devastating earthquake in the island of Faial in 1980, he provided crucial communication and organized donations to be sent to the Azores. His visibility in the Azorean community throughout California brought invitations to

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 11th, 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Union City. Any donations can be made in Francisco's honor to St. Jude hospital for Children ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)), and to the non-profit Soccer Without Borders ([www.soccerwithoutborders.org](http://www.soccerwithoutborders.org)).

**Fremont Chapel of the Roses**  
 510-797-1900

**Court document claims Meta knowingly designed its platforms to hook kids**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook parent Meta Platforms deliberately engineered its social platforms to hook kids and knew - but never disclosed - it had received millions of complaints about underage users on Instagram but only disabled a fraction of those accounts, according to a newly unsealed legal complaint described in reports from The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

popular with children under age 13 who, per company policy, were not allowed to use the service.

Meta said in a statement to The Associated Press that the complaint misrepresents its work over the past decade to make the online experience safe for teens, noting it has "over 30 tools to support them and their parents."

With respect to barring younger users from the service, Meta argued age verification is a "complex industry challenge."

Instead, Meta said it favors shifting the burden of policing underage usage to app stores and parents, specifically by supporting federal legislation that would require app stores to obtain parental approval whenever youths under 16 download apps.

One Facebook safety executive alluded to the possibility that cracking down on younger users might hurt the company's business in a 2019 email, according to the Journal report.

But a year later, the same executive expressed frustration that while Facebook readily studied the usage of underage users for business reasons, it didn't show the same enthusiasm for ways to identify younger kids and remove them from its platforms, the Journal reported.

The complaint noted that at times Meta has a backlog of up to 2.5 million accounts of younger children awaiting action, according to the newspaper reports.

The complaint, originally made public in redacted form, was the opening salvo in a lawsuit filed in late October by the attorneys general of 33 states.

Company documents cited in the complaint described several Meta officials acknowledging the company designed its products to exploit shortcomings in youthful psychology such as impulsive behavior, susceptibility to peer pressure and the underestimation of risks, according to the reports.

Others acknowledged Facebook and Instagram also were

**THE ROBOT REPORT**  
**Cobots are primed to take over the automotive industry, says Universal Robots**



Universal Robots explained why cobot use is still growing in the automotive industry. Source: Universal Robots

**BRIANNA WESSLING**

Universal Robots A/S is one of the most successful collaborative robot developers on the planet. To date, the Odense, Denmark-based company said it has installed more than 75,000 cobots in various industries.

It has also released over 440 UR+ products, has 1,100 partners, and has more than 20 offices globally. With the release of the UR20, Universal Robots is on its fifth generation of cobots.

The global market for collaborative robots could reach \$1.6 billion this year, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 26.12% to 2026, predicted Research and Markets. It cited the rise of smart factories and growing demand in the Asia-Pacific region.

David Capellani, a regional key account manager at Universal Robots, recently shared insights in a company webcast into how the automotive industry can use collaborative robot arms, and in particular UR cobots.

**A complex industry with complex challenges**

The automotive industry faces many unique challenges that make it a great fit for automation, said Universal Robots. To build a car, automakers need to work with a wide range of other industries to source each component. These include metals, plastics, rubber, electronics, textiles, and glass. This leaves the industry vulnerable to supply chain disruptions in a number of areas, said the company.

"Delays in production can cause multiple ripples throughout the industry," Capellani said. "Think about a car as a series of components, and you'll see a wide range of industries and applications."

In addition, vehicles are designed for a range of applications, from trucking to agriculture, and those building them need to adjust to shifting brand, model, and volume requirements. Many suppliers are also facing a talent shortage, making it difficult to meet demand and quality requirements.

This is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to challenges within the industry. For example, automotive manufacturers also need to take into consideration frequent changes in car models, environmental concerns, and regulatory compliance, said Capellani.

"Despite these challenges and market conditions, the automotive manufacturing industry is primed for significant and long-term growth," he added. "And now is the time to make the necessary changes."

**What do cobots bring to the table?**

Historically, the automotive industry has been the biggest buyer of robots. However, its factories mostly use industrial robots, which can lift heavy loads and move very quickly but cannot work around humans. Capellani said he believes that, despite historic trends, collaborative robots are better suited to meet the challenges the automotive manufacturing industry is facing today.

"Cobots carry out the same functions as traditional robots, but with a far greater range of benefits," Capellani said.

For example, cobots have smaller space requirements than industrial robots. They can work freely around other people, so end users don't need to invest in safety guarding or fencing to ensure a safe work environment for human workers.

In addition, Capellani said that automakers can deploy cobots much faster than industrial robots, in part because they don't require much infrastructure change to be installed.

Universal Robots can deploy cobots in as little as four weeks from purchase order, according to Capellani. He said this is because its robots require less engineering, programming, training, and lead times than industrial automation.

"When you look at collaborative robots in contrast [to industrial robots], we're talking about something that is quick to deploy," Capellani said. "Where the standard is 110 to 230 volts. So, it's simply take it out of the box, and plug it in. It's flexible and versatile, so it's easy

to change over to new part variations and incorporate new processes as a smaller footprint."

Capellini noted that while these robots can be installed in a short time and are safe enough to work around people, risk assessments should always be done before deployments.

**Incremental automation for automotive manufacturers**

Capellini highlighted the importance of understanding the value of incrementally automating your processes.

"In the traditional approach, projects were long, and the challenge was to automate every step in the manufacturing process," he said. "Because the systems were closed behind safety barriers, that was the only way that investment could be justified."

According to Capellani, with industrial robots, automating one or two steps in the processes could consume up to 50% of the project's budget. But with cobots, automating one or two steps of the process can be a good way to quickly start generating a return on investment (ROI).

"Start with the jobs the manufacturing team really doesn't want to do. Automate those steps," Capellani said. "Start generating ROI and happier employees, and then move on to the next process. We've watched companies start with one UR cobot and continue to grow their installed based year over year, month over month."

**Universal Robots lists where to start automating**

Capellani says that automotive manufacturers typically start automating with one of four applications. These include:

- Assembly applications, which can include assembly, glue and dispensing, screw driving, and welding
- Machine tending, which includes machine tools, test machines, and injection molding
- Material handling, which includes packaging, palletizing, and transferring
- Quality inspection

"So, if we're ready to automate, where do we start?" Capellani said. "Let's evaluate potential applications. We like to look at what we call the 'three Ds' — the dull, dirty, and dangerous tasks."

*Brianna Wessling is an Associate Editor, Robotics, WTWH Media. She joined WTWH Media in November 2021, and is a recent graduate from the University of Kansas. She can be reached at [bwessling@wtwhmedia.com](mailto:bwessling@wtwhmedia.com)*

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FREMONT ART REVIEW BOARD

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CNSB #3762354

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (U.C.C. §6104, 6105) ESCROW # : 0126021534

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.

The names and business address of the Seller(s) is/are: Chui N. Lee 36601 Newark Blvd., #64, Newark, CA 94560

The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: same as above

As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: None

The names and business address of the Buyer(s) is/are: MNG Companies, LLC 36601 Newark Blvd., #64, Newark, CA 94560

The assets to be sold are described in general as: All stock in trade, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other property

And are located at: 36601 Newark Blvd., #64, Newark, CA 94560

The business name used by the Seller(s) at those locations is: "Jade Palace Of Newark"

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is: December 21, 2023

At the office of Old Republic Title Company @ 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite 400, Concord, CA 94520.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is as follows: Old Republic Title Company @ 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite 400, Concord, CA 94520 or E-Fax to 925-265-9040.

The last day for filing claims shall be December 20, 2023 which is the business day before the sale date specified herein.

Dated: 11-22-23 Buyer(s): MNG Companies, LLC /S/ By: Shreyas Gulavane, Managing Member 12/5/23 CNS-3762764#

CIVIL

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA CASE NO. D23673032-D DEPT: TBD

Elvia Corella Rodriguez, Plaintiff vs. Santiago Tovar Amezcua, Defendant

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION VERY CAREFULLY.

To the Defendant named above: The Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint or petition against you. Read that document (or get a copy of the court listed above) to find out the specific relief requested. The subject of this case is: DIVORCE

If you want to defend this lawsuit, you must do all the following within 21 days after this summons is served on you (not counting the day of service): 1. File a formal written answer to the complaint or petition with the Clerk of Court (whose address is listed below)

2. Pay the required filing fee to the court, or request a fee waiver by filing an Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis.

3. Serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff whose names and address is shown below. If you do not respond, Plaintiff can request a default against you. The court can then enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of Court By: 6/8/2023 Family Courts and Services Center 601 North Peccos Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 Regional Justice Center 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 Issued on Behalf of Plaintiff: Elvia Corella Rodriguez 1917 Arpa Way Unit C Las Vegas, NV 89108 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/23 CNS-3762186#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23CV050797

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA Petitioner of the Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANA DEISI BARILLAS to ANA DEISI GUILLEN

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/26/2023, Time: 9:30 A.M., Dept.: 14, Room: N/A The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612

To appear in person, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.) A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE Date: NOCEMBER 13 2023 CHARLES A. SMILEY Judge of the Superior Court 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/23 CNS-3761142#

SUMMONS (Family Law) CITACION (Derecho Civil) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): 23-22-11

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): BONIFACIO GERONA

You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la informacion a continuacion y en la pagina siguiente.

Petitioner's name is: Nombre del demandante: CONCEPCION BRIONES

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons You have 30 dias calendar days after this Summons You have 30 dias calendar days after this Summons

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelp.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

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1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94541

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): CRISPIN C. LOZANO, LAW OFFICES OF CRISPIN LOZANO, 1290 B STREET, STE. 205, HAYWARD, CA 94541 (510) 533-7188 Date (Fecha): AUGUST 15, 2022

CHAD FINKE, Clerk, (y Secretario, por) PRICHELE KUMAR, Deputy (Asistente) [SEAL] 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5/23 CNS-3756590#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 602257

Fictitious Business Name(s): FRIEND AND CHAMPION, 36312 CORONADO DR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

LAURENCE BENJAMIN HANSEN, 36312 CORONADO DR., 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 11/24/2008

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].)

LAURENCE BENJAMIN HANSEN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/22/2023

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). 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/23 CNS-3762444#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 602332

Fictitious Business Name(s): DUE ENTERTAINMENT, 34275 QUARTZ TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2023

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AKHIL DUA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/29/2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 601889

Fictitious Business Name(s): SEVENTH GENERATION RISING, INC., 38170 MARTHA AVE., 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 10/26/2023

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ERIC OZTOCHANE WALTHER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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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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). 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/23 CNS-3761141#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 601769

Fictitious Business Name(s): JINYUAN COMPANY, 201 MANITOBA TER., FREMONT, CA 94538, 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].)

JINGLIN LI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/01/2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 601356

Fictitious Business Name(s): SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNS, 39339 BLACOW RD, FREMONT, CA 94538, 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].)

SUNIL SHARMA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/12/2023

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 601565

Fictitious Business Name(s): BAYMETALS, 39059 SONORA CT., FREMONT, CA 94538, 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].)

GERSHAWN SINGH This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 24, 2023

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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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 2:00:00 p.m. local time on January 18, 2024, for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the construction of improvements designated as: FY23 Cast Iron/Pipe Lining Project (Project No. 800-578)

The project consists of rehabilitating several 6-inch to 18-inch cast iron pipe sanitary sewers at various locations in the cities of Newark, CA and Fremont, CA. Rehabilitation will include the installation of full-length and sectional cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liners, sewer flow control, and immediate reinstatement of any connected laterals.

All work associated with this contract shall include, but not be limited to, mobilization and demobilization, traffic control, inspection and testing, discharge treatment, permitting, fencing, and other items or details that are required by the Contract Specifications and Plan and Standard Specifications to be performed, placed, constructed, or installed.

The successful bidder will have one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days to complete the Project from the Notice to Proceed.

The Engineer's Estimate for this Project is \$94,000. Prebid Conference A non-mandatory virtual prebid conference call will be held at 8:00 A.M. local time on December 12, 2023.

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/84624866181

To attend the pre-bid conference by phone: Call 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247 Meeting ID: 846 2486 6181# Participant ID: # Bid Opening 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 2:30 p.m. local time. Instructions on how to join the bid opening are as follows: To attend the bid opening by web browser, use the Zoom link below for video and audio: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89528138482

To attend the bid opening by phone: Call 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247 Meeting ID: 895 2813 8482# Participant ID: # A site visit prior to bidding is not mandatory for bidders to be qualified to bid on the project. Some 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

If bidders wish to attend a voluntary site visit, bidders shall contact the District's Project Manager, Lupita Leon, at (510) 477-7605 to schedule a site visit. Bidders shall contact the District's Project Manager at least 72 business days in advance.

The site visits shall be conducted in the presence of the District's Project Manager or their designee. All bidders making a voluntary site visit shall comply with the current (as of the date of the site visit) Alameda County Health Order update regarding the use of face covering and the minimum six-foot physical distance from others.

In addition, all bidders shall review, complete, and acknowledge the District's COVID-19 Visitor Screening Questions and Guidelines, which will be made available to bidders upon scheduling the site visit appointment. The District may utilize a touchless thermometer to confirm bidders do not have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher before allowing entry.

Under California Laws and Regulations, the District shall inform all prime contractors of public works of the extent of the project, the project's public work requirements as listed in Section 0010 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 Contract Documents, including 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 wear face coverings, the implementation of cleaning and sanitizing requirements, and posting of signage notices.

For Large Construction Projects, compliance also includes but is not limited to preparation of a new or updated Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan and designation of a site-specific COVID-19 Third-Party Jobsite Safety Accountability Supervisor. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for public inspection at the District's website: https://unionsanitary.ca.gov/about-us/usd-construction-projects/prebid-photos-and-videos

A paper copy of the Contract Documents, including half size drawings, may be purchased at the District Office for a non-refundable \$50 charge, which includes the appropriate State sales tax and UPS Ground shipping costs. Bidders can provide their UPS or FedEx account number for any overnight shipping, but the charge will not be discounted.

Partial sets of Bid Documents are not available from the District. Bidders may pay for plans and specs by sending a check made out to Union Sanitary District, 5072 Benson Road, Union City, California 94587, or by going to our website www.unionsanitary.ca.gov for payment by VISA or MASTERCARD credit card.

All bidders submitting a bid must purchase and receive a paper copy of the Project Manual of FY23 Cast Iron/Pipe Lining, Project No. 800-578 from the District prior to the bid opening date. Submitted bids must be on bid forms included in the purchased paper copy of the Project Manual or subsequent addenda. A bid submitted to the District by a bidder who has not purchased and received a paper copy of the Project Manual of FY23 Cast Iron/Pipe Lining, Project No. 800-578, or submitted on bid forms not included in the purchased addenda copy of the Project Manual or subsequent addenda shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the invitation, the Plans and Specifications, and all documents comprising the Contract Documents. Each bid shall be presented under sealed cover and shall be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond, made payable to the District, in an amount of less than ten percent (10%) of the bid.

The guaranteed check or bidder's bond shall be given as a surety that the successful bidder will execute the contract in conformity with the form of agreement contained within the contract documents, and will furnish bonds and insurance policies as specified within ten (10) days after notification of the award of the Contract to the successful bidder.

Costs will be described in each addenda issued during the time of bidding shall be included in the Bid and the addenda shall become a part of the Contract documents. Bidders shall develop and submit bids at their own expense. The District will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of any and all Bids.

The District reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids and to award any and all contracts. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

At the successful Contractor's option, securities may be substituted for the required retention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the State of California Public Contract Code.

In accordance with the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15, a bid submitted to the District by a Contractor who is not licensed in accordance with Chapter 9 of the California Business and Professions Code shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to: Union Sanitary District Attn: Lupita Leon 5072 Benson Road Union City, CA 94587 Phone: 510-477-7605 By: Tom Handler Secretary of the Board Union Sanitary District Date: 12/05/2023 12/5, 12/12/23 CNS-3762125#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Sealed bids will be received in the Office of Purchasing Services at 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. B, Fremont, California, up to the hour of 2:00 PM on December 19, 2023, at which date, time and place the bids will be opened publicly and the dollar amounts of each bid will be read aloud.

The bids will be opened by Purchasing and the initiating department representative. A preliminary bid result will be posted on the City's website the same day by 4:00 p.m. CENTRAL PARK CRICKET FIELD SHADES PROJECT PWC 9001 A PRE-BID CONFERENCE A conference will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 10:00am, at the following location: Central Park Synthetic Cricket and Soccer Field south parking lot, in front of the Always Dream Playground, off of Stevenson Blvd. to acquaint all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Worksite. The bidders' conference will be held at 10:00 AM. Plans, special provisions and standard proposal forms to be used for bidding on this project can be obtained for a non-refundable fee at ARC Solutions located at 821 Martin Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050 via Phone (408) 295-5770 or email: santaclara@e-arcc.com or through Planwell at www.e-arcc.com/location/santa-clara. Please reference BID #24-009. No partial sets will be issued, cost is non-refundable. Call to confirm availability of copies before coming to pick up documents. For more information on this project, contact the City of Fremont Purchasing Department at jbaccerra-scola@fremont.gov JANICE BECERRA, CPPB PURCHASING DIVISION CITY OF FREMONT 11/28, 12/5/23 CNS-3758436#

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Margaret Bafalon CASE NO. 23PRO51372**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Margaret Bafalon  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Helen Maloney in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Helen Maloney be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 1/03/2024 at 9:45 a.m. in Dept. 201 located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY BERKELEY CA 94704 BERKELEY COURTHOUSE.  
REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court allows, but does not require, 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 (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner: Carolyn D. Cain, SBN 161377 Cain, Cain & Housman 150 N. Wiget Lane, Suite 105 Walnut Creek, CA 94598, Telephone: (925) 457-3207 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/23  
CNS-3760817#

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Irene Borrero Court CASE NO. 23PRO51110**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the LOST will or estate, or both, of: Irene Borrero Court  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alberto Ruiz in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alberto Ruiz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's LOST WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The LOST 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 with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/18/2023 at 9:45 a.m. in Dept. 202 located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY BERKELEY CA 94704 BERKELEY COURTHOUSE.  
REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court allows, but does not require, 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

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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 (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner: Carolyn D. Cain, SBN 161377 Cain, Cain & Housman 150 N. Wiget Lane, Suite 105 Walnut Creek, CA 94598, Telephone: (925) 457-3207 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/23  
CNS-3760813#

**PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**  
West Coast Self-Storage  
45968 Warm Springs Blvd  
Fremont, Ca 94539  
In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the undersigned will be sold at public auction on Thursday **December 19th, 2023 at 6:00PM** on [storage-treasures.com](http://storage-treasures.com). The personal property including but not limited to: personal and household items stored at **45968 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont CA, 94539** County of Alameda County, by the following persons:  
Name Unit # Size  
**Claudia Barron 1003 10x20**  
**David Lancaster 2089 5x10**  
**Tim Wood 2090 10x10**  
**Leah Costa 2134 10x10**  
**Shannon Keith 3043 7.5x10**  
12/5, 12/12/23  
CNS-3761166#

**TRUSTEE SALES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 132171-11 Loan No. 990008221 Title Order No. 95313683 APN 513-0748-016-00 TRA No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/01/2012, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): MOHAMMAD ZISHAN AND ANJUM ZISHAN Deed of Trust: recorded on 08/15/2012 as Document No. 2012266616 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of ALAMEDA County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 12/12/2023 at 12:00 PM Trustee's Sale Location: At the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: LOT 11, AS SHOWN UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "TRACT NO. 7863", FILED ON AUGUST 22, 2008, IN BOOK 303 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 35, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 42725 LOMA DR, FREMONT, CA 94539. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$556,213.01 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 same 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 sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 132171-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. IF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY CONTAINS FROM ONE TO FOUR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY: NOTICE TO TENANT OR ELIGIBLE BIDDER: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer", you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder", you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 132171-11 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder", you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/14/2023 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 7844 Madison Ave. Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) TARA CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0443450 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 11/21/2023, 11/28/2023, 12/05/2023  
11/21, 11/28, 12/5/23  
CNS-3758799#

**San Leandro City Council**

November 20, 2023

**Action Items**

- Appoint Evelyn Olivera to the Rent Review Board. Passed 6-0-1 (1 Absent: Bowen)
- Appoint Tom Silva to the Rent Review Board. Vote: 3-2-1-1 (2 Nay: Aguilar, Reynes; 1 Abstain: Azevedo; 1 Absent: Bowen)
- Appoint Linda Spreer to the Rent Review Board. Passed 5-1-1 (1 Abstain: Aguilar; 1 Absent: Bowen)

**Consent Calendar**

- Amend San Leandro Municipal Code Chapter 1-2 Departments to Reflect the Current Structure of City Departments.
- Approve Position Upgrades for Two Administrative Assistant I Positions to Administrative Assistant II, Appropriations Necessary for Public Works Department, Recreation Division and Engineering & Transportation Department Reorganization, and Reallocating Stormwater and Water Pollution Control Plant Appropriations; and

Amend the San Leandro City Employees' Association Salary.

- Approve Year-End 2022-2023 One-Time Carry-Over Appropriations for General Fund and Information Technology Fund.
- Authorize a Grant of Easement to Bandwidth IG, LLC (Bandwidth) for Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Fiber Optic Cable and Conduits in Submerged San Francisco Bay Lands and Terrestrial Lands all within the Jurisdiction of San Leandro.
- Amend Non-Professional Services Agreement with Watson Consoles and Approve Increases in Cumulative Change Orders up to 37% of the Original Not to Exceed Amount for the Police Building and South Offices Modifications Project for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$119,386.
- Amend Consulting Services Agreement with BKF Engineers, Inc. for Design of the Shoreline Park Project 2020.3080 for \$78,990.

- Amend Consulting Services Agreement with Griffin Structures, Inc. for Staff Augmentation: Capital Improvement Project Manager for \$403,752 and extend the contract by an additional two years.
- Approve CalRecycle Grant Applications for all individual grants for which the City of San Leandro is eligible.
- Approve, accept and authorize the Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan (HMGP) Award of \$142,500 and appropriate the City's Share of \$15,000 of these funds to execute the plan in Account 010-12-030-5120 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- Accept the Annual Report of the West San Leandro Shuttle Business Improvement District (BID) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Impose the 2024 BID Assessment Rates Increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (4.2 percent).
- Amend Non-Professional Services Agreement with Year Up, Inc. for Workforce Development Interns for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$918,900.
- Adopt Three Separate Resolutions to: 1. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to an existing agreement between County of Alameda and City of

San Leandro to extend the term of the agreement to June 30, 2024 and Increase Total Funding from \$500,091 to \$1,024,091 (increase of \$524,000); accept and appropriate \$1,024,091 in Alameda County Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Funds; and 2. Execute agreements with Building Futures; and 3. Housing Consortium of the East Bay for HHAP Funded Shelter and Winter Warming Services.

• Approve the 2024 City Council Calendar.

Mayor Juan Gonzalez	Aye
Victor Aguilar	Aye
Bryan Azevedo	Aye
Pete Ballew	Aye
Xouhoa Bowen	Absent
Celina Reynes	Aye
Fred Simon	Aye

**Newark City Council**

November 9, 2023

**Consent Calendar**

- Adopt an ordinance repealing and replacing Title 16 "Subdivisions" of the Newark Municipal Code.
- Reappoint William Fitts to the Planning Commission.
- Approve a Contractual Equipment and Services Agreement with RJMS Corporation dba Toyota Material Handling of Northern California for the purchase of a sub-compact sweeper.
- Accept the work with American Asphalt Repair and Resurfacing Co., Inc. for FY 2021-2022 Citywide Park Pathways Resurfacing for ADA Access.
- Approve an agreement with Applied Landscape Materials, Inc. to apply composted mulch to landscaped areas in City parks

and amend the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to reappropriate the remaining \$44,813 of CalRecycle Local Assistance Grant funding to Fiscal Year 2024.

- Approve a lease agreement with Viola Blythe Community Service Center of Newark, Inc.
- Amend the Contractual Services Agreement with Cal West Lighting & Signal Maintenance for additional traffic signal and street light maintenance services.
- Approve a lease agreement with Second Chance, Inc.
- Amend the Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to consolidate the three Traffic Signal Interconnect Projects, Project 1307, 1308, and 1309 into newly identified Project 1361, and approve a Contractual Services Agreement with Iteris, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.
- Approve a side letter with the Newark Police Management Association and approve an amendment to the salary schedule for the classification of

Community Engagement Manager.

- Adopt a resolution approving a compensation plan for certain positions in the exempt service employee group to amend the Temporary Classifications Schedule of Hourly Wage Rates, and revoking the previous resolution.
  - Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contractual Services Agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP (LSL), Certified Public Accountants, for professional auditing services.
  - Approve a Project Specific Funding Agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission for the design and construction phases of Central Avenue Overpass.
  - Authorize a 5% increase to the solid waste collection, recycling and organics services maximum rates for Calendar Year 2024.
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| Mayor Michael Hannon | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Collazo   | Aye |
| Luis Freitas         | Aye |
| Mike Bucci           | Aye |
| Matthew Jorgens      | Aye |

**Milpitas City Council**

November 14, 2023

**Consent Calendar**

- Receive City Council Calendar of Meetings for November and December 2023.
- Receive the preview list of anticipated items for the next regular City Council meeting.
- Approve the 2024 City Council meeting schedule.
- Authorize and approve travel to San Francisco for Councilmember Hon Lien to attend the (1) 9th Annual CALNET Leadership Retreat on November 16 - 17, 2023, and the (2) National API Elected Officials Summit on November 18 -19, 2023, for an estimated total not-to-exceed \$1,000 budgeted under the individual elected official allocation for conferences/meetings/trainings.

- Authorize a Software License and Professional Services Agreement with TriTech Software Systems, Inc. for Computerized Maintenance Management System Subscription License Fees.
  - Receive report on Bids and Adopt a Resolution to Award the Construction Contract to I & A Contractor, Inc. for the Sports Center Roof Rehabilitation Project.
  - Consider one fee waiver from Kiwanis Club of Milpitas Foundation and one donation request from Knights of Columbus St. John's Council 5796.
  - Authorize an extension of the Existing Sister Cities Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Dagupan, Philippines (as amended).
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| Mayor Carmen Montano | Aye    |
| Evelyn Chua          | Absent |
| Gary Barbadillo      | Absent |
| Hon Lien             | Aye    |
| Anthony Phan         | Aye    |

## Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY  
NEWARK PD

### Monday, November 13

- At 8:47 p.m. Officer Williams investigated a report of an auto burglary that occurred in a parking lot on Mowry Avenue. While investigating this call, officers were flagged down regarding an attempted purse snatching, by the same suspect. The case is still under investigation.

### Tuesday, November 14

- At 2:54 a.m. an after-hours janitor called to report that while working at a business on Newark Boulevard, he was battered by an unsheltered community member. The unknown suspect fled the scene.

- At 10:13 a.m. Officer Slavazza located an occupied stolen vehicle in the area of 5400 Thornton Avenue. A 39-year-old male out of Oakland was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

### Wednesday, November 15

- At 12:57 a.m. Officer Williams responded to a report of a suspicious person call on Olive Street and contacted a 36-year-old male. He was arrested for a warrant, issued a citation, and released on scene.

- At 1:46 p.m. Officer Quinonez investigated a robbery

where shoplifters used force to flee from employees from a business in the 35000 block of Newark Boulevard.

### Thursday, November 16

- At 2:31 a.m. Officer Torres contacted a 42-year-old unsheltered community member out of Newark who was on searchable probation. During the probation search, Officer Torres located drug paraphernalia and placed him under arrest. He was issued a citation and released on scene.

- At 5:32 a.m. Officer Williams investigated a report of an unknown male suspect entering a victim's apartment through the unlocked door in the 39800 block of Cedar Boulevard. Case still under investigation.

- At 7:49 a.m. Officer Medina contacted a 21-year-old female out of Newark in the parking lot of a business on Newark Boulevard, and ultimately arrested her for an outstanding warrant. She was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

- At 10:43 p.m. Officers Riddles and Kapu responded to Cedar Court for a report of a battery and arrested a 34-year-old female out of Aromas for battery, resisting arrest, and assault on peace officers. Her associate, a 29-year-old male out of Delano was also arrested for resisting arrest. Both were booked into Santa Rita Jail.

### Friday, November 17

- At 8:22 a.m. Officers responded to Ohlone Campus for a report of a bomb threat via email. Dozens of Bay Area schools received the same email threat. Newark PD officers responded to assist Ohlone PD with this investigation. Students were evacuated. A search of the campus was conducted with negative results.

- At 5:56 p.m. Officer Kapu arrested a 31-year-old male out of Fremont for shoplifting from a business on Newark Mall Road. He was issued a citation and released on scene.

### Sunday, November 19

- At 12:47 a.m. Officer Riddles investigated a commercial burglary on Newark Boulevard where the unknown suspects used a vehicle to defeat a rollup door to gain entry. The suspects fled prior to police arrival and the vehicle left on scene was towed as evidence.

- At 1:49 p.m. Officer Taylor contacted a 59-year-old male out of Fremont who was slumped over his steering wheel at a gas station on Thornton Avenue. He was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and placed under arrest. Officer Taylor issued him a citation and he was released on scene.

## San Leandro Police Log

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

### Wednesday, October 25

- Around 1 p.m. San Leandro police officers responded to multiple calls of shots fired at the Harrison Brothers barbershop, located at 2240 East 14th Street. Arriving officers located two victims inside the business. One victim was treated for minor injuries and released at the scene. The second victim and co-owner of the barbershop, Jonathan Clay, suffered from gunshot wounds and was pronounced deceased by medical personnel.

From video surveillance footage, it appeared two suspects entered the business and both brandished firearms to commit a robbery. The suspects pistol-whipped Clay and also forcibly removed personal belongings from him. During the robbery, Clay was able to draw a firearm and discharge it at the suspects. The suspects both fired their weapons, killing Clay, and fled the scene.

Detectives were able to quickly identify one of the suspects as 26-year-old Alexis Garcia of Oakland.

### Friday, October 27

- California Highway Patrol officers arrested Alexis Garcia of Oakland on unrelated charges

following a vehicle pursuit initiated in Oakland. Garcia was also arrested on charges relating to the barbershop shooting. He was subsequently charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with homicide, robbery, assault with a firearm, and weapons violations.

During the course of the investigation, detectives identified 26-year-old Guillermo Camacho of Oakland as the second suspect.

SLPD detectives and SWAT operators were able to locate Camacho driving a stolen vehicle in the city of Oakland. Camacho was taken into custody and arrested on charges stemming from the barbershop shooting as well as other charges. A loaded 9mm handgun with an extended magazine was located inside the stolen vehicle driven by Camacho. Camacho was charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with homicide, robbery, assault with a firearm, auto theft, and weapons violations.

While criminal charges have been filed, SLPD continues to urge anyone with additional information regarding this incident to contact us via any of the following methods: Detective T. Perry at (510)577-3235, anonymous tip line at (510)577-3278, or text-to-tip at 888777 (keyword: TipSLPolice).

and the cause of the fire was not determined.

### Sunday, November 12

- Officers responded to the 43000 block of Osgood Road regarding a caller whose friend was foaming at the mouth. Officers found a subject non-responsive and administered naloxone. The subject resumed breathing, and medical personnel arrived and took the subject to a hospital. At the time of her medical emergency, the subject was with her juvenile child. Officers contacted the juvenile to evaluate their condition, then contacted Child Protective Services. This case remains under investigation.

fleeing at a slow speed on the shoulder. The driver fled from the vehicle while it was moving, jumping over the center median and across the northbound lanes of I-880. The other subjects remained in the vehicle and were later arrested. The driver was later located by a California Highway Patrol helicopter at a school, where officers arrested him.

### Saturday, November 11

- Dispatch received numerous calls regarding an explosion and several tents on fire along the railroad tracks between Warm Springs BART and Quantum Dr. Fremont Fire Department extinguished the fire. No subjects were around,

## BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY BART PD

### Saturday, November 25

- At 6:40 p.m. a woman identified by police as Nikita Osborn, 31, from Sacramento was contacted for fare evasion at Milpitas station. Osborn was arrested for possession of burglary tools and booked into Santa Clara County Jail.

### Monday, November 27

- At 11:26 a.m. a man identified by police as Robert Drake, 39, a transient from San Francisco was contacted on a train at San Leandro station. He was arrested for an active warrant. Drake did not have proof of payment and was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

### Tuesday, November 28

- At 7:41 a.m. a man identified by police as Michael Washington, 43, from Berkeley was taken into custody in the free area of San Leandro station. Washington was booked into Alameda County Jail for disobeying a court order and for possessing an open container of alcohol on public property.

### Wednesday, November 29

- At 8:29 a.m. officers at Hayward station found Jose Delgaillo, 27, from Hayward in a nearby building, due to a flag down. The officers administered two doses of Narcan. Hayward PD and Hayward Fire arrived on scene and took over the incident. Delgaillo was transported to San Leandro Medical Center for further evaluation.

- At 7:09 a.m. a woman identified by officers as Kristen Foreman, 41, from Fremont was contacted at Union City Station free area. Foreman was subsequently arrested and booked at the Santa Rita Jail for three outstanding misdemeanor warrants and for battery on public transportation. Foreman was issued a prohibition order.

### Tuesday, November 21

- At 2:40 p.m. a man identified by police as Stephen Martin, 33, from Hayward was detained for fare evasion at Hayward station. He was arrested for disobeying a court order. Martin was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

### Wednesday, November 22

- At 8:24 a.m. a man identified by police as Joe Finister, 43, a transient from San Francisco was detained for fare evasion at Bay Fair station. He was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance, and for violating the terms of probation. Finister was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

### Thursday, November 23

- At 11:05 a.m. a man identified by police as Lester Harris, 59, was contacted by officers at South Hayward Station. Harris was arrested and booked into Alameda County Santa Rita Jail for failure to register as a sex offender.

- At 4:57 p.m. a man identified by police as Stewart Delamonte, 29, from Oakland was contacted at San Leandro station for displaying a gun on his hip. Delamonte was taken into custody without incident and a replica firearm was retrieved. Delamonte was arrested for possession of ammunition and methamphetamine, and destroying evidence. He was transported to Santa Rita Jail where he was booked.
- At 4:03 p.m. an officer located an adult male at the Fremont station suffering from an apparent drug overdose. The officer administered one dose of NARCAN to the subject. The subject regained consciousness and was transported by medics to an area hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

## Mother and slain Daughter remembered at SoHay Park in Hayward



Personalized bench in honor of Michaela Garecht unveiled at SoHay Park in Hayward. Photo Source: City of Hayward

SUBMITTED BY  
HAYWARD POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

On November 19, 1988, nine-year-old Michaela Garecht was kidnapped from the Rainbow Market on Mission Blvd. in South Hayward. Witnesses provided a description of the suspect who was seen pulling Michaela into his car.

For over 30 years, the case went unsolved until the Hayward Police Department had a breakthrough in the case, locating fingerprints that were matched to the man who was charged in December of 2020 with the kidnapping and murder of Michaela.

While Michaela is always in our hearts, we knew there was a need to find a unique space in

Hayward to honor her. With the collaborative efforts from personnel at the Hayward Area Recreation District (H.A.R.D.), the City of Hayward, and Hayward Police Department, a personalized bench was created in Michaela's memory. Also honored on the bench was Sharon Murch, Michaela's mother, who passed away May of 2022.

On Tuesday, November 29 family and community members gathered with city officials to recognize the new memorial bench. If you can, please take some time to visit SoHay Park to see the bench and remember Michaela.

SoHay (South Hayward) Park is located on the east side of Dixon Street at Rhythm Lane, between Industrial Parkway and the South Hayward BART station.

## Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

### Sunday, November 26

- Officer Olson and Officer Griffin were patrolling the area of 30073 Industrial Parkway when they investigated a suspicious vehicle. Officers observed narcotics in plain view and safely took the occupant into custody. During a search, the officers recovered a loaded self-manufactured, unregistered semiautomatic pistol. The suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

## Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HPD

### Monday, November 27

- Officers responded to a domestic violence report at a residence where a man assaulted his wife and sent threatening text messages, mentioning a firearm. Although he fled before officers arrived, officers were able to contact and arrange a meeting with the man. He was then taken into custody and several guns were recovered from their residence.

## Holiday shopping tips

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

If you're hitting the stores this week, be careful as you shop! Always park in a well-lit area, and never leave packages or valuables in your car. Be aware of your surroundings as you walk to your car, and don't carry too many things in your arms on your way to your vehicle.

Ordering gifts online this holiday season? Before you order all your presents, make sure you're ready to protect them from being swiped by package thieves.

### Here are a few tips to avoid mail and package theft:

- Promptly retrieve your mail. Pick up mail from your mailbox as soon as possible after delivery, especially if you are expecting to receive a check or merchandise.
- Plan to be home when your packages are scheduled to arrive, or have someone else pick them up for you.
- Request a signature delivery option if available, or request the shipment be held at the shipping facility.
- If your item was delivered and you did not receive it, report the theft or loss to the original company, shipping company, and Fremont Police Department.

For more tips on avoiding mail theft, visit [fremontpolice.gov/mailtheft](http://fremontpolice.gov/mailtheft).

## CHP Log

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL HAYWARD AREA OFFICE

### Sunday, November 26

• At approximately 1:00 p.m. officers responded to a freeway shooting that occurred on eastbound Interstate 580, east of Grand Avenue in the City of San Leandro.

Officers located one victim who did not sustain any injuries.

The victim vehicle was struck one time by a round as a result of this shooting. The CHP Hayward Area is investigating this incident with assistance from Golden Gate Investigative Services Unit.

Currently, a suspect and vehicle have not been identified. Any assistance from the public in gathering additional details surrounding this shooting is appreciated. If you have any information regarding this incident, please call the CHP Hayward Area office at (510) 489-1500.

# SPORTS

## Mission San Jose Warriors outlast Mount Eden Monarchs in basketball season preview



BY VIDYUTH SRIDHAR

On November 28, the Mission San Jose High School Warriors (Fremont) faced the Mount Eden High School Monarchs (Hayward) in a preseason men's varsity basketball matchup, winning 58-49.

After hosting several months of conditioning and team practices, the Warriors looked to solidify their offensive

scheme and earn a statement victory heading into the regular season. "Since it's the preseason, it's the best opportunity to practice plays that we will use in the game," team captain Brandon Bao said.

The Warriors got off to a hot start, with guards Darsh Jayaram and Andrew Yao repeatedly penetrating the defense to lead 19-7 at the end of the first quarter. However, the Monarchs improved

significantly in the second quarter, forcing multiple turnovers as the Warriors became increasingly desperate to score. In addition, the Monarch offense received a much-needed spark from star forward Johnson Tran, who recorded a highlight dunk, assist, and layup to cut the deficit to seven points heading into the second half.

In the third quarter, Mount Eden continued to climb back, hounding the

Warriors guards with a stifling full-court press. However, the Warriors continued to add to their lead, taking advantage of the Monarchs' lacking interior presence by continually driving to the rim. Entering the fourth quarter, the Warriors initially traded baskets with the Monarchs as the score tightened to 47-44. However, two three-pointers from Jayaram put the game out of reach, with the Warriors pulling away 58-49 in the closing minutes. Jayaram sustained and energized the Warriors' offense throughout the match, notching a game-high 23 points and four three-pointers.

Despite the tense ending, the Warriors' relentless effort and resilience was greatly appreciated. "I'm proud of our team's persistence. Although we started off hot and lost our big lead toward the middle of the game, we stayed grounded and closed the game out strong," Bao said.

The Warriors face off next against the Dublin High School Gaels (Dublin) at Mission San Jose High School on December 7 at 5 p.m. The Monarchs will compete against the Foothill High School Falcons (Pleasanton) on December 5 at Foothill High School at 7 p.m.



## Pioneer Men's Basketball Defeats CSUMB in Overtime, 82-76 for Third Straight Win

SUBMITTED BY CSUEB ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

It took overtime, but the Cal State East Bay men's basketball team battled for its third straight win on Saturday, defeating Cal State Monterey Bay 82-76 in CCAA action from The Kelp Bed.

Cal State East Bay started the game on a 13-5 run, capped by a Dimitrios Klonaras jumper with 14:53 left. The Pioneers expanded their lead to 19-9, on a Grady Lewis jumper with 12:47 left. But CSUMB answered with a 13-6 run, capped by a Jordan Archie three-pointer with 8:55 left in the half, trimming CSUEB's lead to 25-22. The lead grew back to double digits, as much as 12 points in the first half. And although the Otters were within seven points late in the half, a jumper by Ramsey Huff game CSUEB a 48-39 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Pioneers would gain their largest lead of the ballgame at 14, at 61-47, on a free throw by Daeshawn Eaton with 12:43 left. CSUMB



Rob Edwards/ KLC fotos

battled back to tie the game late at 73-73. Although the Pioneers had a chance to finish regulation with a win, a missed shot led to overtime.

In overtime, the two teams played an even battle until pair of free throws by Tyree Campbell broke a 76-76 tie with 1:31 left to give the Pioneers a 78-76 lead.

Cal State East Bay held the Otters scoreless down the stretch, pulling away with the final five points of overtime for an 82-76 win.

• Klonaras had 22 points to lead the Pioneers in scoring, going 10-for-19 from the floor with one basket from beyond the arc and a free throw. With his team-high 10 rebounds, he had a double-double.

- Campbell scored a season-high 21 points.
- Defensively, Klonaras had a block and four steals on Saturday.

Cal State East Bay head coach Bryan Rooney following Saturday's win in overtime: "For the second game in a row, our guys did a tremendous job of getting off to a good start and we had some stretches of very good basketball.

"Credit to Monterey for forcing overtime. At the same time, extremely proud of our guys for getting back to being aggressive in overtime and earning a hard-fought win."

Cal State East Bay: 5-2, 2-0 CCAA

Cal State Monterey Bay: 3-4, 1-1 CCAA

The Pioneers will travel to Southern California for the next two CCAA games. The first of next week's pair of games is a matchup at No. 4 Cal State San Bernardino on Thursday, December 7. Tipoff from Coussoulis Arena is set for 7:30 p.m.

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# The Fremont Nutcracker Is Back!



members Jenny Kassin, Raj Salwan and Yang Shao, will make cameo appearances in the Nutcracker as party guests. Former California State Senator Bob Wiecekowski returns in his signature role as the mysterious magician Drosselmeier.

At all performances, a full symphony orchestra will provide live music. David Sloss, music director of the Fremont Symphony from 1980 to 2012 and Artistic Director of Fremont Opera, will conduct the Fremont Opera Orchestra.

Appearing as the Grand Cavalier for the second time will be guest artist Zherlin Ndudi. Mr. Ndudi has been a principal dancer with Phoenix Ballet and Ballet Arizona, and a soloist with Miami City Ballet. His professional ballet career has brought him to prestigious stages around the world, including in Poland, Japan, Norway, Germany, China, Switzerland, Latvia, Russia and the United States. He teaches at Master Ballet Academy in Arizona, and at ballet schools throughout the United States.

Guest artist Felipe Leon returns to the Fremont Nutcracker, this time as the

Snow King. Now in his eighth season with Diablo Ballet, Mr. Leon was born in Bogota, Colombia and trained on a full scholarship at Ballet Academy East in New York City. He has danced solo and principal roles in works by Maurice Bejart, Wendy Whelan, Matthew Neenan, Margo Sappington, Lisa de Ribere, Claudia Schreire and Alan Hinline.

Yoko Young, who created this Nutcracker production in 2005, was a nationally recognized choreographer and teacher. As a prima ballerina, she danced with the Tokyo Ballet Theatre and the Opéra National de Paris in France. She appeared as a dancer and actress in numerous films and television series in Japan and the United States. In 1993, she was appointed by the Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan, to be Cultural Ambassador to the World, representing 92 cities and over 6.5 million people. In 1995, she established her own studio, Yoko's Dance & Performing Arts Academy. Since then, her choreography has won numerous awards, and her students have won acclaim dancing in the United States, Japan, and England.

# Brunch with Santa

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10th December 9am to Noon

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Fremont Opera was founded in 2007 by Artistic Director David Sloss and General Manager Barbara Sloss, establishing for the first time a professional, regional opera company based in Fremont, presenting outstanding young artists from the Bay Area and the nation. Its productions of *La Bohème*, *The Barber of Seville*, and *La Traviata* have drawn rave reviews from critics and patrons alike. Performances have featured 90 singers of all ages and 60 musicians from all over the Bay Area.

**Yoko's Nutcracker Ballet**  
Saturday, Dec 9: 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec 10: 2 p.m.  
**The Smith Center at Ohlone College**  
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont  
[www.fremontopera.org](http://www.fremontopera.org)  
(510) 659-6031  
Tickets: \$30 - \$45



San Francisco Girls Chorus



Jung Ho Pak, credit Zach Borja



Erica Gabriel, credit John Carrington Photography

## Bay Philharmonic Lights up the Season with 'A Holiday Spectacular!'

SUBMITTED BY  
**KARIN CONN AND DENISE LAMOTT**

Bay Philharmonic is excited to announce "A Holiday Spectacular" on Sunday, December 17, at their new premier venue, Chabot College Performing Arts Center in Hayward. Celebrate the holiday season in joy, gratitude, and inspiration. This heartwarming and inspiring tradition, Bay Phil's A Holiday Spectacular, will be a stocking full of notable guest artists singing and dancing to some of the most beautiful and uplifting holiday music.

Bay Philharmonic's artistic director and conductor Jung-Ho Pak will lead a multi-media, multi-sensory, and multi-genre extravaganza of rich, diverse cultures and traditions from around the world with notable performances by soprano Erica Gabriel, vocalist and harpist Deanna Loveland, jazz pianist

Steve Pietkiewicz, Ballet Folklórico México Danza, San Francisco Girls Chorus, Yoko's Academy of Dance and Performing Arts Group along with the 50-piece Bay Philharmonic.

Adding to the fun, Asian-inspired and East Bay-based Dokkaebier will bring their unique collection of craft beer to the festivities. Dokkaebier is the leading craft brewery inspired by Asian-inspired ingredients.

Individual show tickets are \$25 to \$67 and are available on the Bay Philharmonic website, BayPhil.org.

**A Holiday Spectacular**  
Sunday, Dec 17  
3 p.m.  
**Chabot College Performing Arts Center**  
2555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward  
(510) 723-6976  
[BayPhil.org](http://BayPhil.org)  
Tickets: \$25-\$67