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## Driving Safely

An accident between two Caltrans trucks on the morning of May 3 at the intersection of Fairway Drive and Doolittle Drive near the Marina Faire shopping center caught the attention of a nearby resident who took this photo.

## City Council Plans to Discuss Rent Control and Housing Policies this Summer

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

This summer, San Leandro will begin the public discussion of its rent control policies as part of the City Council's priorities to increase the housing supply and address the homelessness situation with services and prevention.

At the May 1 City Council meeting, Community Development Director Tom Liao outlined the city's roadmap to prioritize housing and supporting the unhoused. The presentation included a discussion of a Council Work Session on renter protection overview that will look at rent control,

"just cause" for eviction, a rental registry for landlords, and amending San Leandro's mobile home rent stabilization ordinance.

"We will give the council a template that they and the public can respond to. We will also discuss the state laws so that everyone can understand what is possible," Liao said, adding that the process should take about 12 to 18 months.

The rent control conversation could not come at a better time, as the COVID-19 pandemic has complicated the skyrocketing cost of living in the Bay Area. The median rent for all property types in San

“All our housing providers are hurting today.”

— San Leandro resident  
John Sullivan

Leandro is \$2,400 (\$250 more than the national average), according to the housing site Zillow.

Insufficient income and lack of affordable housing are the leading causes of homelessness, followed by substance abuse, home foreclosures, and escaping domestic violence, according to US Housing and Urban Development statistics.

Many homeowners who rent these properties say they, too, could be on the streets unless San Leandro reconsiders its previous one-year extension of the COVID-based see RENT CONTROL, page 5

## Public Doubting Ability of Police To Protect Them

Speakers at meeting express concern on police effectiveness

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro crime has worsened and the city needs more police officers, about 60 people said Saturday at a community meeting held at the Marina Community Center.

A few speakers said we employ sufficient police, but existing officers need to be utilized more effectively.

The meeting was conducted by the Matrix Consulting Group, hired by the City Council as consultants on police staffing levels. Their study started a few months ago, with an earlier meeting on March 1.

Matrix expects to report its findings to the council by the summer, said Matrix President Richard Brady. The firm is also conducting an online community survey.

There was a mixture of impatience and resignation about policing in a number of the comments from the public.

Public speaker Victor Krevochcza drew applause when he said, "Everybody here knows what the problem is: more police are needed. There should be two officers in each unit. That's basic."

Krevochcza also suggest-

ed much more traffic control.

"We could build a whole new city hall if we stepped up traffic enforcement," he said.

When Brady asked the audience if crime had gotten worse in the last several years in San Leandro, almost everyone answered yes.

see POLICE, page 11

## Expect a Warm-Up This Week

By Mike Pechner  
Special to the Times

Just when you think everything is returning to normal, Mother Nature throws a monkey wrench to complicate what has already been a remarkable spring.

With summer a little over a month away and just in time for Mother's Day, the second warm-up of spring rolls in this weekend. Most of the interior valleys of the Bay Area and Northern and Central California should be mostly in the low

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 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 Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



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## Pets of the Week



Dexter



R.J.

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Dexter, a German shepherd mix, and RB, a pit bull mix.

Dexter is 1-and-a-half year old German shepherd mix looking for that special home. Dexter loves to play, jump and go on an all-out adventure. He would do best in a home with teens and up.

R.J. is a 1-year-old pit

bull mix looking to be active and play all day with his new family.

R.J. is a rambunctious rough and tumble boy who can go all the way and back on any trail with the right family. He would do best in a home with teens and up.

To adopt or for more information on Dexter or RJ, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

The children of city employees came to City Hall where the various city departments set up stations to demonstrate how they go about their jobs.

## City Employees' Kids Come to Work

The kids took over City Hall as the City of San Leandro held its annual "Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day" on April 27.

The day started off with remarks by Mayor Juan Gonzalez and a continental breakfast. The kids got a demonstration

from the Fire Department, and then the Public Works Department. They saw how the equipment works and learned about the water treatment plant and laboratory.

The police department let the kids check out a motorcycle and patrol car and gave a fingerprinting demonstration.

They also learned about other city departments – the library, engineering and transportation, community development and human service.

The half-day event concluded with a police demonstration and closing remarks from Police Chief Abdul Pridgen.

## Community Read Conversation At the Manor Branch Library

Join a special community program in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and The San Leandro Library's Community Read, *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia P. Manansala.

Guests will receive a free halo halo (loosely translated: mix mix), a colorfully sweet, icy, and traditional Filipino meryenda (translated: snack), while supplies last. A fun community conver-

sation about Mia P Manansala's cozy mystery – Read and Weave with Rachel Lozada will be on Wednesday, May 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro.

Enjoy a wonderful introduction to Ilocano traditional weaving with local first-generation, Filipina/Ilocana weaver Rachel Lozada. All ages/levels of experience are invited to learn about Filipino weaving.



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# Community Calendar

## Libertarian Party Meet-Up

The Libertarian Party of Alameda County will hold its monthly social meet-up on Friday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Fieldwork Brewing, 100 W. Juana Ave. in San Leandro. No membership required to attend.

## Soroptimist International Yard Sale

Soroptimist International of the East Bay will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley. Donations of housewares, linens, toys, books, electronics, clothing, accessories, and small furniture are accepted on Friday, May 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. Please, no car seats, bed pillows, or items in poor condition. For more information, call Lynn Levin at 510-593-7377. Proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships for women.

## San Leandro Garden Club Monthly Meeting

The San Leandro Garden Club will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro. Steve Wiley and Gladys Relivaladez, a current city employee, will speak about the environmental importance of tree planting. Club members care about each other, engage in a variety of social and garden-oriented activities and donate fundraising proceeds to several local community charitable organizations. Guests are welcome. For more information email: gardensforthesoul@outlook.com.

## Washington Homeowners to Meet

The Washington Homeowners Association will meet on Wednesday, May 17, at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., in the Patio Room. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the guest speaker this month is Police Chief Abdul Pridgen. For more information, call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

## Eden Area Senior Action Group Meeting

The Eden Area Senior Action Group will host a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. The meeting is for adults 55 and over, and those who love them. Receive resources, discuss issues that matter to older adults, and share your ideas and suggestions. Organized by the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County and Supervisor Nate Miley. For more information, call 510-792-0852, or visit [www.usoac.org/](http://www.usoac.org/)

## IDES Salad Bar Lunch and Bingo

IDES St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a salad bar lunch and Bingo on Saturday, May 20, at noon. Tickets are \$15 for lunch and four Bingo cards. Extra Bingo cards are 25 cents each. For tickets, call Willie Calvo at 510-207-6326, Janet Re at 510-483-1132, or Kathy Dunlap at 775-722-8208.

## Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

Eden Garden Club will have a Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at 19910 Forest Ave in Castro Valley. The sale benefits Castro Valley and Hayward school garden grants. Shop for a wide variety of plants featuring vegetables, natives, drought tolerant, annuals, and perennials, also a selection of pots, garden equipment and accessories. For more information, email [edengardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:edengardenclub@yahoo.com).

## Friends of San Leandro Library Special DVD Sale

Hundreds of DVDs will be available for purchase at the Friends of San Leandro Library DVD Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., in the Trustees Room. You will find all genres of DVDS - children's, drama, comedy, documentary, romance, fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction, action/adventure, educational, plus more. All DVDs are just \$1 each. For more information or questions regarding Friends of the Library membership, call the Library Reference Desk at 510-577-3971.

# Youth Advisory Commission Offers Mini-Grants For Youth Groups

The City of San Leandro's Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) announces the release of the Youth Mini-Grant for the 2022-2023 term. This innovative annual program provides grant funding to support organizations or programs that are youth-driven and have a positive impact on San Leandro youth.

The YAC raised the grant money by volunteering and implementing special fundraising events. The San Leandro Optimist Club generously donated additional funds to support this program. The total funding available for this year's Youth Mini-Grant is \$1,000; the amount per award will be dependent on the number of awards granted and their corresponding funding level.

Apply online at [SanLeandro.org/YAC](http://SanLeandro.org/YAC) or scan the QR code below to access the application. Applications must be submitted by May 10, 2023. Early applications are encouraged.

For more information, contact Liz Hodgins at 510-577-3473 or [ehodgins@san-leandro.org](mailto:ehodgins@san-leandro.org).

# Briefs & Announcements

## San Leandro Church of Christ Blood Drive

The San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd., will host a blood drive on Wednesday, May 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment, or sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code: SAN LEANDRO. Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors.

## San Leandro Toastmasters Open House

The San Leandro Toastmasters invites the public to a Hybrid Open House meeting – both in-person or on Zoom – on Thursday, May 25, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., or on Zoom (email [SanLeandroTM@gmail.com](mailto:SanLeandroTM@gmail.com) for the link). Toastmasters is a supportive, fun environment to flex your public speaking and leadership skills. Unleash your potential as a communicator and leader.

## Painting Exhibit at Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District is hosting an exhibit of paintings of wildlife, "Your Wildest Dreams," by award-winning local artist Rita Sklar on display through August at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward. The show highlights the scenic beauty of California and beyond. The exhibit is on display on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

## Castro Valley Orchestra Mother's Day Concert

Castro Valley Orchestra will present a concert on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Admission is free. The orchestra will perform works by Ravel, Dvorak, and Beethoven. A reception for the audience and musicians will be held immediately after the concert.

## Chanticleers Presents *Six Degrees of Separation*

Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley, presents *Six Degrees of Separation*, the thought-provoking play by John Guare, running on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through May 21. Tickets are available by calling 510-SEE-LIVE or going online to [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org). Tickets are \$25-\$30 each with \$10 student tickets available on Thursdays. *Six Degrees* has been lauded for its sharp wit, intelligent commentary on class and social structures, and its exploration of the connections that bind us all.

## 2nd Division Association Reunion Looking for Members

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. The association will hold its 100th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 20 to 24, 2023. For more information, visit [www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10](http://www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10) on the web, send an email to [2ida.pao@charter.net](mailto:2ida.pao@charter.net) or call Mike Davino at (919) 356-5692.

## Calendar Submissions

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2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
2 tablespoons sugar  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1-1/2 cups heavy cream

For the whipped cream:  
1-1/2 cups heavy cream, chilled  
3 tablespoons sugar

1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest  
Mix strawberries with 3 tablespoons sugar and refrigerate while juices develop, at least 30 minutes.  
Preheat the oven to 400°F.  
Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Add heavy cream and mix until just combined.

Place mixture in an ungreased 8-inch-square pan and bake until golden, 18 to 20 minutes.  
Place a metal bowl and beaters in the freezer during shortcake cooking time.  
Remove shortcake from pan and place on a rack to cool slightly. Cut into 6 pieces and split each piece in half horizontally.  
Mix all whipped cream ingredients in the metal bowl with metal beaters about 1-1/2 to 2 minutes.  
Spoon some of the strawberries with the juice onto each shortcake bottom. Top with a generous dollop of whipped cream and then the shortcake top. Spoon more strawberries over the top and serve. Makes 6 servings.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED STRAWBERRIES

24-30 perfectly ripened strawberries, green caps intact  
6 ounces sweet, semisweet, bittersweet, or milk chocolate, coarsely chopped  
Toothpicks

Rinse strawberries, dry thoroughly on paper towels.  
Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler, set over simmering water, or in a glass bowl in the microwave (on full power in 30-second intervals). Regardless of the method used, stir the chocolate as it starts to soften. It shouldn't get hot or it will be too thin and it will drip off of the strawberries.  
Insert a toothpick into the stem end of each strawberry and dip into the chocolate, coating 3/4 of the berry. (Leave the green cap and some of the red berry showing for a more decorative finish.)  
Gently set strawberries on waxed paper to dry. If the chocolate becomes too thick to work with, re-heat gently.  
After the chocolate hardens,

remove the strawberries from the toothpicks. The chocolate-dipped strawberries are best if eaten within 24 hours. Refrigerate for longer storage, but serve at room temperature for greatest flavor.

STRAWBERRIES WITH SOUR CREAM

4 cups strawberries, rinsed and drained  
1 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
1/2 cup brown sugar

In a small bowl, mix sour cream with lemon juice and lemon peel. Serve sour cream mixture and brown sugar as dips one and two alongside strawberries. Serves about 8.

STRAWBERRY-LEMON TRIFLE

4 ounces fat-reduced cream cheese, softened  
1 cup nonfat lemon yogurt  
2 cups skim milk  
1 (3.4-ounce) package instant lemon pudding mix  
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel  
2-1/2 cups sliced fresh strawberries, divided  
1 tablespoon white grape juice or water  
1 (10-inch) prepared angel food cake

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and yogurt. Add the milk, pudding mix and lemon peel; beat until smooth. In a blender, process 1/2 cup strawberries and grape juice until smooth. Tear cake into 1-inch cubes; place a third in a trifle bowl or 3-quart serving bowl. Top with a third of the pudding mixture and half of the remaining strawberries. Drizzle with half of the strawberry sauce. Repeat. Top with remaining cake and pudding mixture. Cover



and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE IN A GLASS

1 pint basket strawberries, stemmed and sliced  
3 tablespoons currant jelly (or 2 tablespoons sugar)  
8 ounces light cream cheese, softened  
3 tablespoons skim milk  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 cup light whipped topping  
1 cup graham cracker crumbs

In bowl, toss strawberries with jelly (or sugar); cover and set aside.  
In mixer bowl, beat cheese, milk, juice and sugar until smooth, fold in whipped topping.  
Spoon 2 tablespoons crumbs into each of four 8-to-10-ounce stemmed glasses; top each with about 1/4 cup of the strawberries, 1/2 cup of the cream cheese mixture, then the remaining crumbs and strawberries, dividing equally.  
Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Makes 4 servings.

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The name of the business(es):  
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## Briefs & Announcements

### SL Dahlia Society Plant Sale

San Leandro Dahlia Society will host this year's Plant and Tuber Sale #2 on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at 1111 Glen Drive in San Leandro. Tubers are still \$6 and the small plants will be \$8. Cash, check and Venmo will be accepted. The crazy weather created issues for the professional dahlia growers as well as this local group. So there is a better supply now than at last month's sale.

### Outdoor Movie Night at Washington Manor Park

The City of San Leandro's Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) invites everyone to attend a free outdoor movie night at Washington Manor Park on Friday, May 19. The movie, Moana, will start promptly at 8:15 p.m. but feel free to come as early as 7:30 p.m. to set up chairs and blankets and visit the YAC-sponsored snack bar and photo booth. This event is made possible by a donation from the San Leandro Optimist Club. For more information, visit [sanleandro.org/YAC](http://sanleandro.org/YAC) or contact Liz Hodgins at [ehodgins@sanleandro.org](mailto:ehodgins@sanleandro.org) or call 510-577-3473.

### Follow Up Prison Ministries Appreciation Dinner

If you are interested in sharing the message of Jesus Christ to inmates in California, come to 3 Crosses Church, 20600 John Drive in Castro Valley, for a fundraising dinner on Friday, May 19, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. In addition to dinner, the event will include praise and worship, testimony, a 50/50 raffle, and a dessert auction. For more information, call 510-881-1178.

## Rent Control: Many factors to consider

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rental moratorium. Alameda County records show that nearly 15 percent of landlords are in foreclosure because tenants can't or won't pay rent.

Over the last few months, dozens of landlords have used the public comment section of the City Council meeting, begging the city to protect their rights as well.

"All our housing providers are hurting today," San Leandro resident John Sullivan said. "The back rent owed to just the three top landlords in this city combined is \$1,286,735. That doesn't include the number of tenants who skipped town without paying to the tune of \$782,764."

### Adding Housing, Preventing Homelessness

With or without the moratorium, the City of San Leandro has committed to providing more than 3,800 housing units over the next 10 years, with a third developed for low- or very-low-income levels as part of its agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments and the State of California's "housing element" mandate.

San Leandro's plan to convert the Bayfair shopping center into a housing and mixed-use site could bring in 5,000 new housing units in the next year to four years, Liao said, adding that his staff is looking at converting city-owned properties for smaller

developments.

To support the city's more than 400 homeless (according to the EveryOne Home 2022 homeless count), San Leandro is gearing up to purchase the Nimitz Motel on Lewelling Boulevard outright for \$6.15 million using a combination of federal and state funds. Liao said the site would be converted into a navigation center for five years, then converted into permanent and affordable supportive housing for the homeless.

Councilmember Pete Ballew asked for more data about the unhoused population in San Leandro, commenting that the city can't keep assuming that building housing will put the homeless in houses.

"Once we know how many homeless would be willing to get off the street or out of their cars, then we can move forward with a housing plan that is really going to help them," Ballew said. "If we know more, could we then ask homeless people if they would be willing to move into an apartment if they could afford \$400 or \$800 a month?"

Director Liao noted that his staff would look at the possibilities but that San Leandro was already working with faith-based groups to provide protected parking zones where some of the homeless could get a warm meal along with health services and still be safe in their cars.

## Health & Fitness

# A Super-Secret Fitness Fact - Little Ouchies Are Part of Life

By Mitch Rothbardt  
Special to the Times

I'm going to tell you something you don't want to hear. But you can trust me. I promise. And on the bright side, there is a silver lining to it.

You're going to get hurt.

That's a crummy thing to say, I know, but it's the truth. Living on earth...as a human being...with gravity always working...you're going to get hurt.

This doesn't necessarily mean debilitating, you-can't-move injuries, although those may happen.

I mean the tweaks, the stabs, the ouchies, and the what-the-heck-is-that's?

When you're getting out of your car and your knee buckles. Or you get up in the morning, and your neck is stiff. Or your back is just achy and stiff.

What do you do about it?

## Volunteers Wanted for Creekside Restoration On Two Saturdays

Help Friends of San Leandro Creek in making the creek healthier, more resilient, removing invasive plants, then sheet-mulching with cardboard and wood chips to keep invasive species from returning. Join for one day or both:

Day 1: Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chabot Park, Sylvan Circle off Estudillo Avenue.

Day 2: Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet below the playground by the creek.

Community service credits provided. Gloves and tools provided. Snacks, drinks and free pizza lunch.

For more information and to RSVP: Go to Eventbrite and type in Friends of San Leandro Creek Events, to see all our upcoming events. Or visit the website at: [www.fslc.org](http://www.fslc.org)

For more questions, email Susan Levenson at [SLevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:SLevenson@sanleandro.org).

Well...yes...you should usually listen to your body, but there are times when you should just tell it to shut up.

Not every pinch is cause for concern. Not every twitch means you should take the day off. Not every tug should cause panic.

One of the more important concepts of mental health therapy is the idea that, even though you may not be able to control the thoughts that pop into your head, you can control the importance you give them and your reaction to them.

You can have a thought...take a moment to think about that thought...decide whether the thought is valid or helpful...and finally, take it seriously or throw it in your mental trash can.

The ability to do that is important to good mental health.

The ability to do that with pain is important to good physical health.

So how do you do that? How do you know what you should pay attention to and

what you shouldn't?

I'll give you some ideas, but, of course, I have to let you know that this is a pretty tricky subject and is *in no way* meant as medical advice or a

“But I'm in no way saying you should always work through pain.

diagnosis. Just encouragement to maybe think a little differently about those boo-boos.

How's your posture? Many back issues don't have much to do with the back. They tend to be related more to hip position, posture, and general movement. That may be hard to understand, so just know that the better the hips move, the looser the back tends to be.

How does it feel today? Just because something hurt yesterday doesn't mean it has to hurt today. If you had something going on yesterday and it's better today, just move on with your life and forget about it.

Let pain be your guide. There are a lot of ways to do things. If doing something hurts, there may be a variation that doesn't. And if something doesn't hurt, don't second guess it.

Again, I'm in no way saying that you should always work through pain. Quite the opposite. What I'm saying is that pain doesn't automatically mean you should shut things down. Adopting a different mindset around issues that pop up may mean that your results and mindset don't need to suffer.

Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. He can be reached for questions or comments at [Mitch@CastroValleyFitness.com](mailto:Mitch@CastroValleyFitness.com).



## Spring Cleaning Event

Saturday, May 20 • 10 am to 3 pm

The San Leandro Recycling Program will host a **FREE** drop off event for San Leandro residents. Register to receive complete details, including event location. Items accepted include:

- Appliances
- Tires (9 max. Rims OK)
- Mattresses
- Electronics
- Scrap Metal
- Household Batteries
- Cell Phones & Chargers
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- Audio & Video Tapes
- Fluorescent and Incandescent Lights

### APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Register at: [www.Tinyurl.com/2023SpringCleaning](http://www.Tinyurl.com/2023SpringCleaning)

Registration must be received by May 16th

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



## There May Be Surprises Ahead

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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Many, looking to grab their piece of the American dream, will do almost anything to get a property to call their own. It makes sense: a study by the Federal Reserve states that the median net worth of those who own a home is 40 times higher than those who rent. What many buyers fail to factor in, however, are surprising truths they will discover once they actually own a property. A recent post from Zillow lists 12 such surprises – some good, some otherwise. The cost of maintenance. Most buyers complain about HOA fees for condos or townhouses – until they discover that the cost of maintaining a single-family home typically far exceeds a normal HOA fee. The frequency of necessary maintenance. Many maintenance items are not one-and-done – they will need to be performed over and over again. Changing filters, touching up paint and so on – it's never ending. Increasing insurance costs. As a result of natural disasters, the insurance industry has been hit hard and is passing those costs on to home-

owners with the result that costs are escalating dramatically.

You are responsible! You are now your own landlord and, if something goes wrong, you are the one who will have to deal with it.

Extensive knowledge is required. Unless you want to pay expensive contractor fees (plumber, electrician, etc.) for ongoing maintenance issues, the more you can learn to do on your own, the better. YouTube is a great resource for how-to videos.

Homes have quirks. The fun thing is now those quirks are yours! The other side of the coin is that you will need to deal with them – the good, the bad and the ugly.

On the positive side of the ledger, there are some huge positive surprises.

The awesome feeling of being an owner. There is no better feeling than driving into your driveway and knowing that this house is yours!

Tax benefits. While many buyers know their taxes are going to change, many are thrilled to see the results on their returns.

The ability to chart your own destiny. You now have

the ability to paint, renovate and do whatever you want to make the home fit your personal tastes (there may be some CC&R restrictions).

To alter the words of Irving Berlin's song; "There may be surprises ahead ... let's face the music and dance!"

*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.*

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## Snails Will Always Be Around

By Buzz Bertolero  
THE DIRT GARDENER

*With all the recent rains, my poor garden was left to fend for itself. The snails moved in, in droves, and laid piles of eggs. I would have thought I would have fewer with the drought and dry conditions, but that is not the case. Is there a spray that could kill the eggs before they hatch but wouldn't harm the flowers?*

**A** I'm not aware of any chemical spray that controls the snail eggs or, for that matter, slugs. You're only option is to bait the area with a liquid or granular product once the snails have hatched. Baiting should be an ongoing task during the growing season. However, I'm a bit puzzled by your problem. It is unusual for the egg masses of snails to



be laid in big piles. Snails like a moist environment as they like they avoid the sun, so they are only active at night and hide during the day when it is cool, dark, and damp. Snail eggs are white, spherical, and laid in a one-inch-in diameter mass. Each grouping contains about eighty eggs. Observing immature or baby snails and baiting these areas more frequently can reduce the future adult population. Near the end of the rainy season, this is important in controlling the population. When the rainy season concludes, snail activity is restricted to those areas under irrigation, so you should only bait those areas. In addition, an adult snail doesn't need to mate as it has both male and female reproductive organs. Unfortunately, snails are a problem that will never go away. In arid conditions, a

snail can retract itself into its protective shell and seal over the entry with a mucus layer. This is the same mucus it uses to move from one location to another. The mucus hardens and can remain dormant for up to four years. Slug-go is the preferred Snail and Slug Bait as it's an organic solution around edibles and is pet and kids-safe. One last thing, Osmocote fertilizer often gets confused with snail eggs, be sure you're not confusing the two.

*I have a Wisteria that's fifteen years old. It grows by leaps and bounds yearly but blooms only in the spring. My neighbor's Wisteria blooms and re-blooms for months every year. What must I do to get mine to blossom and bloom again?*

see BUZZ on page 7

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## 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.

### Lawns

If water runs off your lawn after just a few minutes, it's time to aerate, which relieves soil compaction. Aeration allows air to pass more freely into the soil, reduces thatch and allows more water and nutrients to enter the soil. Just spiking the soil with a pitchfork probably isn't enough. You may need to remove quarter-inch plugs that are 3 to 4 inches deep and about 4 inches apart, a process called coring. Water heavily a couple of days before coring so that the process is easier.

### 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.



### Caring for roses

In drier climates, the gardener must regularly provide water for rose bushes. Though generally one should water only the soil around the bushes, sprinkling water directly onto the plants keeps the foliage and blooms clean, retards powdery mildew and repels some pests. Insects that like to feed on rose bushes include aphids, Japanese beetles, spider mites and sawflies. Most of these can be controlled with neem oil or insecticidal soap; if you plant alliums near your roses, they can help repel aphids. —Brenda Weaver

Sources: [gardendesign.com](http://gardendesign.com), [garden.org](http://garden.org)

### Buzz:

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The simple answer is that there is nothing you can do to extend the blooming season. With Wisterias, Mother Nature controls the entire repeat blooming cycle. It's more likely to happen when the temperatures go from mild to hot and back to mild. This type of change is the trigger for a flowering cycle. This is more likely to occur where there is a strong marine influence and unlikely in the warmer inland areas. On a personal note, my blue Wisteria is in bloom for Easter, while the pink one flowers around Mother's Day. Also, the blue Wisteria always has a repeat blooming cycle throughout the summer, while the pink one reblooms periodically.

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).

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Aspects indicate a potential for confusion or misunderstanding. Keep those lines of communication open between you and your mate or significant other.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Romantic aspects are strong, but confusing. Be alert. Use your good Bovine sense to avoid charging into something that isn't quite what it seems to be.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Working out problems with family members or others close to you should be your priority. Travel aspects are strong, especially in job-related situations.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** The Cancerian Crab likes to take charge of things. But be careful you don't pinch off more than you can hold, or you might find it all slipping out of your grasp.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A new opportunity beckons Leos and Leonas who are ready to take on some tough challenges. Family matters continue to improve, but still need close attention.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** What seems to be a disappointment could be a blessing in disguise. Use that good Virgin mind to analyze the situation and learn some valuable lessons.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** There are some conflicting considerations that will need careful sorting out. Remember: You do best when you're able to balance sense and sentiment.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Aspects show conflicting signs around friendships. Be careful about taking advice from someone who might have an agenda that is not in your best interests.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Relationships are supposed to be about give-and-take, but you might find that you've been doing all the giving while getting little in return.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Sometimes indecision can be a positive factor in helping to resolve doubts about a potential commitment. Don't be rushed into acting before you feel ready to do so.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Take off those rose-colored glasses and see this new situation for what it is -- and for what it isn't. Remember: You haven't been told the whole truth yet.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Watch that you don't drain your energy reserves as you dive into a new and increasingly demanding project. Take time out for rest and relaxation.

## Mortgage Rates Tick Down

This week, mortgage rates inched down slightly amid recent volatility in the banking sector and commentary from the Federal Reserve on its policy outlook. Spring is typically the busiest season for the residential housing market and, despite rates hovering in the mid-six percent range, this year is no different. Interested homebuyers are acclimating to the current rate environment, but the lack of inventory remains a primary obstacle to affordability.

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3641 Pine Street 94546: \$726,000 [2 BD - 825 SF - 1948

20632 Woodside Way 94546: \$935,000 [3 BD - 1,124 SF - 1952

18866 Lenross Court 94546: \$950,000 [3 BD - 1,169 SF - 1952

5517 Rothman Court 94552: \$1,185,000 [3 BD - 1,746 SF - 1978

4839 Roberts Court 94552: \$1,549,000 [4 BD - 2,526 SF - 2019

### HAYWARD

Total: 9 - Average Price: \$820,055 - High: \$1,315,000 - Low: \$365,000

722 Kino Court #2 94544: \$365,000 [2 BD - 1,070 SF - 1982

661 Harmony Court 94541: \$715,000 [3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1942

1575 172nd Avenue 94541: \$770,500 [3 BD - 1,388 SF - 1949

27639 Barcelona Avenue 94545: \$785,000 [3 BD - 1,119 SF - 1955

24604 2nd Street 94541: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,905 SF - 1964

809 Estancia Court 94541: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,525 SF - 2021

2008 Duval Lane 94545: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,119 SF - 1956

214 Bolt Court 94544: \$910,000 [2 BD - 1,718 SF - 2021

2659 Home Avenue 94542: \$1,315,000 [4 BD - 2,685 SF - 1982

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 9 - Average Price: \$744,285 - High: \$967,000 - Low: \$408,000

14433 Wiley Street 94579: \$408,000 [3 BD - 1,501 SF - 1952

1480 Thrush Avenue #36 94578: \$440,000 [2 BD - 749 SF - 1994

15225 Beatty Street 94579: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,020 SF - 1950

2070 Joan Drive 94578: \$840,000 [3 BD - 1,215 SF - 1953

16326 Ria Drive 94578: \$850,000 [4 BD - 1,645 SF - 1947

1524 Halsey Avenue 94578: \$955,000 [3 BD - 1,260 SF - 1948

701 Begonia Drive 94578: \$967,000 [3 BD - 2,007 SF - 1979

### SAN LORENZO

Total: 3 - Average Price: \$650,000 - High: \$840,000 - Low: \$650,000

1324 Mattox Road 94580: \$650,000 [2 BD - 1,531 SF - 2005

17219 Via Del Rey 94580: \$650,000 [3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1950

1408 Via San Juan 94580: \$840,000 [3 BD - 1,425 SF - 1951

### SAN LEANDRO



## CHERRY PIE CONTEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD 2023

### CONTEST CRITERIA

PRESENTATION, TASTE, TEXTURE AND OVERALL APPEAL

- Pie must be homemade, both filling and crust and in a non-returnable baking dish.
- No pre-registration needed. Bring your pie, pie recipe (on a 3 x 5 inch index card) and completed entry form.
- Pie must be turned in between **11:00 AM and 11:30 AM** to the Pie Contest Booth. **No late entries accepted.**
- Judging is held at the Cherry Festival. Winners will be announced on the Main Stage, ribbons and prizes will be awarded and featured in the San Leandro Times.

Visit [www.SanLeandroCherryFest.com](http://www.SanLeandroCherryFest.com)  
for complete pie contest guidelines

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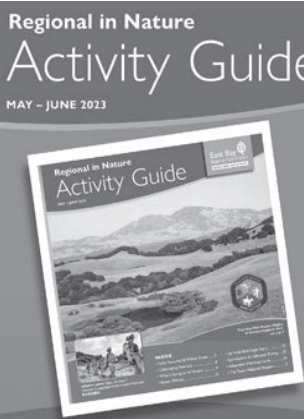
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## Weekly Senior Meals Menu

Senior Meals prepared by Spectrum Community Services are available weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Join us for a tasty, nutritious lunch Monday through Friday at noon.

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### The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, May 11: Veggie burrito bowl over brown rice, tossed vegetable salad, fruit.

Friday, May 12: Garlic rosemary lemon chicken, rosemary red potatoes, carrots, brown rice, fruit.

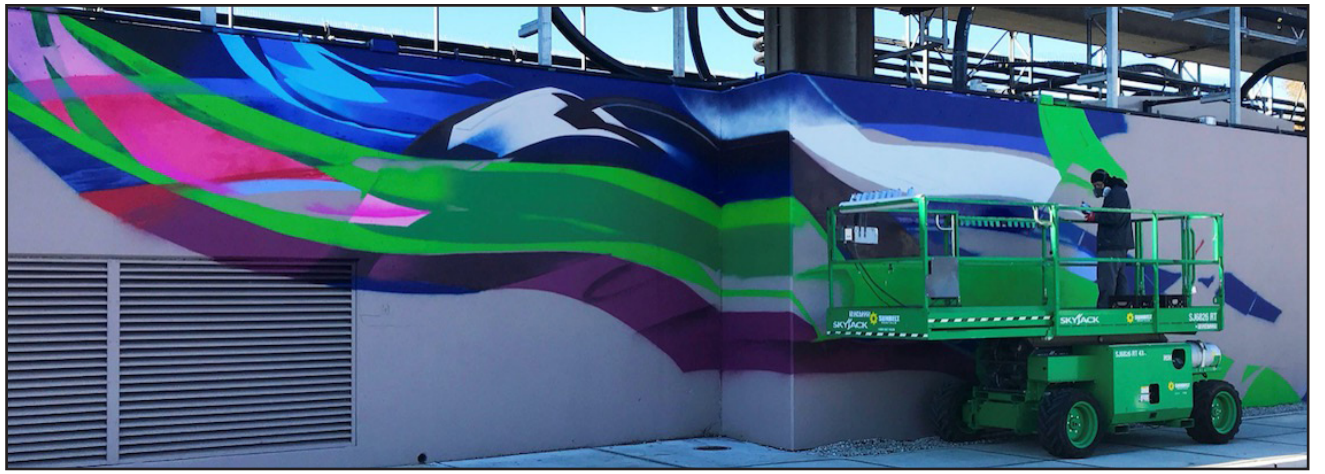
Monday, May 15: Teriyaki chicken, brussels sprouts, Asian vegetable blend, pineapple vegetable rice, fruit.

Tuesday, May 16: Large chef entree, salad, whole-wheat roll, fruit, dessert.

Wednesday, May 17: Apricot glazed chicken, vegetable blend, spinach, medley salad, rice pilaf, fruit.

Thursday, May 18: Tuna sandwich on whole-wheat bread with lettuce, tomato and onion, hearty vegetable soup, fruit.

Friday, May 19: Carnitas pulled pork on whole-wheat bun with Mexican coleslaw and pinto beans, roasted corn, fruit.



## San Leandro to Unveil New Mural at BART Station

The City of San Leandro invites the community to a ribbon cutting for a new mural in the north parking lot of the San Leandro BART station on Thursday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The mural, "Where Water Flows, the People and Places Thrive," is by Bay Area artist Mike "BAM" Tyau. The art installation is a collaborative effort between the City of San

Leandro and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

The mural takes inspiration from San Leandro Creek, evoking the feelings of moving water and the life that flourishes as a result. It's the fifth and final mural as part of the City's Mural Art Project, launched in 2017.

"Public art stimulates the imagination and inspires people to pay closer attention

to their surroundings," said San Leandro Mayor Juan González.

Other art throughout the city includes the Chime Way interactive musical exhibit in Joaquin Plaza in downtown San Leandro, decorative street banners, and 70 painted utility boxes.

In 2017, the city also adopted a Public Art Master Plan, which provides a

guide to continue supporting progressive art. Learn more about San Leandro's public art, including photos, videos and more, at <https://www.sanleandro.org/659/Public-Art>

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### Good to See Budget Without the Smoke Screen

Editor,  
Isn't it amazing how we get a new Mayor with a new set of eyes and then all of the past deficits come to light. I'm sure that Mayor Gonzalez must have felt like he was watching a rerun of Gomer Pyle ("surprise, surprise, surprise") when all of the unresolved issues were presented to him for review that the previous administration, including several current City Council members, had pushed under the rug, not with a broom but with a bulldozer.

As a businessman, who is a CPA, he made note of the fact that budget decisions must include the full cost of the expenditure and not just the cost in the current fiscal year. Wow, that logic must have shaken up City Hall like the 7.9 earthquake that hit San Francisco in 1906.

Mayor Gonzalez pointed out the fact that the City has \$150 million in unfunded pension liabilities and \$265 million in overdue maintenance, which makes me wonder

how far can you bend over when you're in the hole to the tune of \$415 million and counting.

It's hard to believe that our previous mayor didn't address this financial problem and actually emphasized "kindness matters" as her top priority. But then again, she had been an elementary school teacher and not a business person, so I guess we should have anticipated her Romper Room mentality.

I certainly hope that Mayor Gonzalez can get the house in order, and the sooner the better.

**Brent Heath**  
San Leandro

### SLPD Does Not Protect and Serve Seniors

Editor,

Two people came to my door and threatened to beat me up on Monday. Instead of supporting an elderly victim's emotional trauma, the San Leandro Police Department told me to call 911 next time and that they were okay with women defending their kids by going ballistic on a 70-year-old person.

To boot, my ESA dog was put

on quarantine for an imaginary bite with no actual proof that it happened. A statement and cut is NOT proof of a factual event. I am dismayed and distraught at the thought of needing to purchase a firearm to feel secure in my own home of 21 years. Kids learn bad behavior from their parent's bad behavior, so having SLPD support that is unacceptable. Personal bias does not belong in policing especially when it comes to elder safety. We see where it went in Antioch. Let's hope that SLPD learns to listen to the victims and not the perps.

**Janet Palma**  
San Leandro

### Everything Was Properly Done

Editor,  
Check out the new mailboxes just installed in the Drive Through/Drop Off lane at the South San Leandro Post Office. They are placed backwards with the mail slots on the side facing the office, not the side facing the driver.

It is impossible to deposit your mail without getting out of your car and walking around to the other side of the box. When I went inside to point out this obvious blunder in installation, I was told that it was all properly done. Absolutely ludicrous!

**Mike Denton**  
San Leandro

### Terminate Quarry Project

Editor,  
Our community needs EBMUD to permanently terminate their Quarry Project on Lake Chabot Road. Now that Lake Chabot



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

**The two new mailboxes in the drive-through lane at the South San Leandro Post Office don't have a slot where the cars pull up, as the older mailbox does. A letter writer says the post office blundered when they installed the two new mailboxes.**

Road has partially opened from the Fairmont Ave. side, it is even more obvious that this very fragile road will never withstand 26,000 dump trucks a year!

The hillsides show evidence of major mudslides and the road is sinking in some places. There is no timeline yet for when the San Leandro side of Lake Chabot Road will re-open as the damage there is even more extensive and more expensive to fix.

And when it is fixed, to the tune of many millions of dollars, why on earth would Alameda County and San Leandro City taxpayers want to continue to pay for its repair from the damage EBMUD's 16 ton dump trucks will cause?

Regardless of the road condition, the Quarry site is not, and

never has been, a feasible site to dump 3.6 million cubic yards of dirt. It is on the Hayward Fault and the ground is already unstable. EBMUD needs to research the feasibility of either using environmentally favorable pipe bursting technologies, currently in use in many other areas, or putting their much needed dirt in sea level projects, marsh restoration, and levy protections.

Please plan to attend the Castro Valley MAC Meeting on Monday, May 15 at 6pm at the Castro Valley Library to provide your comments. Visit [www.savelakechabotroad.com](http://www.savelakechabotroad.com) for more info. EBMUD needs to terminate this project permanently.

**Anne Cawood**  
San Leandro



# Police: Woman asks, 'Is lawlessness ever going to be addressed?'

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"What about worse than neighboring cities?" Brady asked.

Responses varied. Several people mentioned places that they thought had seen increases in crime, including Castro Valley and Hayward.

One man said he lived by the corner of Aurora and Fairway drives where he estimates eight out of 10 drivers roars through the stop sign.

A woman attending the meeting with him asked, "Is lawlessness ever going to be addressed? That's the root of this. Criminals abound."

Several speakers said the police do a good job, but there just aren't enough of them. Speakers seemed to go out of their way to praise Police Chief Abdul Pridgen, even those who had been critical of his department and one who had criticized his predecessor.

Pridgen attended in civilian clothes and mostly listened rather than participated in the meeting.

Two audience members questioned whether staffing levels were actually low relative to need.

Joel Baum said that studies have shown little relation between the crime rate and police staffing levels. What

affects the crime rate is how the police are utilized, he said.

He urged paying attention to data we do have – statistics showing crime hasn't actually risen in San Leandro overall.

Stephen Michael Tow said that adding mental health services to encounters doesn't come at the expense of public safety, but adds to it by giving police more choices in handling a given situation.

Several speakers said they called police with a problem and didn't get a helpful response.

Jenny Chang, a member of the Community Police Review Board, said she was followed



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**Richard Brady, president of Matrix Consulting, led a discussion on police staffing at the Marina Community Center.**

by an apparently mentally ill person who appeared intent on assaulting her. She said after getting to a safe place,

she hesitated to call police because she feared not getting any assistance with the man, who remained nearby.

When she did call, Chang said she got the non-response she feared, being asked what she wanted the office to do about it.

Another example came from an older man who is nearly blind and uses a white cane. He said he has been assaulted several times while walking, sometimes by the same people, and suffered some brain damage from one of the attacks.

"It's almost like my stick is an announcement to attack me," he said.

The man said said he has never gotten a useful response when he called the police for

help, and one dispatcher lost interest when he described the attacker as a homeless woman in the area. He said after he reported several assaults, the police department had blocked his number and his calls no longer go through.

He got a better response when he called the Sheriff's Office, he said. But when he spoke with the district attorney's office about prosecuting his attacker, he never got the call back from them he was promised.

Chief Pridgen was seen discussing the man's experiences with him after the meeting ended.

## Warm-Up: Higher temperatures on Friday and Saturday

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to mid 90s on Saturday and cool into the 85 to 90 degree range on Sunday.

The I-880 corridor should be low to mid 80s, while downtown Oakland, Hayward and San Leandro should be near 80. Over the hill along the I-680 corridor places like Concord and Danville will see highs mostly in the low 90s.

Cooler air and high clouds move in on Sunday but it will still be a very pleasant day to be outdoors. Even San Francisco should hit 70 with highs

around 60 at the beaches.

Temperatures start to cool back to normal next week as clouds move in from the Pacific Ocean. Some weather models are showing the possibility of some monsoonal moisture moving into the interior of Northern and Central California in the middle of next week with with showers and thunderstorms likely in Sierra Nevada.

How close this moisture

gets to the Bay Area is uncertain at this time. But the Sierra looks to get the bulk of the moisture which could add water to the huge snowpack and produce higher run-off into the the creeks, streams and rivers that drain the Sierra. This will cause the state's water managers to release more water out of the major reservoirs.

Looming on the horizon is a strong El Nino which could

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### Mike Kanalakakis, Sr.

August 30, 1923 ~ April 13, 2023

Mike passed away on April 13, 2023, surrounded by his family at his home in San Leandro.

Mike was the son of Michael and Arhondula Kanalakakis, immigrants from the island of Crete, Greece. Mike and his twin brother John and his two brothers Peter and Mitchell were born and raised in Sunnyside, Utah. Mike's father was killed in a coal mine along with 32 other miners when Mike was three. Mike's mom was pregnant with brother Mitchell when the accident happened. In 1937 the Kanalakakis Family moved to San Leandro where Mike's mother remarried to Peter Barbakis on a 2 1/2 acre farm, a beautiful Victorian home and Peter had a job working for Southern Pacific. Mike and his brothers all and Mike joined the Army Air Corp. and became a Flight Engineer on a B-17 Bomber, after surviving a crash on a training mission and after recovering from his injuries, Mike was assigned to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. Served there until his discharge in 1946. In 1947 Mike went to the Ali Baba Ballroom in Oakland all decked out in a checkered suit, yellow tie and suspenders and met a girl named Virginia, they danced the whole night through. Mike offered to take Virginia home in his borrowed car and on the way, it ran out of gas, they pushed the car to the gas station. Mike got her home and Virginia did not hear from him for two weeks. They both ran in to each other at Payless and three months later they were married in Reno on January 10, 1948. In 1948 Mike started working at the Alameda Naval Air Station, Rework Facility in Alameda, CA. Mike and Virginia loved dancing together at Sweets Ball Room, Ali Baba Ballroom, Columbo Club and around the house, listening to big band music, Mario Lanza, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. Mike was a great Greek cook. He taught Virginia the traditional family recipes and for many years they shared the duties of the kitchen until Mike got spoiled by Virginia's great cooking. He rarely prepared anymore meals until Virginia occasionally went on strike, then Mike stepped it up and prepared dinner when he had too. Mike and his son's Mikie and Jimmy were always helping Mike's parents with the farm, selling fireworks from 1948 - 1964 and selling



Christmas trees from 1948 - 1979. Mike worked as a part time janitor at Pillars Furniture Company in San Leandro, CA. In 1962 Mike and his brothers, contracted out to build a 24-unit apartment building on the 2 1/2 acre farm area on Buena Vista Ave. The Buena Vista Garden Apts. is still owned and managed by the Kanalakakis family. In 1964 Mike retired from the Alameda Naval Air Station and in 1964 he co-founded the Apartment Owners Association of Southern Alameda County. Mike and Virginia loved to take road trips which pretty much covered all of California with a lot of trips to Monterey, CA. Taking road trips to Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Kansas and Missouri visiting relatives on both sides. Most of all, Mike and Virginia lived for and loved their family. Mike Jr. born 1950, Jimmy born 1953 and Cynthia born 1964. Mike is survived by Mike Jr. and his wife Renee, his daughter Cynthia. Mike was blessed with nine grandchildren-Marilyn, Jason, Jamie, Justin, Trevor, Dillion, Lia and (twins) Jasmine & Jasia. Mike was also blessed with eleven great grandchildren - Marquis Bent, Alexandria, (twins) Ashlynn and Evanna, Owen, Jade, Griffin, Troy, Isabella, Peyton and Levi. Mike would be blessed with a great-great grandchild expecting in June if Mike would have just held on just a little longer. Mike was preceded in death by his wife Virginia 2016, his son Jimmy 2023, brother Peter 2011, brother John 2015 and brother Mitchell 2020. Family and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service, Friday, May 12, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA. Interment following at 12:30 PM at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave., Hayward, CA, 510-582-1274.

Eulogy - Father Nick  
U.S. Army Military Honors

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Tunnel to towers foundation (T2T.org)  
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**120<sup>th</sup>**  
**LONE TREE CEMETERY'S**  
**Return of Our in Person Program**



Donuts and Coffee at 9:00 a.m.  
Huey Flyover and  
Landing at 10:00 a.m.  
Hayward Municipal Band starts  
playing at 10:30 a.m.  
Program begins at 11:00 a.m.

Barbeque Following Program 12 noon

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM T. ORECCHIA**

**OTHER DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS**

**FINAL HONORS 11:45 A.M.**

*There is no charge to  
attend this event*



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San Leandro letter carriers, including Tye DiFrancisco (above), will join letter carriers nationwide making a special pickup this Saturday for the annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive.

## Letter Carriers to Make Special Pickup for Annual Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 13.

Please leave bagged, non-perishable, food items near your mailbox to be picked up by your letter carrier to help the one in six individuals in need. (Forty-two percent of the collected food goes to feed children)

Over the past 31 years the one day, nationwide food drive, has collected over 1.9 billion pounds of food.

The Food Drive has served local food pantries year round, with the help of the Hayward Salvation Army, and local pantries.

All donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



PHOTOS COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The cause of the fire that broke out on Monday morning on Cheshire Court is still under investigation.

## One Person Injured in Fire on Cheshire Court

A two-alarm fire broke out in a triplex on Cheshire Court in San Leandro early Monday morning and one person was sent to the hospital.

The fire department arrived just after 5 a.m. to find heavy smoke and flames coming from the first and second floors of the building on the 2400 block of Cheshire, just a block off of East 14th Street. A second alarm was called due to the fire spreading to adjacent units, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

Firefighters contained the fire to three units. One person was treated for injuries and taken to a local hospital,



Fire fighters climbed to the second floor to fight the fire just after 5 a.m. on Monday.

according to fire department. There were no injuries to any firefighters. A fire department spokesman said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Several people who live in the building were displaced and assisted by the Red Cross.

## Railroad Crossing Work On Washington Postponed

The dates for construction work on the railroad crossing on Washington Avenue has been postponed until June.

The work had been previously scheduled to begin on May 17 on the Union Pacific Railroad crossing on Washington, near the intersection of Halcyon Drive.

The construction company, RoadSafe Traffic Systems, said they will send out a notice before work begins on the crossing in June.

Altogether, three crossings will be improved. The other two are the crossing on Halcyon Drive, just around the corner from the Washington Avenue crossing, and another on Hesperian Boulevard near Springlake Drive.

The Halcyon Drive cross-



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The railroad tracks cross Washington Avenue near Halcyon Drive at an angle. This is one of the crossings planned for improved safety work in the coming weeks.

ing work is scheduled for May Hesperian crossing is set for 31 to June 5, and work on the June 28 to July 4.

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SUN. MAY 14	THE GGBS PRESENTS: WILLIE G	4PM
FRI. MAY 19	MY BLUE SOUL	8PM
SAT. MAY 20	KARAOKE - ON THE PATIO	8PM
SUN. MAY 21	AZUL LATINO	4PM
FRI. MAY 26	Re-Wind, That 80's Band	8PM
SAT. MAY 27	3 O'CLOCK JUMP	1PM
SAT. MAY 27	HIGHWATER BLUES	6PM
SUN. MAY 28	MR. LEO RHYTHM AND SOUL	4PM
FRI. JUNE 2	BLUES BOTTLE BAND	8PM
SAT. JUNE 3	TOUCH OF CLASS	6PM
SUN. JUNE 4	MARK BANNING	4PM

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