



# Cloverdale Connect

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August 2023



## Editor's Note

We are smack dab in the middle of a hot Cloverdale summer - the heat reminds me of childhood summers at the beach on the Russian River. People all over town are keeping cool by jumping in a pool, splashing in the river, running through the sprinklers, sliding on a splash pad, enjoying the beach at Yorty Creek, sitting by a mister or simply staying indoors with the A/C blasting.

When the sun goes down and the temperature drops, don't miss any of our great events in town - Friday Night Live, performances at CPAC, dining out at one of our many local restaurants or a cool night out at the movie theater.

And with all this heat, the first day of school is right around the corner, so get out and enjoy these last weeks of summer - I know I will!

I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



Jim DeMartini isn't "courting disaster" when he reads **Cloverdale Connect!**



**Front Page Photo Contest Winner**  
Robert Bauer

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## Hot August Days and Deals!

Join many of your favorite Cloverdale Merchants and Restaurants on **August 19th and 20th** as they set up outside for the **5th Annual Cloverdale Sidewalk Sale**.

This yearly tradition is a great time to visit the shops you love and explore some new ones. There will be great savings and specials all around town.


**Bring your friends and family, shop till you drop, and grab some lunch or dinner at one of our many great restaurants.**

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## Look Inside!

Book Nook returns, Comedy Show, Remembering Val Hanchett, 4th of July Photos, and more...

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# Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center

## Melanie Hall

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and our members, I want to thank our community for all their support of our big event, *Nashville Comes to Sonoma County*. We were so pleased to collaborate with our local CERT (Community Emergency Resource Team) to produce a night to remember on June 24. The success of this event could not have happened without the help of nearly 100 Senior Center, CERT, Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, and COPE volunteers, along with many sponsors, donors, and our excellent food vendors.

We have fun, informational classes and workshops happening in August. **Virtual Tours** are back; this is a great way to travel with a guide to many different places around the world without ever leaving Cloverdale. We are hosting both men's and women's health **Wellness Workshops**, along with an **Empowering Your Life** series of four workshops. In addition, we are offering a pilot program class called **Aging Backwards**. To sign up or for more information about these activities please call the Senior Center at 707-894-4826.

We are pleased to be participating in the **National Night Out** with the Cloverdale Police Department on August 1 and will also have a table at our local **Friday Night Live** on August 25, please come by and say hello. Please save the date for our **Pancake Breakfast** September 9, 8:00-11:30 A.M. in coordination with the **Cloverdale Car and Motorcycle Show**.

The Senior Center is actively looking for interested community members to join our Board of Directors. If this sounds like something you would like to do to make a difference for seniors and others where you live, please contact us at the Center or email me at [Melanie@cloverdaleseniorcenter.org](mailto:Melanie@cloverdaleseniorcenter.org).



# PET of the MONTH

**Brows** is feeling a tropical summer vibe.

**Aly Duchossois**

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:

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### Remembrance Ceremony for Val Howland Hanchett



Born May 8, 1945 and passed away on June 9, 2023 at the age of 78, Val will be remembered as the Publisher of the *Cloverdale Reveille* newspaper after the retirement and death of his mother, Bonny Jean Hanchett, until its sale in 2013. Val will also be remembered as a devoted husband, father, son, brother, mentor and friend to many people.

His wife, Neena, and her family are planning an open house in remembrance of Val's life to be held in Cloverdale on Sunday, Aug. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fire Creek Lodge at Clover Springs, 210 Red Mountain Dr. All of Val's family and friends are welcome.

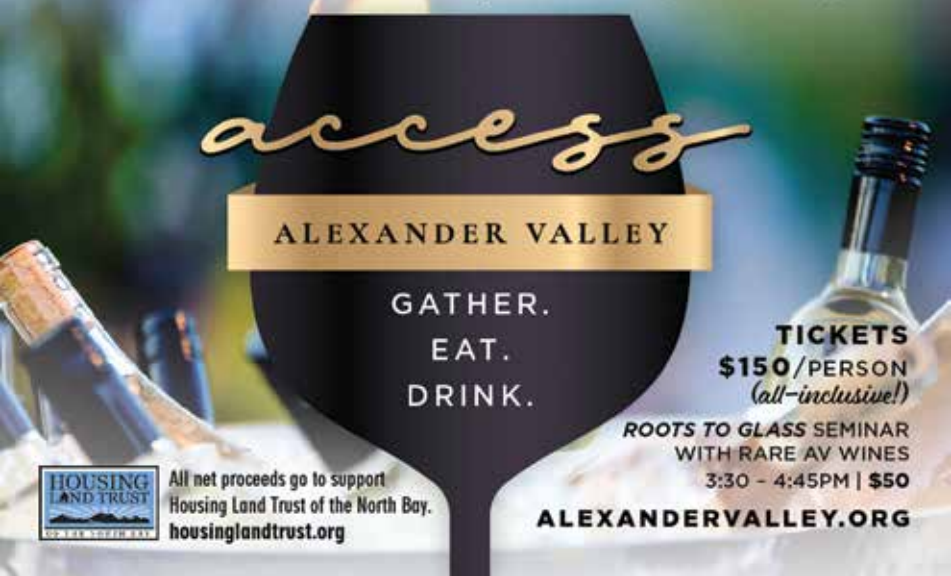
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### Join The Clover Theater Movie Membership

The Unlimited Movie Membership program at The Clover Theater is just \$25 per month. All members are able to watch any movie on the schedule, on any day, at any time, and as many times as they want. Members get 10% off food and drink. They are also invited to weekly Members Appreciation Day screenings of classic films (recent films include *Psycho*, *The Birds*, *Jaws*, *Back to the Future*, and *Casablanca*).

The theater also holds frequent members-only premieres (recent premieres include *Indiana Jones*, *Barbie*, and *Oppenheimer*). All members-only screenings are included in the price of membership. Commitment is month-to-month. Members can cancel at any time.

### "That's Gold, Jerry, Gold!"

Steve Hytner is one of the most recognizable character actors in TV and movies. His most favorable character is the obnoxious Kenny Bania on *Seinfeld*. You may have seen him on *Mike and Molly*, *Two and a Half Men*, *Modern Family* or curb your enthusiasm. This is just a few of his 97 credits he has towards movie and TV.



Steve Hytner is coming to the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center on December 2nd at 7pm.

Tickets will sell out fast. There are only 95 seats available and one show only. "That's Gold Jerry Gold!" For ticket info by email [jeweasel59@gmail.com](mailto:jeweasel59@gmail.com) or 707-479-9869.



# Cloverdale Church Guide

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1011 S. Cloverdale Blvd.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Phone: 707.894.2910

Cloverdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
1085 S. Cloverdale Blvd.  
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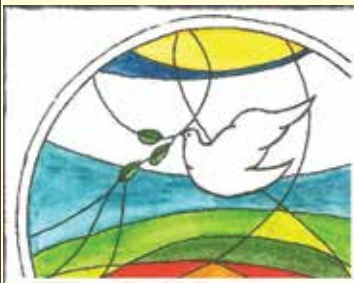


## Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Sunday Services At 10:00am  
Coffee Hour Immediately Following

The church is open Tuesday mornings from 9-10am for quiet meditation and prayer

goodshepherdclloverdale.org 122 N. Main St, Cloverdale (707) 891-6015



## Grace Lutheran Church

890 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale, CA  
www.GraceCloverdale.org

Join us for worship 10:00 am in person  
or by web - Facebook LIVE  
"Grace Lutheran Church Cloverdale CA"

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## Power Through with Saw and Mower!

Michele Armanino



There's something about shopping at a family business that always makes me feel like they have my best interests at heart. Saw and Mower, located at 1301 S. Cloverdale Blvd., has been family owned by the Siberts since 1976 when Darren's dad Chuck purchased the business from Johnny Long. Maybe it was the 1978 three quarter ton pick-up truck that sixteen-year-old Darren worked on with his dad that spurred a proclivity towards the mechanical field, but today, Darren, his wife Nina and their two children, Kelsi and Keller, are all partners in the business. "I thought I wanted to be a welder or work for the PG&E, and now here I am, a partner in my dad's almost fifty-year-old business." Darren tells me.

Sibert shows me Saw and Mower's original, long rectangular building running parallel to Sandholm Lane. "We built ninety percent of this building ourselves back in 2000," he says motioning to the main store on the right. Sibert prides himself on being an authorized dealer for top quality brands which most Big Box stores don't carry: Husqvarna, Briggs and Stratton, Honda, Stihl and more are brightly displayed on shelves upon entrance into the store. "You've got the best tools around!" I hear a construction worker yell out to Darren from one of the side isles.

Sibert states that Cloverdale was once a lumber town, but a lot has changed in fifty years. "You have to transition," he says knowledgeably. "We cater to landscapers, vineyard management, homeowners, construction, tree services and more." He explains that today, trade classes are few. "Learning a trade is becoming a thing of the past." Sibert says, as he gestures to the lineup of outdoor power equipment waiting to be repaired. "We make sure that your product is running and working before you leave the store." Personalized business is the name of the game here.

Giving back to the community is important to the Siberts. They donate to the Eagle Pride Booster's and Lion's Club, sponsor Little Leagues and helped pay for the new football scoreboard at CHS. Looks like the Siberts consider everyone family in this town.

## Cloverdale Police Department Police Logs

At the heart of our commitment to public safety and transparency, the Cloverdale Police Department maintains police Logs of current non-confidential activities and incidents. This valuable resource provides an avenue for residents to stay informed about local incidents, crime reports, and law enforcement activities in our vibrant community.

The Police Log provides an easy and convenient way for residents to access the latest information regarding police calls, arrests, and other notable incidents.

### Key features of the Cloverdale Police Logs include:

- **Current Incident Reports:** Stay updated on recent incidents and law enforcement activities happening in and around Cloverdale. The website provides access to real-time incident reports, allowing you to be aware of the issues affecting our community.
- **Community Engagement:** The Cloverdale Police Logs [website https://www.cloverdale.net/quicklinks.aspx?CID=4](https://www.cloverdale.net/quicklinks.aspx?CID=4) encourages community engagement by fostering an open and transparent dialogue between residents and law enforcement. By staying informed, you can play an active role in supporting public safety initiatives and collaborating with local authorities.

The Cloverdale Police Logs are posted and made available on the City's website and on CloverdaleConnect.com. They serve as a powerful tool to promote transparency, enhance public trust, and strengthen the bond between law enforcement and residents. The Cloverdale Police Department believes that an informed community is a safer community. By utilizing this resource, Cloverdale remains a secure and welcoming place for all.



## Printer Picking & Picky Printers

Will Carter

While other in-home technology has gotten easier to use and more intuitive, printers continue to be a major frustration for my customers! Here are some tips for choosing, maintaining, and troubleshooting printers.

Choosing a printer is a three-step process: 1. **Inkjet or Laser?** Inkjets are perfect for those who frequently print vibrant colors or photographs. Laser, while cheaper per page, is best suited to those who print primarily documents. 2. **Choose your preferred brand.** HP, Epson, Canon, and Brother are all popular home printer brands. Choose the one you trust! 3. **Pick your features!** Many printers these days come with built in scanners, copying ability, and double-sided printing. For productivity, you might like an automatic document feeder or second paper tray.

Maintaining modern printers is luckily very simple! Printers will come with instructions on installing their original ink/toner cartridge; keep these around for replacement. When it is time to replace the cartridges, choose either OEM cartridges or remanufactured cartridges which offer a warranty. Some printers will have additional wear parts. If you get a notification to replace something other than a cartridge, visit the manufacturer's website for instructions and to order the part.

If your printer is not printing, there can be several things wrong. First, make sure it is on! Most printers will have an obvious button, while others have a switch near the back. If you connect using Wi-Fi, make sure the corresponding light or icon is on. If you get an error on your computer, it might be a previous job clogging the works, try clearing the print queue. If the printer spits out a blank, streaky, or incomplete page, you might be low on supplies! Inkjet printers can also dry out, plugging the printhead. Most inkjet printers can be instructed to clear the dried ink from their software or built-in menu. Finally, if a "brand-new" ink cartridge doesn't seem to work, check for an expiration date.

Printers can be a source of much frustration and while it is often best to replace an older printer, a little know-how can save you replacing a perfectly good device!



There's a new yoga studio in town, **Studio 5 Yoga**, located at 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Suite 5.

Studio 5 Yoga will offer classes for all levels where you can flow and reconnect with your inner peace. Come embrace the harmony of mind, body, and spirit.

## Vitamin B12: Energizing the Body and Nourishing the Mind

Gina Berry, MS, RD, CLT

Vitamin B12, often referred to as the "energy vitamin," plays a crucial role in maintaining our physical and mental well-being. As a water-soluble nutrient, it is not stored by the body and therefore B12 needs to be obtained from dietary sources or supplements. This powerhouse vitamin is a key player in the production of red blood cells, ensuring optimal oxygen transport throughout the body. Adequate B12 levels are vital for preventing anemia and supporting overall energy levels, making it an ally for combating fatigue and lethargy. Vitamin B12 is also intimately linked to cognitive health. It aids in the synthesis of neurotransmitters, promoting mental clarity, focus, and a balanced mood.

Deficiencies in B12 have been associated with memory loss, mood disorders, and even neurological impairments. Animal products like meat, fish, eggs, and dairy are rich sources of B12, making it essential for vegetarians and vegans to consider supplementation. Older adults and individuals with low stomach acid may also have difficulty absorbing B12 from food, highlighting the importance of regular check-ups, checking your lab values, and potential supplementation. Whether you're maintaining a balanced diet or seeking support through supplements, this remarkable nutrient ensures that we stay energized and nourished, both in body and mind.

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## New Brownie Troop Forming

Mel Warner

Girl Scout Brownie (2nd and 3rd grade) Troop 10179 for Cloverdale is official. Girl Scout season (registration) will start August 1st - any girl entering 2nd or 3rd grade is welcome to join. For the girls, this will be about a one-hour time commitment each meeting. Troop meetings will begin September 1st, with time, location, and how often will be discussed and decided among all parents. Girls welcome to join all year.

In addition, Girl Scouts has 2 entrepreneur programs, the Cookie Season (everyone knows and loves) that is in the Spring and a Fall program where the girls sell Nuts and Candies. However, this year they will not be participating in the Fall program as this is a new troop that is just getting organized. They will participate in Cookie Sales in the Spring.

They are also looking for parents to volunteer. The troop requires at least 2 adult registered volunteers. Mel Warner will be counted as one leader and the troop cannot be started without at least one other leader.

Most adult volunteers will not need to commit more than a few hours per troop year. The exception is troop treasurer which requires about 3 hours in online training (does not need to be done in 1 day) and an hour in June to submit finance forms. A Cookie Program leader will be responsible for keeping track of products.

Contact Mel for more information: [melmel.nelson1997@gmail.com](mailto:melmel.nelson1997@gmail.com) or cell 707-494-1214.

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## Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

*"Helping pet lovers  
live their best life"*

Doodles are becoming one of the most popular breeds of dog. They are adorable and funny and can make great companions. Should you bring a Doodle into your family? First, "Doodle" is a term that can include any kind of Poodle mix. The size, energy level, fur type, and other factors vary based on the non-Poodle parent. For example Goldendoodles can be big and hyper, and have copious amount of hair. Cavapoos will be small and personable with a more spaniel like coat.

Because Doodles are a breed mix no two are exactly alike. If they have more of the Poodle gene they will not shed, but they will require frequent grooming that can cost up to \$200. All dogs need exercise and training, especially the larger and more active breeds, so make sure you have time for a new puppy. Where to get a Doodle? You can find some in rescue groups. For example, Dogwood has Bernedoodles from a puppy mill available for adoption. If you buy from a breeder it is best to choose one you can actually visit. There are many scams on the internet and unsuspecting buyers send money and get no puppy, or a puppy that is unhealthy.



## Alexander Valley Healthcare and National Health Care Week

Anne Hilow

Communities across the country will celebrate National Health Care Week 2023 from August 6 – 12. Elected officials will join in recognizing the work health centers do to keep our communities healthy and safe. Their visits and messages will demonstrate that not only is it possible to move beyond the partisan divide over health care, but to support and agree on a program vital to our communities.

Alexander Valley Health Care (AVH) is proud to be part of a national systems of Community Health Centers which provide preventive and primary care services to over 30 million people. Together, we are the backbone of the nation's primary care system, lowering health care costs, reducing the rate of chronic diseases and stimulating local economies.

At Alexander Valley Healthcare we provide medical, dental, and behavioral health services to the whole community. Looking beyond medical charts we address factors that contribute to poor health, such as poverty, homelessness, substance use, mental illness, access to nutritious food, and unemployment. As a Community Health Center, we are a critical piece of the health care system and collaborate with hospitals, local and state governments, social, health and business organizations to improve health outcomes for people who are medically vulnerable.

The mission of Community Health Centers remains crucial today because access to basic care remains a challenge to over 100 million people across the country. Many people live in remote and underserved communities, like Northern Sonoma County, where there is a shortage of providers and, in many cases, the nearest doctor or hospital can be as far as a 50-mile drive to another county. AVH serves patients from as far away as Lake and Mendocino Counties.

Long-term stable funding for Community Health Centers like AVH will ensure that we can keep our doors open and close the growing access gap for medically vulnerable communities. We are grateful that State Senator Mike McGuire, State Assembly Member Jim Wood and Supervisor James Gore have shown leadership in supporting legislation that will protect health centers from losing a major part of our funding.

Show your support during National Health Center Week August 6 – 12 by supporting Alexander Valley Healthcare. We will be there when you need us.



**farm stand hours:**  
**wednesday 2-6**  
**sunday 12-6**

## New From The Bike Shop

David Maciel

Some very exciting news is coming to The Bike Shop. They are going to be featuring top quality restored used bicycles. All the bikes will be restored by David Maciel to the standards he has painstakingly held with his charity, *Second Life Bicycle Rescue*. The emphasis will be on children's & cruiser bikes initially and expand into mountain bikes. Be sure to go by and see if there's a great bike waiting for you.





# August Monthly Gardening Tips From Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- If you've never planted a fall or winter vegetable garden, think about doing it this year.
- Stay alert to signs of water stress, especially for plants in containers and hanging baskets. An occasional deep soaking during periods of high heat benefits most plants. Make sure your garden is well-mulched to conserve moisture.
- To reduce stress on your lawn, keep grass 3 in. high and do not mow too often. Don't fertilize either, as this simply stimulates new growth that requires more water. Better yet, remove turf altogether and rely on low water-use plants.
- Continue to deadhead perennials and annuals. Periodic freshening will keep containers going through the fall. Heavy bloomers can be trimmed and fertilized.
- With major summer chores behind you, continue to check staking on trees, supports for vines, and other general structural needs.
- If you plan to be away this summer, ensure that you have someone to water or set up your irrigation system on automatic timers. When you return from vacation, do a check of the entire garden to make sure that nothing was ignored while you were away.
- Start making a checklist of fall chores that may be unique to your garden. Plants that need to be moved or divided will appreciate your waiting until shorter days and cooler, moister weather. Make a list of the biggest water-hogs in your garden and decide if they are worth keeping or can be replaced in the coming months with more drought tolerant species.

## Community Calendar

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- Saturday, Aug 5**  
Comedy Show  
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center 7:30pm
- Friday, Aug 11**  
Friday Night Live 2023  
Cloverdale Downtown Plaza 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Aug 12**  
One-on-One Tech Help  
Cloverdale Library 1:30 pm
- Friday, Aug 18**  
Friday Night Live 2023  
Cloverdale Downtown Plaza 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Aug 19**  
One-on-One Tech Help  
Cloverdale Library 1:30 pm
- Friday, Aug 25**  
Friday Night Live 2023  
Cloverdale Downtown Plaza 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Aug 26**  
One-on-One Tech Help  
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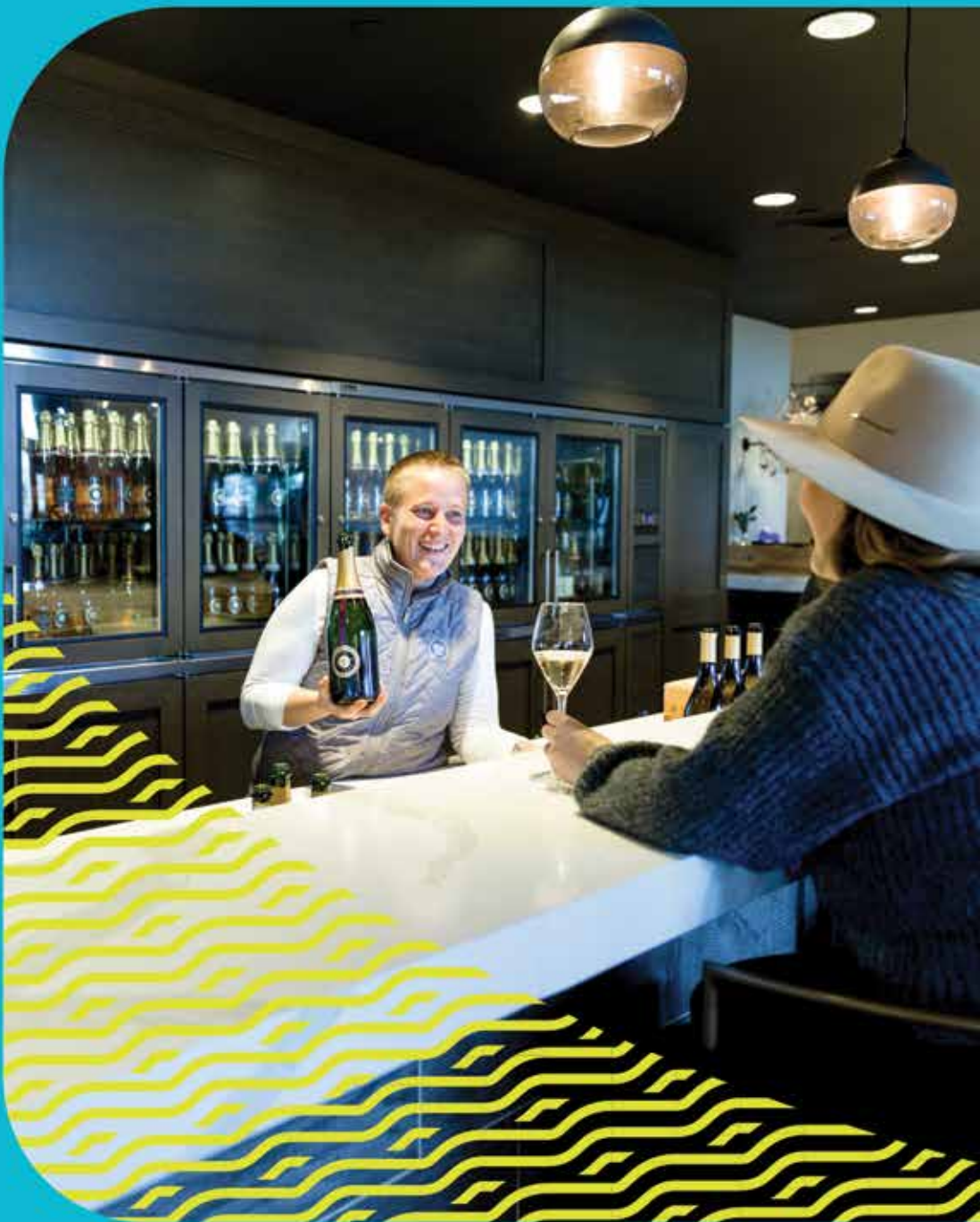
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## City Set to Begin Installation of New Smart Meters in August

Cloverdale remains committed to increasing the City's resiliency to cope with and respond to drought conditions. While our reservoirs are currently operating at near full capacity, we are continuing with implementation of a comprehensive water meter replacement program using innovative "WaterSmart Meter" technology as part of the City's continuing efforts to conserve water, enhance customer service, replace aging infrastructure, and be more efficient. The project will replace and upgrade approximately 3,300 existing water meters throughout Cloverdale to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system.

### WaterSmart Meter Installation Information

Residents can expect to see contractors installing new Smart meters in Cloverdale starting in August. The City's contractor will replace and upgrade every customer's water meter, equipped with communication technology that will allow customers to monitor their water use. If a customer's meter box is damaged or if it is undersized for the new meter and equipment, the meter box will either be repaired or replaced. It is anticipated that customers might typically experience approximately 30 minutes of water shutoff during installation unless there are further complications. A door hanger will be placed on customer's front door that the water meter is replaced.

The City's contractor will also be installing antennas on City poles that will allow the customers' AMI meter to communicate with the City's Customer Service WaterSmart Portal. The City's Utility Billing Team will be receiving equipment and software upgrades that would allow it to detect leaks in the water system and securely share water use information with customers through a web portal.

When completed, customers will be able to see their own daily water usage and make informed decisions on how to manage their water. As the project reaches completion, the City will provide updates and share how customers can connect to the WaterSmart web portal to monitor their own water usage.

### Sample Door hanger that will be placed after meter replacement

#### You Received a NEW Water Meter Today!

Your water meter was upgraded today by RTS Water Solutions, LLC, the authorized meter installation contractor for the City of Cloverdale. Changes in water pressure during the installation process can result in temporary:

- Discoloration of water
- Air in the water lines, and
- Small particles of sediment

Prior to using your water, we recommend that you flush your lines by turning on your bathtubs **COLD** water faucet for 3 to 5 minutes or use an outside faucet. Avoid flushing faucets that have aerator attachments or hot water faucets that may draw sediment into your water tank.

PLEASE NOTE: you DO NOT need to boil water because of this work.

Authorized by the City of Cloverdale. For questions or concerns, please call 707-894-1700 or email CustomerService@ci.cloverdale.ca.us.



### The Details

City staff does not actively monitor the amount, time or volume of any customer's water use. If a customer requests assistance, City staff will review the hourly water use with the customer when requested. The hourly data is a tool customers can use to better understand how they use water throughout the day, help identify leaks and prevent unforeseen high water bills.

The water meter measures the amount of water used over a one hour period. It is impossible to know what the water is being used for or the exact time of the use.

The WaterSmart Meter does not have the ability to turn off a home's or businesses' water, or adjust the flow of water coming through the meter. The water can only be turned off in person at the location of a home or business.

Your household's and business's water use and the timing of that use is private and secure. This information is not being shared outside the City, including the state or any other agency/organization. The water use data registered by the WaterSmart Meter data is encrypted and includes a unique meter number and no identifying customer information. Both measures protect data from external entities and threats. Customers may access their water use online using the WaterSmart portal which requires a private password the customer creates. City staff does not investigate or review a customer's water use accounts unless requested by the customer.

The new WaterSmart Meter combined with the WaterSmart portal offers Cloverdale's water customers near real-time water use, potential leak alerts, avoid unintentional high water consumption, improve water efficiency, and access water saving rebates.

The WaterSmart Meter Project will help the City enhance and streamline customer service, use water more efficiently, replace aging infrastructure, use staff time more efficiently and reduce the environmental impact of the City's operations.

All meters within the City of Cloverdale service territory need to be replaced because they have reached their useful life.

The City carefully planned the project so it would not result in additional costs to customers. To date, City of Cloverdale has received over \$1.5 million in grant funding from the Department of Water Resources to offset the cost of the project.

The WaterSmart Meter Project has been presented to the City Council as "Advanced Metering Infrastructure" or AMI. The WaterSmart Meter Project refers to the installment and operation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure and these terms may be used interchangeably.

The field work is scheduled to begin August. The first phases include replacement of meter box lids and a limited installation of WaterSmart Meters. Citywide installation of WaterSmart Meters is anticipated to be complete in late 2023/ early 2024.

Customers will be notified with door hangers, by email and with their utility bill when their water meter replacement will occur, describing the project and what to expect and who to contact for more information.

Customers do not need to be present during the water meter upgrade work. To prepare, please make sure the area around the meter box is clear and accessible, including unlocking gates to allow meter access, restraining dogs to ensure workers' safety and moving vehicles if parked over a meter.

There will be a short interruption in service of approximately 30 minutes or less for residential customers. The meter installer will attempt to contact you before beginning work by knocking on your door. Businesses, where possible, will be scheduled to limit any interruption to service.

Currently, water meters are manually read by City of Cloverdale staff once a month to obtain customer water use readings. The new WaterSmart Meters provide remote updates on a daily basis (instead of monthly) and customers will have 24/7 access to this information. The information from the WaterSmart Meter is transferred to the City using an encrypted wireless radio signal.

The City of Cloverdale's licensed contractor will perform the meter upgrades. All installers will be dressed in uniform and can present identification if asked. Their company logo will also be displayed on all vehicles.

**For more information**, please contact the City of Cloverdale 1-707-894-2521 or visit <https://www.cloverdale.net/watermeter>

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It's warming up, so i grabbed a yummy iced coffee from **Rockin' A Adventure Café**. I didn't know they had SO MANY sugar free options - enjoying an iced Irish cream coffee! Love them!  
*Merwyn Welch*

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**Gonzalez Fence Company**, 10 out of 10, So professional and efficient. Highly recommended. *Shireen Arata*

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## Rancho Casllama - A Unique Part Of Cloverdale's Agricultural History

Mary Jo Winter

Did you know that in the not-so-distant past there were llamas in the hills above River Road?

For more than a dozen years in the 80s and 90s, owners Cog and Alexa Morrison bred and sold quality llama breeding stock from their Cloverdale ranch they dubbed Rancho Casllama.

One year, their llamas won three blue ribbons, including a Grand Champion Female, in the Halter Class Division at the Sonoma-Marin Fair's Northern California Llama Extravagana.

The Morrisons regularly hosted tour groups like the Cloverdale Preschool Co-op and often transported several of their llamas to the nursing home and senior center where the animals freely dispensed their special brand of llama love. Alexa was a special guest speaker for several of the service clubs and, in addition to exhibiting her animals at local events like the Cloverdale Regional 4-H Fair, was an invaluable source of information for the local 4-H Llama Project.

Rancho Casllama was not only home to a small herd of llamas, but also a small flock of chickens, a Great Pyrennes dog named Oso and a flock of rare Navajo Churro Sheep, the only primitive hair sheep in the world.

At the time, there were only about 600 of these sheep in the entire world and the Morrisons were the only breeders in the local area. They were participating in a project to breed the sheep back into existence for the Navajo Indians.

One Wednesday in August 1988, a fire burned 1,833 acres east of the river and forced a dozen residents to evacuate, including the Morrisons. Unable to safely transport all of their animals to safety, they walked each of them downhill to an open field instead. By Friday, everyone was back home - just in time to rest up for the 2nd annual Llamarama at the Citrus Fairgrounds that Saturday.



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## Sacred Ground

***"Understand that this is sacred ground,  
and it hurts to walk here." Leonard Pitts, Jr.***

Recently, a small group from Good Shepherd Episcopal Church has begun participating in an 11-session dialogue series called "Sacred Ground" – a documentary film and reading-based series on race and faith. This series asks participants to learn the histories of people of color and how cultural and systemic practices impact racial equity. The program is part of the Becoming Beloved Community initiative of the Episcopal Church, a long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in personal lives, ministry, and society. There are two core books – "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving and "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Dr. Howard Thurman. In addition, there are numerous film clips, videos and support materials created to guide the participants on this journey.

The Sacred Ground program is available to all faith-based organizations. For more information contact the Rev. Tim McDonald or the Rev. Bob Scott at Good Shepherd or go the Episcopal Church website via this link:

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### Cozy

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### Secluded

This usually means you'll be miles away from the nearest anything. Most people want to be near a grocery store or attractions when they're on vacation.

### Urban

Urban can be a word for high-crime, crowded and dangerous. An "urban oasis" is even worse because it implies your vacation rental will be the only safe place to run back to at the end of the day.

**Classic** – Aging home, run-down furniture. If something breaks, you'll pay to replace an antique.

**Clean** – Who would want a vacation rental that isn't clean?

**Inviting** – Takes a nice picture if you use a wide-angle lens. But does anything actually work, or is it just for display?

**Private** – So well hidden, you'll never find it.

**Romantic** – Kids are not welcome.

**Rustic** – There are no signs of civilization. Better pack a satellite phone.

**Secure** – It's in a bad neighborhood.

**Warm** – The air conditioning doesn't always work.

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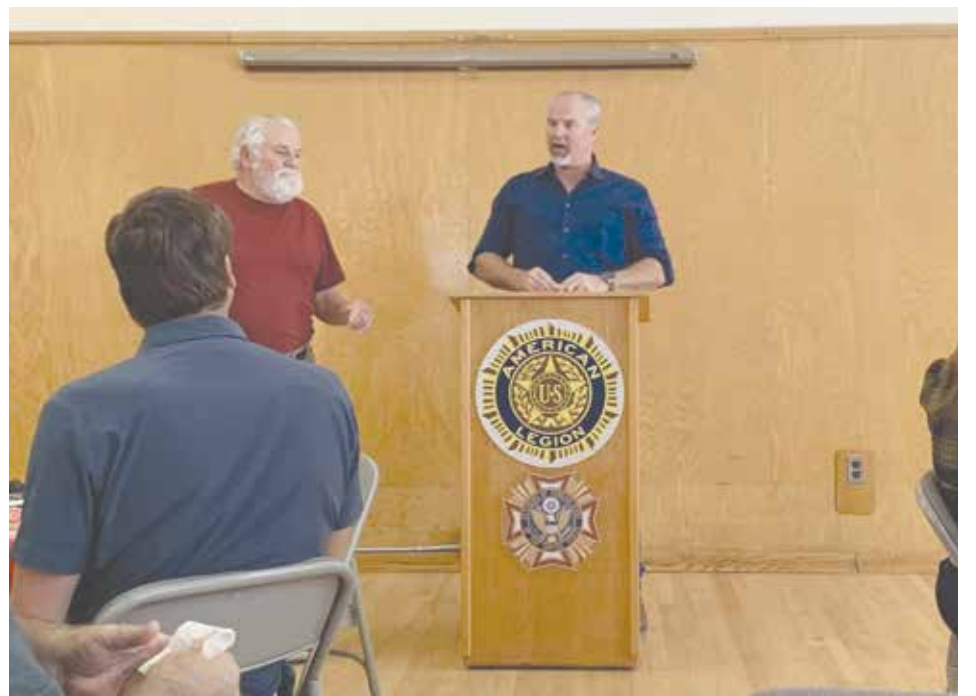
## Supervisor Gore and Mayor Lands Conduct Tour



Fourth District Supervisor James Gore, Mayor Lands and other Council members recently lead a tour of Cloverdale highlighting several City/County projects underway or set to begin soon.

### These key projects include:

1. **The Smart Station:** Sonoma County acquired a building near the railroad tracks for the storage of emergency supplies for natural disaster response. This will ensure adequate supplies when they are needed. Supervisor Gore and Mayor Lands also provided an update on Northern Sonoma County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).
2. **New Radio and Fire Location Tower:** This newly installed radio tower outside of town, will provide early fire detection as well as emergency communication facilities.
3. **Cloverdale River Park:** A discussion of the new pedestrian and bike path was conducted. The 10' wide path will be installed next to, but separate from, the eastbound travel lane atop the bridge trusses. This long-awaited project is scheduled to be completed this summer and will provide pedestrians and bicyclists safe passage over the river.
4. **Alexander Valley Health:** a visit to the future home of the Alexander Valley Health center. The new Alexander Valley Health & Wellness Center will increase services and attract more medical providers to Cloverdale.
5. **Asti Bridge:** although not in town, the Asti Bridge is an important project for the City for local traffic and an evacuation route in case of emergency. The County has \$1.5M in funding to complete environmental work needed for planning the project.



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Cloverdale Library Community Connection
John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

It's difficult to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the Dog Days of Summer and the Back-to-School flurry of shopping for clothes, school supplies, and more for the start of the academic year which begins on August 16 in Cloverdale. This year the library has activities August 1-3, 12:30-1:30 to let kids visit a School Supplies Store in our community room where they will play money budgeting games and get to buy school supplies with the library's Oto Bucks and then have time to decorate the backpacks they receive and put their school supplies they get in their backpacks while at the event. First come, first served until our supplies are gone.

August also marks the ending of our summer reading program. If you or anyone in your family read this summer (all ages), make certain you redeem your reading hours for free books by August 5th. Anyone can receive one free book for each 5 hours that were read. We have plenty of summer reading books that are up for grabs for those who read at least 10 hours this summer and that's two books per reader. There were also some reading challenges children could do to get an insulated lunch bag as well.

Next month, I'll highlight some of the fall events the Cloverdale Library will be hosting. In the meantime, keep reading, dropping by the library, and share your ideas with us. Also, we're still looking for a community partner for our SonomaFi Connect device that can hook up 50 devices to the Internet.

Plus, our special programs in August continue for all ages:

Kids
Natasha Yim – Young Authors Writing Program on Friday, August 4, 11, 1:00 pm

Teen
School Supplies Store, Tuesday-Thursday, August 1-3, 12:30-1:30
Doodle Weaving, Wednesday, August 2, 3:00-4:30 pm
Pokemon Club, Wednesdays, August 9, 23, 30, 2:00 pm

Adult
Cloverdale Library Book Club (Our Voice of Fire), Tuesday, August 8, 6-7 pm.

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# Our Neighbor Was A Mountain Man

Bram & Gretchen Glaeser

The year affirmative action passed we found ourselves with a brand-new California Teaching Credential and very few job opportunities in California. A friend of ours was rafting down the Salmon River, “The River of No Return” in the Idaho Wilderness and stopped at Mackey Bar, a hunting and fishing resort. During their stay they found out they needed a teacher for the managers’ and guides’ children. We were contacted and agreed to the position.

Having just lost three family members in the past 9 months, we were ready for a change. We sold all our belongings and with a couple suitcases and my old army footlocker, we were off to Mackey Bar on the Salmon River in the middle of 5 million acres of wilderness.



We soon met our closest neighbor, Buckskin Bill, just five miles away at Five Mile Bar. He told me about the unfortunate teacher they found, face down dead, in a creek on a ranch up north. It was a great beginning to one of his many stories, sad but true, we would hear over our stay on the River.

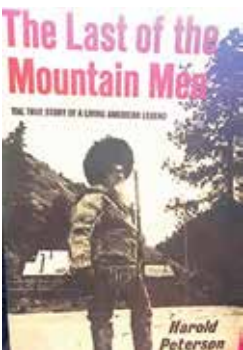
Buckskin moved to the wilderness at the end of WW2. He tried to join up, but had a heart problem, so with his engineering background he worked on the highly secret Norden bomb site project. He created a life at 5 Mile Bar building several structures and a magnificent garden. He was featured in National Geographic magazine and a book by Peterson titled “The Last of the Mountain Men”, which is available on Amazon. He was an engineer, hunting guide, mill worker and all-around back country artist. He had a degree in English literature.



On our days off we would hike up to Buckskin’s for the day with this wonderful man. He loved to tell us stories, show us around his place and discuss current events. It was a pleasure to talk with a well-educated person. Although he lived in the back woods, he received The New York Times and any material left by his many visitors.



He especially liked Gretchen and even renamed her after Bridget, the patron saint of the Celts. On one occasion, he made her a ring which she still has. Our stay on the River was a life-changing event and, after we left, we returned home to San Francisco, got robbed, packed up and headed to Sonoma County and have been here ever since.



If you are interested in Buckskin Bill, there are several articles, books and photos on the internet you might enjoy. His real name – Sylvan Ambrose Hart.



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It’s a simple reminder that being a human can be challenging and that as long as we’re all doing the best we can, together we will make it through

Happy Reading! ~ Erin



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# Cloverdale Creative Corner

Christy Anne

Sometimes, I stumble into a project that a friend or neighbor has requested, and it holds its own sort of magic with it's possibilities. This is one of those types of occurrences and turned out to be a fun little side adventure.



The request: a piece of plywood with a shim at the back (to fill in the gap where the cushion naturally drops), so I have a level surface to set a beverage on the couch while watching television. Mission impossible? I think not! Plywood with a shim... when said friend has a beautiful home...Lord no!

I am in fact quite lazy at times so when I locate not only a great piece of repurposed wood but happens to be almost the size I need – score! This is now

where creativity kicks in. I want to use stuff I have and not spend a week waiting for elements to cure, dry, etc. Tools needed? Electric knife (nothing works better at cutting foam), fine sandpaper, staple gun, glue, screws, and a drill. Additional materials needed? Foam, fabric, upholstery tacks, and if feeling fancy some wood oil or beeswax.

How to make you ask? Try not to overthink it. Think of how a sandwich is made and apply the same logic: layers. Cut the foam to fit the area you need, cutting the angle or curve you need. Wrap the foam with fabric and staple in place along the sides. Now here is where I will share the extra bits I used. As the wood I found was ALMOST the size I needed, I cut 3 strips of wood to mold around exposed edges to create the additional size, but also to create a lip around the edge and hide the edges of fabric. I ran a thin bead of glue around 3 sides and screwed the pieces in place. The upholstery tacks created the finished polished look. Functional and not too hard on the eyes.

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### JUST FOR LAUGHS COMEDY NIGHT

A Jackie Evans Production  
**Saturday, August 5th**  
**7:30 pm**

**FEATURING:**  
"Chicago Steve" Barkley  
Pat McCoy  
Gabriel Alexander

Tickets: **Must be 18+**  
\$35 Online - \$40 at the Door

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### THOSE WERE THE DAYS

FORMER MEMBER OF THE FAMOUS 60'S GROUP THE NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS  
THE SPIRIT & SONGS OF THE 60'S

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN DENVER!**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 19**  
**7:30PM**

TICKETS: \$30 ONLINE - \$35 AT THE DOOR

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### Lonely Planet

A Play by Steven Dietz  
Presented by  
The Willits Community Theater

Aug 26th @ 7:30pm & Aug 27th @ 2:00pm  
Tickets \$25.00

**Your ticket to fun**

## Youth Ride Free

in Summer 2023

**SMART**

- Marin Transit
- Sonoma County Transit
- Santa Rosa CityBus
- Petaluma Transit



## Cooking with David Maciel

**Sponsored by Ray's Food Place**

*With August comes fresh corn on the cob and I love the way this corn comes out. It's a bit of work but you'll be way happy with it. You might want to make more than one per person. The corn is a wonderful buttery garlicky juiciness of corn heaven.*

### Buttery, Garlicky Corn on The Cob

#### Ingredients

4 fresh ears corn on the cob with husks attached

1 cube of unsalted butter

3 fresh chopped cloves of garlic or more if you like garlic

16 sheets of double thick aluminum foil, cut to wrap the corn

Pull the corn husks back to the end of the stock leaving them attached. Clean the silk off.

In a saucepan, melt the butter over low heat & then add the garlic. Let simmer for a few minutes.

Cut a piece of aluminum foil long enough to cover the corn cob. Lay the corn cob over the foil and spoon on the garlic butter on one side. Wrap the corn cob tightly with the foil. Then pull the husks back over the foil wrapped corn cob and wrap the entire corn cob and husks in a large sheet of foil.

Place the corn indirectly on a hot BBQ and let cook for 30 to 40 minutes turning a few times. To serve, pull the outer layer of foil and husks back, then with a sharp knife cut the husks off. You can serve the corn this way and let your guests unwrap each cob.

Note, you can also do this in the oven at 350 degrees for the same cooking time as above.

## Back to School with Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin ~ Kat Ryan

When I signed up my son for summer camp at the Cloverdale Boys & Girls Club, I was pleasantly surprised to learn it was free. While attendance at the Club hasn't always been free, due to funding secured by Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin, there are currently no fees for Club Members for summer and the after-school programs on campus at Washington and Jefferson, plus a brand-new teen program. These resources and access to quality programs will support and help the young people of Cloverdale become caring, productive, and responsible citizens.

The Clubs operate before and after-school programs as well as summer camps. Members develop meaningful relationships with caring adults, attend enriching field trips, and access opportunities for personal growth and development. A highlight of this year's summer program was the trip to Doran Beach – a first trip to the ocean for some of the kids!



The Clubs offer more than 20 academic enrichment programs, including "Power Hour" – a time every day after school when kids receive homework help from staff who are college educated or pursuing a college degree.

As you think about after-school programs for your kids this year, I highly recommend the Cloverdale Boys and Girls Club. Last year the Clubs served 472 kids and the goal is to serve even more kids this year. To register, visit:

[bgcsonoma-marin.org/cloverdale-clubs](http://bgcsonoma-marin.org/cloverdale-clubs)

- Volunteer your time to teach kids a new skill, or
- Help kids with their homework, and of course
- Make a donation to support the youth and Club programs in Cloverdale.

Learn more or get involved at [bgcsonoma-marin.org](http://bgcsonoma-marin.org)!



## Summer Fun

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