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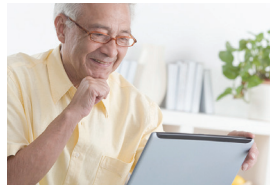
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PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Castro Valley residents climbed Ten Hills Trail Monday afternoon to hear what measures can be taken to reduce fire danger.

**Wildfire Protection Survey**

By Linda Sandmark  
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Dozens of Castro Valley residents took a short hike up Ten Hills Trail (off Redwood Road) Monday to discuss fire danger along the valley's many parkland areas.

Representatives from Cal Fire, East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), Alameda County Fire Department, East Bay Municipal Utility District and Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) participated.

MAC Chairman Marc Crawford called the outing "a MAC

field trip" to see what could be done about local fire hazards.

Parks District Director Dennis Waespi added that the trailside meeting was held because neighbors had some concerns about fire response. Waespi lives along the Ten Hills Trail and was a former  
*see WILDFIRE on page 15*

**MAC in Support of Veterans Takeover Of Old CV Library**

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) unanimously voted Monday night to support a plan to have local veterans' enter into a lease agreement with county to use the old library on Redwood Road as a veterans' center and community building.

But the terms of the agreement haven't been finalized and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will have the final say in the fate of building.

MAC Chair Marc Crawford said that, ideally, the county would agree to fund improvements to the outside of building and the grounds and the veterans could start fundraising to cover the internal repairs.

Those repairs- including asbestos removal, dry rot, and a leaky roof - would cost around \$200,000, according to Crawford, but that cost could be reduced by donations of labor and materials.

The MAC told the veterans that they believe the Board of Supervisors will support the project and so the veterans should start fundraising via a GoFundMe page or other methods so the project can get off the ground sooner than later.

Also at Monday's meeting, the MAC approved a proposed ordinance that amends policies surrounding billboards on the I-580 corridor.

The amendments update outdated wording in the ordinance that dates from the 1960s and give the county the ability to review new billboards.

However it will not impact the large existing billboards at the Lockaway Self Storage Facility on Dublin Canyon Road, as those are part of separate ongoing litigation. The ordinance also wouldn't impact Rowell Ranch's sign, because it doesn't affect onsite business identification signs.

The MAC also heard very early preliminary talks from Eden  
*see MAC on back page*

**Hundreds Bid Farewell to the Daughtrey's Building**

By Linda Sandmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Castro Valley residents were invited to take a look at the downtown's past and future last Thursday, when "the old Daughtrey's building" offered tours and presentations on its upcoming renovations.

The new Castro Valley Marketplace is coming to that site at 3295 Castro Valley Blvd. in spring 2019 with expectations of bringing new life to the downtown area.

Main Street Property Services, Inc. is remodeling the building to house a large natural foods grocery store, meat and seafood shop, deli, bakery, and restaurants with central seating on the main floor.

A cooking school, wine shop and multipurpose space are proposed for upstairs.

"The idea is to bring in new things so you can experience more

here," says Main Street principal Sudhish Mohindroo.

Hundreds of people came to Thursday's event, which featured an historical video of the town ("Castro Valley, a Look Back in Time" (viewable online at vanderbilt-home.com/) and slideshows of plans for the new Marketplace.

Snacks and drinks were provided, and commemorative chandelier "crystals" from the building's lamps were given to the visitors. Cakes imprinted with scenes from Daughtrey's past were served, and the Ice Creamery handed out free ice cream cones.

"I think it's fantastic. I'm impressed," said Ernie Daughtrey, whose father, Keller, founded the original Daughtrey's Department Store in the 1960s. "I wish the developer well, and I think he'll do well. I hope Castro Valley supports him."

*see FAREWELL on page 3*

PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

**SAYING FAREWELL:** A nostalgic celebration for oldtimers and a curious peek at Castro Valley's history for younger residents all came together as hundreds turned out Thursday evening for a "last look" at the old Daughtrey's building.



## Castro Valley Weather August 15 - 19, 2018



Wednesday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 70° Low 57°



Thursday  
Clouds then Sun  
High 72° Low 55°



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 76° Low 54°



Saturday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 82° Low 55°



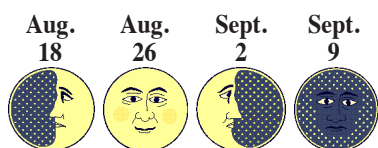
Sunday  
Partly Sunny  
High 79° Low 57°

### Almanac



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

### Moon Phases



Sun sets at 8:01 p.m. today, rises at 6:27 a.m. Thursday.

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**READY FOR SCHOOL:** Preparing all those backpacks were, from left, Bruce D. Johnson (Superintendent Emeritus, Redwood Christian Schools), Ajay Ahluwalia, Parvin Ahmadi (Superintendent, CV School District), Carol Bigelow, Ray Wallace, Ceta Dochterman, Charles Mortimer (CV Rotary President), John Aufdermauer, Natalie Anglin (holding sign), Todd Anglin, Randy Vanderbilt, Ben Gurule, Bill Nott, Gary Howard (CV School Board Member), and Heidi Hausauer (Project Coordinator).

## CV Rotary Provides Backpacks

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley purchased and fully stocked 96 multicolored backpacks for local school students who might not otherwise have the supplies needed to start their 2018-19 school year successfully.

Fifteen Rotarians gathered at Dr. Heidi Hausauer's dental office to form a production line, stocking each backpack with supplies — binders, notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, index cards, and pencils.

"The Rotary Club Of Castro Valley is proud of our Castro

Valley students and their accomplishments in and out of the classroom," said Dr. Hausauer, who coordinated the project. "Hopefully, a new backpack of school supplies will encourage them as well as giving them some of the tools they need to be prepared to learn. We are committed to today's children, and want our students to have every opportunity to be successful as they begin their school year."

Charles Mortimer, President of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley stated "The backpack project supports the Object of Rotary to

"encourage and foster the ideal of service as the basis of worthy enterprise."

This is the fifth year that Castro Valley Rotary has provided backpacks to local students.

## Fire Danger Restrictions

As of last week, Cal Fire has banned all outdoor burning until further notice due to extreme fire conditions.

The ban is in effect in all East Bay Regional Parks and all other areas of state responsibility including the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and parts of Stanislaus and San Joaquin.

The ban includes the following:  
• No open fires, campfires, wood burning or charcoal barbecues are permitted except those fueled by gas or propane.

• Visitors to campgrounds must clear all flammable material for 10 feet in all directions from their camp stove, have a shovel available, and have a responsible person always attending the stove during use.

• Smoking is prohibited in parks.

• No gasoline-powered equipment (generators) can be used outside of designated campgrounds or developed recreation areas.

Increased monitoring, patrol and strict enforcement of these restrictions will occur by East Bay Regional Park District police and fire personnel, park staff and volunteer members of trail safety patrols will step up monitoring and enforcement of these restrictions.

For more information on preparing for wildfires and defensible space visit [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org) and [preventwildfireca.org](http://preventwildfireca.org).

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2:45 - 3:45 Echo Through The Garden Wall  
4:00 - 5:00 The Millards  
5:15 - 6:15 Standoff  
6:30 - 7:30 January The Artist  
SUNDAY AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

12:00 - 1:15 TBD  
1:30 - 2:30 TBD  
2:45 - 3:45 Echo Through The Garden Wall  
4:00 - 5:00 The Millards  
5:15 - 6:15 Standoff  
6:30 - 7:30 January The Artist

#### FEATURING

SATURDAY

10:30 - 11:45 AM • Shark Punch  
11:45 - 1:00 PM • Mas Mojo  
1:00 - 2:15 PM • Fault Line Blues Band  
2:15 - 3:30 PM • West Bay Rhythm  
3:30 - 4:45 PM • Simms Band  
4:45 - 6:15 PM • Charlie Brechtel Band  
6:15 - 7:30 PM • Patron

SUNDAY

10:30 - 11:45 AM • The Bible Faith Remnant  
11:45 - 1:00 PM • The Millards  
1:00 - 2:15 PM • Re-wind That 80's Band  
2:15 - 3:30 PM • West Bay Rhythm  
3:30 - 4:45 PM • The Blues Bottle Band  
4:45 - 6:15 PM • Third Sol  
6:15 - 7:30 PM • The Velvet Hammer Band

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Mohindroo says that all ten-

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Sunday, August 12: at 1:40 p.m., a 64-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication at a fast food restaurant on Grove Way near Center Street. Deputies were called to the scene after a manager noticed the man was unable to stand without help and slurred his words. Deputies report the man's blood-alcohol level was three times the legal limit. He was transported to a sobering center.

Sunday, August 12: at 11:31 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Wicks Lane near Foxboro Drive. There, they arrested a 44-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of battery against a family member, preventing deputies from doing

Thursday, August 9: at 11:50 p.m., a 34-year-old man from CV was arrested as part of a warrant issued for his capture. The man was hanging outside a fast food restaurant on Redwood Road near Redwood Court when deputies approached him and made the positive identification. The man was charged with violating the terms of his parole and possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail and held without bail.

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# The Week Ahead

● **Thursday, August 16: School Board Meeting**

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the boardroom at 4400 Alma Avenue. For the agenda and board packet, visit [bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings](http://bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings)

● **Thursday, August 16: Hayward Street Party**

Join the free family fun at this summer's 3rd Hayward Street Party tomorrow from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on B Street from Foothill Boulevard to Watkins Street, featuring a classic car show, great food, Alan the Amazing and live music, sponsored by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce.

● **Friday-Sunday Aug.17-19: Book Sale**

Stop by the Friends of the Castro Valley Library Book Sale this Friday through Sunday for a big assortment of novels, mysteries, cook-books, children's book assorted non-fiction and gift-quality books. Sale hours on Friday—for members only—are 6-8 p.m. (memberships sold at the door), on Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Buy a bag full of books for \$4.

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your honesty might upset some people, but you inevitably win more admirers for having the courage to tell the truth when others are more likely to scramble for cover.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your efforts to defend your project begin to show favorable results. You should soon be able to win over even the most determined detractors who had lined up against it.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You win praise for your selfless efforts in a very difficult situation. But be careful not to allow your generous nature to be exploited by those who have their own agenda.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A trusted colleague sheds light on a recent spate of puzzling workplace situations. This should give you the information you need to bring to your superior's attention.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A shift in workplace management could be helpful for talented Leos and Leonas who have been waiting to have their accomplishments rewarded by receptive leadership.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A misunderstanding between you and someone you care for should be corrected immediately. This relationship is too important to lose over a bruised ego.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A welcome piece of good news helps clear the air in a family situation. A job-related incident also eases as more information provides a clearer focus on the problem.




**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Quick action to heal bruised feelings pays off in a big way. Now you'll be able to move forward with your plans without that problem holding you back.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your creativity combined with a positive attitude should give you a considerable edge in finding a way to get around the negativity you've run into.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** That sudden streak of stubbornness could cause some problems. Try to be more open to helpful suggestions and more flexible in making needed changes.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Now that that special relationship appears to be well and truly restored, you can spend more time dealing with those long-needed workplace changes.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A new opportunity sounds promising. But watch out for any conditions that might be attached. Before making a decision, ask that each one be explained in detail.

● **Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19: Hayward High Alumni**

Hayward High School will host an all-alumni weekend Aug. 17-19, to celebrate the opening of its new lighted athletic field, starting with an all-alum tailgate party behind the HHS gym from 3 to 7 p.m. this Friday followed by the varsity football night game (admission \$8).

● **Saturday, August 18: Uncorked Comedy**

Spend a summer evening outdoors enjoying comedy at the TwiningVine Winery, 16851 Cull Canyon Road in Castro Valley, featuring fine wine, tasty treats and five hilarious stand up comedians — Emily Catalano, Jerry Talamantes, Marcus Williams, Matt Gubser and headliner Karinda Dobbins this Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. Arrive as early as 6 for first choice seating. Grab a seat or bring a blanket for picnic lawn seating. Tickets are \$10 at [Plethos.org](http://Plethos.org)

● **Saturday, August 18: Paranormal Investigation**

Join this paranormal experience at 7 p.m. this Saturday as experienced investigators lead attendees through the historic McConaghy House at 18701 Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward. Data previously collected includes electronic voice phenomena (EVP), cold spots, touches, apparitions, and much more. For ages 18-plus only. Tickets (\$75) must be purchased in advance at [haywardareahistory.org/explore-the-paranormal](http://haywardareahistory.org/explore-the-paranormal).

● **Saturday, August 18: Eden Area Village Coffee**

Join Eden Area Village for coffee at the Cannery Cafe in the Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. at 9 a.m. this Saturday and learn how we are working together to help seniors remain in their homes and engaged in our community. Info at: [edenareavillage.org](http://edenareavillage.org)

● **Monday, August 20: AAUW Girls to STEM Camp**

Enjoy dinner at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon, between 5 and 8 p.m. on Aug. 20 when your generous tip will help the Hayward-Castro Valley AAUW to send 5 to 7 seventh-grade girls to a STEM Camp at Sonoma State University for a week. The girls will experience hands-on activities and amazing discussions while developing an interest and self-confidence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics subjects. Call 925-820-6969 or go to [yelp.com](http://yelp.com) for your dinner reservations.

● **Tuesday, August 21: Lions Club Restaurant Walk**

The Castro Valley Breakfast Lions Club will hold its 17th annual Restaurant Walk from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, with most participating restaurants in the Village. Tickets for the walk, which have sold out the past five years, are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce offices, the Cobblers in Hayward or by calling Joe Farias at 510-581-2897.

● **Saturday, August 25: Free Bike Repair**

If your bike is in the garage collecting dust because it has a flat tire or needs repairs, join BikeMobile of Alameda County for a free bicycle repair clinic from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 25. BikeMobile can fix flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, replace worn-out parts and explain how to keep your bike running smoothly. We can't replace missing wheels or gears. Bikes repaired on a first -come, first-serve basis.

● **Saturday, August 25: Pioneer Cemetery Clean-Up**

Drop by to help preserve San Lorenzo's Historic Pioneer Cemetery at Usher and College Streets. Bring gloves, rakes, and water. The cemetery will also be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the public to join the cleanup effort or to just visit the grounds and ask questions.

● **Saturday, August 25: Cruise Night on the Boulevard**

Enjoy Castro Valley Cruise Night from 6 to 10 p.m. on Aug. 25, with music, classic and exotic cars cruising the Boulevard from Stanton to Norbridge (no streets will be closed). The California Highway Patrol and Alameda County Sheriff's Office will have booths, plus t-shirts for sale with proceeds going to local charities. Many restaurants and businesses will extend their open hours that night for late dining and shopping.

● **Saturday, August 25: An Introduction to Drones**

Learn all about a modern phenomenon — drones, and their growing popularity — in a presentation from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 25 at the Castro Valley Library. Alvin Alejandro from Hover Analytics will do a flight demonstration and discuss recreational and commercial uses of drones. You'll also learn how to fly your drone safely, responsibly and legally at this free program. No advance registration is required.

● **Saturday, August 25: Golden Oak Upcycle Market**

Rent a booth for \$30 and sell all of your kids' outgrown clothes and other items, or donate unwanted items for the sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Golden Oak Montessori School of Hayward, 2652 Vergil Court, Castro Valley. To get started, go to [bit.ly/GOUpcycle](http://bit.ly/GOUpcycle) by August 22nd to register for a booth or donate items. Food and drinks available for purchase (BBQ, salads, fruits, lemonade).

● **Sunday, August 26: Free Summer Concerts**

Plunge into Music, Arts and Dance from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, at Hayward Memorial Park, 24176 Mission Blvd. and enjoy original feel-good music of Kari and the Sweetspots with Sezu, Gary O and Dee Smith. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, a picnic (no alcohol), and enjoy an afternoon in the park. Kids of all ages are welcome to come create chalk art! Chess players, bring your chess moves or come to learn!

● **Tuesday, August 28: Rotary: Wine-Making in Castro Valley**

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley will host Teddie and Keith Seibert of TwiningVine Winery, speaking on Making Wine in Castro Valley at a buffet lunch and program at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 28. The cost of lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25, by contacting Rotary at [cvrotary@iCloud.com](mailto:cvrotary@iCloud.com) or 510.402.5123. More information is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org)

● **Wednesday, August 29: Homework Volunteer Orientations**

The Castro Valley Library is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic High School student volunteers for its after-school Homework Assistance Center. Sign up for hours on Mondays to Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. to help students tackle their homework. Two orientations will be held Aug. 29. The first is for returning volunteers who should arrive between 4 and 4:30 to schedule your hours. New volunteers should arrive at 4:30. For more info, call Nathan Silva at 510-608-1141.

● **Saturday, September 15: Salame Bocce Tournament**

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club will be hosting "The Ken Martin Memorial Big Salame Bocce Tournament" at the Adobe Art Center on San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley on Sept. 15. All skill levels welcomed at \$100 per four-person mixed team. All proceeds will be donated to the George Mark Children's House. If you would like to enter a team and have some fun, call Al. Bronzini 510-581-2339

# Arts & Entertainment

**CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

*Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at [www.cvcfa.com](http://www.cvcfa.com); or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue.*

● **Led Zepagain**, the most authentic representation of Led Zeppelin in the world today, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. Featured on AXS TV's "The World's Greatest Tribute Bands," this tribute is as close to the real thing that you will ever see. *For tickets (\$34-\$40) see above.*

● **Castro Valley Arts Foundation 2018-2019 Series**

From Country to Classics, tickets are on sale now for five additional concerts — **Mark Mackay, Pasquale Esposito, Vox Fortura, Johnny Cash Tribute** and **The Sun Kings**, plus the New Year's Eve Cabaret. Buy season tickets and save \$5 per ticket, free ticket exchange and best seat selection. *See ticket info above.*

**THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

● **"Crimes of the Heart,"** a funny and deeply touching play about the intrigues, secrets and scandals of three eccentric sisters in Mississippi, will be presented by Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. The youngest sister is out on bail having just shot her husband. The middle sister, a would-be singer, has retreated from Hollywood by way of a psychiatric ward, and the eldest sister is facing her 30th birthday with no romantic prospects. The show continues through this Sunday, Aug. 19. For tickets (\$25 adults, \$20 seniors/students), visit [www.chanticleers.org](http://www.chanticleers.org) or call 510-733-5483.

● **"The Mousetrap,"** by Agatha Christie, will be presented by the San Leandro Players through Aug. 19 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus this Friday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors. For reservations, call 510-895-2573 or visit [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org)

**AT THE GALLERIES**

● **"Elevate,"** Adobe Art Gallery's exhibition continues through Sept. 29 at the gallery, 20395 San Miguel Avenue. For more info, visit [adobe-gallery@haywardrec.org](mailto:adobe-gallery@haywardrec.org)

● **Loyal Americans: Japanese American Imprisonment During World War II**, an exhibition of artifacts and stories of people whose civil rights were violated, continues in the Special Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture through Oct. 28, at 22380 at Foothill Blvd in Hayward.

● **'Teachers Exhibit' Watercolors**, featuring botanical works by artists who have taught in Castro Valley and Hayward are currently on display at the Castro Valley Library until Sept. 6.

● **"Black & White in Black & White: Images of Dignity, Hope, and Diversity in America,"** a collection of early 20th Century portraits of African Americans in Nebraska printed from glass plate negatives, will be on display in the Community Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward through Aug. 19.



## Making the Most of the Zucchini Harvest

In case you hadn't noticed, there's been a population explosion in your zucchini patch. But not to worry. Whether for breakfast, salads, soups, main courses, desserts or snacks, there are thousands of ways to serve zucchini.

This weekend's Hayward Zucchini Festival would be a great place to discover new ways to dispatch those dozens of summer squash taking over your back yard.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 18-19 with cooking demonstrations bands and kids activities at Southland Mall. Buy tickets (\$10 general, \$5 seniors 55+, juniors 5-12, under 5 free) at the gate or at The Cobblers, 22443 Foothill Blvd. For full information, visit [www.zucchinifest.org](http://www.zucchinifest.org).

### BEST ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 cups flour, plus extra for preparing pans  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cloves  
1/2 cup milk  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
1/2 cup vegetable shortening, melted  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups shredded raw zucchini  
2 cups chopped walnuts  
Butter for greasing pan

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves and set aside.

Place milk, eggs, shortening, sugar and zucchini in large mixing bowl. Add combined dry ingredients and beat until batter is just blended. Stir in walnuts.

Grease and flour two 8x4-inch loaf pans. Divide evenly between pans and bake at 350°F until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool in pans about 5 minutes. Turn onto rack and cool completely. Makes 2 loaves, about 32 servings.

### SCALLOPED ZUCCHINI

4 medium zucchini  
4 slices of bacon  
1/3 cup of onions, sliced thin  
1 pint canned tomatoes  
1/3 cup celery, chopped  
1/3 cup chopped green pepper  
Salt and pepper to taste

Wash zucchini, cut off ends, and cut in 1-inch slices. Cook until tender, drain. Fry bacon until



crisp, remove from pan. Add onions, and cook until tender. Add tomatoes, celery, peppers, salt and pepper and mix in the vegetable. Add crumbled bacon and place in greased casserole. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake at 350°F for 35-45 minutes. Serves 2.

### ZUCCHINI ITALIENNE

6 firm zucchini  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
3 tablespoons of butter  
1-1/2 cups of Italian tomato sauce

Wash and slice zucchini. In a heat-proof casserole, sauté onion and garlic in butter until soft. Add uncooked zucchini and sauté for 5 - 6 minutes. Remove from heat, pour on the sauce, and cover the casserole.

Place in a preheated 350°F oven for 30 minutes. Serve with a simple meat entree.

### CRISP ZUCCHINI SALAD

1/4 cup olive oil  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
3 medium unpeeled apples, cored and diced  
1/2 medium red onion, diced  
1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced  
3 small zucchini, diced  
2 stalks celery, trimmed and diced  
6 radishes, sliced

Combine olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar and sugar in small bowl. Stir in parsley, season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Combine remaining ingredi-

ents in large bowl. Add dressing and pass around extra. Serves 6.

### JAPANESE ZUCCHINI & ONIONS

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 medium onion, thinly sliced  
2 medium zucchinis, cut into thin strips  
2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds

Freshly ground black pepper

Warm the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in onions, and cook 5 minutes. Add zucchini, and cook, stirring, about 1 minute. Stir in teriyaki sauce, soy sauce, and sesame seeds. Cook until zucchini are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in ground pepper, and serve immediately. Yields 4 servings.

### ZUCCHINI CREOLE

1-1/2 to 2 pounds sliced zucchini  
8 ounces sliced mushrooms  
1 large green bell pepper, cut into thin strips  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons dried leaf basil, crumbled

1 tablespoon melted butter  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
2 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped

Combine zucchini, mushrooms, green pepper, garlic, basil, butter, salt, pepper, sugar, and Worcestershire sauce in a large skillet over medium heat; cook for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes longer, or until tender. Yields 8 servings.

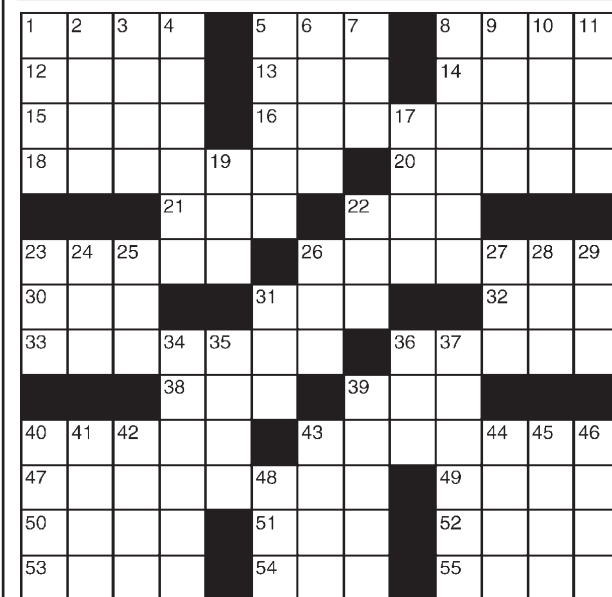
### ZUCCHINI PASTA

2 pounds zucchini  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper  
3/4 cup fresh tomato sauce  
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan, for serving

Using a vegetable peeler, cut the zucchini into lengthwise ribbons. Peel off several from one side, then turn the zucchini and peel off more. Continue to turn and peel away ribbons until you get to the seeds at the core of the zucchini. Discard the core. You can also do this on a mandolin, adjusted to a very thin slice.

Cook the zucchini strips in two batches. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. When it is hot, add the zucchini ribbons and 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt. Cook, tossing and stirring the zucchini, for two to three minutes, until softened and beginning to turn translucent. Adjust salt and add freshly ground pepper to taste, and transfer to a serving dish. Repeat with the remaining olive oil and zucchini. Serve, topping with tomato sauce and freshly grated Parmesan if desired. Serves four.

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## In Uniform

**PFC ETHAN BURNETT, Castro Valley High School Class of 2017, graduated from Marine Boot Camp on July 27 and is headed to Camp Pendleton for Infantry School. Burnett is the son of Jason and Lisa Gonzales of Castro Valley and Johnny Burnett of San Leandro.**

## Stand-Off Ends Peacefully

A suicidal man apparently held his parents hostage at gunpoint for a time in Castro Valley last week, but the situation was resolved without anyone being harmed.

Alameda County Sheriff's deputies were called to a home near the intersection of Chloe Court and Jennifer Drive at around 5:15 p.m. last Tuesday on a report of a 21-year-old man with a gun, according to Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Deputies set up a perimeter around the home and called in a

hostage negotiator who was able to convince the man that a safe resolution was in everyone's best interest. Just after 6 p.m. the man put the gun down and stepped outside where he was detained without incident by deputies.

The man has been placed on an emergency psychiatric detention and weapons have been removed from the house.

No shots were fired and the incident was resolved peacefully, Kelly said.

## 'Cruise Night' on August 25

A reminder of decades past in Castro Valley returns Saturday night, Aug. 25, when hundreds of drivers are expected to hit the Boulevard from Stanton Ave. to Norbridge in their classic and exotic cars in a sort of salute to "American Graffiti."

Arnie Gordon of AJ's Attic says he and other merchants have been talking about such an event with Alameda County Sheriff's deputies and CHP officers for several years. Both law enforcement agencies will have booths on the Boule-

vard selling souvenir T-shirts with proceeds going to Castro Valley's Outreach program.

Members of car clubs from all over the East Bay are expected to participate. No streets will be blocked during the 6 to 10 p.m. event and Gordon says many merchants will stay open late that night.

"American Graffiti," a 1973 George Lucas film, was a study of the cruising and rock-and-roll cultures of the early 1960s set in Modesto.



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**CANDIDATE FOR HEALTHCARE DISTRICT: Former San Leandro Mayor Stephen Cassidy announced his candidacy for the Eden Healthcare District Board last week. Three seats on the board are up for election in November. In a press statement, Cassidy said he wants to change the district's focus from funding health education programs to expanding access to health care across the the Eden Area. The district is headquartered in Castro Valley.**

## Applications Accepted for Youth Leadership Academy

High school juniors and seniors in Castro Valley are encouraged to apply now for this year's Alameda County's Youth Leadership Academy.

The free educational program is for students in grades 11 and 12 who are interested in learning

about local government, developing leadership skills and networking with peers from throughout the county. Youth from schools across Alameda County will participate in five Saturday morning sessions from September through December this fall, learning about county

programs, and working with county staff and elected officials to help solve community problems.

The dates are Sept. 15, Oct. 13 and 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Applications will be accepted until Aug. 25 on a first-come, first-served basis, with consideration

given to geographic location to ensure representation of students from throughout the county.

To be eligible, applicants must live in the county and be a junior or senior at a school within the county. To apply or to learn more, visit [www.acgov.org/youthleadership/](http://www.acgov.org/youthleadership/).

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## Wills and Joint Tenancy Deeds

**Q** A few years ago, our mother signed a Joint Tenancy Deed adding our brother to the title on her home. More recently, she signed a Last Will leaving the home equally to all three of her children. She passed away last month and we are now conflicted about who owns her home. Does the Will override the Deed?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**A** Sadly, your situation is all too common. Parents sometimes forget their prior transactions, or mistakenly assume that their Last Will is controlling.

Unfortunately for you and your other siblings, the Will generally does not override the Deed. Rather, the general rule is that the Deed controls.

Background: A key feature of the Joint Tenancy Deed is that, upon death of a joint tenant, it passes full ownership by automatic succession to the survivor without probate and with a minimum of paperwork.

Absent a court challenge, this means that your brother, as the survivor, became the owner of

the home immediately upon your mother's death. This result is usually what people intend, and many use the JT Deed as a device to avoid probate and simplify the transfer of ownership after death.

Exceptions: There are, however, situations where the general rule does not apply. They include the following:

1) Where the Deed was procured by duress or undue influence.

2) Where the formalities of preparing and signing the Deed were not fully observed.

3) Where your mother later severed the joint tenancy by, for example, signing a new deed conveying all or part of the home to someone else, or by conveying the home into a trust with provisions which conflict with the JT Deed. A severance eliminates the right of survivorship, which means that at least a one-half interest in the home would then be preserved for her to convey by Will or Trust.

4) In other situations, where a homeowner adds his/her caregiver (who is not a family member) to title without observing certain necessary formalities (such as a review of the transaction by an independent attorney). Here, there is a legal presumption that the deed

was the product of undue influence and therefore voidable by a court.

Question: Are there any facts known to you to suggest that the JT Deed was the result of your brother exercising undue influence over your mother?

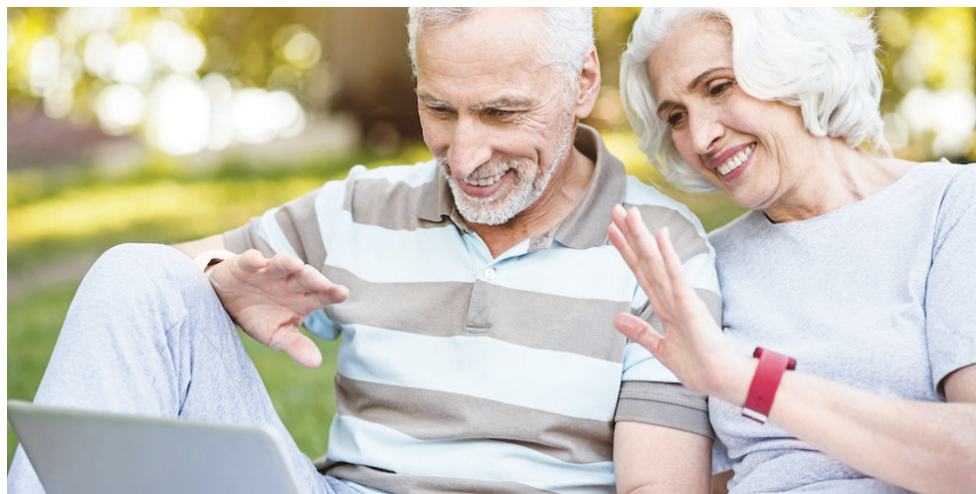
Another question: At the time of creating the later Will, did anyone check the status of title to her home? If they had, the problem might then have been discovered and suitably addressed.

In sum, the general rule is that the Joint Tenancy Deed overrides the Last Will. However, there are exceptions to that general rule. Where those exceptions apply, a court, asked to rule upon them, may find the Joint Tenancy deed to be entirely voidable or, alternatively, may deem the survivorship aspect as terminated.

In such cases, the right to ownership would depend upon the directions in your mother's Last Will or her Trust, at least to the extent of a one-half interest in the property.

In your situation, the full facts surrounding the preparation of both the Deed and your mother's Last Will should be fully explored before you come to a final decision on ownership.

Gene L. Osofsky is an Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com).



There are many products on the market today that offer simple video calling for seniors.

## Simple Video Calling Devices For Tech-Challenged Seniors

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Video chatting is a great way to stay connected and keep tabs on an elder parent when you can't be there. To help you achieve this, there are various products on the market today that offer simple video calling for seniors who are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with technology.

Here are three unique devices to consider.

### ViewClix

If you're interested in a device that requires no input, check out

the ViewClix Smart Frame. This is a 15-inch digital picture frame with video calling capabilities designed specifically for seniors.

Ready to use right out of the box, this device lets family and friends make video calls and send photos (displayed as a slideshow) directly to your ViewClix Smart Frame anytime from their smartphone, tablet or computer. To do this, you simply download the free ViewClix app to your devices.

All photos sent and video calls made to your ViewClix are received automatically. But, it is worth noting that this is a receiving device only. You cannot initiate video calls from his ViewClix.

This device is available at ViewClix.com or 800-304-4281 for \$299 (Wi-Fi is required), or you can purchase their 4G Broadband model that works with T-Mobile if Wi-Fi is not available for \$299, plus a \$20 monthly broadband fee.

### GrandPad

Another nifty product that offers simple video calling, and much more, is the GrandPad.

This is an 8-inch touchscreen custom tablet designed for seniors, ages 75 and older. It comes with a stylus, charging stand and Verizon 4G LTE built-in so it works anywhere within the Verizon network – home Wi-Fi is not necessary.

This unique tablet provides a simplified menu of big colorful icons and large text to only essential features, giving you clutter-free, one-touch access to make and receive video calls and phone calls, send voice emails, view photos and videos, listen to personalized music, check the weather, play games and more. But, to simplify usage and avoid confusion, it does not offer Web browsing.

GrandPad also has a "Help" button that offers 24/7 phone/tablet remote assistance to help you with any facet of his tablet, and it

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# Baywood Court Hosts Stanford Students

Baywood Court in Castro Valley, is hosting two MBA candidates from Stanford's Graduate School of Business this summer as part of a "Students as Residents" program.

Danielle Pensack and Deirdre Clute are both living onsite at Baywood Court for five weeks, where they are teaching water aerobics classes, playing blackjack, and befriending the home's many residents over daily meals.

Pensack and Clute are learning much about the lives of Baywood's elderly residents and are applying this knowledge to their new business concept, Charitize. In their business model, people's unique skills are "donated" in exchange for cash donations to non-profit groups.

"Everyone here still has valuable skills they can offer to raise money for organizations in need, and we're hoping to give them an avenue to do this," says Clute, who previously worked as a Marketing Analyst for PepsiCo.

"Over half of the residents we've spoken to are retired teachers and principals. Hearing about their stories and backgrounds, we see so much potential for them to use their teaching skills to make a big difference in their community while raising money for causes they care about."

In their time at Baywood Court, Pensack and Clute hope to get a program up and running in which residents can offer their skills to raise money for non-profit organi-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BAYWOOD COURT

**STUDENTS AS RESIDENTS:** Stanford MBA Candidates Danielle Pensack and Deirdre Clute with a group of Baywood Court residents. The students look to become better business leaders through a summer residency at the Castro Valley retirement community for five weeks, where they are teaching water aerobics classes, playing blackjack, and befriending the home's many residents over daily meals.

zations such as their local church, a homeless shelter, or even Baywood Court itself.

"Whether they're throwing a karaoke party and teaching us new dance moves or joining us for salsa aqua aerobics in the pool, Danielle and Deirdre are kind and open-hearted," says Marian Augustine, a resident at Baywood Court since she moved from her Hayward home in 2015.

"They are great conversational-

ists and listen intently. They have made me feel like I like myself a little better, and everyone else a lot more," says Augustine.

"First and foremost, what we're looking to do with our time here is learn," says Pensack, who previously worked as a Business Consultant for IBM in Southeast Asia. "As we form genuine relationships with the residents, we're able to test our assumptions and get candid, critical feedback.

"Deirdre and I are both curious people and have had little interaction with older people besides our grandparents. We love coming home to find notes in our door from our new friends. They've welcomed us into their world, and it's a really special thing."

Baywood Court, a nonprofit senior community, is located at 21966 Dolores Street in Castro Valley. For more information, please visit: baywoodcourt.org

# Public Art Project to Be Unveiled Today

The Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Activities League and the youth-led Neighborhood Make-over Team will unveil their latest public art project in a celebration to start at noon today in Ashland.

The vibrant, colorful mural is on the side of Pacific Apparel, a longstanding local business and important member of the community, at 16276 East 14th Street.

Alameda County Sheriff Greg-

ory Ahern will talk about his new approach to public safety called "Community Capitals Policing" at the celebration which includes tours of the Deputy Sheriffs Activities League's greenhouse and farm located immediately behind Pacific Apparel, a mobile pop-up market, and refreshments including a kale salad picked fresh from the Dig Deep Farms social enterprise.

# Devices: Senior-Friendly

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Available at grandPad.net or call 800-704-9412, a grandPad leases for \$66 per month, or \$49/month if you pay one year in advance.

## Echo Show

If you your dad wouldn't mind talking to a machine, the voice activated Amazon Echo Show is another senior-friendly device for video chatting (Wi-Fi is required).

Available at Amazon.com for \$230, the Echo Show has a 7-inch color touchscreen that would let you make and receive video calls to those who have their own de-

vice, or who have the free Amazon Alexa app installed on their smartphone or tablet.

Once you set up contacts, to make a call you would simply say, "Alexa, call Susan." And when a call comes in, you would ask Alexa to answer or ignore the call. There's also a feature called "drop-in," which could allow you and preselected relatives or friends to video in to your dad's device at any time without his input.

The Echo Show also offers other features like voice-activated access to news, weather, his favorite music and more.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Travis Dong

This week's Athlete of the Week is Travis Dong, an incoming sixth grader at Canyon Middle School.

Dong won the boys' 12 year old Singles Open title at the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) Fremont Open Tournament, in Fremont, on Tuesday, August 7.

He won his first match 7-5, 6-1, then defeated the number 1 seed 6-7, 6-0, then won the third set 10-6, in a tie-breaker, to advance him to the Championship match.

He won the finals match 6-4, 6-1, to become the champion. He currently has 2 singles titles and 1 doubles title this year.

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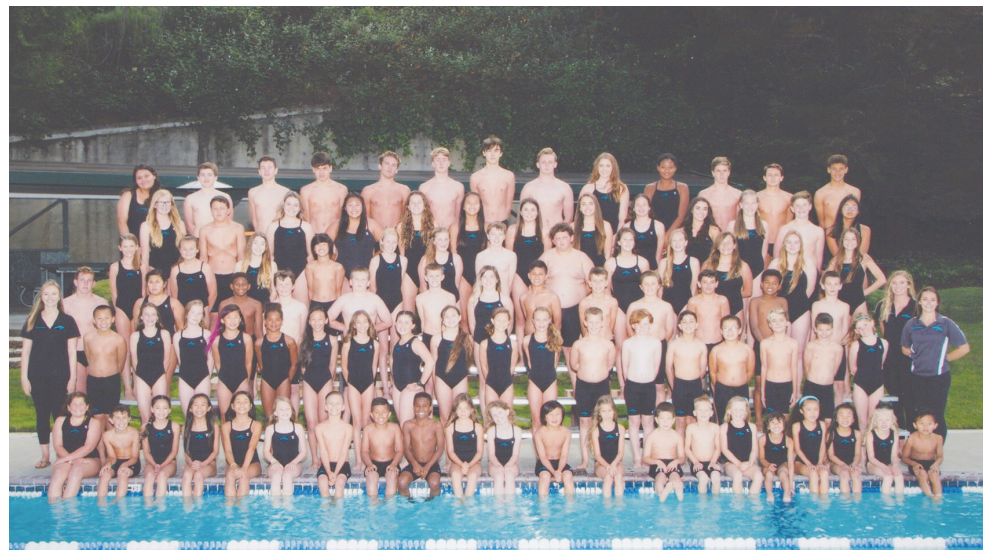


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The Chabot Marlins swim team won the yearly Champs meet July 28 at Chabot College.

## Marlins Win Championship

The Chabot Marlins swim team won the yearly Champs meet July 28 at Chabot College, paced by record-setting swimmers from both girls and boys throughout the team.

The Champs meet features 1,200 swimmers from 12 teams. Some events have as many as 90 swimmers, and medals are only given to the top three in each event.

Valerie Naas, Jena Garcia, Kyra Matangelo and Elma Sabanovic set a team record in the 200-yard free relay, with a time of 1:43.75, to win the event.

Tommy Ryken, Diego Agron, Cameron Naas and Andy Jerome nursed a slim lead the entire race to finish with gold medals and set their own team record with a time of 1:32.04. The previous record, set in 1983, was the team's longest standing.

The 9-10 girls free relay team of Alexa Ford, Chloe Gilbert, Eliana Miller and Kayah Matangelo had the third fastest time in team history, as did the 13-14 quartet of Kai Ford, Nathan Arakawa, Alex Jerome and Sam D'Antonio.

The girls won gold and the boys won bronze. Rayan Miller swam the fastest 50-yard backstroke in team history for the 15-18 girls, while Agron worked his way to

the second fastest time in the same event. Sabanovic had the second fastest all-time butterfly and free-style times.

Kayah Matangelo won the 9-10 free, while Agron captured the 50-yard backstroke, just ahead of Cameron Naas, who placed second. Sabanovic took gold in the 50-yard free-style, with Valerie Naas finishing in third place for free style and placed second in butterfly.

Gilbert Arakawa placed third in the 9-10 backstroke and Corinne

Arakawa placed third in the 11-12 free style.

The other medals were won by the free style relay teams. The 7-8 team of Finn Elhaim, Isaac Enos, Luke Junginger and Brayden Lima took second. The 11-12 foursome of Allison Mitchell, Claire Wong, Karissa Chu and Corinne Arakawa also finished with silver medals.

The Marlins are looking for new swimmers in 2019. Registration is in February and more information is available on their website at www.chabotmarlins.com.

### SPORTS NOTES

#### CV Track Club Cross Country Sign-Ups

Sign up open now for Castro Valley Track Club's cross country season. Thanks to the Lake Chabot Trail Challenge, CV Track Club's offers its cross country season without dues or cost for uniform, and will pay for hotel cost at its USAITF Junior Olympics Nationals in Reno on Saturday Dec. 8th. Practices are at local parks and Canyon Middle School. For details, click on JOIN page at www.cvtrackclub.com

#### Castro Valley Wrestling Club

The Castro Valley Wrestling Club is having a golf tournament fundraiser at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, on Saturday, September 22. For more information go to: www.planmygolfevent.com/32108-CastroValleywrestlinggolftournam

## Reports: Drugs; Knife; Public Intoxication

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##### Shoplifter Nabbed

Wednesday, August 8: at 5:03 p.m., deputies arrested a 36-year-old man without a permanent address on suspicion of shoplifting and possession of illegal narcotics. The man was spotted leaving a grocery store on Redwood Road near Grove Way before store managers stopped him. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

##### Bus Driver Assaulted

Wednesday, August 8: at 11:45 a.m., a 58-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of assault on a bus driver while traveling on Grove Way near Cameron Street. Deputies were called to the scene after the bus dispatch reported the altercation. The woman was caught leaving the bus. She also had an outstanding warrant issued for her

capture. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

##### Wanted Man with A Deadly Weapon

Tuesday, August 7: at 4:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 43-year-old man from Castro Valley as part of a warrant issued for his capture. The man was previously charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a gas station on Anita Avenue near Castro Valley Boulevard. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$160,000 in bail.

##### Two Men with a Knife and Drug Kit

Tuesday, August 7: at 10:33 a.m., two men were arrested on illegal possession charges outside a home on Somerset Avenue near San Miguel Avenue. Deputies

stopped the man for questioning following reports of suspicious people in the area. A 30-year-old man from Pleasanton was charged with illegal possession of a knife longer than four inches. A 26-year-old man from San Leandro was charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The men were taken into custody.

##### Sleeping in a Puddle

Tuesday, August 7: at 1:42 a.m., deputies arrested a 56-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of public intoxication. The man was found sleeping in a deep puddle behind a grocery store on Redwood Road near the Boulevard. Deputies reported that when prompted, the man woke up and became belligerent. The man smelled of alcohol and could not stand up without help but he refused medical attention. Deputies took the man to a sobering center.



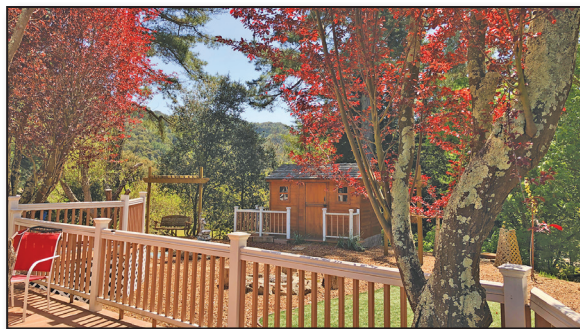
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## Some Old Basements Teem with Creepy-Crawlies

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Times

If you have an older basement, you may have seen some creepy-crawlies – spiders, beetles, ants and centipedes lurking around.

You don't want to find any of those pests lurking under a pile of laundry.

The first thing you'll want to do is find where many of these pests are entering the basement. Even if the walls and floor are structurally sound and appear dry, very small cracks or holes may have developed over the years.

Ants are the easiest to track: Find one of their trails, or create a trail by placing a small amount of crumbs in a pile on an otherwise clean floor. The trail will typically lead back to the perimeter of the basement where the floor and wall meet. Mark each entry spot with tape or chalk.

Next, test how bad the house centipede or beetle population may be, by setting down sticky traps in the areas you saw these pests. Even if you just catch one, it will confirm their presence.

A pest-control professional

can do the most thorough job of eliminating these creatures, or you can find bug sprays specific to these pests at home-improvement stores. But if you don't want them coming back, you'll need to close up entry points and reduce the amount of moisture.

While your basement may seem dry, the appearance of house centipedes often signals a moisture problem. Have a contractor specializing in basements evaluate the floor and walls to find out if water is seeping in. Small cracks and gaps need to be sealed using correct mortar or cement patching material to allow for expansion and contraction.

Meantime, look around the outside foundation of the house for potential water and bug magnets, like piles of leaves or old mulch, drain spouts that are pouring water directly down into the foundation rather than being extended out several feet away, or firewood stacked against the wall. These issues can be dealt with quickly and easily and can reduce both bug and water issues.

**Home Tip:** Store boxes and place dirty laundry containers on platforms or shelves that keep them off the ground in areas that centipedes and spiders frequent.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Growing Divide In The Market

Heading into the heart of the summer, everything is heating up except the housing market.

In fact, it appears to be descending into a bit of a chill. Homes that would have flown off the market a few short months ago are now sitting longer than anyone anticipated.

Shift ... Transition ... Market Reset ... Correction ... Downturn ... Slowdown ... no matter how you spin it, this summer's housing market is not the same as last year at this time. It has caught everyone by surprise and is significantly changing the local dynamics.

It is not unusual to see a decent number of homes coming on the market this time of year. In the market we have grown accustomed to, houses would remain on the market about a week, go into contract and then be replaced by new inventory coming behind. Currently, however, we are

seeing a larger number of homes than in the past coming to the market, and, instead of selling right away, they are sitting for longer periods of time. Consequently, the number of homes for sale is starting to pile up, with the DOM (Days On The Market) steadily increasing.

At the time of this writing, we have the following active inventory of single family homes: Castro Valley – 50, San Leandro – 60, San Lorenzo – 25 and Hayward – 141.

Of those totals, the percentage that have been on the market 7 days or less: Castro Valley – 24%, San Leandro – 21%, San Lorenzo – 12% and Hayward – 28%.

The percentage of homes active for 8-14 days: Castro Valley – 24%, San Leandro – 13%, San Lorenzo – 28% and Hayward – 21%.

Homes that have been on the market for longer than 2 weeks is the real story here: Castro Valley

– 52%, San Leandro – 52%, San Lorenzo – 60% and Hayward – 51%.

In every city, more than 50% of the homes currently for sale have been sitting on the market longer than 2 weeks. For sellers hoping for a quick sale, these numbers are depressing indeed.

If the number of sellers hoping to catch the market continues to increase, you can anticipate an even larger percentage of homes staying on the market for increasing periods of time.

Are we in a buyer's market yet? No – we currently only have about 2 month's inventory. If homes keep coming and the DOM increases, however, it will not be too long before things shift in buyer's favor.

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.

## Mortgage Rates Still Declining

Mortgage rates continued their recent slide last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.52 percent last week, down from 4.55 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year fixed rate averaged 3.96 percent.

Fifteen-year rates averaged 3.99 percent, down from 4.04 percent.

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3823 Brookdale Blvd	94546: \$940,000 4 BD - 1,939 SF - 1953
19521 Center Street	94546: \$1,650,000 3 BD - 1,231 SF - 1928
2748 Kerr Street	94546: \$780,000 3 BD - 1,298 SF - 1953
19305 Lake Chabot Rd	94546: \$825,000 3 BD - 1,632 SF - 1955
18810 Madison Avenue	94546: \$708,000 2 BD - 1,003 SF - 1949
18405 Magee Way	94546: \$680,000 3 BD - 1,146 SF - 1952
4510 Newhaven Way	94546: \$965,000 3 BD - 1,692 SF - 1960
19106 Parsons Avenue	94546: \$720,000 2 BD - 961 SF - 1947
5022 Seaview Avenue	94546: \$950,000 2 BD - 1,734 SF - 1950
21639 Shadyspring Rd	94546: \$870,000 3 BD - 1,944 SF - 1976
18858 Stanton Avenue	94546: \$310,000 3 BD - N/A SF - 1926
5628 Cold Water Drive	94552: \$922,000 3 BD - 1,504 SF - 1965
20951 Elbridge Court	94552: \$1,220,000 4 BD - 2,814 SF - 1994
21192 Greenwood Circle	94552: \$700,000 2 BD - 1,350 SF - 1990
8355 Norris Canyon Rd	94552: \$720,000 N/A BD - 1,523 SF - 1928
6182 Skyfarm Drive	94552: \$1,150,000 4 BD - 2,039 SF - 1987

TOTAL SALES:	19
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$310,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,650,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$825,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$892,658

### San Lorenzo

15904 Bayberry Lane	94580: \$775,000 3 BD - 1,948 SF - 1994
27 Paseo Grande	94580: \$510,000 2 BD - 1,056 SF - 1985
15960 Via Pinale	94580: \$657,000 3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944
1790 Via Redondo	94580: \$768,000 4 BD - 1,632 SF - 1954

TOTAL SALES:	4
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$510,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$775,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$712,500
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$677,500

### Sheffield Village

387 Marlow Drive	94605: \$965,000 3 BD - 2,316 SF - 1949
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TOTAL SALES:	1
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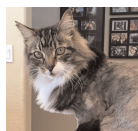
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## Opposes Amending Castro Valley General Plan to Allow Cannabis-related businesses Into the Area

Editor:

I agree with the two letters concerning introducing cannabis-related businesses to Castro Valley (Monica Shieman, Castro Valley Forum, July 25, 2018; Stan and Vicki Stadelman, Castro Valley Forum, July 25, 2018).

The current Castro Valley General Plan should not be amended in order to allow the cannabis-related businesses exist within the General Plan area. Cannabis-related businesses will have damaging effects on the quality of life within our community, by attracting crimes.

I can predict that the cannabis-related businesses will not significantly increase the funds in the county coffers, because the County will have difficulty collecting taxes on cash-based business transactions.

The property tax rate in our community will still be at the maximum rate allowed by Proposition 13. The cannabis-related businesses will not lower that tax rate.

It seems to me that the cannabis-related businesses will only benefit those County officials, including the elected ones, who are trying to dump them on us.

—Wunan Lin  
Castro Valley

## A Real Veterans Memorial Building in Castro Valley Will bring History in Many Ways to Our Residents

Editor:

It is most appropriate to respond to Mr. William Ashley's letter "A better use for Castro Valley's Old Library Building?" (Letters, July 25) to remind him of all military personnel's service to this great

nation and what their participation represents regardless of service branch, combat, non-combat or where they served.

Supervisor Nate Miley offered the library building to our Castro Valley veterans because for too many years we have had only the Moose Club in which to meet and gather in appreciation.

Plans for the 'library' as a veterans memorial building is not only the right thing but an honorable enterprise as well. I would suggest Mr. Ashley take time to visit the Danville Vets building for a look at what this city has done for their veterans and what it represents.

To have a real Veteran's Memorial Building in Castro Valley will bring history in many ways to all Castro Valley residents and much more in educating where we have come to create a free nation.

—Ron Darcey, former U.S. Marine  
Castro Valley resident since 1953

## Says There are Many Real Hate Crimes 'Thanks to the Great Leader of Our Country'

Editor:

I just returned from a few days in Northern California. This time I went by bus and train — more relaxing than driving a long distance. I was very happy with my decision when I saw how wonderful my fellow passengers were.

We were a very mixed body of ordinary people — all shades of brown, black and white — all were smiling at each other and at me. Many offered to help me in my struggle with my too-heavy bag, a purse and wheeled suitcase, and at one point, a lovely lady even carried my bag and pulled my suitcase!

Then I came home to read another negative letter in the Forum from Peter Hauer. He expressed dissatisfaction because I didn't search Google for evidence that people send fake messages meant to implicate others in hate crimes!

I refuse to waste my time, as he has, listing some of the "many" incidents of whackos who vandalize. He complains that the "mass media" does not give attention to these events, as they no doubt get on Fox News.

I wonder how much time Hauer spends searching Google for real hate crimes. There are many, thanks to the Great Leader of our country, who shows disdain for those who are different by race or social status. Just one example is how he treats the suffering Puerto Ricans, compared to those who have suffered crises in the South and other states that vote Republican.

—Kay Athos  
Castro Valley

## California 'Has No Idea if All the Alleged Hate Crimes Which Get Reported are Actual Hate Crimes'

Editor:

Carol Sholin's letter (Says Hate Crimes Occur Because Bigots Feel Empowered to Act Out Their Prejudices," Letters, July 25) stated, "...state Attorney General Xavier Becerra reported more than 1,000 actual hate crimes in California in 2017, an increase of more than 40% over 2016."

Those numbers are completely meaningless.

Attorney General Becerra has no idea if all of the alleged hate crimes which get reported to the state are "actual" hate crimes. Nobody does. That's because in most of these alleged cases, no suspect is ever identified.

The state can only add up the total number of complaints that are reported. Yet Ms. Sholin wants us to assume that all of the "reported" cases must all be "actual" hate crimes. That is unfounded.

And if there was an increase in alleged hate crimes over the past year, that proves nothing. Perhaps the increased hysterical anger against our wonderful President Trump is to blame.

Maybe leftist provocateurs are so angry that they are staging more fake hate crimes than before. Hatred against President Trump has reached irrational levels; unseen in American politics since 1860. That was the last time Democrats went crazy over the election of a Republican President. His name was Abe Lincoln.

—Karl Becker  
Castro Valley

## 'CV United Against Hate' Stands for 'a Community That Will Not Tolerate Racism, Sexism, Anti-LGBTQ Rhetoric'

Editor:

I must respond to Jane Mason's letter ("On Hatred and False Hatred," Letters, July 18) in regard to my own:

Semantics - Schmantics. Do you "hate" brussel sprouts? Do you "hate" stepping in gum? Any rational person knows that "Castro Valley United Against Hate" does not refer to your average "hatred" of personal preferences.

It stands for a community that will not tolerate racism, sexism, anti LGBTQ rhetoric, a woman in the park throwing coffee on Muslims, etc.

When I said I've hated Donald Trump for a long time my "hate" is focused on him. Am I going to waste my time with that hate? No. I was simply responded to a very old tactic by his supporters that blame the media for our dislike of the man.

And Jane, by the way, you just uttered a favorite term thrown out by most Trump supporters: if you don't like him you must be a liberal. I did not consider myself a liberal in the past. I'm neither Republican or Democrat. I'm for fairness, decency and equality. However if hating Trump makes me a liberal that's fine by me. I don't hate it.

—Gin Graydon  
Castro Valley

## Claims Wildfires Not Due to Global Warming, but to Obstruction of Intelligent Efforts at Forest Management

Editor:

The mainstream media (SF Chronicle and NY Times) have tried blaming our recent wildfires on global warming. But anyone who reads conservative media (Forbes, Wall Street Journal) knows the truth.

For over twenty years, federal agencies (EPA, Interior, and BLM) have obstructed intelligent efforts at forest management.

The government has obstructed the sustainable harvesting of live timber, and even prevented many controlled burns, which would have eliminate overcrowded underbrush.

The Native American Indians managed California forests far more intelligently than the EPA does today. They wisely used controlled burns during safe (wet) months to clear out underbrush. They did this to improve the habitat for game animals, but their efforts also helped to prevent catastrophic wild fires.

Sadly, the EPA is ideologically prejudiced against any sort of human management.

Controlled burning is also generally opposed by State air quality control boards. This is ironic, because the pollution released in this year's fires is probably far more than all the cars in California could produce over many years.

Did I mention that California spends ten times more money subsidizing electric cars than it spends to clear out dead trees? This failure by state government is another the reason that wild-fires now are far larger (and deadlier) than in years past.

But Governor Brown still thinks that wasting money on his train to nowhere is more important than preventing environmental disasters. So if you have trouble breathing this week, you can thank your government; both state and federal.

—Peter Hauer  
Castro Valley

## Whatever Happened to Pinochle? It's Alive and Well At the Aitken Senior Center and You Can Join the Fun.

Editor:

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## Wildfire: Working to Manage Vegetation

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Parks District fire fighter himself. He says staff members are working 365 days a year on vegetation management.

Acting EBRPD Fire Chief Aileen Theile is a biologist and former park ranger who specializes in fuel reduction. She says that the district follows a plan that utilizes a wide variety of fuel reduction resources including goats, cattle, staff members, and contractors. These help keep vegetation in check around the district's 73

parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Theile says all local agencies really work together now, including utility districts. When there is a fire, state, county, and regional parks staff respond in coordination.

"We're systematically working for you, year round," she added. "The climate is changing worldwide, and we're actually a bit ahead of the curve. We're not saying we can prevent all fires, but we reduce the chance of them

being catastrophic fires by training together."

Speakers from the various agencies pointed out that not all fuel can be removed. In fact, houses are fuel, and fire can be driven by unpredictable winds. They advised homeowners to maintain a defensible space around their buildings.

"There is no magic bullet," said Edgar Orre of Cal Fire. "You'd have to take all vegetation out to stop all fires."

Marc Crawford said he was still not convinced that everything possible was being done to minimize fire hazard for people living near parks, trails and uninhabited wildlands. He pointed to trees along Ten Hills Trail and said, "I don't see a lot of fuel reduction going on."

But Theile said native oak trees in the vicinity are very fire resistant, and that their fallen leaves are prone to stay on the ground rather than go airborne.

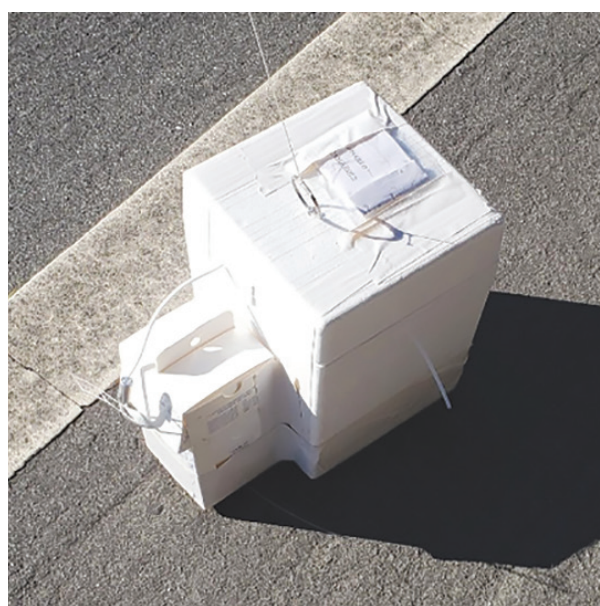
Crawford promised to revisit this topic at the September 17 MAC meeting, and said he will be doing some follow-up in the meantime.

## Sexual Assault of Child

Alexander James Rhodes, 30, is being sought by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for the sexual assault of a child. Rhodes is a transient known to frequent the Castro Valley and Hayward area. The California Superior Court has issued a \$1,000,000 arrest warrant for Rhodes. Anyone with further info is asked to call Detective Kernin Ng at 510-435-6379.



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## Taking No Chances

This suspicious-looking device with wires and making a humming sound was spotted along Redwood Road near Grove Way and reported to the CHP on Monday evening, Aug. 6. An Alameda County Sheriff's Bomb Squad detonated the package only to discover that it was a device to measure the ozone layer that had been launched attached to a weather balloon by San Jose State University.

## Homicide: Targeted

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"We're talking to neighbors and establishing a timeline," said Kelly in a video released on the sheriff's department's social media. "We are looking for video and we know a lot of our residents in Castro Valley have surveillance video at their homes."

Kelly said that people in the area of John Drive, Foothill Boulevard, and near I-580 should look at their security footage and see if they can spot any fleeing car speeding at around the time of the killing. Some witness reports indicate that the car was white, but that is not a certainty.

Kelly said that the killing was targeted and not a random act.

"All indicators are that this is not a random crime and the victim appears to have been the intended target," said Kelly. "This type of brazen daylight attack is not something we are used to in Castro Valley."

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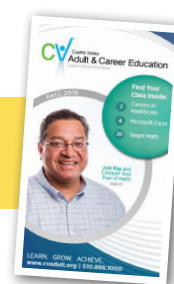
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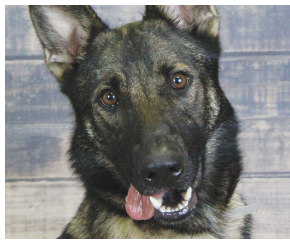
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# Back to School Isn't Just for Your Kids!

By Linette Escobar  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**D**o you get jealous of kids who are buying their shiny new shoes for back to school? You can be a student too!

There are many reasons to take a class at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education (CVACE) this fall.

### For Your Health

CVACE offers affordable access to nutrition and fitness experts. "Power Your Day with Whole Foods," taught by nutrition expert Susan Blanc, combines information about healthy eating throughout the day with hands on cooking.

Want to reduce stress in your life? Check out Mindfulness Meditation taught by John Bass, LFMT. CVACE also offers an array of fitness classes from Zumba to Pilates to Yoga. New this year is a Qigong Review class for those who want to deepen their understanding of the movements.

### For Your Creative Side

Castro Valley High Art teacher,

Jenn Leighton Parker, is offering art classes for adults including "Mixed Media Art" and "Silk Screening with Stencils."

CVACE also has classes for photographers including "Digital Photography and Management with Adobe Lightroom."

For the musically inclined, there's a Guitar Fundamentals class. Are you only creative in your dreams? CVACE even offers a class on dream interpretation.

### For Your Tummy

The former owner of Swiss Delices is back with a series of international comfort food classes. Learn to make Mexican soup and corn muffins, polenta au-gratin or vegan Indian potato curry casserole. Grab a friend and take one class or the whole series.

### For Your Wallet

Dev Mahadevan, former CEO and CFO of Eden Hospital and Kaiser Permanente, is teaching a three-session workshop on "Taking Control of Your Finances" that will cover important aspects of financial health even down to whether you should buy or lease your car.

CVACE also offers an estate and trust planning class taught by James Phillips.

### Save a Trip to the Apple Store

CVACE is offering two Apple classes, one to answer any problems or issues with your device and the other to maximize taking and storing photos.

### For Your Career

CVACE offers short-term certificate programs in Clinical Medical Assisting, Healthcare Administration, as well as computer skills

classes. If you've always wanted to earn a high school diploma or GED, study to become a U.S. citizen, or learn English, you can do that, too.

Whatever your interest or motivation visit [www.cvadulthood.org](http://www.cvadulthood.org) or contact Castro Valley Adult & Career Education at (510) 886-1000 to learn more or sign up for classes before they fill.

Linette Escobar is Marketing Chair of Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

## BART to Upgrade Cameras, Add Emergency Call Boxes

The BART Board of Directors last week approved two proposed measures to increase security on the transit system — upgrading all surveillance cameras to high-definition and installing emergency call boxes on each platform.

Before last Thursday's board meeting, BART's Police Department had already instituted new safety procedures, temporarily

canceling officers' days off, requiring them to work six days a week and to ride trains throughout their shifts.

BART General Manager Grace Crunican had sought approval of a list of measures to improve security in light of recent violent assaults aboard trains and at stations, but most were put over to a future meeting.

## MAC: Crawford Re-elected by 5-2 Vote

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Housing about a proposed 78-unit affordable housing apartment complex proposed for the corner of Ruby and A streets, near the Japanese Gardens.

The property is currently owned by Caltrans but Eden will be buying it by the end of the year, with a plan to begin construction in early 2020.

The project is set to come back before the MAC several times before any decisions are finalized.

The MAC also continued a proposal from a veterinary hospital located at 2423 Grove Way, which wanted to expand. The owner wasn't in attendance and the MAC also said the parking plan was inadequate, so they'll take up the matter again in September.

### Crawford to Continue As Council Chair

Finally, the MAC held an election to pick a Chair. In June, current MAC Chair Crawford's term expired and member Dave Sadoff nominated member Ken Carbone to replace him. But member Chuck Moore re-nominated Crawford and the discussion was continued.

Over the past several meetings, one or more of the MAC members have been absent, so the election was put off until this week.

After Crawford informed Carbone that he spends an estimated 20 to 30 hours a month on MAC matters outside normal meeting responsibilities, Carbone withdrew his name from contention for the Chair.

"For me, it's a position I'm not able to support at this time," said Carbone. "Accepting a Chair's nomination at this time would actually be doing a disservice to the

council."

Carbone said that Crawford should continue as Chair and suggested that other MAC members should take up more responsibilities as well. Carbone then nominated Crawford and Moore seconded the nomination.

Crawford was re-elected as Chair by a vote of 5-2, with Sadoff and MAC member Linda Tangren dissenting.

Sadoff said that the MAC by-laws say that no one should serve consecutive terms as a Chair so he couldn't support Crawford's nomination. Tangren didn't speak on the matter this week but has previously said she prefers to rotate the position of Chair.

Carbone then nominated MAC member Ted Riche to the Vice-Chair spot and Riche was unanimously appointed.



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