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## ACTIVITIES OPENING UP



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

People got outdoors on a Sunday afternoon and enjoyed a beautiful spring day at activities that are opening up in Castro Valley, including the Golden Tee Golf and miniature golf course on the Boulevard.

## Red Flag Warning: Protect Your Home From Wildfire

Over the weekend, the National Weather Service issued the first red flag warnings of the year as soaring temperatures and offshore winds created worrisome conditions in East Bay hills.

As the 2021 wildfire season approaches, neighborhoods are being urged to take a hands-on approach to wildfire preparedness this spring. Simple tasks like trimming back trees, shrubs and bushes, and creating defensible space around a home or business can help make our region safer.

David Hawks, a Senior Public Safety Specialist at PG&E, says now that the rainy season is over, homeowners need to start evaluating their property for overlooked fire hazards.

"Spring is the right time to create defensible space around your home. You can start by cutting or removing flammable vegetation, such as dry grass, leaves and needles that could ignite from embers, and by significantly reducing vegetation that could enable a fire to spread in the coming summer months," says Hawks.

Creating defensible space around your home doesn't mean you need a ring of bare dirt surrounding your property. With proper planning, you can have a fire safe home and a beautiful landscape.

The general concept is that trees should be kept farthest from the house, shrubs can be closer, and lawns and bedding plants can be the closest.

There are several easy ways any homeowner can prepare their property for the threat of wildfires including:

- Regularly clearing your roof and rain gutters by removing dead leaves and pine needles
- Strategically landscaping with fire-resistant plants to keep things lean and green in the area within 30 feet of your home

- Trimming tree branches that hang over your roof

For more preparedness resources, visit PG&E's Safety Action Center, which provides information to help customers keep their families, homes, and businesses safe during natural disasters and other emergen-

*see FIRE on page 4*

## MAC Approves Permit Extension For 'Tiny Homes'

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) approved an extension of a controversial "tiny house" permit amid other land use decisions made at their Monday night meeting.

Three years ago, staff at the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward on Grove Way began a warming shelter program for the homeless which eventually – and after much public discussion – evolved in part into the First Presbyterian tiny home project.

There are currently six small structures on site for people in a regimented program with set

rent, job, behavioral, and other requirements.

The review of the tiny home conditional use permit was mandatory and, though there were some concerns from both the neighboring public and the MAC, it was ultimately approved unanimously.

Before approving the permit, the MAC acknowledged that there were issues, including more RV parking activity on Grove Way, trash and belongs on the sidewalks, and security concerns.

"It seems to me somewhat nebulous," said MAC member Chuck Moore on the future Tiny Homes security plans.

"What are they going to do and *see MAC on back page*

## Vaccines Shift to Localized Sites

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Now that more than 73 percent of Alameda County residents have received at least one COVID-19 shot, vaccinations are scaling back to smaller and more localized sites, County Health officials said last week.

After administering nearly 250,000 doses, the Oakland Coliseum mega vaccination site will be closing on May 23. Appointments for first-dose vaccinations at the site have dropped from a daily average of 4,000 to just 400.

The focus now shifts to scheduling shots at healthcare offices, pharmacies, and even mobile vaccination trailers set

up in areas like Ashland, Cherryland, and North San Leandro where infection rates are as much as twice the surrounding areas.

"This marks an important milestone for our community, *see VACCINES on back page*

**Castro Valley**

Confirmed Cases = 2,562

**Alameda County**

Vaccinations = 1,568,152

Confirmed Cases = 87,633

Deaths = 1,545

**California**

Vaccinations = 32,669,323

Confirmed Cases = 3,655,922

Deaths = 61,241

*as of May 10, 2021*



## HONORING TEACHERS



Parents of Redwood Christian Schools' students showered teachers with gifts on a different theme each day. Wednesday was Flower Day. "This year, our teachers have gone above and beyond to provide consistent education for our students amidst many changes," said Elementary Assistant Principal Megan Sinisi. "They are awesome educators and everyone deserves to know."

## Local Air Quality at Risk Again

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Remember last September when the sky turned orange following the wildfires of 2020? More 'Spare the Air' alerts are likely this year, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Continuing drought conditions coupled with an increasing number of commuters on the freeways have air experts concerned.

Juan Romero, an Assistant Staff Specialist with the district, spoke to the Castro Valley Rotary Club recently to express these concerns including the potential for even more alerts with excessive conditions.

Last year, the nine-county agency issued 46 alerts including one long 30-day stretch of them. If fire season is bad again this summer, we can expect nearly as many this year, Romero said.

Established in 1955, the air quality agency monitors 5,340 square miles across the Bay Area, maintaining more than 30 stations and mobile air sensors that measure carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and a dozen other harmful pollutants.

Currently, the Bay Area Air Quality Index is in the Green level with particulate matter below 50 parts per million, *see AIR on page 4*

## Castro Valley Weather May 12-16, 2021



Wednesday  
Sunny  
High 79° Low 50°



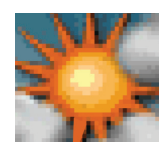
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Sunny

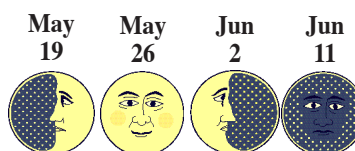
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Sun sets at 8:10 p.m. today, rises at 6:07 a.m. Thursday.

Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 10.21  
Normal To Date: 19.35  
Season Average: 21.22

## Moon Phases



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## Hope Hospice Elects New President

The Hope Hospice Board of Directors has elected Pat Brown as president.

Brown has served on Hope's board for six years, most recently as Vice President. He is also Treasurer on the Board of Directors at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

Though now retired, Brown had worked as an executive for various media outlets, including the San Francisco Examiner and the California Newspapers Partnership.

"I'd been invited to serve on the Hope Hospice board by a couple people who I knew from Castlewood Country Club," Brown said. "I knew little about hospice at the time, but I was happy to offer my



HOPE HOSPICE PHOTO  
**Pat Brown**

experience in business management and financials. The turning point in solidifying my decision was going through the orientation for new board members. The commitment to make their patients' final days as comfortable as possible was

truly inspiring."

"We are excited to have Mr. Brown's continued expertise to help guide Hope Hospice through planned growth," said CEO Jennifer Hansen.

Hope Hospice, which celebrated 40 years of service in 2020, started as a big idea from a small group of local residents who wanted to ensure families could receive professional medical help and emotional support while caring for a loved one with a life-limiting illness in the comfort of home.

As the Hope Hospice leadership looks to the future, the organization's impact on the Tri-Valley and adjacent East Bay cities is expected to increase.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A once-harmonious relationship appears to be hitting some sour notes. Spend some time together to see why things have gone off-key. What you learn might surprise you.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You feel a need to make some changes. Good -- you can do it on a small scale (some new clothes, for example), or go big and redecorate your home and/or office.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Control your tendency toward early boredom. A situation in your life might be taking a long time to develop, but patience pays off. Stay with it.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You might feel that you're on an emotional roller coaster this week. Don't fret; just ride it out and let things settle down. A Pisces shows understanding.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Do something different for once -- compromise. A stubborn stand on an important issue proves counterproductive. You need to be open to new ideas.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A friend offers advice that you perceive as an act of betrayal. But before you turn against the messenger, pay attention to the message.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A year of riding an emotional pogo stick finally settles down. Use this calmer period to restore frayed relationships and to pursue new opportunities.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Your words can sting, so be careful how you respond to a friend's actions. A calm approach could produce some surprising facts.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Be careful about whose secrets you're being asked to keep. They could impose an unfair burden on a straight arrow like you.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** While you prefer taking the tried-and-true course in life, be adventurous this week and accept a challenge that can open new vistas.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Your strong sense of justice helps you deal with a job- or school-related situation. Stay with your principles. A Sagittarius emerges as a supporter.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You need to build a stronger on-the-job support system to convince doubting colleagues that your innovative proposals are workable.



# Special Districts Week to be Commemorated by CVSan

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) will commemorate Special Districts Week the week of May 16th to encourage residents to be involved in their community and be civically engaged with their local government.

"This is an opportunity to recognize essential services such as wastewater services, solid waste services, fire protection, and parks that are vital to the local communities they serve," stated Roland Williams, General Manager, and current president of the Alameda County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association.

CVSan was formed in 1939 and has protected public health and the environment by providing effective environmental services for over 80 years.

The district has responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer collection system within the unincorporated community of Castro Valley. CVSan also oversees a refuse collection franchise for the community, manages State and local mandated recycling programs,



CVSAN PHOTO

**CVSan General Manager Roland Williams is the current president of the Alameda County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association.**

and holds 25% interest in a wastewater treatment facility.

Special districts are local government entities created, funded and overseen by a community's residents to provide specialized services and infrastructure. Special Districts Week was established by the State Legislature.

"Special districts are formed by residents to provide essential services that they want and

need at the local level. They provide an opportunity to have local control while enhancing services that make communities survive and thrive," said California Special Districts Association's CEO Neil McCormick. "We appreciate the Legislature's support in raising awareness and increasing understanding about the special districts that serve our state's communities."

## School Science Materials for Preview

The Castro Valley School District is adopting required Advanced Placement Environmental Science materials.

The Instructional Materials are: Environmental Science for the AP Course and Andrew Friedland; Rick Relyea; Bedford, Freeman, and Worth.

Through May 28, those interested are invited to preview new Advanced Placement Environmental Science instructional materials proposed for district adoption.

All adoption materials are viewable digitally in ParentSquare. The materials will

not be available for check out. An adoption decision is expected to be made at the June 9, school board meeting.

Those with questions about this public preview should contact Lauren Baiocchi at 510-537-3000 ext.1243 or lbaiocchi@cv.k12.ca.us.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Refused to Leave Store

Sunday, May 9: at 6:08 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 41-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of failing to leave a business after repeated requests from the manager. The woman was at a shop on Castro Valley Boulevard at Forrest Avenue when the manager asked her to leave after she was reportedly being disruptive to other customers. Deputies took the woman into custody.

### Assault at Gas Station

Sunday, May 9: at 9:47 a.m., a 42-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of assault on a family member and assault with intent to do bodily harm. Deputies were called to a gas station on Castro Valley Boulevard near Strobridge Avenue after the manager called about an altercation near one of the pumps. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Drugs and Burglar Tools

Sunday, May 9: at 7:19 a.m., deputies arrested a 37-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics, methamphetamine drugs and related drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs bagged for sale, and a lockpick. The man was loitering outside a convenience store on Grove Way near Center Street when deputies stopped him for questioning and discovered his stash. Deputies took the man into custody.

### Spousal Assault and Battery

Friday, May 7: at 10:55 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to an apartment on Wisteria Street near the Boulevard. There, they arrested a 37-year-old CV man on suspicion of assault and battery on his spouse. Deputies took the man into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Disruptive Customer

Thursday, May 6: at 8:10 p.m., a 30-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of disrupting a business on Grove Way near Redwood Road. Deputies were called to the scene after the store manager filed a complaint about the man being a nuisance to other customers. The man was taken into custody.

### Joy Ride Ends in Arrest

Thursday, May 6: at 8:30 a.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 20-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle and driving with an invalid driver's license. The woman was trav-

eling on Redwood Road near Jamison Way when deputies identified the car as reported stolen and initiated a traffic stop. Deputies took the woman into custody.

### Driving Intoxicated

Thursday, May 6: at 1:27 a.m., a 40-year-old man from Castro Valley was pulled over and arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. Deputies spotted the man driving erratically on westbound Interstate 580 just before the Castro Valley exit. The man failed his field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

### Weapons and Drugs

Monday, May 3: at 7:20 p.m., deputies arrested a 39-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics and related drug paraphernalia as well as a ballistic knife. The woman was traveling on Strobridge Avenue near Hobart Street when deputies stopped her for questioning and discovered her drugs and weapon. Deputies took the woman into custody.

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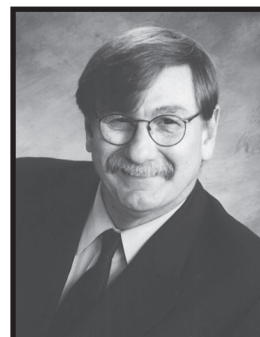
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We may not be able to bring back the crock, but we can put the lemons back into America's favorite hot weather drink.

To make lemons release more juice, place them – one at a time – in a microwave oven and microwave on high power for about 15 seconds.

### CLASSIC LEMONADE

Juice of 6 lemons (1 cup)  
3/4 cup sugar, or to taste  
4 cups cold water  
1 lemon, cut into cartwheel slices



### Ice cubes

In a large pitcher, combine lemon juice and sugar; stir to dissolve sugar. Add remaining ingredients and blend well. Makes about 6 cups.

### MINTED LEMONADE

8 large lemons  
20 fresh mint leaves,

1 cup granulated sugar  
3 cups boiling water  
4 cups cold water  
Ice cubes

Slice 7 lemons thinly. Seed sliced lemons and place in large mixing bowl. Add 12 mint leaves; sprinkle with sugar.

Pour in boiling water and let sit for 45 minutes at room temperature, occasionally pressing lemons and mint with a wooden spoon.

Strain liquid through a fine-mesh strainer into a glass 3-quart pitcher. Juice the remaining lemon; add to the strained liquid. Add cold water and stir well. Add ice cubes and stir rapidly. Serve over ice cubes, garnishing each glass with a mint leaf. Serves 9 or 10.

## Air: Quality

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which is good. But when particulate matter rises to 101 or above, it can trigger unhealthy conditions and generate a Spare the Air alert.

Although driving dropped to record low numbers at the outset of the Covid lockdown, our air quality is now at risk as traffic steadily increases in the Bay Area. It is now close to pre-pandemic levels, according to Romero.

The record number of Spare the Air Alerts last summer was related to the outbreak of dozens of wildfires across Northern California. That's very early for wildfire season which tends to be later in the fall, so we will have to wait and see what this year brings.

Scientists broadly agree that climate change is elevating California's wildfire risks, as rising temperatures dry out vegetation and shift precipitation patterns. Changes in our weather patterns impact air quality resulting in more frequent wildfires, and increased smog levels which increase the rates of respiratory and heart-related illnesses.

Everyone's activities have an impact on air quality, Romero told the Rotarians. As we go back to more normal routines, employers can encourage their workers to take public transit, use carpools, or bike or walk to work when possible. Reducing vehicle trips is key to reducing air pollution in the region.

## Fire: Tips

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cies. The site includes tips on how to create a personalized emergency plan, what to pack in an emergency supply kit, and how to prepare in advance for power outages and Public Safety Power Shutoff events.

To learn more, visit [safe-tfactioncenter.pge.com](http://safe-tfactioncenter.pge.com).

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/s/ Bikram Jit Singh  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ● Today, May 12: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold an open virtual board meeting today, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. While the meeting will be held remotely, public participation is encouraged. Meeting agendas have been moved to a new platform, available at [go.boarddocs.com/ca/castrovalley/Board.nsf/Private?open](http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/castrovalley/Board.nsf/Private?open). The Board will be voting on a Pride Month resolution which would require the rainbow flag to be flown at every school in the district during the month of June. To observe the meeting by video conference, click on LINK on the agenda at the noticed meeting time. For questions, contact Aimee Cayere, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent at [acayere@cv.k12.ca.us](mailto:acayere@cv.k12.ca.us)

### ● Sat., May 15: Outdoor Flea Market

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District's Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center is having an Outdoor Spring Flea Market this Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Everyone is invited to come to this free event. Please wear a mask and practice safe social distancing. Vendors will be selling great bargains and unique treasures. The Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center is located at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. For more information, please call 510-881-6742. Vendor tables are sold out.

### ● Tues., May 18: Rotary Topic: State Judicial System

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Leo Dorato will talk about the workings of the California judicial system at the next meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley, via Zoom, from noon to 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday. More information is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org).

### ● Mon., May 24: Smart Start: Teen Driver Program

The California Highway Patrol and the Castro Valley Library presents - Start Smart: Teen Driver Program from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 24, a driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the age of 15 - 19 and their parents/guardians. CHP officers will discuss traffic collision avoidance, driver and parent responsibilities, and seatbelt usage. Additionally, testimonies will be provided by officers who have investigated fatal collisions involving teens, and by family members who have lost love ones in traffic collisions. A parent/guardian is required to attend the class with their teen. Registration is required for this free, virtual program. To register, visit [aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/](http://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/) or call 510-667-7900. Registrants must have a valid email address and have a basic understanding of using Zoom.

### ● Tues., May 25: Senior Driver Safety Seminar

Stay safe and save money! Registration has begun for the library's popular senior driving program, conducted online by the California Highway Patrol from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Topics include: Compensating for Age-Related Changes, Tuning-up Your Driving Skills, Rules of the Road and Safety Tips. On completion of the seminar, participants will receive a certificate for completing the course which may entitle them to an automobile insurance discount. You must be 65 or older to qualify. Registration is required for this free, virtual program. To register, visit [aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/](http://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/) or call 510-667-7900. Registrants must have a valid email address and have a basic understanding of using Zoom.

### ● Sat., May 29: Hike for Hope

Register now for the 2021 Hope Hospice Hike for Hope Fundraiser for \$39 per hiker through April 30 (fee increases to \$45 on May 1). Registration fee includes an event T-shirt. Child hikers 12 and under participate for free, but must be registered. Then follow the regular style of a single-day excursion on Saturday, June 5, or accept the weeklong Champion Challenge by setting a mileage goal for the week of May 29-June 5 and log progress on your participant page at [TheHikeForHope.com.Hope](http://TheHikeForHope.com.Hope).

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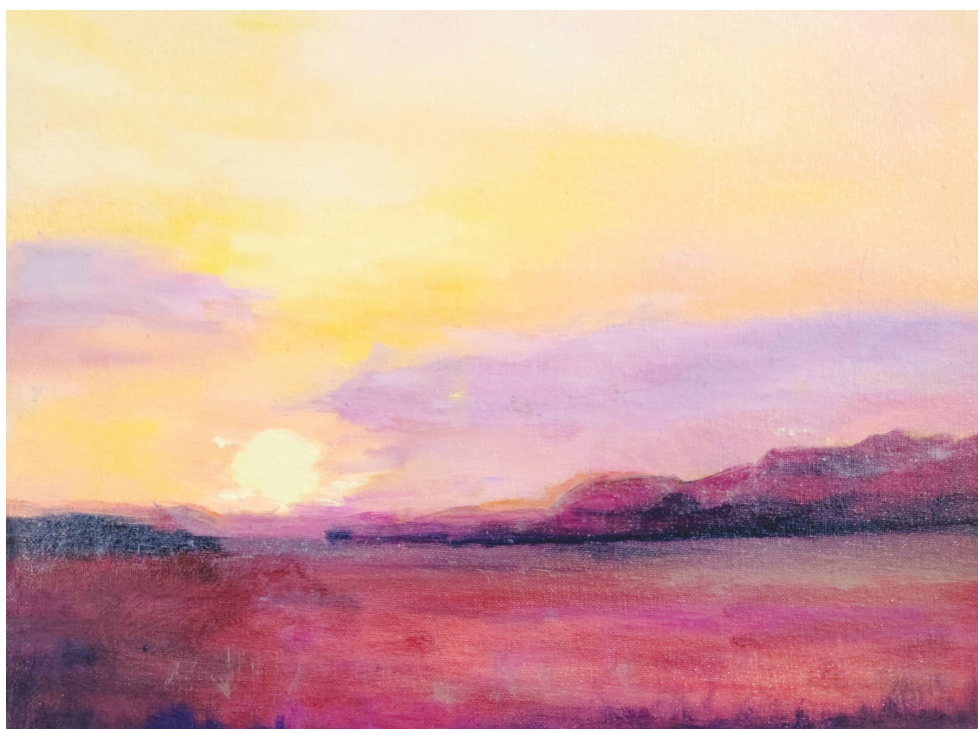
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"I'm Thinking About You, George Floyd" by Castro Valley artist Winifred Thompson will be on view during "Celebrate Women!" at the John O'Lague Galleria Online Exhibition at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/). Those who wish to attend the reception on May 22 can RSVP at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/)

## 'Celebrate Women!' Exhibit Goes Virtual, Opens May 16

By Winifred Thompson  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The 5th Annual Celebrate Women! Multimedia Exhibition hosted by the Diablo/Alameda Branch of the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) runs May 16 - July 17. For the first time, the event will be online.

Celebrate Women! is a collaboration of 37 very accomplished Northern California artists, musicians, and writers, some of whom have achieved international acclaim. This year, prose and poetry videos can be viewed for the first time.

A public Artists' Reception will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 22. Members of the public who wish to attend can RSVP at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/).

Women attending the reception who are interested in the arts or are already pursuing the arts professionally will be invited to attend Zoom forums

where sharing of creative endeavors will be supported.

At the reception there will be performances by three Diablo/Alameda vocalists/instrumentalists: Julie Cohn, (aka Juls) songwriter and guitarist; Mary Fineman, composer and pianist; and Margaret Davis, singer and Celtic harper.

In 1897, when women were routinely excluded from professional groups, the NLAPW was established to create support and inspiration for women.

Members included Pearl Buck, Georgia O'Keefe and Eudora Welty. Eleanor Roosevelt, a prolific writer, was an enthusiastic Pen Woman while in the White House and beyond.

Keynote speaker National President, Evelyn Wofford, speaking from Washington, D.C., will talk about the incredible impact Zoom is having on Pen Women. National Membership Chair, Luanna Leisure, Santa Clara, will speak about

Pen Women's aim to increase membership by making the NLAPW more relevant to emerging artists.

Co-authors of Words from Nerds Social Media Director Diana di Avila and Wilma Davidson will present "Clues to Overturn Your Membership Blues" from Florida.

Hayward City Councilmember Sara Lamnin will greet guests.

Celebrate Women! is sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council which stimulates interest in visual and performing arts, promotes opportunities for artists to exhibit and encourages public participation. Winda I. Shimizu is the Executive Director.

Ruey Syrop is the Curator of HAC's John O'Lague Galleria. Visit [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/) for more art exhibits and art education programs.

Winifred Thompson is past co-president of Hayward Arts Council and a current board member.

## Webinar on Water-Wise Gardening

Alameda County is offering a free webinar on water-wise gardening tomorrow, May 13.

With drought conditions looming, you may be wondering how you can keep your garden beautiful and healthy this summer. To find out, join a free webinar on water-wise gardening from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

The class will cover most efficient irrigation techniques, how to determine the watering needs of different soil types, using compost and mulch to conserve water, plus questions from participants.

To register visit: [us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1T3f1liAT-OLTx-S774tMSg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1T3f1liAT-OLTx-S774tMSg).

This webinar is part of a monthly series about organic gardening and non-toxic pest control, sponsored by the County's Clean Water Program.

For more information on this and other upcoming webinars, or to sign up for notifications, please visit: [www.cleanwater-program.org](http://www.cleanwater-program.org).

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Alameda County Eases Showing Restrictions

With recent news that COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to loosen, some have interpreted the easing incorrectly.

An Alameda County listing that was monitored recently not only revealed a high number of visits due to the extreme inventory shortage, it showed many groups going through with children of all ages, groups well over the stated limit of two, some without masks and frequent use of the bathrooms while visiting.

It also revealed groups without pre-arranged showing appointments trying to squeeze in between others who had permission to be in the home.

Bottom line: it seems that there are a number of home-visiting groups out there that either do not know the current rules or believe the restrictions do not apply to them.

On a positive note, the County of Alameda has just removed county-specific guidelines for showing real

estate and is allowing the broader Cal/OSHA statewide protocols.

These rules allow more than two to visit at one time, attended by their agent. They must still, however, set an appointment, wear face masks and, while touring, follow standard social distancing practices. Additionally, they are still restricted from touching surfaces and using restrooms during their visits.

Even with the easing of restrictions, traditional open houses are still not allowed. Ironically, many sellers appreciate the fact that they will not have groups of people meandering through their homes, especially unattended children roaming the home at will.

The current system of regulated appointments resonates with many sellers who love the fact that only tightly restricted small groups will be allowed in their property at any time and no one can go through without an agent in attendance.

Listing agents also love the new procedures, since

buyer names must be included on State-required PEAD (Property Entry Advisory and Declaration) forms, full agent contact information is provided and, for many agents, a buyer pre-approval is required so only those actually qualified to purchase the home are allowed to enter. Strict appointment guidelines are also required.

With concern COVID-19 restrictions would hamper the market and reduce prices, the opposite has been true. With the current 'perfect storm' of events significantly limiting numbers of homes on the market, well-qualified hopefuls are queuing up to try snagging a home of their own. Fueled by record low interest rates and the huge pool of buyers, multiple offers are happening in record numbers and most likely will for some time to come.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.



### 3 bed 2 bath

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## Mortgage Rates Decrease

For the third week in a row, long term mortgage rates have remained below three percent, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.96 percent for the week ending May 6, down from the previous week when they averaged 2.98 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate

averaged 3.26 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.30 percent, down from 2.31 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.70 percent, up from 2.64 percent.

"Mortgage rates have remained under three percent for three consecutive weeks," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Econ-

omist. "Consumer income and spending are picking up, which is leading to an acceleration in economic growth. The combination of low and stable rates, coupled with an improving economy, is good for homebuyers. It's also good for homeowners who may have missed prior opportunities to refinance and increase their monthly cash flow."

### Picture Perfect 5836 Cold Water Dr \$1,299,000 3 bed 2 bath w/pool



Model Perfect describes this remodeled throughout 1,723 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, single level home, situated on a .33 acre lot in the hills of Castro Valley. Formal living & dining room w/picture window & fireplace. Sunny eat-in kitchen family room combination w/skylight, stainless appliances, gas stove top, granite counters & slider to patio, pool & tiered yards. Master bedroom w/slider to backyard & custom French doors to bath w/granite counter, stall shower & walk-in closet. Hall bathroom w/ tile flooring, granite counter & shower over tub. Entertain in style, relax, garden or play in the lovingly landscaped backyard w/ swimming pool heated by solar, waterfall & fish pond. Additional items include inside laundry w/custom door, engineered hardwood flooring throughout, air conditioning, tankless water heater, 10 by 12 tough shed w/electricity, 2 car garage w/custom cabinets, & enclosed carport w/garage door.



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### RECENT HOME SALES

#### Castro Valley

4358 James Avenue 94546: \$900,000 3 BD - 1,368 SF - 1938  
35687 Palomares Road 94552: \$924,000 1,144 SF -  
4175 Seven Hills Road 94546: \$932,000 3 BD - 1,709 SF - 1942  
4771 Mira Loma Street 94546: \$1,068,000 3 BD - 1,387 SF - 1958  
8020 Norris Canyon Rd 94552: \$1,295,000 2 BD - 816 SF -  
TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$900,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$932,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,295,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,023,800

#### San Leandro

16006 East 14th Street 94578: \$320,000 1 BD - 659 SF - 1987  
1400 Carpentier Street 94577: \$439,500 2 BD - 950 SF - 1983  
1491 Green Court 94578: \$552,000 2 BD - 904 SF - 1948  
2394 Belvedere Ave 94577: \$557,000 3 BD - 1,296 SF - 1972  
15208 Farnsworth St 94579: \$715,000 3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1950  
912 Victoria Avenue 94577: \$755,000 2 BD - 1,159 SF - 1947  
14632 Wyman Avenue 94578: \$765,000 2 BD - 957 SF - 1945  
550 Lewis Avenue 94577: \$830,000 2 BD - 1,004 SF - 1925  
16339 Helo Drive 94578: \$850,000 3 BD - 1,376 SF - 1947  
1643 Purdue Street 94579: \$880,000 3 BD - 1,496 SF - 1953  
14946 Fjord Street 94578: \$925,000 4 BD - 1,914 SF - 1978  
543 East Merle Court 94577: \$940,000 3 BD - 1,332 SF - 1925  
2658 Lakeview Drive 94577: \$1,025,000 3 BD - 1,887 SF - 1965  
TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$320,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$765,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,025,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$734,884

#### San Lorenzo

15695 Vassar Avenue 94580: \$550,000 3 BD - 1,398 SF - 1950  
17519 Wickman Place 94580: \$575,500 3 BD - 1,453 SF - 1971  
1682 Via Tovita 94580: \$650,000 3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1951  
17470 Via Rincon 94580: \$720,000 3 BD - 1,144 SF - 1944  
15829 Via Marlin 94580: \$765,000 3 BD - 1,373 SF - 1951  
85 Paseo Grande 94580: \$800,000 3 BD - 1,077 SF - 1951  
1504 Via Rancho 94580: \$850,000 3 BD - 1,604 SF - 1954  
TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$550,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$720,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$850,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$701,500



# Mulch Around Plants; Need More Compost Bin Material

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

**Q** How much mulch do I need to apply around my plants? I can't seem to get a definite answer.

**A** EBMUD and the Contra Costa Water District recommend a two-three inch layer of mulch for trees and shrubs. The purpose of mulch is to insulate the ground and conserve moisture.

With a mature landscape, I'd spread the mulch unevenly, with a thicker layer in those areas that get the hot afternoon sun and a thin layer in those areas with morning sun and under the canopy of trees and shrubs.

Mulch is uniformly spread over new plantings.

There are many kinds of mulch available. A two-cubic-foot bag of mulch covers 12 square feet at two

inches thick, while a cubic yard covers 100 square feet at three inches.

Mulch is not inexpensive, but it can reduce your water bill. You can reduce the cost of mulch by using the plant debris that you already have. This is the stuff gardeners blow away and deposit in their green trash bins.

Redwoods, pines, and cedars provide an excellent cover. I use oak leaves from several California live oaks. But, don't overlook the household paper debris from shredded utility bills, monthly statements, etc. The shredded household paper debris can be used as a base and then covered with something visually more pleasing.

Water is no longer an inexpensive commodity, so water conservation is a must. Water conservation is achieved by watering less frequently. That's why mulching is an

ideal answer as it maintains soil moisture by reducing evaporation and weeds.

Understanding how to adjust your water timer or controller is critical. You should adjust your watering schedule weekly based on the temperature to eliminate some waterings. This compensates for those weeks when it is hot. The volume of water always remains the same with each application.

EBMUD and the Contra Costa Water District have joined with local nurseries, landscape suppliers, and home improvement centers to offer discounts on organic mulch. The Mulch Coupon Program aims to help you continue to garden while being water-wise. (See the links to those coupons below)

With water restrictions and rate increases in the news, a mulching strategy makes sense in protecting your

valuable landscape.

[www.ebmud.com/water/conservation-and-rebates/watersmart-gardener/magic-mulch/](http://www.ebmud.com/water/conservation-and-rebates/watersmart-gardener/magic-mulch/)

[www.ccwater.com/460/Landscape-Mulch-Coupons](http://www.ccwater.com/460/Landscape-Mulch-Coupons)  
Visit Google "Mulch Coupons" for other offers

**Q** I'm trying to find enough material to fill my compost bin. I'm getting enough green material from my lawn clippings,

but I need a source of brown materials. Is it true, you can add sawdust, and is there anything else I can use?

**A** Sawdust can be added to a compost pile. Raw sawdust is high in carbohydrates and low in nitrogen. By itself, it is very slow to decompose due to the lack of nitrogen compounds. You can speed the process by adding Sulfate of Ammonia at the same

time.

Other alternatives are straw or shredded newspaper. You mixed two parts: handfuls, shovels, truckloads, to one part of the green debris.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com) and questions can be sent by email to [buzz@dirtgardener.com](mailto:buzz@dirtgardener.com).



## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Corn

Plant corn in blocks of at least four rows in each direction to assure good pollination (by wind). Make successive plantings through the end of June, because later plantings usually suffer from smut problems when the corn matures.

### Cosmos are Carefree

For colorful blooms all summer, plant daisy-like cosmos which come in a wide variety of colors and grow about 4 feet high with fernlike foliage. Plant cosmos once and—like nasturtiums—you'll have them year after year, because they reseed freely.

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The jazz trio "Third Light" performs monthly at Castro Valley Street Eats.

## What's Up This Week at Smalltown

### ● Friday, May 14:

#### Castro Valley Street Eats

Smalltown Society and The Chabot present: Castro Valley's Weekly Street Eats, with live music from jazz trio Third Light. Come grab some food and support The Chabot Theater reopening (10% of proceeds go to support the Chabot's grand reopening). Food Truck line-up includes: Curveball Sliders, Fonseca's

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Catering and Desserts First. Castro Valley Street Eats is a weekly event sponsored by Food Truck Mafia and First Pres of Hayward from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2490 Grove Way, behind Trader Joe's.

### ● Saturday, May 15:

#### Chabot's Live Riff Along:

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Along" with the 1965 classic, "Nightmare Castle." Free at 8 p.m. 8p.m. live at TheChabot.com/riffalong and On The Chabot's Facebook account: @ChabotCinema.

Support The Chabot: Online Gift Cards at: TheChabot.com. Donations to Smalltown Society can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @smalltownsociety

## Got Your Covid Vaccination? Good! But Don't Ignore the Shot for HPV

In an effort to boost public health and help keep vaccinations on track in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the American Cancer Society continues its efforts to eliminate Human papillomavirus (HPV), starting with cervical cancer.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S., yet the CDC estimates that HPV vaccinations are down by more than 20%, or more than a million doses in the public sector alone, compared to 2019.

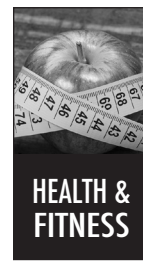
Many parents have postponed pediatrician visits to avoid transmission of the Coronavirus.

Adding to the challenge is the expected availability of the Covid vaccine for adolescents and for children as young as 12 by early summer. If approved, adolescents who get the vaccine will have a 7- to 8-week period when they cannot receive other vaccines before, during, or after the Covid protocol.

This could impact the number of adolescents who will get their HPV vaccination on time this year. It's important for parents, in consultation with their pediatricians, to reschedule any missed vaccinations now.

HPV is a common virus that can cause six types of cancer. About 14 million people in the United States become infected with HPV each year. Eight out of 10 people will become infected at some point in their lifetime. Most infections become undetectable, but some can go on to cause cancer.

"It's critical that we act quickly to protect the national investment in HPV vaccination to protect against these 6 types of cancer," said Dr. Irene Lo, a Bay Area surgeon who is co-chair for the American Cancer Society.



"HPV vaccination works best when given between ages 9 and 12," said Shelly Barsanti, Bay Area co-chair for the American Cancer Society. "Vaccination at the recommended ages will prevent more cancers than vaccination at older ages."

Children and young adults age 13 through 26 who have not been vaccinated, or who haven't gotten all their doses, should get the vaccine as soon as possible. Both boys and girls can get infected with HPV. The vaccination helps protect boys from cancers of the throat, penis, and anus later in life. HPV vaccination helps protect girls from cancers of the cervix, throat, vagina, vulva, and anus later in life.

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### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 186 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

The Ordinance No. 186 amending Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article IV, Section 4403, Regulation of Sewer Service Charges Administrative Provisions – Schedule of Charges was duly and regularly adopted by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors at the regular meeting of said Board held on May 4, 2021.

The Ordinance amends the schedule of charges for the classifications of use for the next two fiscal years (FY), FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23, effective on July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022.

The adjustments to sewer service charges are for all classifications of use, including residential and non-residential categories. The average adjustment is five percent per year for residential categories and up to ten percent per year for non-residential categories.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on May 4, 2021 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to adopt the Ordinance as follows: Akagi – Yes; (Dooman) Woerz – Yes; Johnson – Yes; McGowan – Yes; Sadoff – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 186. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance. The new rates set by this Ordinance are posted at [www.cvsan.org/SSC](http://www.cvsan.org/SSC) and the full text of the Ordinance is available upon request via email at [contact@cvsan.org](mailto:contact@cvsan.org) or by calling 510-537-0757.

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 187 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DECREASE RATES CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 187, which will amend Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article V, Regulation of Solid Waste Disposal, Refuse, and Recycling, Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307.

The proposed Ordinance will decrease the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. -\$0.17 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96-gallon organics cart/up to a 96-gallon recycling cart). These changes will be effective July 1, 2021.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on May 4, 2021 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to approve the draft Ordinance and set the public hearing as follows: Akagi – Yes; (Dooman) Woerz – Yes; Johnson – Yes; McGowan – Yes; Sadoff – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 187. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding. The full text of the draft Ordinance is available at the Castro Valley Sanitary District website at [www.cvsan.org/oan](http://www.cvsan.org/oan), or, to make other viewing arrangements, please contact the Clerk of the Board Stacy Marcoux at [stacy@cvsan.org](mailto:stacy@cvsan.org).

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) intends to amend Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307 of the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code to decrease the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. -\$0.17 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96-gallon organics cart/up to a 96-gallon recycling cart), to become effective July 1, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., via teleconference only, said Board will hold a public hearing to hear and consider all comments, protests and objections to said proposed amendments to the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code. Written protests against the proposed rate decrease may be mailed or delivered to Castro Valley Sanitary District, 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. All protests must be received prior to the close of the public hearing and must identify the owner(s) of the property or properties.

Dated: May 4, 2021

ROLAND P. WILLIAMS, JR.  
General Manager  
Castro Valley Sanitary District



# Recreational Soccer Returns to Castro Valley in July

After a hiatus due to Covid-19 in 2020, the Castro Valley Soccer Club (CVSC) recreational season will be back, starting with practice in late July and games in mid-August.

Each year from 1982 through 2019, hundreds of youth from Castro Valley and surrounding cities enjoy fun recreational soccer with the club.

Registration is now open for the Fall 2021 Season for players born between 2018 and 2003 at [www.castrovalleysoccer.com](http://www.castrovalleysoccer.com).

As to Covid protections, the Castro Valley Soccer Club now has a Return-to-Play plan where player and community health and safety are the first priority. Approved safety plans have been created and will be followed for each venue/field.

The procedures follow Cal North and local guidelines for youth sports. Competitive program teams have been following and adapting early plans since last Spring and have done very well with them.

For program details by age group, from Bumblebees and Grasshoppers to start toddlers



The Castro Valley Soccer Club's U9-U12 program above, the Bumblebees program at right.

CV SOCCER CLUB PHOTOS

all the way up to U19 for experienced young adults, please go to program descriptions at [www.castrovalleysoccer.com](http://www.castrovalleysoccer.com)/programs.

Recreational teams are heavily support by volunteer



## LETTERS to the EDITOR

### Ban Commercial Leaf Blowers?

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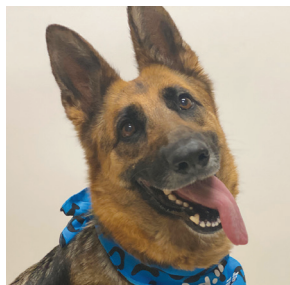
The Hayward Planning Commission voted 4-3 to ban commercial leaf blowers by January 1, 2024. They used the example of a 2017 Toyota Camry driving 1,100 miles compared to one commercial leaf blower emissions in one hour.

I would hope Castro Valley MAC would adopt a plan like that, or even better.

—Jack Gayle, Castro Valley

## ADOPT-A-PET

**Nena** is a sweet, smart, 7 year old girl who knows "sit," "shake," and "down." She enjoys playing fetch and going on walks, and would love a home with older children and adults. To adopt call the Hayward Animal Shelter (510) 293 – 7200.



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### Scott Ballesteros

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Scott passed suddenly due to complications following liver cancer.

Scott was born in Oakland, California, where he attended St. Jarlath School and went on to work as a very talented craftsman and contractor. He loved watching A's Baseball, and 49ers football. He spent much of his free time at the Castro Valley bowl and with his loved ones. He had a vast knowledge of sports and music and would strike up conversations with anybody if willing. His passions were collecting baseball cards and his favorite music.

Scott is predeceased by his grandparents, Bill and Marie Gilley, his uncle, Jimmy Gilley, and his son, Eric Ballesteros.

He is lovingly remembered by his mother, Louise Gilley, his father, Joe Ballesteros (Wife: Rita), his children, Gabe Ballesteros (Wife: Anissa) and Olivia Ballesteros, his grandchildren, Jimmy and Gianna Ballesteros.

A gathering will be held on May 15th at the Moose Club in Castro Valley at 1 p.m. All those who loved and remember him are welcome.



## Obituaries

### CASTRO VALLEY FORUM OBITUARIES

may be emailed to: [obits@ebpublishing.com](mailto:obits@ebpublishing.com) or fax to 510-483-4209. Include a phone number. The deadline is noon on Tuesday for that week's Forum. Obituaries may include color or black-and-white photos. For help, including cost, please call Patrick Vadnais at 510-614-1558.

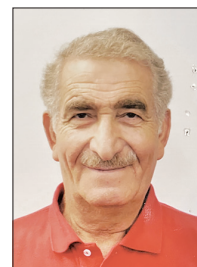
### Riad Solh

Riad Solh, who came to the United States from Lebanon in 1969 and settled in Castro Valley, died peacefully at the age of 78 on May 6, 2021 surrounded by love and family. Riad is survived by his wife, three children, two son-in-laws, and three grandchildren.

Riad lived life to the fullest. He was born in Baalbeck, Lebanon where he grew up to help run the family wholesale business. He traveled everywhere his car could take him throughout the Middle East and Europe. He then had the opportunity to come to the United States and wanted to take that adventure as well.

Riad found a job at Montgomery Ward, for those of you who remember this department store, where he worked for over 35 years. He also found a passion for watches and clocks and became a premier watchmaker for jewelers throughout San Francisco and the greater bay area. Riad successfully invested in real estate in Castro Valley because he truly loved everything about this town.

Riad was proud of the life he built and the family he created.



### Arlene White

Arlene was born in Oakland, CA to the late Frank and Helen Manha. She was the oldest of two sisters. She grew up in Oakland and always loved the outdoors and had many adventures with her friends. They called themselves the three musketeers, Arlene, Betty, and Helen. They went to the beach in Santa Cruz and to the mountains of Yosemite and still kept in touch all these years!

She married Jack White in 1952 and they had two daughters and eventually settled in Castro Valley, CA. She was a great mom and brought her love of animals, art and nature to her daughters. Many summers were spent at the beach and long treks into the foothills to pan for gold, and magical hikes into the Yosemite wilderness.

She was a lifelong learner and in her 40's went back to college to study art. She worked in retail and later at the senior center in Castro Valley. She was able to travel to Europe where she was able first hand to see the Art and beauty she loved!

She was a member of the Sierra Club and an avid Oakland A's fan going to spring training when she could.

In her later years she truly enjoyed her involvement in the spectrum senior exercise class and the friends she made.

She loved animals and always appreciated having a cat in her lap. Her garden in spring was breathtaking!

She is survived by her daughters Audrey Brennan and her husband David Victoria White. Her ex-husband Jack White, her sister Elaine Rebello and Nephew David Rebello and his wife Shelly. Her Aunt and great friend Marge Zweigle and her children Jim his wife Mercedes and Phil Zweigle. Her cousins Claudia Bergman and her husband Jim Maureen Ginty and her husband John Mike and Terry Preston and Tom Preston.

A service will be held on Saturday, May 22 at Noon at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, CA 94546.



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## MAC: Other Business

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how are they going to do it?"

MAC Chair Ken Carbone was also concerned with the impact of the tiny homes and the neighboring communities.

"You do have a responsibility for the people you care for, but you also have a responsibility to the entire community to find a balance," said Carbone.

But Carbone also agreed that the tiny home community was being cast as a scapegoat and no true connections could be made between the tiny homes and issues of crime in the area.

Carbone added that he wanted to see parking ordinances in area enforced by the Sheriff's Office, which could mitigate the RV parking problems.

### Apple Creek Farms

During Monday night's Zoom meeting, the MAC also approved the continued

operation of a horse-boarding facility for up to 80 horses at Apple Creek Farms, 7324 Crow Canyon Road.

Representatives from the Friends of the San Lorenzo Creek expressed concerns about Creek setbacks and potential animal waste contamination, but ultimately the MAC gave their unanimous approval for five more years of operation, at which time it will be reviewed again.

### Parent Nursery School

Finally, the MAC also unanimously approved the continued operation of Castro Valley Parent Nursery School at 3657 Christensen Lane to teach up to 28 pupils per day.

Neighbors have parking and traffic concerns, but the MAC gave its go-head, with Carbone adding that he wants County Public Works to install street crossing improvements in the area for the safety of kids attending the school.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Aiden Dale

Our Athlete of the Week is starting catcher for the B-Div Rockies, Aiden Dale. This is his first official year in B-Division (9-10-year-olds), and he has taken on a leadership role on the Rockies. Dubbed "The General" by his Manager James Guerrero and the Rockies coaching staff. Aiden has made huge progress as a catcher, emulating one of his favorite players, Buster Posey. His coaches say Aiden is one of the best kids to keep the umpires safe at home plate. He makes 95 percent of his catches and he's even thrown some impressive throws down to 2nd Base.

## Vaccines: Local Sites

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allowing us to move away from mass vaccination," said Colleen Chawla, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Director.

"We can now shift our resources into additional focused efforts that will reach residents who are more comfortable receiving their vaccines from trusted community partners and deploying our resources deeply into the communities that have borne the brunt of the pandemic."

Currently, 56% of Castro Valley residents 16-years-old and older have been fully vaccinated while 51% of residents in San Leandro have received their full dose.

By contrast, only 40.8% of Cherryland residents and 39.4% of Ashland residents have completed their vaccinations, according to Alameda County Public Health Department data.

While daily and bimonthly

infection rates have stabilized since March, Public Health officials say they are eager to get as many eligible residents vaccinated against the coronavirus as possible.

In their report to Alameda County Supervisors last week, Public Health said they were stepping up their already aggressive campaigns to convince people to get their COVID-19 shots. Although nearly two-thirds of eligible residents in all of Alameda County have gotten their first shot, only 51.8 percent are fully vaccinated.

State health officials said they would be working in partnership with Carbon Health, Native American Health Center, Lifelong Medical, Bay Area Community Health, and La Familia to help administer the second doses. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Fremont High School, and Hayward Adult School are continuing their large-scale vaccinations.

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## TEXTILE COLLECTION WEEK



### RESIDENTS: RECYCLE YOUR TEXTILES!

**UPCOMING COLLECTION:** June 7-11, 2021.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Between June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, place bagged textiles on the curb for no additional fee. Textiles will be collected with a special vehicle that may service your block earlier or later than regular vehicles. Please ensure bags are set out by 6:00 a.m. and visible to the Alameda County Industries (ACI) driver. Do not place bags behind or on top of carts. Single-family residents: set out textiles on your normal collection day. Multi-family residents: check with the property manager for your textile collection day or visit [cvsan.org/Textiles](http://cvsan.org/Textiles).

**WHAT ARE TEXTILES?** Clothing, towels, linens, bath mats, curtains, etc. Complete list available at [cvsan.org/Textiles](http://cvsan.org/Textiles).

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