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Rhys Wimpenny (left) and Johnny Sloat (right) compete and propel their boats during the Raingutter Regatta.

## San Leandro Cub Scouts Hold Annual Raingutter Regatta

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro Cub Scouts Pack 506 held their first annual Raingutter Regatta since the Covid-19 pandemic on Saturday, September 13 at Chabot Park.

In preparation for the event the scouts built miniature boats to sail in a

channel using straws the scouts blow the sails to race across the end of the channel. The first boat to make it to the end during the race wins that heat.

Ship 9 in the Sea Scouts from Alameda took care of all arrangements for this event. The Sea Scouts are the older scouts aged 14 to 21, and the members

of Scouts America are aged 12 to 18, formerly called Boy Scouts.

“The designs for each boat were completely up to the scouts and I told them they could paint them any way that they wanted to,” said Matt Bigler, the Pack 506 club master who is also a

see REGATTA, page 11

## City Council Considering Rent Ordinance

Proponents say ordinance would stabilize rent, opponents say it discourages new housing

By Ruben Banuelos  
San Leandro Times

Residents of San Leandro’s nine mobilehome parks are urging the City Council to adopt a revised Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MRSO) to limit rising rents and prevent displacement.

At the Sept. 15 City Council meeting, some residents called for the ordinance’s passage.

The revised MRSO proposes capping rent increases to once per year, strengthening enforcement, adding

tenant protections against harassment, and providing a hardship petition process. The ordinance also ensures park owners receive a fair return on their investment, ordinance proponents say.

Rent stabilization limits annual rent hikes to reduce the risk of tenants being priced out. It ensures landlords maintain a “fair and reasonable return,” defined as net operating income adjusted for inflation, see ORDINANCE, page 11

## Man Puts Down Rifle, Peacefully Surrenders

Police successfully negotiated with a man who appeared to be armed with a rifle on Tuesday morning who peacefully surrendered.

At about 7:15 a.m., police responded to a house on the 14200 block of Maracaibo Road, in a neighborhood near the San Leandro Marina. A

husband, who was separated from his wife, was seen outside the wife’s residence with what appeared to be a rifle, according to San Leandro police.

SLPD requested assistance from an Alameda County Sheriff’s Department drone unit to get a view of the man.

see PEACEFULLY, page 12

## EB Parks Police Reaches Full Staffing

The East Bay Regional Park District announced that its police department has reached 100 percent staffing at the sworn police officer rank.

All 76 sworn officer positions are filled for the first time in over 18 years.

The park district said this accomplishment is noteworthy at a time when most Bay Area

police agencies face persistent vacancies of 10 to 25 percent, with a national average near 15 percent, according to a recent survey from Respond Capture, a technology firm that assists law enforcement agencies with recruitment strategies.

Achieving full staffing demonstrates the Park Dis-

“Reaching full staffing in law enforcement is a remarkable milestone.

— Sabrina Landreth, park district general manager

trict’s success in attracting talented officers who are drawn to its mission, supportive culture, and unique opportunities to protect both people and natural spaces, the park district said in a press release.

“Reaching full staffing in law enforcement is a remarkable milestone,” said Park District General Manager Sabrina Landreth, see STAFFING, page 12

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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## East Bay Symphonic Band To Play At Hayward Memorial Park on Sunday

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District is presenting a series of free Concerts in the Park on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. in August and September at Memorial Park next to the Hayward Plunge, 24176 Mission Blvd. in Hayward.

The next Sunday concert in the series will be on Sept. 28, featuring the Hayward High School Marching

Band and the East Bay Symphonic Band to benefit Hayward High music programs, with celebrity chef Commissioner Tom Ferreira.

The concerts run every Sunday though Sept. 28, presented by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and the Hayward Odd Fellows. Feel free to bring lawn chairs or blan-

## Sign Up for Masters Swim Team, Swimming for Adults

MEMO Swim Team, a Masters Swim club that practices at Farrelly Pool, is now offering evening workouts two days a week.

The cost for San Leandro residents is \$50 a month. Workouts are from 5 to 6 p.m.

on Wednesdays and Fridays. Sign up for the October session. Masters Swimming is training for adults 18+, who can swim a minimum of 200 yards. Call head coach Marcia Benjamin for more information at 510-517-2738.



PHOTO COURTESY OF INNER WHEEL

Inner Wheel Club members met for lunch, including (above) Special Projects chair Linda Mehan, Co-Presidents Kristi Barnes and Amy Neuman, and Secretary Jennifer Reed.

## Inner Wheel Club Meets

The home of Kristi and Sherrie Barnes was the lovely venue for the Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro's first general meeting of 2025-2026 where a de-

licious lunch was enjoyed by all.

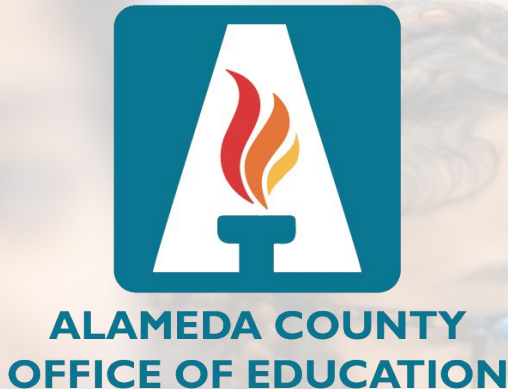
The presidential team of Amy Neuman and Kristi Barnes led the meeting which was full of events planned for the year.

The meeting concluded with the fundraising game "Left Right Center" which

brought on lots of laughter and Sylvia Gable was the winner.

The Inner Wheelers began a year of fulfilling the theme "Step Up and Lead by Example."

If you're interested in learning more about Inner Wheel, email iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com



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Murder for Two opens this weekend at the Douglas Morrison Theatre in Hayward, a production in collaboration with the Hillbarn Theatre.

## Douglas Morrison Theater Joins Hillbard to Present Murder for Two

The Douglas Morrison Theatre (DMT) in Hayward has partnered with the Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City to present the Hillbarn's latest production, *Murder for Two*, offering East Bay audiences a hilarious musical comedy that blends a classic whodunit with nonstop fun.

The show runs Sept. 27 to Oct. 5 Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N 3rd St in Hayward. Showtimes are Sat-

urdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., and on Friday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

Tickets: [haywardrec.org/theater](http://haywardrec.org/theater). Discounts for students and seniors.

### Zany Suspects

When a famous author is found dead at his own birthday party, it's up to a rookie detective to crack the case. The suspects? A zany lineup see *MURDER*, page 12



## Community Calendar

### Adult Literacy and ESL Program – Volunteer Tutor Training

Become a volunteer tutor at the San Leandro Public Library and make a difference in someone's life. Tutors help adult students improve their basic reading, writing, and English language skills. Training consists of an online orientation and three workshops held on Saturday Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. Access the online orientation at [sanleandro.org/literacy](http://sanleandro.org/literacy) or call 510-577-3944.

### Paranormal Investigations at McConaghy House

Paranormal investigations allow guests to visit our historic McConaghy House, 18701 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward, on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Seasoned paranormal docents guide you through the investigation process for ghostly experiences, share past findings, and offer the opportunity to have your own experience. Tickets are \$75 must be purchased in advance and are available online at [www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org). For age 18 and older.

### Evening Star Party

Explore the night sky on Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Astronomy volunteers from the Eastbay Astronomical Society will bring telescopes to share close-up views of the Moon, planets, star clusters, nebulae, and more for an inspiring experience of the night sky. Enjoy space-themed crafts and play inside before the stargazing begins, and sample astronaut ice cream, while supplies last. For more information, call 510-577-3960.

### Find Your Future at the Job & Resource Fair

San Leandro Adult and Career Education Center, 1448 Williams St., invites you to connect with hiring employers, training programs, and community resources at the Job & Resource Fair on Friday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Free and open to all adults.

### Alta Mira Club Pancake Breakfast

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, invites you to a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to noon. Pancakes, fruit salad, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Mimosas available. \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. No charge for children under 5. For tickets, call Susan Patrick at 510-931-8111, or purchase at the door.

### Lucha Libre at the Library

Come to see Lucha Libre (freestyle wrestling originating in Mexico) on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Headlocks in the stacks? Body slams by the shelves? Don't miss this free, all-ages wrestling showdown at the library, featuring lucha libre wrestlers and more. Plus meet and greets and photo ops.

### Meditation and Activites for Seniors At First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites senior citizens to a free program of seated exercise and meditation, followed by conversation and table activities with tea and healthy snacks on Tuesday mornings, through Nov. 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community. Meet in Hale Hall which is entered from Bancroft Avenue. All are welcome, non-denominational, no charge. For more information, call the church office at 510-483-0606.

### San Leandro Toastmasters Meet Every Thursday

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email [sanleandrotm@gmail.com](mailto:sanleandrotm@gmail.com) for more information. Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

## Performances, Folk Dance, Kung Fu and Moon Cakes at Festival on Saturday

All are welcome to the San Leandro Moon Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

This free festival will have two full hours of cultural entertainment, mooncake samples, and an opportunity to talk to local vendors, including local author Oliver Chen who will be available to autograph his books.

Asian Health Services will administer COVID and flu vaccinations in the Trustee Room.

This annual festival is co-hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association and the San Leandro Library with funding from Kaiser Permanente, Asian Health Services and the City of San Leandro.



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### San Leandro Moon Festival Performance Schedule — September 27

10:30 a.m. – Little Apple Academy Students

10:45 a.m. – Patty Chu's Chinese Folk Dance Troupe

11 a.m. – U.S. Shaolin Kung Fu (Lion Dance and Martial Arts Demo)

11:30 a.m. – Moon Cake Samples

11:30 a.m. – Patty Chu's Chinese Folk Dance

Troupe

11:45 a.m. – Welcome Ceremony

Noon – Lillian's Dance Studio (Cultural Dances)

12:30 p.m. – Program Concludes

Visit the community vendor tables from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The San Leandro Moon Festival is co-hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association and the San Leandro Main Library with funding from Asian Health Services, the City of San Leandro, and Kaiser Permanente.

## Friends of the San Leandro Library Fall Book Sale

The Friends of San Leandro Library will host their semi-annual Fall Book Sale Saturday Oct. 4, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The member preview will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., and then the sale is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Friends' popular \$3 Bag Sale Day will run from 3 to 4 p.m.

Thousands of quality books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs, as well as collectibles, signed first editions, and rare books are available at rock-bottom prices.

All proceeds benefit San Leandro Library programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

For early access, become a member. Check out the San Leandro Library website or stop by the Friends of the San Leandro Library Bookstore located in the Main Library for more information.

### Ken Seideman Trio to Play on Saturday, Sept. 27 in Castro Valley

The Ken Seideman Trio will play at the Cordial Cellar & Lounge, 3295 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Ken Seideman on piano and vocals, Ed Molyneaux on bass and vocals, and Tim Caldwell on drums.

No cover charge. For reservations, call 510-876-3368.

### Mission to Mars: Storytime & STEM Adventure

Blast off to the Red Planet. Join a space-themed storytime followed by fun, hands-on STEM activities on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Perfect for curious kids ages 5 to 10, but all ages welcome.

## Learn About Careers Where College Isn't Necessary; Speakers From Local Businesses

**Careers Without College: Build. Fix. Drive. Weld.**

Curious about what careers you can start without a college degree?

Join a panel discussion of careers in construction, manufacturing, or as an auto mechanic or electrician -- featuring speakers from local businesses on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

For youths age 14 to 22 and their families. Cohosted by San Leandro Public Library and the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce.

Register at: [sanleandro.libcal.com](http://sanleandro.libcal.com)

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Bacon-Beef Casserole

## One Dish Meals For Fall Dining

There was a time when the casserole was the heart and mainstay of home cooking. Easy to prepare, the one-dish meal—baked in the oven and served in the pot in which it was

cooked—took only a few ingredients, but yielded a rich, deep and well-rounded collaboration of tastes.

Perhaps because it was simple to make and often used such common basics

as Campbell's Soup and Bisquick, more sophisticated ingredients with exotic names began assuming undue importance in the kitchen and casseroles began to disappear.

But today, with the realization that vegetables, potatoes and pasta are essential components of our diets, the casserole is being welcomed back to the supper table in style.

### BACON-BEEF CASSEROLE

- 2 pounds beef chuck steak, cubed
- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 4 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups red wine
- 2 cups beef stock
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- Chopped parsley
- Olive oil
- Salt
- Freshly

ground black pepper

Add oil to a large skillet and cook bacon until brown and crispy; remove from pan then set aside.

Add garlic and onion to skillet and cook until onions are soft, remove onions and garlic mixture from pan then set aside.

Add beef cubes to pan then brown on all sides. Sprinkle the flour over the beef and cook for 1 more minute. Remove beef and set it aside. Note do not overcrowd the pan, if needed you can do it first with half the amount of beef then do this step twice.

Pour 1 cup of wine into the pan and bring it to a boil to deglaze. Return the beef, bacon, onion mixture to the pan.

Add the stock, remaining wine, tomatoes, carrots and tomato paste. Bring it to a boil then transfer it into a casserole.

Bake in a 320°F preheated oven for 2 hours.

Remove from oven then season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, garnish with chopped parsley

then serve. Yields 4 to 6 servings.

### CORN & SPINACH CASSEROLE

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh pepper
- 1/2 pound fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 pound bacon slices
- 1/4 cup dried bread crumbs

Butter a 1-1/2 quart casserole. Sprinkle chopped onion in dish. Add corn, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper.

Mix eggs with milk and pour over the corn. In another bowl, add vinegar, salt and pepper to chopped spinach and toss until well-seasoned.

Place spinach mixture on top of corn. Sprinkle with

cheese. Cover with bacon slices.

Top with bread crumbs and bake in preheated 375°F oven for 45 minutes.

### MEAT LOAF WITH MIXED VEGETABLES

- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 2 cups soft bread cubes
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1-1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1-1/2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed

Pour milk over bread cubes and let stand until milk is absorbed. Stir in onion, ground beef, salt, eggs, and dry mustard; blend well. Stir in vegetables. Mix and shape into a loaf. Bake in loaf pan at 350° for 1-1/2 hours.

Cool for 5 minutes before turning out of pan. Serve with mashed potatoes and gravy.

Serves 6 to 8.

### TUNA CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces wide egg noodles
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1 teaspoon dill weed
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1-1/3 cups skim milk
- 1 (12-1/2-ounce) can waterpack tuna
- drained Pepper to taste
- 2/3 cup grated part-skim Mozzarella cheese
- Paprika

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 7x11-inch baking dish with non-stick spray. Set aside.

Cook noodles in boiling water for 5 minutes, drain and set aside. Heat oil in large skillet. Add onions and sauté until limp. Remove from heat, stir in dill and soup, and gradually stir in milk until smooth. Add tuna chunks and pepper to taste. Stir in noodles and toss well to coat.

Pour into prepared baking dish, top with cheese and paprika and bake for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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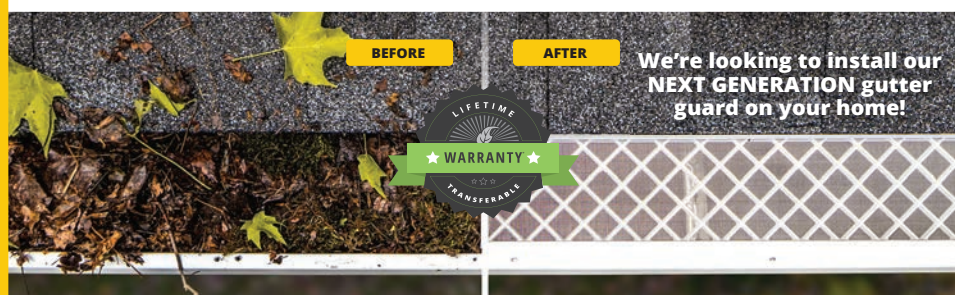
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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and stick with just the facts, Larnb.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make an important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open up new opportunities for the Moon Child's talents to shine to your best advantage.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** An apparently solid-gold opportunity beckons the Lion. But check to see if all that dazzle isn't just a sprinkling of surface glitter before making a commitment.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Family problems are best worked out with all those concerned contributing suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don't fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There are also favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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# Prepare for Your Home For Cooler Temperatures

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

While September is often the warmest month in the East Bay Area, once October arrives, the mercury starts its slide into cooler temperatures and rain usually increases. That means if you are looking to prepare your home for the fall and winter months, it would be best to begin now.

Here is our recommended list:

Seal your home. Check doors, windows and baseboards for any gaps. Seal cracks with applicable weatherstripping and/or caulking. Ensure that all exterior doors have proper sweeps on the bottoms to prevent cool air from slipping underneath.

Evaluate your property's insulation. While most homes in the bay area have some form of insulation, older homes usually do not have the adequate amounts required to effectively control heat loss during the cooler months. Consider having your home inspected by a licensed insulation contractor who can make appropriate recommendations.

Check your furnace. Make sure your filter has been replaced and consider having the unit serviced by a licensed HVAC contractor. If you do not already have a programmable thermostat, we recommend an upgrade, especially to devices that can be remotely controlled. Ensure your home adequately sheds water. Check the roof for obvious loose tiles and other damage. If you suspect issues, have it inspected by a licensed roofing contractor who can make sure the roof is in decent condition. Clean your gutters and downspouts and install diverters as necessary to convey water away from the foundation. Trim vegeta-

tion that might trap moisture against your home, branches that might impact your roof during a storm and move any objects away from the sides of your home that might hinder the flow of water from your property.

Check your smoke & CO detectors. Since you may be firing up your furnace for the first time in a while, make sure your detectors can provide adequate warnings in case of a malfunction. While some newer detectors may have removeable batteries, units over 10 years of age should be replaced with new detectors with 10-year batteries.

Cover exterior pipes. Many homes have water pipes and exterior faucets that could potentially freeze if it gets cold enough. Wrap exposed pipes with foam covers and cover protruding faucets with protective insulated faucet covers.

Fall is an exciting time for many as it ushers us into the holiday season. With proper preventative maintenance, it can also be trouble free.

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### Fall is for Landscaping

The fall months are the best time to transplant shrubs or give the garden a new look by replacing established shrubs with those that flower in spring or have colorful foliage. Transplant azaleas, camellias and hardy evergreens and water them deeply.

### Flowers

Transplant winter annuals such as calendula, stocks, violas, pansies and impatiens. Divide and replant perennials such as irises, coral bells and Oriental poppies.

### Vegetables

Sow fava beans, celery, chard, chives, lettuce, peas, radishes and spinach. Transplant artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and established herbs such as sage and thyme.

### Dried Arrangements

Fields and gardens are full of end-of-season pods, berries, fruits and flowers that can be used for dried arrangements. Some dry on the plants and are ready for use; some have to be cut and then dried. Wheat and oats, for example, can be cut and hung upside down for a week to dry. Cut strawflowers, thistles and statice with long stems and arrange "as is" without water.

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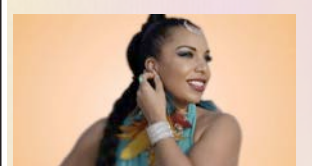
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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Top Ten Projects to Protect Your Home Through the Winter

Fall is an opportune season for homeowners to engage in essential maintenance and improvement projects.

This period offers a window to prepare your residence for the impending colder months, ensuring comfort, energy efficiency, and the prevention of more significant issues down the line.

Proactive home maintenance in the fall can translate into substantial savings on energy bills, mitigate the risk of costly repairs, and ultimately enhance the longevity and value of your property.

By dedicating time to these critical tasks now, you can safeguard your home against

winter's challenges and enjoy peace of mind throughout the season.

Here are ten top fall home improvement projects every homeowner should consider tackling:

### 1.) HVAC System Check-up and Maintenance

Prepare your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning as temperatures drop. Schedule a professional inspection for your furnace or heat pump to ensure it's operating efficiently and safely.

Technicians can identify potential issues, clean components, and verify proper function.

On your own, replace air

“Leaves, twigs and debris accumulate preventing rainwater from draining away from your home's foundation.

filters every one to three months, as clean filters improve air quality and reduce strain on your system.

### 2.) Gutter Cleaning and Repair

Clogged gutters can cause water damage. Leaves, twigs, and debris accumulate, preventing rainwater from draining away from your home's foundation.

This can lead to overflowing gutters, which can cause rotting fascia boards, damaged siding, and water seepage into your basement or foundation. Thoroughly clear all gutters and downspouts, and inspect them for any leaks, rust, or loose connections.

### 3.) Seal Drafts and Enhance Insulation

Conserve energy during winter by eliminating drafts. Check windows, doors, and where pipes enter the house for air leaks.

Apply caulk to seal gaps around window frames and use weatherstripping for doors and operable windows. Consider adding insulation to your attic or crawl spaces if recommended, as proper insulation acts as a thermal barrier,

see IMPROVEMENT, page 7

# HEALTH & FITNESS

## September Is Baby Safety Month

By Dr. Rais Vohra  
San Leandro Times

When it comes to babies, safety hazards can hide in the most unexpected places, says California Poison Control System (CPCS).

Even if you're an already “been there and done that” parent or are a first-time one, there is always something new to discover about keeping your infant safe.

“To spot potential dangers in your home, try getting down on your hands and knees to see things from your baby's perspective,” says Dr. Rais Vohra, Medical Director for the Fresno/Madera Division of CPCS. “You'll be amazed at how many hazards become visible when you're viewing the world at their eye level.”

Many people focus on household items in bathroom cabinets and under the kitchen sink, securing them with baby locks, but there are other places and things they may not think about.

9 tips to baby-proof your home and keep your baby safe

1.) Little fingers can poke into electrical outlets—make sure to cover them.

2. Many small objects can

create a choking hazard, so keep items such as coins, marbles, keys, jewelry, paper clips, and safety pins out of reach.

3.) Bathroom trash cans may hold a treasure trove of baby dangers, so think about what you're tossing in there.

4.) Child resistant caps don't always prevent accidents; so lock medications up.

5.) Furniture can tip over and seriously injure your little one, so make sure it's anchored.

6.) Crib mobiles are a valuable addition to your baby's environment, but make sure they are securely fastened because they can pose a strangulation hazard.


7.) Make sure to keep washer, dryer, and other appliance doors closed at all times.

8.) Babies love putting things in their mouth; make sure plants are nontoxic.

9.) If you have stairs, use a safety gate to keep infants from falling down them.

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Dr. Rais Vohra is Medical Director for the Fresno/Madera Division of CPCS.



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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Improvement: Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

*continued from front page*

significantly reducing heat loss and improving indoor comfort.

### 4.) Roof Inspection and Minor Repairs

Your roof is your home's first line of defense against the elements. Before heavy snows or icy conditions arrive, conduct a visual inspection from the ground or, if safe, from a ladder.

Look for missing, cracked, or loose shingles, damaged flashing around chimneys and vents, and any signs of wear. Address minor issues promptly to prevent small problems from escalating into major leaks or structural damage.

If damage is extensive or you're uncomfortable with heights, consult a professional roofer.

### 5.) Chimney Cleaning and Inspection

For homes with wood-burning fireplaces or stoves, a professional chimney sweep and inspection are needed every fall. Over time, creosote—a highly flammable residue—builds up inside the chimney flue, posing a fire hazard.

A professional can remove this buildup, inspect the flue for cracks or blockages, and ensure the damper is functioning correctly, safeguarding your home and

family from potential chimney fires or carbon monoxide poisoning.

### 6.) Winterize Outdoor Plumbing and Sprinkler Systems

Freezing temperatures can wreak havoc on exterior water lines. In cold climates, disconnect all garden hoses from outdoor spigots, drain them completely, and store them indoors.

Locate and shut off the water supply to outdoor faucets, then open the spigots to drain any remaining water, preventing pipes from freezing and bursting.

If you have an irrigation system, follow the manufacturer's instructions for winterization, which typically involves blowing out the lines with compressed air to remove all water.

### 7.) Deck and Patio Maintenance

Preparing exterior living spaces for winter helps preserve their condition and ensures they're ready for spring. Clean your deck or patio, removing all furniture, dirt, and debris.

Inspect wooden decks for any loose boards, railings, or signs of rot, making necessary repairs. Depending on its condition, you might consider power washing, cleaning, and then resealing or staining your deck to protect it from



moisture and UV damage throughout the colder months. and shrubs as needed, and clean out garden beds.

### 8.) Lawn and Garden Preparation

Fall is a critical time for nurturing your lawn and garden for growth next spring. Rake and clear fallen leaves to prevent them from smothering your lawn.

Consider aerating your lawn to improve air, water, and nutrient penetration, followed by overseeding with appropriate cool-season grasses. Fertilize your lawn with a winterizing formula to strengthen roots. Prune perennial plants

### 9.) Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Check

These life-saving devices are often overlooked but are vital for home safety. Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home to ensure they are functioning properly.

Replace batteries in all units, even if they haven't chirped, as a proactive measure.

Check the expiration dates on the units. Most detectors have a lifespan of 7-10 years and should be replaced entirely once expired.

### 10.) Exterior Cleaning and Minor Repairs

Give your home's exterior a final cleaning before winter sets in. Power wash siding, pathways, and driveways to

remove dirt, mildew, and grime.

This not only enhances curb appeal but also prevents the deterioration of exterior surfaces. Address any minor siding repairs, loose trim, or peeling paint now. Tackling these small issues can prevent them from worsening under harsh winter conditions and protect your home's structural integrity.

By addressing these ten fall home improvement projects, you're not just performing maintenance, you're investing in the comfort, safety, and longevity of your most valuable asset.

The effort expended now will undoubtedly pay dividends in a warmer, more efficient, and worry-free home throughout the winter.

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# County Transportation Plan Seeks Public Comments

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) launched the community survey for the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP).

This survey is open through October 2025 and lets the public to help shape the future of the county's transportation system.

About every four years, Alameda CTC updates the transportation plan to respond to changing conditions and demands placed on the transportation system.

In October 2024, Alameda CTC adopted the CTP Policy Blueprint which sets the vision and goals for the 2026 CTP related to safety, equity, climate, and economic vitality.

Alameda CTC's transit plan is an opportunity to

shape the future of the county's transportation system for people who walk, bike, roll, drive, and ride transit. Survey responses will help Alameda CTC understand community priorities that help advance the plan's goals.

There are several ways to provide input on the county plan:

- Fill out the community survey to provide feedback on transportation needs and priorities

- Share your personal transportation experiences via the open "Share My Experience" form

- Join Alameda CTC at the community events throughout the county listed on the CTP website under the "Get Involved" tab.

- Request a conversation

with them at your organization's regular meeting

- Help share CTP materials through text and social media

Visit the website (<https://www.alamedactc.org/planning/countywidetransportationplan>) to learn more.

Engagement materials are available in English, Spanish, and Simplified Chinese. For materials in a different language or format, or any questions about how to get involved and connect with us, please email [ctp@alamedactc.org](mailto:ctp@alamedactc.org) or call 510-208-7446.

## About the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP)

Since 1994, Alameda County has developed Countywide Transportation Plans. Approximately every four years, Alameda CTC updates

the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) to respond to changing conditions and demands placed on the transportation system.

The plan creates a vision for the future of transportation in Alameda County, sets priorities, and guides decision-making at Alameda CTC as it plans, funds, and delivers transportation improvements.

Development of the 2026 Countywide Transportation Plan began in late 2023. The Commission adopted the CTP Policy Blueprint and the High-Injury Network and Proactive Safety Network Report in October 2024, the culmination of a year of planning and engagement.

The Policy Blueprint (Blueprint) sets the plan's vision, goals, and policy objec-

tives. Plan development will continue through the middle of 2026 and will determine how to best advance those goals through the following three major elements:

- A countywide transportation needs assessment
- Infrastructure project and program recommendations
- Identifying gaps, opportunities, strategies, and near-term actions

Public input will be solicited at key milestones. Visit the website (<https://www.alamedactc.org/planning/countywidetransportationplan>) to learn more.

## About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC)

is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County.

Governed by a 22-member Commission, Alameda CTC manages the county's one-cent transportation sales tax and serves as the county's congestion management agency. In the most recent fiscal year, the agency carried out \$405 million in transportation improvements that create jobs, enhance mobility and enrich communities.

Learn about current transportation projects and programs and learn about Measure BB, which voters passed in November 2014. Visit Alameda CTC's website and follow Alameda CTC on Facebook and X.

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#### What Rent Stabilization Means Editor,

I write about an issue of community-wide concern. On the City Council's upcoming agendas is the consideration of a rent stabilization ordinance. I urge all of us to get involved, write letters, and attend the upcoming Council work session on October 13.

As we do so, it is important to understand what rent stabilization is, what it is not, what it does, and what it does not do; most especially because there is a whole lot of misinformation about this emotional topic.

What is rent stabilization? Through a rent stabilization ordinance, the city limits annual rent increases for residential tenancies, limits the circumstances in which rents can be raised, and provides tenants a process to object when owners attempt to increase above the annual allowable increase.

What rent stabilization does — Rent stabilization keeps rent increases to foreseeable and knowable percentages, which provides families stability of knowing what the rent portion of their budgets will be. These ordinances also encour-

age proper maintenance and repairs by allowing tenants to object to increases when properties are not maintained or repaired.

Through rent stabilization ordinances, increases can be denied if repairs are not made. Of paramount importance, over time rent stabilization ordinances create a portion of the city's housing stock that is both affordable and well maintained.

What rent stabilization does not do — Rent Stabilization does not build housing. The city, developers, financial institutions, and governmental entities, must do more to build housing. But with the cost of new construction, we will not build our way out of these crises.

That is why rent stabilization's creation of an affordable housing stock, at no cost to the city, is a vital element, but not the only element, of housing that meets the needs of the entire community. Get involved.

**Marc S. Janowitz**  
San Leandro

**Ban Rodeo's "Steer Tailing" Event**  
Editor,

Back in 1994 California outlawed

the Mexican charreada's "horse tripping" event; a dozen other states soon followed suit. Accordingly, the U.S. Charro Federation changed their rules for the entire country.

Progress! Hundreds of these events are held throughout California annually.

Charreadas feature an even worse event, "steer tailing" (aka "colas" or "coleaderos"), wherein a mounted charro grabs a running steer by the tail, wraps the tail around his leg, then rides off at an angle, slamming the hapless animal to the ground. Tails are routinely broken, stripped to the bone ("degloved"), even torn off. Horses may suffer broken legs when steers run the wrong way. "Steer tailing" is not a standard ranching practice anywhere in the U.S.; already banned in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties (1993 & 1994), and Nebraska (2008).

Passage of a California ban would likely result in a U.S. Charro Federation rule change banning "steer tailing" nationwide. Even Cesar Chavez was an outspoken critic. All legislators may be written c/o The State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Email pattern for all: senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov; assembly-member.lastname@assembly.ca.gov

County ordinances are also in order. Let your representatives hear from you!

**Eric Mills**  
Oakland

#### Rent Ordinance Gives Landlords a Loophole

Editor,

The City Council's draft Rent Stabilization Ordinance permits "Capital Improvement Pass Throughs"

to tenants, which means monthly payments, *for up to 10 years*, above and beyond the annual allowable rent increases. This is an end run around the purpose of the ordinance, which is to stabilize tenants' rent increases, and is ripe for abuse, as we have seen with our mobile home rent stabilization ordinance.

The definition of "Capital Improvement" provides in relevant part:

"[A]n improvement or repair . . . , excluding ordinary maintenance and repairs, that materially adds to the value of the property . . . , becomes part of the real property . . . , has a useful life of more than one (1) year and that is required to be amortized and depreciated . . . under the . . . Internal Revenue Code . . ."

This definition describes improvements that increase the value of landlords' properties, not that benefit tenants. Why should tenants pay for landlords' unilateral decisions to make improvements? And what is "ordinary maintenance and repair"?

Knowing that a roof replacement will be required in 20 years, shouldn't landlords routinely set aside revenue in anticipation of such maintenance?

The draft also provides that a Pass Through may not be imposed during the first year of a tenancy. So a tenant, after her first year, may be on the hook for a new roof, when the old one has been consciously depreciated by the landlord for the past 20 years!

ALL rental unit capital improvements, other than those compelled by unpredictable catastrophes (e.g., earthquake) should be financed from funds set aside from monthly rents for exactly such purposes. We ask

that requests for Capital Improvement Pass Throughs be adjudicated through the ordinance's "Fair Return Petition" process, under which landlords must establish that they cannot earn a fair return without tapping their tenants.

If you agree, comment at [City-Council@sanleandro.org](mailto:City-Council@sanleandro.org) or call (510) 577-3357.

**Emily Rich**  
San Leandro

#### Republicans Cheat

Editor,

Republican politicians know how unpopular Trump's actions are. His tariffs are raising prices. His ICE-men are kidnapping nannies and farm workers. His fawning over Putin is un-American. His shaking down companies and universities, accepting bribes of cryptocurrency and airplanes, is corruption. Cutting medical insurance and food programs for working people, while giving tax-breaks to billionaires, is revolting.

Republican politicians know they have to cheat, to rig the next election, to stay in power. So they're changing voting district boundaries in red states. They think, "once a Republican, always a Republican," voters won't change parties. What they don't know is the Republican Party has left many voters with revulsion and disgust.

They lie to our faces and we're not going to take it. People are going to vote Democrat in the next election to save our economy, to save our democracy, to save our country from a corrupt, wanna-be dictator.

**Bruce Joffe**  
Piedmont



# Regatta: Skills learned in designing, building, sanding the boats

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a KCBS radio reporter. "This was the first time that our pack had done the regatta since 2019 before the pandemic."

The Regatta is one of the main annual events of the year held by the scouts, in addition to the annual Pinewood Derby, three annual camping trips, and a hike once a month.

Pack 506 is part of the Golden Gate Area Council and their meetings are every other Wednesday at Roosevelt Elementary. Ninety percent of the members of Pack 506 are from San Leandro and a few also come from Castro Valley and Oakland.

Doing all these events together form lifelong friendships for all the members in the program.

"Scouting teaches you how to be a strong member of community, how to help others, how to take the leadership role, and how to help others," said Pack 506 den leader Josh



The cub scout boats lined up at the presentation table at the beginning of the raingutter regatta.

PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Kaplan. "The skills they learn from scouting very much prepares them for what is to come in the rest of their lives to learn how to be successful."

The combination of building the boats, sanding, designing, and pushing them through the gutter with their straws is the culmination of the event.

"The main fundamentals the scouts learn from this event are creativity, crafts-

manship, and good sportsmanship," added Bigler. "All the children love these events and have a lot of fun participating."

This year there were no winner awards announced for first, second, or third place but there were participation awards given to each scout. In the future there may be plans to give out awards to the winners.

## Ordinance: Different views on rent ordinance

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equal to or above levels when the ordinance was enacted, ordinance proponents say. This policy aims to lower rent burdens and prevent displacement.

Luis Mendoza, a member of the Planning Commission, and an ordinance supporter, called the policy "moderate and common-sense."

"A 5 percent annual cap, vacancy decontrol, fair return petitions, and tenant protections prevent sudden rent shocks that displace families while allowing landlords to cover costs and earn a fair return," Mendoza said.

Mendoza addressed what he called common misconceptions about rent control's impact on housing costs.

"Many believe rent control is the reason rents are so high in San Francisco and Oakland, but research shows the real causes are decades of underbuilding and strong job growth across the Bay Area," Mendoza said.

Mendoza said that rent stabilization helps tenants stay housed while still allowing landlords to reset rents when units become vacant.

The ordinance's progress has been tracked through several city actions:

Policy Timeline:

- City Council's Annual retreat prioritized the rent stabilization ordinance.

- The Council directed

staff to develop the ordinance and approved a Rental Registry. The Rules Committee reviewed policy issues and cost impacts.

- The Rules Committee provided policy guidance; staff began drafting the ordinance.

- Preliminary draft reviewed by the Rules Committee. A 60-day public comment period opened.

- Public review and comments on the draft ordinance.

- The City Council held a work session reviewing public feedback and budget options.

- Ordinance scheduled for first and second Council readings.

### Opponents Say Ordinance Discourages Building Housing

Opponents to the ordinance say that rent control discourages building new housing and makes housing less available, driving up home prices and rent.

Former San Leandro Mayor Stephen Cassidy argues rent control harms housing availability and affordability.

"Strict rent control backfires," Cassidy said. "While current tenants may benefit initially, vacant units rent at much higher rates, reducing housing availability and raising costs for growing families and new renters."

Cassidy cited San Francisco's experience, which has had rent control since 1979, yet re-

mains one of the nation's most expensive rental markets. He contrasted it with Houston and Nashville, cities without rent control that have significantly lower rents.

Both sides recognize the city faces a housing crisis but differ on solutions. Supporters

say rent stabilization is a critical short-term tool to protect tenants, while opponents say the solution is building more housing to address affordability.

The City Council is expected to consider the ordinance soon.



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A man was holding this replica rifle.

## Peacefully: Puts down rifle, negotiation successful

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"We then deployed the Armored Rescue Vehicle with a reaction team to contain and contact the subject inside his vehicle," said the SLPD in a press release. "He was ordered out of his vehicle, and he exited while holding a rifle."

An officer with hostage negotiation training successfully talked with the man who dropped the rifle and surren-

dering peacefully.

It turned out to be a replica rifle, but that can be nearly impossible for police to distinguish from a real firearm, said Lt. Abe Teng of the San Leandro police.

"This incident is one of many examples of our officers utilizing planning, technology, resources and restraint to ensure a peaceful outcome for everyone involved," Teng said.

## Obituaries

### Fran Aahl

April 17, 1944 – August 7, 2025

Fran Aahl died peacefully the evening of August 7, 2025, surrounded by her devoted family after a long battle with cancer. Born Frances Lough on April 17, 1944 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Fran was the eldest child to parents Virginia (Bea) and Elmer (Stubb) Lough. Five years later, her sister Betsy was born. Betsy affectionately called her big sis Fuff and the two remained best of friends throughout Fran's life.



Fran grew up in Clayton, New Mexico until 1956 when the Lough's moved to Hayward, California where she attended Mt. Eden High. Fran met the love of her life, Michael Aahl, while cruising down the Castro Valley boulevard in the 60's. Fran and Mike were married for more than sixty years. They have one son, David Aahl, and two grandchildren, Madeleine and Matthew Aahl. When asked why Fran loved Mike so much, she said he's so much fun and always makes me laugh.

After completing her degree at Chabot College, Fran went to work for her mother-in-law, Elizabeth (Bea) Aahl, and was soon made a partner/co-owner and director in the family business, ABC Pre-School and DayCare. When Bea retired, Fran shared ownership with her sister-in-law, Janice Keller (Aahl). Fran devoted her entire adult career to ABC until 2009 when they sold the school on Fran's 65th birthday. Over the course of her forty-five-year career at A.B.C., Fran helped to educate and care for thousands of children, from pre-school through fifth grade.

Fran continued to enjoy her hobbies in retirement: playing bridge, gardening, shopping, and spending time with her family and friends. Mike and Fran bought a weekend home on Bethel Island and enjoyed boating and entertaining friends, new and old. Fran was always willing to be there for her friends and family. She had an open heart and an open door, welcoming family and friends into her home. Fran and Mike were members of the Early Ford V8 Club. They enjoyed many trips together touring the country with fellow club members. For many years they would fly to Hershey, Pennsylvania and Mike would go to the swap meets and Fran would go shopping and antiquing with friends.

Fran is survived by her husband, Mike, son David, grandchildren Madeleine and Matthew, sister Betsy (Rick), niece Sue (Brandon), great nieces Emily and Melanie, nephew Tim (Lisa), great nieces Allison, Kaitlyn, and Charlotte; niece Katie, niece Jennifer (Sean), great niece Emma and great nephew Wyatt. Fran is also survived by cousins and many, many dear friends. Fran is also survived by her sweet Westie, Bonnie who always stayed loyally by her side.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held at Redwood Canyon Golf Course (formerly Willow Park), 17007 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94546 on Sunday October 12, 2025, at 12:00P.M. Please join the family in celebrating Fran's life.



# Blue Angels to Arrive on Oct. 5

Fleet Week 2025 is scheduled from Sunday, Oct. 5, through Monday, Oct. 13, and that means we'll be seeing – and hearing – the Blue Angels as they fly over San Leandro to land at the North Field of the Oakland Airport.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other military and general aviation performers will be based and utilizing the North Field.

Blue Angels Team will arrive on Sunday evening, Oct. 5. Media flights will be flown on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Practice sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m.

The Fleet Week air show is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10, to Sunday, Oct. 12, starting at 11 a.m. each day.

The Blue Angels will leave town on Monday, Oct. 13th at 9 a.m. All times are approximate and are subject to weather and other delays.

During practice sessions

and the air show demonstrations, airport neighbors will experience an unusual level of aircraft activity and noise. For the Blue Angels general

schedule, visit the website at [www.flyquietoak.com](http://www.flyquietoak.com). Aircraft noise concerns may be directed to the OAK Noise Hotline at 510-563-6463.

## 35 Million Miles To Mars Exhibit

The San Leandro Main Library announced the opening of 35 Million Miles to Mars, a traveling exhibit created by ExplorationWorks, on display through November 26.

This engaging, hands-on exhibition invites visitors to explore the mysteries of the Red Planet.

The exhibit includes interactive displays on human Mars exploration, a full scale Biosuit, and space gloves that demonstrate the difficulty of astronauts' ability to work in space while wearing gloves. It shows comparisons between Mars and Earth, and a look at

emerging concepts for future tourist destinations on Mars.

In addition to the hosting the exhibit, the Library will be holding space and science-themed programs in September, October and November, including:

- Sept. 30 - Star Gazing with Eastbay Astronomical Society
- Oct. 1 - Mission to Mars: Storytime & STEM Adventure (at the Manor Branch)
- Oct. 23 - Mars Talk with astronomer Ben Burrress
- Nov. 8 - Family Science Festival with 10 interactive science stations.



EAST BAY PARKS DISTRICT PHOTO

East Bay Parks District police command staff pose for a photo.

## Staffing: Full staffing, more patrols

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District General Manager Sabrina Landreth. "It reflects the dedication of our recruitment and retention teams, the appeal of our mission, and the leadership of Chief Roberto Filice. Officers choose the Park District because they can be part of something meaningful — protecting beloved parks and serving a community that values their work."

Since 2022, the department has invested in recruitment efforts, including adding a sergeant role focused solely on attracting top talent.

"Filling vacancies has always been a priority, but it's even more important to find the right people," said Chief Filice. "We look for officers who share our values, are dedicated to keeping our parks and communities safe, and are committed to fostering positive relationships with park visitors."

Recruitment strategies have included outreach to police academies, collaboration with training agencies, participation in job fairs, and community engagement events like National Night Out. The department also celebrates the work of its officers through media coverage, social media recognition, and public acknowledgments at Board of Directors meetings.

"Full staffing means more proactive patrols, faster response times, greater community presence, and an even higher level of service for park visitors," Filice added.

"We want to thank our recruitment team, our Human Resources Department, General Manager Sabrina Landreth, Deputy General Manager Allyson Cook, and Chief Roberto Filice, who all worked diligently to bring the sworn portion of our Police Department to full staffing,"

said Christopher Rudy, a detective in the department and Vice President of the East Bay Regional Park District Police Association, the department's union affiliation. "We want to especially thank the General Manager and our Chief for the vision and implementation of our proactive Police Department that has attracted so many new members."

The Park District Police Department provides a full range of services — from emergency response and criminal investigations to aerial support and interagency mutual aid — across 73 regional parks, 55 miles of shoreline, and over 1,330 miles of trails. In addition to patrolling Park District lands, the department provides contracted policing for East Bay Municipal Utilities District recreation areas, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission watershed lands in the East Bay, and several state parks.

## Murder: Douglas Morrison and Hillbard theater companies join to present more acting opportunities

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of eccentric characters — each with a motive — played by just one quick-changing actor.

With two performers covering all the roles (and the piano), Murder for Two is packed with sharp jokes, catchy songs, big surprises, and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments.

For Hillbarn and DMT, the show represents much more than entertainment. It's part of a thoughtful collaboration designed to expand audiences, reduce costs, and give artists more opportunities to shine.

The partnership began last season with Always... Patsy Cline, which opened at Hillbarn before making a special stop at DMT. The experiment was a hit, and the seed of collaboration took root.

This season, Murder for Two will play two weekends at DMT before heading to Hillbarn for a four-week run. Later in the year, the two theaters will once again share resources for Songs for a New World, opening in Foster City and finishing with a special weekend in Hayward.

### Collaborating Saves Costs

By pooling rehearsal space, production costs, and

creative energy, Hillbarn and DMT are able to invest more in the artistry of their shows while keeping tickets affordable and accessible.

It's a model being embraced by theaters nationwide as a way to stay strong, expand reach, and bring more live performance to more people.

For Hayward audiences, that means a chance to enjoy big laughs, great music, and the magic of live theater — without having to cross the bridge.

Don't miss Murder for Two at the Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. 3rd St. in Hayward.

### Theater Partnership Began With Patsy Cline Story

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