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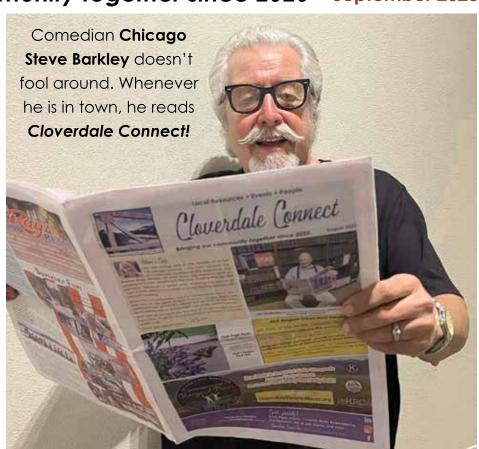
Editor's Note

The Pink Ladies are up, football is on TV, kids are back in school – it must be September! This month, Friday Night Live wraps up their

fun line up of music and we look forward to the annual Car & Motorcycle Show, Independence Day Fiesta, Kiwanis Second Annual Harvest Fair, Rotary Asti Tour de Vine, Kiwanis Vineyard Races and other great early fall community events.

Once we round the turn from Summer into Fall, I am one of those people who can't help but look forward to the Holiday Season and Cloverdale Ace Hardware has a great event we can all participate in this year. You'll find details inside this issue.

Please be extra careful driving with kids walking to and from school. I'll see you around town!





Front Page Photo Contest Winner

Claudia Müller-Stach

Congratulations!

She won a \$10 Gift Certificate from

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Look Inside!

Ponytail League Player of the Year, Rotary Interact Club, Homeschooling, Stop Signs and more...

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CUSD Staff Member of the Month Kathleen Bradford

Sponsored by **Dahlia & Sage Community Market**



Kathleen was hired by CUSD in 1994. She started as a Yard Supervision person, a Paraprofessional, and has even been a summer custodian who periodically washed dishes.

In the early 2000's Kathleen moved over to the technology side, where she was the district's lone Tech Person. As the need for technology grew, so did her job titles. Currently Kathleen is CUSD's CALPADS Technician, where she makes sure all data

for students is complete and accurate and provides school personnel with numerous reports.

Kathleen was born and raised in Cloverdale and went through the CUSD school system. She currently has two grandsons attending Cloverdale schools. Her co-workers will tell you that Kathleen is a super positive person who loves to laugh. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and is a loyal friend and employee. In her spare time, she enjoys camping and attending her grandsons' sporting events.

Congratulations Kathleen, and thank you for your dedication. We hope to have many more years with you!





Cloverdale members of the Russian Riverkeeper Clean Team led by Bob Cox were out recently picking up trash along the river and Geysers Road near Preston. The group meets the first Sunday most months. The annual cleanup from Ukiah to Jenner will take place September 16th.













2023 Cherna Alliston Rookie of the Year Award



Congratulations to the Cloverdale Ponytail League 2023 Cherna Rookie of the Year selection for this season - Lillylyn Austin. This special award is in honor of Cherna who recently retired after 30+ years on the CPL board. Lilly played her first year of softball this year with our Farms Division team, the Stanford Cardinals. Her positive attitude, hard work, skills field, and growth this year as a new player got her selected for the award.

Alexander Valley Resident Hatt Performs Works of Reger

A demonstration of the skill needed to play the pipe organ is part of the ongoing Max Reger Festival at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17. David Hatt will play compositions by Reggae, Rick Cox, Johann Sebastian Bach, Benjamin Bachmann, and David N. Johnson, on the Bigelow pipe organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Healdsburg. Hatt, a resident of Alexander Valley, is assistant organist at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco.

The Reger concert opens the third season of St. Pauls' organ concert series. The remaining concerts in 2023 are scheduled for Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10. Admission is FREE and donations for the church's outreach programs are welcome.

Connect with C.H.S. **Cheyenne Schriner**

Sponsored by: Management Connections



Welcome Back!

CHS's annual homecoming on the horizon and will be hosted on Saturday, September 30th, following the night of both J.V. and Varsity home football games against Upper Lake. Directed by ASB council and alongside first anniversary of its yearly

parade, where classes, clubs, and associations are encouraged to create a float in a theme of notorious musicals- open to the public on Wednesday, the 27th at 6:30 P.M. in the plaza. Feel free to come out and jump-start Spirit Week by giving your athlete some love during the "Student Athlete Locker Decorating Evening," held by parents and hosted the week of!

With a new school year comes fresh faces to staff and faculty, and Cloverdale high school is ecstatic to be introducing principal Forrest Harper into the community!

"Hello Cloverdale Community,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new principal of Cloverdale High School. I have been living in Sonoma County 16 years now and the entirety of my career has been in high school. This year is my tenth year of being a high school site administrator and I love my job. Education is more than just a profession for me; it is a calling. I firmly believe in the power of education to shape minds, foster critical thinking, and inspire lifelong learning. I am excited to have a focus on developing career technical education, helping English language learners and providing mental health resources at Cloverdale High School. As the new academic year begins, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for what lies ahead. Lastly, I want to appreciate the amazing community here in Cloverdale, everyone has been very welcoming!

Sincerely, Forrest Harper"

CHS is excited to kick start a new year!

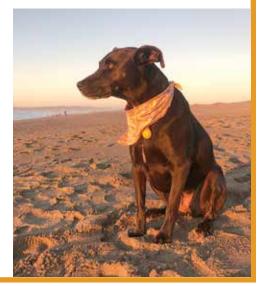


PEI of the MONTH

Posy is a good girl, looking forward to autumn sunsets

Jennifer Molidor

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to: info@cloverdaleconnect.com Prizes courtesy Clover Dog Pet Supply & Wash and Cloverdale Connect



Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson

"Helping pet lovers live their best life"

Fall is around the corner and we are all ready to be done with 100 degree weather. Social media posts from folks looking forward to pumpkin spice treats make me think of what we should and



shouldn't feed to our dogs. Candy should be avoided. Dogs don't need to eat sugar and some ingredients like chocolate can be toxic. Meat is healthy in small quantities as a treat or addition to the diet, but in excess it can cause digestive upset like pancreatitis. Cooked bones can splinter and injure the intestines. Peanut butter and other spreads are popular for giving treats or filling Kongs or other toys, but never use the low calorie or diet kind. Artificial sugars can be toxic. To be safe buy fillings especially for dogs or use peanut butter that is just ground peanuts with no sugar or other additives. Extremely salty foods like potato chips should be avoided. While a small amount of salt is not bad, a large amount can cause serious illness, especially in an older dog or one with compromised health. Also, dogs have suffocated on chip bags so never leave these lying around!

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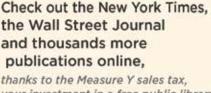
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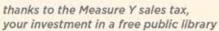


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Grace Lutheran Church

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New Stop Signs Proposed for W. 2nd Street Intersection

During a recent Public Works & Facilities subcommittee meeting, the Subcommittee considered a request from a resident to install an additional set of stop signs at the intersection of W. 2nd Street and Commercial Street. The request for additional stop signs was based on reports of vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit on W. 2nd Street. The Public Works & Facilities Subcommittee Committee supported the request to install two additional stop signs.

New stop signs are proposed to be located on 2nd Street East and West bound lanes where they cross Commercial Street. Temporary signage will be placed in the new sign location and change-in-condition signs will be placed one block prior to the new sign location. The addition of new stop signs will make this intersection a four way stop. Stop signs are already located on the Commercial Street leg of the intersection.

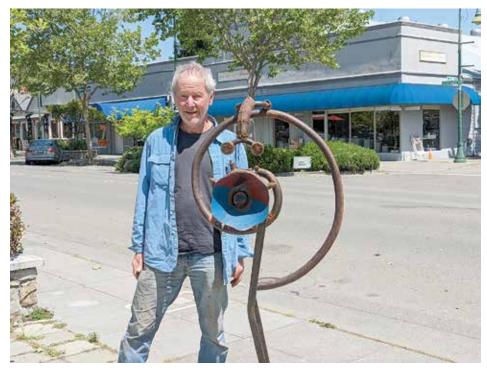


Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club 2022 2023

Sculptor Spotlight

Stan Huncilman is a sculptor choosing to apply poetic, and often metaphorical language to form. Stan creates forms that do not follow logical criteria but are based on subjective associations and their formal parallels, which incite the viewer to make new and often personal associations.

His works are based on associations which open a unique poetic vein. Multilayered forms arise in which the fragility and instability of our seemingly certain reality is questioned.

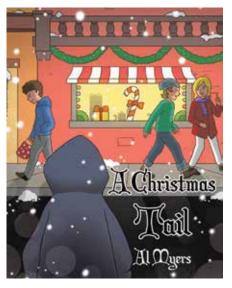


His sculpture, "Hekate" is 60" H x 32" W x 24" D, weight 110 lbs. Composition: formed and welded steel, rusted and coated with penetrol. Passion and reality are distinct entities and perhaps not always in harmony. How would that translate into a sculpture? Hekate started with the remnants of earlier sculptures and this is a change in direction.

"Hekate" (Hecate) was the goddess of magic, witchcraft, the night, moon, ghosts, and necromancy.

Sponsor: Plank Coffee & Roastery Photo by Jude Gibson

"A Christmas Tail"



"A Christmas Tail" is the creation of local author Al Myers, a proud father of five and grandfather of ten. You have probably seen Al around town since he volunteers with local non-profits and can be found working in our community.

Let's hear from Al as he shares about the book: "It's Christmas Eve. Rawly and his friends all have something in common. They all like Christmas, and they all like candy canes! Rawly's attitude, however, is not the

best. To the dismay of his friends and himself, Rawly spends the evening on a wild chase to try to get what he wants. It's an adventure and an experience in life lessons regarding how we sometimes view what we want and how it can affect us and those around us, but as they say, 'All's well that ends well.'"

Published by Christian Faith Publishing, Al Myers's new book will delight and encourage critical thinking as young readers reflect on the important lessons Rawly encounters.

Myers pairs the spirit of Christmas with thoughtful lessons for upcoming generations within the pages of the book.

"A Christmas Tail" is available for purchase at traditional brick & mortar bookstores, or online at Amazon.com, Apple iTunes store, or Barnes and Noble – just in time for Holiday shopping. Be sure to mention the book to Al the next time you see him!

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Cloverdale Kiwanis' 2nd Annual Harvest Fair When: Sat, September 30th Where: Downtown Plaza Time: 11:30-5:00 Poyntless Systars/Kid's Activities Food and Beverages for sale Vendors/Crafts/And a Whole Lot More Meal + drink: Adult \$15 adv/\$20 day of Children: \$8 Pouring Wolfhouse And Soco Wines

Elizabeth "Betty" Kunakov



On July 2023, 23, Elizabeth "Betty" Kunakov passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was 88 years young and lived a full life. A longtime Cloverdale resident, she loved her small town and actively participated in many organizations such as Soroptomist, Citrus Fair, the Food Pantry and Living Water Church. Betty had a passion for travel and saw more of the world than most people.

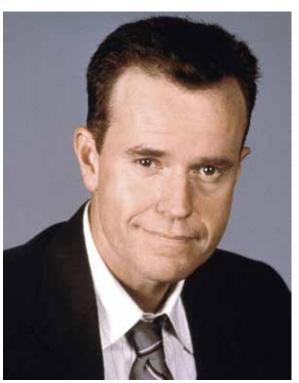
She had a love for animals, particularly her two West Highland Terriers, Chelsea and Katie. Please join us to celebrate her life on September 23rd at Living Water Church at 10:30am.

Betty was predeceased by her husband Richard Kunakov and is survived by her daughter Cheryl Shapiro, 2 grand-children and 5 great grandchildren.

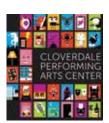
We love you Gaga and "the best is yet to be".

Cloverdale Performing Arts Center Presents A Jackie Evans Production

Come see comedian Steve Hytner in a rare Northern California appearance on Saturday, December 2nd at 7pm at The Cloverdale Performing Arts Center.



Steve Hytner is best known as the obnoxious Kenny Bania on the hit TV show Seinfeld.



Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, September 11, 2023.
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The President And The Shoe Salesman Mary Jo Winter

This November will mark 60 years since President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, and Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as the 36th president of the United States.

The late Otto Crider was born in Johnson City, Texas, in 1907. He and his wife, Sue, operated Crider's Shoe Store at 121 E. First St. from about 1945-1968. For the next eight years, the Criders owned Home & Land Realty, located in the big white house on the corner of S. Cloverdale Blvd. and South St.

So what does a Cloverdale shoe-salesman-turned-realtor have in common with a former president of the United States?

LBJ and Crider became friends when they were about five or six, growing up next door to each other on adjoining farms in Johnson City, Texas. In 1924, they were two of the three people who made up the entire graduating class of Johnson City High School, located "a three-mile mule ride away from home."



Pictured is the entire student body of Johnson City High School in 1924. In the back row, Otto Crider is third from the left and Lyndon B. Johnson is fifth from the left, circled in red.

The following year, they and three friends piled into an old Model T Ford to come to California to look for work. Johnson held several jobs, including a short stint in a law office, but returned to Texas in less than two years. Crider, however, chose to stay in California where he remained until his death in 1977.

Both served in WWII, Johnson in the US. Navy and Crider in the U.S. Army. Crider was also a charter member of the Ray Zittleman Post #9268, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The two stayed in touch and remained good friends throughout their lives.

New Bag Toss Installed at City Park

City Staff recently installed yet another new fun game feature, bag toss boxes or "Cornhole" at the 2nd St City Park. The City has received repeated requests from the community for this popular family game. As part of the process, city staff brought this item to the Public Works and Facilities Subcommittee, and ultimately City Council for the approval of the funds to purchase 4 new boxes. City staff did acquire a bid from a contractor to prepare the site and perform the installation, but the quote received was significant and, with limited funds, the crew decided to undertake this project to avoid the impact on the operating budget.

The project consisted of choosing the right location, excavating the area according to the game specifications, installing the boxes and finishing with a 3" layer of DG decomposed granite.

Homeschoolers You Are Not Alone Julie Carter

Every year many parents struggle with the question of whether home study would be better for their kids. Perhaps the most important thing for new or continuing homeschool families is to know that you are not alone. There are programs, nonprofit organizations, individuals and businesses available to support you on your educational journey.

From my experience as an Independent Study Teacher for 23 years and a homeschooling mom for 14 years, I can recommend a variety of home study resources. While not a comprehensive list, this is a good starting point.

There are countless online supports which can help you teach any subject. My favorites are BrainPOP, Enchanted Learning, Reading A-Z, Khan Academy, Mystery Science and IXL. For older students, programs like Manga High and the Art of Learning can provide subject support or even complete college prep high school classes. Time4Learning is an inexpensive complete curriculum option for all grades. Some video games like Minecraft have educational game add-ons available. The Sonoma Office of Education and county libraries offer curriculum support as well.

It is very important to find a community to support your family. Students need socialization and other homeschooling parents are great at sharing what they've learned. Facebook is a great starting place. Locally we have Cloverdale Homeschool Community, Sonoma County Homeschoolers and Homeschooling Connections of Sonoma County. These groups provide field trip and enrichment possibilities as well as being a source for curriculum suggestions. There are many special interest Facebook home study groups as well.

Charter Schools can provide support while giving you the freedom of independent study. There are many options in Sonoma County. Pathways Charter, for example, is a hybrid program. Families choose their curriculum from a wide variety of options and are supported by a credentialed teacher. Pathways provides optional onsite classes at all levels and online classes for middle and high school. Other similar schools include Orchard View and Heartwood Charters. Most school districts offer an independent study option which mirrors the work done in the classroom.

It takes a village to raise a child. Sonoma County has a dynamic home study village waiting for you!

Free Community Movie: Back To The Future

Get ready for a FREE community movie night at Cloverdale's 1st Street! Join AVFilm for a fan-favorite evening dedicated to the cult classic BACK TO THE FUTURE. Bring your family and friends, remember your chairs and blankets. Food and wine options will be available for purchase. This event is FREE to the community, Friday, September 8, 6:30 PM, on 1st Street.

Recent Paul Harris Award Recipients

The Paul Harris Foundation Fellows, named after the founder of Rotary, awards Rotarians who contribute \$1000 or more to the Rotary Foundation. The funds are used for both local and worldwide projects to better mankind. Rotary is the largest service organization in the world, with over 35,000 clubs in 220 countries.



The Rotary Club of Cloverdale was proud to award Michelle Caspary her second Paul Harris award, for outstanding service to her community.

Dr. Jim Novak (right) recently presented Dr. Bill Hoyer with his 4th Paul Harris award for his outstanding contributions to the Cloverdale community and Sonoma County.



September Monthly Gardening Tips From Sonoma County Master Gardeners Sponsored by Sanz Nursery

September is generally a very dry month, and it is not unusual to have some periods of heat before cooler weather sets in.

- Take advantage of plant sales at local nurseries. Several specialty nurseries have fall sales lasting a few weeks or longer. Some plants can be divided, doubling your savings.
- Look for plants that have good fall color. Some species that enliven the landscape with September and October color are Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Ceratostigma, Viburnum, Cotoneaster, Cornus stolonifera, Cotinus, Berberis, crab apples, and Persimmon as well as smoke tree (Cotinus coggygria), red maple (Acer rubrum), and Chinese pistache (Pistacia chinensis). Many ornamental grasses continue to look their best through fall.
- September is a good time to tour local gardens such as Sonoma Botanical Garden or Luther Burbank Gardens to observe their foliage displays.
- Fall is also the right time for planting California natives, such as Arctostaphylos, Ceanothus, and Rhamnus for structure; Ribes sanguineum, native Salvia, Epilobium, Penstemon, and Eriogonum.
- Spring-flowering bulbs begin appearing in nurseries and garden centers. It is generally easier to wait until after the first rains to plant them, but make purchases ahead of time so you are prepared.
- Fall-blooming plants should be divided in spring, and summer-bloomers in fall.

The Friends of the Cloverdale Library happily accept donations of clean books, magazines, CDs and DVDs in good condition. Because of limited space, we can only accept 3 bags or 2 boxes of donations at a time. Drop off donations at the library when open.

Help Get Your Teen Started with a Roth IRA

If you have teenagers who are starting part-time jobs, now may be a great time to introduce them to investing and one place to begin might be the Roth IRA.

A Roth IRA is a popular retirement savings vehicle, but it can also be used to help pay for college, although withdrawals of earnings used for education may be taxable.

In 2023, up to \$6,500 per year can go into your child's Roth IRA, provided the amount contributed doesn't exceed their taxable compensation for the year. In fact, you could match their contributions up to the limit to provide an incentive for your child to invest.

Helping your teenager get started with a Roth IRA gives you a chance to explain the value of putting time on your side when you invest. And because a Roth IRA can be funded with stocks, mutual funds or other securities, you can discuss the different risk/reward characteristics of various types of investments — the kind of knowledge that all investors should have.

Once your teen's first paychecks start coming in, consider bringing up the Roth IRA — you may well be opening the door to a lifetime of consistent and informed investing.

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Community Calendar Sponsored by: Clear View Optometric: "Clear Vision, Clear Choice"

Friday, Sept 1

Friday Night Live 2023 Cloverdale Downtown Plaza 6:00pm

Saturday, Sept 2

One-on-One Tech Help Cloverdale Library 1:30pm

Thursday, Sept 07

Cloverdale Rotary Bingo Railroad Station 6pm

Saturday, Sept 9

Annual Car &
Motorcycle Show
Downtown Cloverdale
Registration begins 8am
10am-4pm

Pancake Breakfast Cloverdale Senior Center 311 Main St Begins 8am

One-on-One Tech Help Cloverdale Library 1:30pm

Saturday, Sept 16

Dry Creek Big Time 2023 Dry Creek Redwood Arbor Starts at 3pm

One-on-One Tech Help Cloverdale Library 1:30pm

Saturday, Sept 23

Cloverdale Kiwanis 2nd Annual Harvest Fair Downtown Plaza 11:30-5pm

One-on-One Tech Help Cloverdale Library 1:30pm

Saturday, Sept 30

One-on-One Tech Help Cloverdale Library 1:30pm



For complete event details and more local events go to www.cloverdaleconnect.com

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The Illini 4000, a non-profit organization dedicated to documenting the American cancer experience through The Portraits Project, recently made a stop at Pick's. They are raising funds for cancer research and patient support services, as well as spreading awareness for the fight against cancer through annual cross-country bike rides.



Cloverdale High School recently held its annual student round up, allowing students to familiarize themselves with the various clubs and activities available on campus. Representing the Cloverdale Rotary Interact Club are newly elected President Keiko Saito and Vice President Max Fincher. The Interact Club is a service organization sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cloverdale, dedicated to the principals of "service above self."

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CLOVERDALE Celebrating Creek Week by Improving our River Health

The City of Cloverdale is committed to protecting the health of the Russian River Watershed. In September, international, national, and local organizations come together to encourage public participation in keeping our watersheds healthy and free of harmful pollutants. This year marks the 39th anniversary of Coastal Cleanup Day on September 23rd. In addition, National Pollution Prevention Week is celebrated from September 18-22, and locally, Creek Week is celebrated in the Russian River Watershed from September 16-23rd.



Participate in Creek Week with the City of Cloverdale

Creek Week is a wonderful opportunity for local community members to learn about the watershed they live in and to come together and clean up the trash from local beaches, rivers, and creeks. Last year, in partnership with Russian Riverkeeper, 25 volunteers from the Cloverdale community were able to clean up over 800 cubic feet of debris. That covers the same area as three school buses. Volunteers removed tents, mattresses, a motorcycle, lawnmower, tires, car parts, and more.



Without volunteers dedicating their time to help with these cleanup events, this trash would have been washed downriver during last year's wet winter and would have negatively impacted our river, downstream communities, and, eventually, the ocean.

This year, the City of Cloverdale will host two Russian River cleanups on Saturday, September 16th from 9-11 am and volunteers are needed. Volunteers can choose to clean up the River at Asti Bridge (meeting at the Russian River bridge on Washington School Road) or at First Street Bridge (meeting near the cemetery on Crocker Road / E. First St.). All supplies (gloves, trash grabbers, bags, etc.) will be provided, and volunteers will also receive a special gift. We hope to see many volunteers and have a very successful Creek Week Cleanup. If you would like to join the community in protecting our local environment, please sign-up for the cleanup event of your choice at:

https://bit.ly/Cleanup2023-AstiBridge or https://bit.ly/Cleanup2023-FirstStreetBridge.

Conservation Project Will Help Russian River and Creeks Too

The City of Cloverdale is not just focused on river health during September, but is committed to improving the Russian River's health all year round. The Russian River, our water supply, is a vital resource, and we are taking significant steps to ensure its sustainability and protect our local ecosystems.

Cloverdale's water supply comes from several wells located near the Cloverdale River Park along the Russian River at the City's Water Treatment Plant. These wells tap into the alluvium beneath the river, which is a complex mixture of gravel, sand, silt, and clay. The groundwater from these wells is treated and then distributed throughout our city's water system to serve the city's daily and emergency needs.

However, during times of drought, challenges arise. Lower groundwater levels and reduced river flow have posed difficulties for two of our older water supply wells. The problem, known as air entrainment, occurs when air and debris mix with the water during pumping, leading to clogging of our treatment plant's filters. This requires extra resources and energy to clean the filters, costing both valuable water and energy.



Thanks to the support of a grant from the State, the City is embarking on a Well Replacement and Rehabilitation Project that will benefit not only our city but also the health of the Russian River and its surrounding creeks. In 2022, the City was awarded a \$3,005,000 grant as part of the Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program. This grant will fund essential water supply and distribution system projects across our city.

The City will use some of the grant funds to rehabilitate one well, replace another, and improve operational control at the water treatment plant. This project will reduce or eliminate excessive filter clogging that occurs during low flows in the River, provide plant operators real-time water level information to enable precise flow control, and ensure a more stable drawdown of groundwater levels, even under low flow or peak demand conditions.

But that's not all. These improvements are projected to conserve an impressive 13 million gallons of water each year. The increased efficiency in water usage means we'll require less water from the River, thereby reducing stress on this vital ecosystem. By safeguarding water flows that support aquatic life, maintain ecosystem health, and offer recreational opportunities, we are nurturing the delicate balance of our local environment.

Together, we are taking strides toward a more sustainable and resilient water supply system. By doing so, we're not only ensuring a brighter future for ourselves but also contributing to the well-being of our cherished Russian River and surrounding creeks.

Funding for the Well Replacement and Rehabilitation project has been provided in full or in part from the Budget Act of 2021 and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources.

Learn More!

Please contact David Kelley, City Manager or visit: https://www.cloverdale.net/266/Utilities-Department

City Manager David Kelley

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Gingerbread Village Competition

Cloverdale Ace Hardware invites you to assist in creating the 1st Annual Cloverdale Gingerbread Village. With a goal to create all major buildings, landmarks and businesses in Cloverdale, it will be displayed at Ace Hardware for everyone to see and enjoy. There is a children's competition (12 and under) AND an adult competition. Prize for children's contest is a \$50 gift certificate to Cloverdale Ace and the adult winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Cloverdale Ace.

Please pick up the complete and detailed rules for the contest entry at Cloverdale Ace Hardware on South Cloverdale Blvd. ALL entries must be turned in on November 14th and 15th.





Cloverdale Rotary Club president Robert Redner relaxes after helping spruce up the benches at Cloverdale's Second Street Park playground. Thanks to Barnes Lumber and Lynn Hoyer for donating the lumber.



Your Dog's Best Friend Michele Armanino



Brigid Wasson was totally on board when she received a call from a family who frantically informed her of their immediate departure for Japan due to a family emergency and their need for

a two-week dog sitter. "But when I saw the one-hundred-pound Akita, a breed not always known to be friendly towards strangers, I knew no one else would do the job." she chuckles. "We became great friends though, and the family was very happy to see that when they returned."

Besides writing a pet column, "Whisker Talk" for Cloverdale Connect, blogging and promoting her YouTube Channel, Wasson owns Curly Doodle Dog Grooming at 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd. She attributes her rapport with animals to a humane handling approach. Wasson explains. "For example, 'covid dogs', a term given to dogs obtained by their owners during the Pandemic, may need a special approach as they are not necessarily socialized and may have separation anxiety. Letting these dogs walk around while I brush them, allowing them to chomp on a chewy stick and putting the dogs with mobility issues in a comfortable sling while I clip their nails, all are calming and relaxing procedures which allow me to get the job done."

Wasson, who started her career over thirty years ago with the Humane Society, is being trained by a professional Master Groomer. Her main focus is Doodles, but all dogs are welcome, including cats that need their nails clipped and fur brushed. Wasson recalls a time when an elderly house-bound woman needed her senior, long-haired dachshund groomed. "We were completely booked, but we took the time to pick her dog up, groom it and return it to her apartment. We try very hard to never say that we're too busy."

Wasson's future goals are to offer free grooming for animals in pet shelters waiting to be adopted and to expand her business further into northern Sonoma County.



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Thank You to Our Teacher/Staff of the Month Sponsors ~ Angela Cordova

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*Apology in advance if someone has been left off the list.



WaterSmart Meter Program

City contractors have begun the process of installing new Smart meters in Cloverdale. Ultimately, the City's contractor will replace and upgrade every customer's existing water meter with an innovative "WaterSmart Meter", equipped with communication technology that will allow customers to monitor their water use. It is anticipated that customers will experience approximately 30 minutes of water shutoff during installation. A door hangar will be placed on the customer's front door when the water meter is replaced. Please find below a link with additional information about the City's SmartMeter Program.

Visit: https://www.cloverdale.net/watermeter

John Lee Kirn November 21, 1948 – July 21, 2023

John died in his sleep July 21, 2023, at the age of 74. He was out on the road in his motorhome, cruising through the state of South Dakota. A full-time vagabond since about 2017, John relished exploring the backroads and tiny towns of the U.S. with his beloved cats; first Sinbad and then Beans.



John, an only child, was born to Shirley (Horner) Kirn and Terry Lee Kirn in Los Angeles, California. His parents divorced in 1955 and his mother married Charles Richard Zuttermeister. His dad Terry was killed by a drunk driver while on a motorcycle when John was 7 years old.

John spent a lot of his childhood with his maternal and paternal grandparents, and he was encouraged to read and explore. His Grandmother Kirn took him to museums, concerts, and ballets. He graduated from Warren High School in 1966.

He met and fell in love with Jane Caffee. They were married on Valentine's Day, 1968. John got a job with the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. Shelly was born later in 1968 and Scott was born in 1972. While in Southern California, John raced motorcycles in the desert. In 1972, the Kirn family relocated to the small, northern California town of Cloverdale where John worked at the Post Office. He was able to retire in 2002 after 34 years. John loved camping trips with his family to state and national parks, stopping at every single historical marker along the way.

On his 30th birthday, he gave himself the gift of running, and eventually was a regular participant in 10Ks, half and full marathons throughout the north state. He also trained for and completed a triathlon. He almost always had some sort of project vehicle in the carport and had many adventures with his Land Rover crew in the deserts of Baja and the Great Basin.

John and Jane were fortunate to be able to travel abroad, including multiple trips to Mexico, cruises through the Panama Canal and the Caribbean, and a "trip of a lifetime" to Egypt. For 10 years, John and Jane participated in Burning Man festival out on the Black Rock Playa. He enjoyed music, everything from classical to Bob Dylan, to Pink Floyd. In 2009 John and Jane relocated to Santa Rosa, and eventually he transitioned to his dream of being a full-time traveler in his small Winnebego. To say that he was an eccentric free spirit would be an understatement. A voracious reader, he often had several books going at the same time.

John was preceded in death by his father Terry Kirn, his mother Shirley, and stepfather Dick Zuttermeister. He is survived by his wife Jane Kirn of Santa Rosa, daughter Shelly Kirn of Chico, son Scott Kirn of Denver, grandsons Miles and Gavin Kirn, and friends and fellow travelers on the road.

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Dolph Green Celebrates 20th Anniversary Serving Cloverdale

Financial advisors at Edward Jones believe in partnering for positive impact to improve the well-being of their clients and colleagues and to better their communities and society. Dolph Green, a financial advisor in Cloverdale has embodied that philosophy and is celebrating his 20th anniversary with the firm and with his clients. He is an active member of the community through Rotary, Druids, and overall general community support. In order to serve a broader range of client needs, Green has taken additional training and has earned the professional certification.

Kristin Kurpinsky, the senior branch office administrator, works side by side with Green to help make a difference in their clients' lives. Kurpinsky has been with Edward Jones for 17 years, all of them in Cloverdale

"Kristin is an asset to our clients and our firm," said Green. "I would like to recognize her for the excellent service she provides to our clients." "Most importantly, I would like to thank our clients for the trust they have placed in me over the past 20 plus years," Green said.

Cloverdale Ponytail League Raquel Moffett

The Cloverdale Ponytail League's 2023 Season came to an exciting close in early August. CPL recreational girls' softball had 116 players ages 5 to 13 years old on 11 teams and played a two-month summer season at Cloverdale City Park. In addition to rec league, CPL had two full rosters on their 12U and 14U Fire & Ice travel ball teams. Fire & Ice played in tournaments spanning from Sonoma to Sacramento Counties and earned a more competitive edge on the game by matching up against teams from throughout California.

CPL would not be the success it is without the support of their coaches, volunteers, and generous sponsors. The season concluded with the much-anticipated and spectator favorite "Coaches vs. Farm/Minor Player's Game". In addition to recognizing the league All Stars at the close of the season, CPL was honored to name Lillylyn Austin the 2023 Cherna Alliston Farm League Rookie of the Year.





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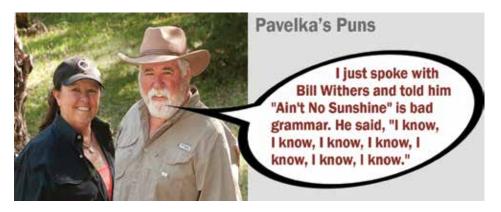


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Cloverdale Library Community Connection John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

The school year has officially started, but this month I want to do a shout-out to our Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Sutherland who spearheaded the Cloverdale Library's Summer Lunch program, aimed at nourishing young minds and bodies. Over the course of the summer, around 200 meals were served. It also was an invaluable professional development experience for its participants, leaving a lasting impact on both the interns and volunteers involved. Billie and Dylan, the high school interns, gained practical skills in event planning, community engagement, and teamwork as they collaborated with Zhanna and Coltrane, the dedicated teen volunteers.

Among the program's highlights, Slime Day stood out as a delightfully messy yet fun activity that brought laughter and creativity to the forefront. Toothy Storytime not only captivated young minds with engaging tales but also promoted dental care by distributing bamboo toothbrushes and dental floss. Topping it all off was the Money Smart School Supply Store, where children learned financial responsibility by budgeting their 40 Ottobucks for school supplies and art to personalize their backpacks. Through these engaging activities, the Summer Lunch program at Cloverdale Library not only fed hungry stomachs but also cultivated a nurturing environment for learning, creativity, and personal development.

As usual, we have plenty of events for all ages, and this month kicks off our fall schedule.

Children

Family Storytime (weekly on Thurs.) starts Sept. 7, 10:30 am **Spanish Music & Movement** (2nd Tuesday of the month) starts Sept. 12, 11:00 am

Teen

Painting with Metallic Watercolors on Wed., Sept. 6, 3pm Game On! (Weekly on Wed.) starts Sept. 13, 2:30-4:30 pm Pride (un)Book Club for Teens (Weekly on Fri.) starts Sept. 15, 4:00-5:00 pm

Adult

Watercolor Painting at the Cloverdale Senior Center, Tues. Sept. 19, 3-4 pm

Author Talk (Live virtual) with Adam Alter on Wednesday Sept. 20, 11 am

More events are listed on the library's events calendar!



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Sonoma County's Digital Library Will Carter

When I was growing up, I was an enthusiastic reader. Because of this I would find myself frequenting the Cloverdale Library. Then, as a young adult, I slowly stopped going. Recently, I returned to the library to find that they seem to offer more services than ever! I would like to share with my readers three outstanding digital media services offered by the Sonoma County Library.

The first service is a smartphone app called Libby. Libby is a virtual library where library card holders can check out digital versions of books. Libby offers books in two formats: eBooks or audiobooks. For eBooks, the borrower can read the book on their smartphone or download the book to their Amazon Kindle device. For audiobooks, the Libby app can play on your phone, in your car via Bluetooth, or can be enjoyed more discreetly with a pair of headphones. In my experience it is significantly easier to borrow books using the Libby app, than it is to buy books on the popular Kindle or Audible apps.

The second service is Kanopy. Kanopy is a video streaming service which is available to library card holders. This service has both an app and a website, allowing you to easy access to what they bill as "critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more." Most borrowers will be able to find many shows and movies they'll enjoy from the large catalog which includes A24, BBC, The Criterion Collection, HBO, PBS, and others!

The third service is Hoopla. Hoopla has both a website and a smartphone app. Instead of being specialized, like Libby or Kanopy, Hoopla offers a wider range of media: Audiobooks, eBooks, movies, eComics, television, and even music! While I am less experienced with this app, it offers a great variety and has a ton of options for media designed for children.

With these three free services, I no longer find myself needing my Audible subscription, buying Kindle books, or at a loss for something to watch. If you're a reader or a watcher, I can strongly recommend checking out what the Sonoma County Library has to offer!

Courtney's Pumpkin Patch on Hiatus for 2023 ~ Catharine, Dennis, Janet, David and Denise

Sadly, Courtney's Pumpkin Patch (CPP) will not be participating this year at the annual Harvest Fair on September 30th. It has become increasingly difficult and expensive to obtain pumpkins and combined with other fundraising endeavors this year, we did not have time to properly organize an event of this size.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Back Road Rejects motorcycle group for raising money for CPP with their event on August 19th and to the Staretz Family Trust for their

donation of items to our rummage sale this year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for CPP, we extend our sincere thanks to our amazing community for their continued support over the past 16 years. If you would like to continue your support to our causes with a monetary donation to next year's scholarship and our gift baskets for cancer patients, we would be very grateful. All proceeds go directly to these two programs in 2024. Send to Catharine and Dennis Davis at 478 South Foothill Blvd., Cloverdale, CA. 95425.







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- Ongoing maintenance of landscaping and the building
- New shrubbery installed across the front and patio side of the building
- Watering system installed for same areas
- Ten yards of bark spread across the front of the building
- Purchase of a new commercial 10 burner/ two ovens range in the kitchen
- The existing stove/ovens were donated to the Cloverdale Fire Department which they will install in a community trailer for events
- A new storage shed built by the high school shop Department is to be installed
- Purchase of three commercial picnic tables/benches for the patio
- Three shade cloths over our patio area to be installed

The Sons of Legion Squadron 293, will again host a FREE hot dog, soda & CAR SHOW again on Sept. 7th & Oct. 12th. All are welcome to bring your classic or trophy car to exhibit. NO FEES, just fun!

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It never crossed my mind to get anything but pizza from Papa's Pizza. I just could not imagine ordering their ribs... then I did. The rest is food history. We get the crispy and hands down some of the best ribs I have ever had. With a side salad and delivered with a smile. Their service is incredible and their friendly happy staff that delivers are some of the nicest peeps around. Debbie Handy

I want to shout out what an amazing job Carlos and crew from **Enrique Tree Trimming** did in our back yard today. Best job ever. They are the best. Cary Watts Fraser

Shout out to Chris and All Out Plumbers. They helped me reposition my gas outlet on the wall because I was changing from a cooktop to a slide in gas range. They were prompt, friendly and extremely efficient. Now with a new hood and gas range, life is dandy. Try them out, you won't be disappointed. Tasi Cavu Gukisuva

The new owners at **Mountain Mike's Pizza**, are absolutely fantastic! The salad bar is super fresh, variety of pizzas available at lunch special time and the customer service is excellent. All you can eat lunch special \$14 that's with tax. Chrissy Hart

What can I say about All N One La Joya Detailing other than...OUTSTANDING!!! You would have needed to see my "ranch truck" to truly appreciate their work. Weeks of dust in every nook and cranny, atrocious windows and dirt/dust and mud everywhere. WOW!!! When I drove up to pick up my truck yesterday. I went right past it as I thought it was someone else's vehicle. I did not recognize my 10-year -old truck as it looked brand new. Please check out their "menu of services" as you can have your vehicle washed, cleaned and "detailed" for as little as \$80. Forget about driving down to Santa Rosa for a carwash. I am keeping my business local and honestly get a better product for around the same price without the expense of gas, time and hassle. Way to go team! Ron Pavelka

Gonna pull out my little megaphone and give a shout out to Erica Bishop - State Farm Insurance Agent and the team. We changed to them from a competitor for our car insurance (saved money) and then our home insurance (better coverage and less \$\$\$). I love that they are in town - local people, so they are fast to respond and are aware of issues in our little community that may pertain to home, car, and life needs. Merwyn Welch

Cloverdale Police Logs

For current non-confidential activities and incidents in our community, access the Police Logs using this link: https://www.cloverdale.net/quicklinks.aspx?CIS=4.

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Kiwanis Harvest Fair ~ Laurie Kneeland

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Come enjoy the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale's 2nd Annual Kiwanis is: "Serving the children of the world one child at Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 30th from 11:30 – 5pm. a time."

Join the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale at the Harvest Fair, downtown Cloverdale! It will be fun for the whole family with many surprises – Kids' Activities, Food and Beverages for sale, Vendors, Crafts and a whole lot more plus The Poyntless Sisters will be there to entertain everyone. The Beer Sponsor is Wolf House and wine will be poured by local Sonoma County wineries.



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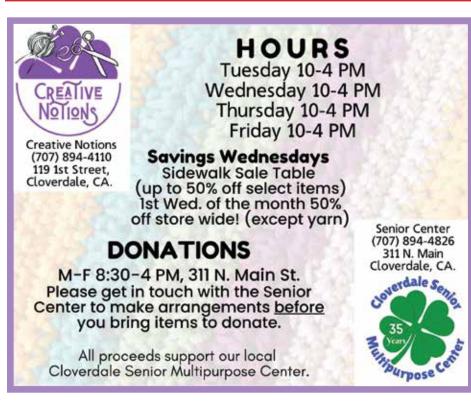


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Cooking with David Maciel

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September always signals the start of fall weather and apple harvest season for me, and one of my favorites dishes combines fresh picked apples and chicken. These easy to make chicken apple sausage patties are delicious and great for any meal of the day. This recipe makes 8 servings.

Chicken Apple Sausage Patties Ingredients

- 1 Granny Smith apple, unpeeled
- 1 lb. ground chicken, white & dark meat combined 50/50 blend
- 2 garlic cloves, grated on a microplane*
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. fennel seeds
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
- · Pinch of nutmeg
- 4 tsp. vegetable oil, divided

Directions

- 1. Grate the apple on the large holes of a box grater; discard the core and stem. Gather the grated apple into a paper towel and carefully wring out the apple juice, while reserving the apple. Roughly chop the grated apple and transfer to a large bowl.
- 2. Add the ground chicken, garlic, scallions, salt, pepper, fennel seeds, crushed red pepper, and nutmeg to the bowl with the apple. Gently mix by hand to combine the sausage mixture. Shape into 8 balls and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 3. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large cast iron skillet over medium heat. Flatten 4 balls, each into a 3-inch wide patty and place in the preheated skillet. Cook the sausage patties until browned on both sides and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer to a plate and tent with foil to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining oil and sausage patties. Serve warm.
- * A microplane is a kitchen tool with a long, narrow, stainless-steel grater and a handle for grip. It has small, sharp, razor-like edges that can shave light, powdery, or fine pieces of cheese, garlic, ginger, citrus peel, chocolate, or spices. It was originally a woodworking tool that became a culinary gadget by accident.

Asti Tour de Vine



Join the Cloverdale Rotary Club, for the 15th annual Asti Tour de Vine, a 25k, 50k, 100k, 100m (century) bicycle tour on Saturday, Oct. 14, the perfect season for a bike tour in the beautiful Alexander Valley. Ride uncrowded routes through rural valleys, past autumn-hued

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