

Cloverdale Connect

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November 2023

Artist: Joe Cotruvo



Editor's Note

Fall is a bit of a melancholy time for me each year with the skies darkening and the daylight hours becoming shorter. The falling leaves remind me that it is also the time of year both my father and my brother passed decades ago. In the last few years, we have lost so many friends. It's the natural circle of life, however those words sometimes provide little comfort. For me, Fall is that turning season as we head into happier holiday celebrations and although it's a bit of a bumpy ride, I hang on knowing that there are good things on the horizon.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season for me, when the cheerful holiday lights begin to go up. I have some friends who send a Thanksgiving/Gratitude greeting card out each year instead of a "Christmas" card, with what we all need to be reminded of – count your blessings, your friends, your family and all that is good and wonderful in your life. So, I do. And I feel better. I am blessed.

I'll see you around town!

Dana



Hometown Hero
and Mt. Sinai
medical student
Rico Pesce keeps
up with what's
happening back
home by reading
Cloverdale Connect
in Dante Park,
Manhattan, NY



Nicole Ryan Front Page Photo Contest Winner
She won a Gift Card from
El Molcajete

Welcome November!

The holiday season has officially begun and Cloverdale is ready to Celebrate! Opening Friday, November 24th is the Heart City, Merry Market. This magical holiday marketplace located at 129 N Cloverdale Blvd. Suite #6 is guaranteed to get you in the Holiday Spirit and is the perfect spot to start your fun filled weekend of Shopping Locally!

Please support our local businesses and restaurants, the heart and soul of this community. Your support means the world to them and ensures the continuation of all of our Downtown Events such as Fourth of July, Car Show and the upcoming Winter Festival.

Friday Nov. 24th **Merry Market Grand Opening**
Saturday Nov. 25th **Shop Local Saturday**
(Small Business Saturday)
Friday Dec. 1st **Cloverdale Winter Festival**

Support our Senior Center

Consider donating to the Senior Center; your donation stays local, supports our neighbors and families, and is much needed.

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Holiday Card Design Contest Last Chance to Enter!

Attention young artists! If you are age 12 or under, it's time to submit your artistic concept for the annual **Cloverdale Connect Holiday Card**. Use crayons, paint, markers, charcoal, pencil – whatever medium you like. Theme guidelines are: something related to Cloverdale and must represent **Cloverdale Connect** specifically in the artwork. Designs must be created by hand, no computer assistance please. All entries must be received no later than Friday November 17th. Winning design will be featured on our Holiday Greeting Card and also in the December issue of **Cloverdale Connect**. Winner will receive a \$25 Gift Card to **Merry & Bright Market**, a Heart City pop-up.

Submit as a pdf or jpg via email at info@cloverdaleconnect.com or mail to P.O. Box 404 Cloverdale. All effort will be made to return original artwork submitted by mail, however not guaranteed.

Cloverdale Rotary Interact Club Volunteers



Robert Redner

The Cloverdale Rotary High School Interact Club volunteered recently, helping with the Asti Tour de Vine, the Cloverdale Rotary Club's nationally famous bicycle event.

Pictured welcoming the riders at the finish line are (left to right) Hana Springler, Tyler Hatcher, Jovanny Gonzalez, and Ronnie Hatcher.

Thanks to all the Interactors who helped make the event the success that it was. Great job!



CUSD Teacher of the Month Danielle Lambert

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Danielle Lambert, previously Ms. Ostrove, has been at Washington School for 7 years, teaching 5th and 6th grade. She is queen of coordinated chaos and all about project-based learning. She provides her students with interactive learning experiences they remember for years, including budget projects, 3D maps, and other hands-on projects. She goes above and beyond for the sake of her students and it truly shows. If you ask her students to describe her, they'd say, she is compassionate, a go-getter, and always has either a coffee or Diet Coke on hand.

Mrs. Lambert is married to Brian and they have 2 boys - Coby who is 5 and Cooper who is 2. Aside from Mrs. Lambert's school family and her own family, she loves to work out and read books.

Mrs. Lambert is a true gem and we are so lucky to have her as a teacher at Washington School.



Cloverdale Connect Cruise To Alaska! Reserve Your Stateroom Now

Come join **Cloverdale Connect**, along with our travel partner **Cloverdale Travel**, aboard the Crown Princess as we sail round trip from San Francisco under the Golden Gate Bridge to Alaska. We'll visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Dawes Glacier, and have a full day in Victoria, British Columbia where we can visit Butchart Gardens. From her nearly 900 balconies to the breathtaking three-story Atrium, you'll discover a relaxing atmosphere on the Crown Princess filled with an array of world class entertainment and dining options. This 11 Night Alaska Inside Passage sailing on the Crown Princess sets sail on Sunday, May 26, 2024 and returns on Thursday, June 6, 2024. Enjoy convenient and comfortable bus coach service to and from the port in SF. Choose from Interior Staterooms, Oceanview, Balcony, Mini-Suite or Full Suite.

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For more information and to reserve your stateroom, call Craig at **Cloverdale Travel** www.CloverdaleTravel.com, 707 894 5284. Let's travel together on the first annual Cloverdale Connect Cruise!



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PET of the MONTH



Pearl
enjoying a ride on the bike.
Brad Zanzi

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Cloverdale Connect College Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday December 10th

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Enjoy a wonderful lunch, great music, raffle and more at the **Cloverdale Connect College Scholarship Fundraiser**. Participate in a “Beatles Sing A Long” with William Florian, former lead singer of the New Christy Minstrels and a fantastic entertainer. Chef Raymond Pesce will be serving up his “World Famous” BBQ pasta plus more treats, and we’ll have lots of raffle prizes. Just \$50 per person – includes fabulous meal, glass of wine or soda, live entertainment - all at a convenient venue, the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center. Tickets may be purchased via Venmo, check or credit card.

To secure your tickets, email info@cloverdaleconnect.com. This event will sell out – only 60 tickets will be sold and tickets are selling fast! All net proceeds benefit the **Cloverdale Connect Scholarship**, which is awarded to a graduating CHS senior with an interest in journalism, media, advertising, photography, graphic design, AI, CGI or related field.

Come join the Holiday Fun and support the Cloverdale Connect Scholarship Fund!

For more information: 707-322-3403

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Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

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At Curly Doodle Dog Grooming we often see matted dogs. Many owners don’t understand the needs of their heavy-coated breeds. Here are some tips for keeping your Doodle or other longhaired dog looking and feeling their best.

1) Proper brushing. Most owners say they brush their dog, but they only brush the top of the hair. If you cannot run a fine-tooth comb easily through the hair **DOWN TO THE SKIN** the dog is matted. Line brushing daily using a slicker and comb is the best way to keep the hair in good shape.

2) Keep the hair short. Everyone loves those cute fluffy cuts they see on Instagram but they are not realistic for most owners. Longer hair picks up foxtails and burrs and tangles quickly. Many Doodles run hot and are stressed in higher temps. They will pant a lot, be restless, and lie down on the bare floor or bathroom tile to cool down.


3) Regular grooming. Doodles and other long and heavy coated dogs should be professionally groomed at least every six weeks. This can cause sticker shock for a new owner but must be included in the budget. Groomers have expertise and \$\$\$\$ in professional grade equipment that make grooming easier on both dog and groomer.

Sadly, The Clover Theater Is Now Closed

Cloverdale Connect extends our heartfelt thanks and good wishes to Ryan Hecht and The Clover Theater. Thank you, Ryan for all the work you did to keep our movie theater open. We are saddened to hear that the theater must close and will miss going to the movies there.

We know you worked so hard to come up with innovative ideas to keep it open. Thank you for what you were able to accomplish over the last 10 years.

Cloverdale Christmas Giving



A big THANK YOU to the supporters of the **Cloverdale Christmas Giving** for local families in need. Angela Cordova is once again assisting with the Cloverdale Christmas Giving for families that may need a little help this Holiday Season. The Santa's helpers from Honeybee's Playgarden will be helping Santa wrap the gifts again.

If you would like to adopt a family or donate, please contact Angela 707-479-8089 or angelacordova@comcast.net to ensure there is enough to support all the families signing up. You can Venmo Angela and put Cloverdale Christmas in the note or write a check to "St Peter's SVdP conference" for a tax write-off. Angela is happy to pick up your donation check.

Cloverdale Church Guide

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History of The United Church of Cloverdale



The United Church of Cloverdale, located at 439 No. Cloverdale Blvd., was the first church organized in Cloverdale. It began on January 17, 1869 as The First Congregational Church and consisted of eight members. During the Fall of 1869 the building was erected on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. James Kleiser. It was 30x50 feet and cost \$2,500. It had a belfry which housed a bell that was donated by the Presbyterian Church in Mendocino City. This is the

bell still heard at the Cloverdale church.

A generous donation of \$10,000 was made by Mrs. Susan Chalfant in memory of her husband. This was given for the construction of a new sanctuary and a pipe organ. The original church building was moved back on the property, became the Fellowship Hall, and construction was begun in June 1906. On March 28, 1907, the new church was dedicated. Through the years other buildings were added to the property to house the pastor's family (this burned in 2000), the Education building (built in 1960), Church offices and Thrift Shop (built in 2001). Nationally some Congregational churches merged with other denominations to become the United Church of Christ. This church became part of that group around 1978.

On February 4, 1979 United Church of Christ in Cloverdale merged with the First Methodist Church of Cloverdale to become one. They adopted the name United Church of Cloverdale and continued to meet in what was to become known as "the Ivy Church" building, using the Methodist hymnal and becoming one church. The Cloverdale Food Pantry was begun by the church in the late 1980s. This church voted to become Open and Affirming to all people in 1998.

Now in their 154th year, the church is still holding regular services and continuing community service projects.

Free Pipe Organ Concerts

Friday, Nov. 3, 6p.m., final concert in the Bay Area Reger Festival features Samuel Lee, a doctoral student at McGill University in Quebec. The evening is co-sponsored by the Redwood Empire Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 5p.m., St. Paul's Director of Music Paul Blanchard plays a Hymn Festival and Choral Concert.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 5p.m., Blanchard plays the traditional Lessons and Carols made famous by King's College of Cambridge, England. Sing favorite Christmas carols and enjoy festive music of the season.

Concerts take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Matheson and East Streets, Healdsburg



SoCo Trading Company Filling Jars to the Brim! Michele Armanino

Kim Neal, proprietor of SoCo Trading Company, E. First Street, grew up in Los Altos, CA, the youngest and only girl in a family of four boys. Kim met her husband Ted at Cal Poly and settled in Healdsburg where Kim became the co-manager of Healdsburg Running Company. In 2017, Ted, a corporate pilot, was offered an opportunity to manage a sea plane and relocated his family to the island of Fiji in the South Pacific. They spent their weekends exploring the nearby islands but were soon saddened to see the waters of the South Pacific contaminated with plastic and garbage. The family returned back to the US and Kim made it her goal to bring environmental awareness to her local community.

SoCo Trading Company, an environmentally friendly store, opened in 2022. Be prepared to spend time browsing hand-made global and local products, mostly by women vendors, in the serene, earthy, eye-catching store. “Customers tell me that they can find something for everybody in here.” Kim says. Vibrantly colored tote bags fashioned from recycled Indian saris hang alongside backpacks upcycled from army tents. Handmade candles, jewelry, children's and local authors' books, olive oil, bird feeders fashioned from gourds, macramed plant hangers and more adorn the shelves. Bring in your jars and fill them with environment-saving laundry detergent (it only takes one Tbs. to do a load of wash), natural shampoos, conditioners, sunblocks, deodorants, toothpaste tablets, hand soaps and facial products. Kim happily relays that when customers first started bringing in their refill jars, she'd make a tally mark on a chart in the store. “The first month I had forty refills, now it's up to 154.”

Kim is pleased that her family's adventure resulted in a business that is aiding the environment. She's excited to offer fair trade, sustainable and locally made things for the upcoming holidays.



Diego Harris, Sculptor



Diego Harris's new sculpture has been installed and after much contemplation, Diego is giving this sculpture the title of “Tidal Wave”. Diego had the following comment about his sculpture: “I've exaggerated the curve quite a bit because I've been wanting to do something like this in a sculpture for a while. I figured that this would be a good time to try it out.”

“Tidal Wave” is 9' 8" x 6' 4" x 3' 6" with a composition of Corten steel (sometimes known as weathered steel), Corten steel welding wire and rebar and is sponsored by Jude Gibson.



What should you know about RMDs?

Over the decades, you might contribute to a traditional IRA and 401(k). But when should you start taking money out of these retirement accounts? You can withdraw funds when you retire, or even before. However, you must start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — once you turn 73.

When you take your RMDs, you need to be aware of taxes. RMDs are taxed as ordinary income, so they could potentially bump you into a higher tax bracket, which may increase your Medicare premiums.

To address this issue, you could convert some, or all, of your tax-deferred IRA and 401(k) to a Roth IRA, which doesn't require RMDs. However, this move creates taxable income in the year of conversion, so you'd need to have the money to pay the taxes. Another possibility is donating up to \$100,000 of your RMDs from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity, which would allow you to avoid the taxes that would result if you took the RMDs directly.

Before making either of these moves, consult with your tax advisor. And learn as much as you can about RMDs — they could play a big part in your retirement income strategy.

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Road Cleanup



The Rotary Club of Cloverdale conducted its first annual County “road clean-up” recently, picking up almost 100lbs of garbage. The Club has adopted McCray Road, gateway to the Cloverdale River Park.

Pictured from left to right are Joan Tillman, Dr. Bill Hoyer, Tiffany Kinsey and Jimmy DeMartini. This will be an ongoing Rotary activity. Thanks to Clyde Galantine of the County of Sonoma for his assistance in this endeavor.



Providence Health System's new mobile clinic will be popping up in front of La Familia Sana this Fall. ALL are welcome!

La nueva clínica móvil de Providence Health System aparecerá frente a La familia Sana este otoño. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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November Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners *Sponsored by Sanz Nursery*

- November is the time to plant California natives. Hardy species suited to our climate and ecosystem need little water once established but require good irrigation to stimulate root growth.
- Dig up and divide ornamental grasses and perennials. Their dormancy, shorter days, moist earth, and cooler weather all make this the least stressful time to disturb them.
- If you don't have access to manures, add composted organic material, adding 2-4 in. of either. Your soil will be much improved by spring.
- Rake up leaves as they fall. Shred large leaves before composting or run a lawn mower over them. If not shredded, large, moist leaves will mat and decompose very slowly, making a slippery, gooey mass in your compost pile or on beds.
- Heavy feeders such as roses and fruit trees should get a good dose of organic fertilizer. Winter rain allows nutrients to penetrate into the ground where they break down and are ready to feed plants in spring.
- The first frost often occurs in mid-November. Protect tender plants such as Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Citrus, Tibouchina, and other tender species. You can use an anti-desiccant spray such as Cloud Cover or a spun fabric row cover. Covering plants with sheets or lightweight blankets or burlap is another option. If you use plastic sheeting, do not allow plastic to contact foliage. A strand of Christmas lights in a tree is often enough to protect a plant.
- Spring-flowering bulbs are on display in nurseries and garden centers now. When the ground becomes soft from rain, put bulbs in the ground, following package directions.
- There are also many annuals that provide winter bloom, such as Icelandic poppies, pansies or other Viola, Calendula, Cyclamen, and primroses. Most nurseries have a supply of six-packs of these and other winter bloomers.

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

- Nov 2 Thursday**
6pm Rotary Bingo, Railroad Station Bar & Grill
- Nov 3 Friday**
6 pm Free Pipe Organ Concert, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Healdsburg
- Nov 4 Saturday**
1pm Disco Dance Party, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
10-3pm Holiday Craft Fair, Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center
Car Show & Chili Cook-Off, Wolf House Brewing
7:30-9:30pm Pazifico performs, Cloverdale Arts Alliance
- Nov 7 Tuesday**
5-7:30pm FFA Drive Thru Tri-Tip Fundraiser, Citrus Fairgrounds
- Nov 8 Wednesday**
6pm Girls Flag Football, Grades 10 & 12 vs Grades 9 & 11
- Nov 11 Saturday**
7:30pm Stella Heath, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
6pm The Hots Concert, Citrus Fairgrounds
10am-4pm Holiday Craft Fair, Citrus Fairgrounds
- Nov 18 Saturday**
7:30pm Old Time Radio Show, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- Nov 19 Sunday**
2pm Old Time Radio Show, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- Nov 24 Friday**
Merry & Bright Market Opens, 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
- Dec 1 Friday**
5-8pm Cloverdale Winter Festival
- Dec 2 Saturday**
5:30pm Kiwanis CRAB & PASTA FEED, Citrus Fairgrounds
- Dec 3 Sunday**
5:30-8pm Photos with Santa, Redwood Community Services Fundraiser, 207 Gamay Drive
- Dec 9 Saturday**
9am-2pm Hopland Craft Fair, 1 Bettcher Drive, Hopland
1-3pm Holiday Tea Party, Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center
- Dec 10 Sunday**
12-3:30pm Cloverdale Connect Beatles Sing A Long Scholarship Fundraiser, Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center

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

Cloverdale Adds Resources for Education

The 2023-24 academic year in Cloverdale is off to an exciting start as students and teachers eagerly embrace the educational opportunities ahead. Since 1992, the CARE Foundation has been a steadfast supporter of enrichment programs in Cloverdale schools.

Last year, out of the 1,318 students in the district, 54% qualified for free or reduced meals, reflecting the economic challenges faced by many families. These students, the future business owners, community leaders, and educators of Cloverdale, are working hard and deserve the support they need to succeed.

The CARE Foundation has already made significant commitments for the 2023-24 school year, including the Ane Rovetta Art Program at Jefferson, garden support across all three schools, new books, field trip support, and a two-week summer Mariachi Camp.

Community members are invited to join the initiative by contributing to Cloverdale schools through a donation. Donations can be made via the CARE Foundation's website at www.cusdcare.org. If you are interested in taking a more active role, please consider board membership or seek more information by contacting cusdcare@gmail.com.

The CARE Foundation extends its heartfelt gratitude to past donors whose support has enabled a wide range of educational programs. CARE looks forward to the continued generosity of the Cloverdale community in preparing students for a brighter future.

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Here are some important updates on current transportation planning efforts within the City of Cloverdale, designed to make our community more accessible and enjoyable. These initiatives include the creation of an **Active Transportation Plan (ATP)** and the **updating of the City's General Plan Circulation Element**.

The ATP planning process is a critical initiative aimed at enhancing the quality of life for all residents by promoting active transportation modes such as walking, biking, and rolling.

What is an ATP? The Sonoma County ATP focuses on improving access to active transportation modes through infrastructure projects and supportive programs, including essential features such as bike routes, lanes, paths, street crossings, and amenities to make walking and biking more accessible and enjoyable for all ages and abilities. An active transportation plan is a comprehensive strategy developed to promote and support forms of transportation that involve physical activity, such as walking and cycling. The primary goal of such a plan is to create more sustainable and healthier transportation options for communities.

Why Have an ATP:

- Enables changes to enhance people's quality of life
- Allows for prioritized and coordinated improvements
- Meet eligibility requirements for grant funding
- Guides public and private investment

Components of the ATP The ATP integrates industry best practices, covering a wide range of topics:

- On-Street Bikeway Selection & Design
- Multiuse Paths & Bike Highways
- Street Crossings & Intersections
- Amenities to Improve User Experience

Community Engagement and Funding - Community engagement is a vital part of the plan, ensuring that local needs and insights are considered. Identifying priorities for implementation and aligning funding opportunities are key steps to make this vision a reality.

Vision and Goals - The draft vision statement aims to create a transportation system that is safe and inviting for people of all ages and abilities, fostering walking, biking, and rolling for everyday transportation and recreation.

Local Focus and Coordination - Your insights as part of the City of Cloverdale are crucial in shaping the local plan to reflect your community's unique needs and opportunities.

Engagement with the City of Cloverdale - The City of Cloverdale will play an integral role in the ATP process. The timeline for community engagement includes discussions on existing conditions, needs, and opportunities, as well as draft project proposals, policies, and programs, with a public draft plan expected in late 2024.

Stay Informed - Stay updated on the progress of the Sonoma County ATP by visiting the [SCTA Project web-page](#) and participating in the project's website and surveys. Your voice and input are essential in shaping a more walkable, bikeable, and sustainable future for Cloverdale and Sonoma County.

How You Can Help:

1. **Take the Survey:** Please take a few minutes to complete the Sonoma County Active Transportation Plan Survey. Access the survey at:
<https://fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/sonoma-county-atp> or click the QR Code.



2. **Share with Others:** Share this survey with community organizations, friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else

who may have an interest in shaping the future of active transportation in Sonoma County. Your participation will contribute to a safer and more inviting walking, biking, and rolling experience in Sonoma County!

Circulation Element Update: Building a Multimodal Future

The General Plan Circulation Element update is set to reshape our roadways and transportation policies. It aligns with the current City Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and integrates evolving concepts like complete streets, reflecting changes in General Plan Guidelines and AB 1358, also known as the Complete Streets Act. This update will harmonize with the Countywide Active Transportation Plan.

A primary focus of the Circulation Element update will be on incorporating "Complete Streets" concepts. Complete streets are a transportation and urban design concept aimed at creating streets that are safe, convenient, and accessible for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users, and motorists of all ages and abilities, moving away from a car-centric approach to street design and instead promote a more inclusive and sustainable way of urban planning. Here are some key principles and features of complete streets:

- Multiple Modes of Transportation
- Pedestrian-Friendly Design
- Bike Lanes and Bike Facilities
- Public Transit Integration
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Landscaping and Greenery

Here's a breakdown of what the update includes:

Roadway Cross Sections: Development of new roadway cross sections that enhance our bicycle and pedestrian systems.

Multimodal Transportation Policies: The introduction of policies that encourage multimodal transportation, recognizing the importance of diverse transportation options in our community.

Safety-Related Studies: Incorporation of findings from recent safety-related studies, including the Local Roadway Safety Plan and the Complete Streets Safety Assessment, to enhance road safety for all.

VMT Analysis: A significant shift towards Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis, with a focus on reducing VMT through strategic policies and actions.

Embracing Emerging Technologies: Adaptation to emerging transportation technologies, including autonomous vehicles, electric vehicle adoption, transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft, and micromobility options such as electric bikeshare and scooters.

Draft and Final Circulation Element: The preparation of an updated Draft Circulation Element, including a formatting refresh. City staff will have an opportunity to provide feedback, with up to two rounds of comments. A Final Circulation Element will then be produced for adoption.

Compatibility with Other General Plan Elements: Ensuring that the policies in the updated Circulation Element align with other elements of the General Plan to create a cohesive and synergistic vision for the future.

VMT Analysis: A Sustainable Approach

We'll also be conducting a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis. The current General Plan and the updated Circulation Element will be integrated into the SCTA travel demand model. This analysis will provide essential metrics, such as VMT per resident, VMT per worker, and VMT per service population. Your Participation Matters

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Moving Your Tech

Will Carter

Whether you’re upgrading, downsizing, combining households, or heading somewhere new, moving is always a huge project! Last month, my household moved from northern Santa Rosa to Cloverdale. Throughout this process I kept some notes on how an IT person moves their technology so I could share my process with you.

Internet: Well in advance of your move, call your existing internet service provider. If you’re satisfied with your service, ask to move that service to the new address. If you’re considering changing internet service providers, be sure to check if you’re under contract with your existing provider and what the terms of severing that contract are. Any time you have internet installed; you should expect a \$100-200 installation fee. Be sure to write down your current Wi-Fi name and password so you can ask the installer to set your new service to the same settings!

Computers: Any devices should be powered down completely before being unplugged from the wall and peripherals. I recommend taking pictures of all wires while they’re still plugged in, then unplugging them and packing them into individual bags of wires for each device. Computers, monitors, and printers should all be considered very fragile and be handled with care! Once your devices have reached their destination, use your bag of wires and photos you took to put everything back exactly the same way.

Televisions: Perhaps the clumsiest items to move, TVs have gone from extremely heavy tubes, to much larger, unwieldy flatscreens. Like computers, I recommend taking a picture of all wires before you disconnect them. Keep in mind that you may have to return any equipment belonging to your satellite or cable provider so some things in your photo may change. TVs, even smaller ones, are safest to handle when you have at least two people. Don’t forget to account for these delicate devices when planning your moving and packing process!

If your photos get lost, bags of wires mixed, or things don’t seem to work or fit together like they did before, you should seek assistance from a local technology provider who can come out to get things sorted!

City Council Report

Eleanore Webster

At the City Council Meeting, October 11, there were several presentations: a promotion for a new Chief of Police, a new Student Liaison on City Council, and staff recognitions. Lara Gallego took the oath of office as the new Student Liaison and joined the Council on the dais. She reported on happenings at the Cloverdale schools, and was congratulated by Council Members. This was followed by a Proclamation recognizing the City Water Professionals. There are only a few hardworking folks who provide a lot of water to Cloverdale residents, and we never think of them when we turn on the tap.

Christopher Parker was announced as the City’s new Police Chief. Officers joined Council in congratulating the new Chief as he said a few words and remembered his late father. I think his Dad, who passed just a few weeks ago, would be proud.

A representative from the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) made a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan being considered by cities in the County. The emphasis is human powered modes of transportation, including walking, biking, and mobility devices, with the goal of improving safety, equity, and quality of life through a connected and reliable network. The Planning Commission will work with the SCTA to see how the plan can be implemented in Cloverdale.

A presentation was made for “Nuestra Comunidad Sana – Our Healthy Community” project, sharing the need for a place that supports the wellness of all our community members. Needs include child care, health and wellness, and a place for families to go to experience safety, joy and community. The vision includes art, bilingual and bicultural gatherings, family interaction, educational hubs, and a place for youth. Council members considered ways to implement the goals. The next step is for the group to meet with assigned sub-committees to see how the goals can come to life.

One item of note on the Consent Calendar was the Lyda Ranch Open Space acquisition, which, in addition to providing much needed recreational space for the community, will necessitate the need for more City staff members to manage the public works responsibilities.

Cloverdale Library Luncheon

The Friends of the Cloverdale Library recently arranged a delicious Fall lunch at Tian Yuen Restaurant to celebrate the many generous individuals who during the past year offered their time supporting the library by volunteering regularly and helping at special events. Friends President, Susan Clark, thanked those attending for their service, and acknowledged the important contributions all of the volunteers make by raising money for the library through book donations, book sales, and special events.

Library Director Nicole Bird presented a list of the programs Friends’ donations have made possible for the community. Thousands of dollars are raised annually for the local library programs and materials. Anyone interested in joining this effort is encouraged to pick up a membership form during regular library hours.

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In Memory Tamarind Blackmon Driver

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Tamarind Blackmon Driver passed away on 11/3/2018, born 11/14/1997. He lived his entire life in Cloverdale and attended all 3 schools there, graduating from Cloverdale High School in 2015. He was awarded the Doyle Scholarship and Knights of Columbus Scholarship. He pursued his higher education at Cal State Monterey.

Tamarind passed in his sleep at home and at the time of his death was survived by his mother Teri, father Mike, sisters Katie and Catherine, and his brother Desmond. He was also survived by his grandparents Randy and Diane. Tamarind had many aunts, cousins, friends and a special friend, Adrienne. Tamarind is sorely missed and never forgotten.



"Bernie" the Burning Man Bull



Meet "Bernie" the Burning Man bull and artist Barry Crawford. Bernie's new home is the on the corner of Santana Drive and Commerce Lane in Cloverdale. "Bernie" is the creation of artist Barry Crawford from Silver Springs, Nevada and a longtime Burning Man artist. This amazing piece of art is 12 feet long, 6.5 feet tall, 5.5 feet wide at the horns, and weighs 3300 lbs and was named "The Mechanical Bull".

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Let's start by registering to vote. To that end, here's what you should know:

- You may register to vote at any time, but you must be registered 15 days prior to the election.
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- If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted you must re-register to vote. If you have a signature on file with the DMV, you can update your registration online at <https://www.usa.gov/change-voter-registration>
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Additionally, know that:

- Every active, registered voter in California will be mailed an official ballot prior to each election (pursuant to California Assembly Bill No. 37, signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 27, 2021).
- Any registered voter may vote using a vote-by-mail ballot instead of going to the polls on Election Day

“The mission of the CloDems is to foster an informed and engaged electorate”

Farm To Pantry

Did you know that food insecurity is a major issue impacting the quality of life for many Sonoma County residents? In 2008, the nonprofit Farm To Pantry was launched to serve a need in our local community: to provide a continuous supply of fresh, healthy produce to our most vulnerable neighbors who lack access to it by cultivating a community of growers and volunteers. Their mission then and now is to bring together communities to end food injustice and reverse global warming by rescuing and sharing locally grown food with those who have been systematically marginalized.

Volunteer with Farm To Pantry in the farms, fields, orchards and backyards to connect abundance with need. To volunteer, contact Nan 415-706-5518.

Here are a few images of the local "gleaners" picking fruit recently off Summit Ranch on Cherry Creek Road. This food will stay local and go to:

1. Senior Center
2. La Familia Sana
3. Food Pantry
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Let's Travel Craig Clark

As I am seeing renewed interest in traveling abroad, I am reminding clients of the do's and don'ts. So, for the benefit of all, let's review the most important:

Documents

It's the traveler's responsibility to provide all documents necessary for travel to the destination. Check your passport to be sure it is not damaged, has blank pages, and will be valid during your travel dates. Many countries require 6 months remaining validity from your return date. Check that your visas, if any, are in compliance.

Keep paper or electronic backup copies of your flight, hotel, car, and other reservations. This includes passport, driver's license, and proof of travel insurance. And put the airline's app on your phone for the latest updates on your flights.

Money

Take 2 credit cards, not debit cards, to be used for most of your purchases. Notify your bank of your destination and travel dates. That will help prevent your card from being declined. If one card is compromised or lost, you will still have ample resources to continue with your trip. Local currency can be obtained at a bank or an ATM machine, just be sure to check rates.

Travel Insurance

Be sure that you have adequate insurance for medical emergencies. Medical facilities outside of the US will usually require payment in full at time of treatment. Proof of insurance will cover that.

Communication

Learn a few words of the language and the customs of your destination. Hello, good-bye, yes, no, thank you, bathroom, etc. If there is a language barrier, use simple phrases. Example - if you want to take someone's picture, say "photo, OK?". And be sure to smile.

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Creative Corner

Christy Anne



I will be the first to admit that this year with the holidays quickly approaching my energy is not what it has historically been. Now, sure, I am in my 50's now and lord knows I cannot count the times people have asked me if I will ever run out of energy, and I will never go down without a fight. Luckily for me, painting is always calming, so I realize that can act as a bit of a super power when going through a slump. I am, however, determined to not only enjoy the coming holidays to the fullest, but I will also be hitting

2024 recharged and ready for a new season.

Welcome "Midnight" from Benjamin Moore (thank you ACE Hardware as always!) and no more light cabinets. We have new windows going in soon thanks to Todd Lands Construction and then the walls shall get painted as well. But...what do you do when there is going to be a lag period in between? In my humble opinion? Let yourself have a little fun and let that whimsy out to play!

We love bright colors and to distract from the mishmash of the surrounding areas I discovered these wonderful color circles that adhere to surfaces and are removable. Yes, removable. Apparently quite the rage for teachers for kiddos to put names on desks, floors and any flat surface, these, not so little, Dry Erase Dots from Amazon are amazingly cheap and fun. Colorful dots for everyone? Of course not, but removable decals of all kinds have become the rage, so I am pretty sure just about anyone can find something to make them smile. Remember, kids, sometimes finding something to get you through a period that makes you smile can be quite reasonable and not permanent and if nothing else, is a great conversation piece.

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Remembering Cloverdale's Community Thanksgiving Dinners
Mary Jo Winter

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Cloverdale's first Community Thanksgiving Dinner, spear-headed by Sydney Sciaini and Soroptimist International of Cloverdale, was held at the Citrus Fair on Thanksgiving Day in 1988. Gabby Newhart and Norma Waller supervised the meal preparation.

Over the next 13 years, they were joined by service organizations, churches, businesses, and individuals with the common goal of providing a complete roasted turkey dinner for those who would otherwise be alone or without the means to provide for themselves.

The first year, 220 meals were served. Plates were piled high, and just like home, second helpings were available. Forty of the meals were delivered by a crew of volunteer "Pilgrims on Wheels" to those unable to attend. Musical entertainment was provided by Scottie Palmer and Lee Menicucci. Lee brought his 5-year-old daughter Jennifer (Simms) on stage to lend a hand. She, in turn, brought her cabbage patch doll Ernie for support.

The following year, a total of 285 turkey dinners were served. Former Mayor Jim Teague, who had 14 dinner guests waiting for him at home, was at the front of the serving line. That year, they served 8 turkeys, 20 turkey roasts, 80 lbs. of potatoes, 25 lbs. of onions, 60 lbs. of sweet potatoes, 60 lbs. of green beans, 10 lbs. of cranberry sauce, 400 dinner rolls and 40 pumpkin pies. In addition to food, door prizes were awarded, and warm clothing and blankets were available for anyone who needed them.

By 2000, the number of recipients had declined so it was decided to discontinue the annual event. During those 13 years, though, thousands of meals were served, and wonderful memories were made thanks to a dedicated group of Cloverdale volunteers.

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Andy's disability makes it difficult for him to understand this type of obligation or the extra funds needed for this expense. It is possible that Andy could eventually lose his home due to a tax default. The community is hoping to raise enough money to pay off this lien. All funds raised will be used for this purpose.

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A little after 6am I was in pre-op, and not long after wheeled into the Operating room to receive a special gift of a new kidney. I thanked the donor and his family in prayer and later in a letter that is sent through the social worker. It is up to them to accept it and/or respond.

My new kidney worked right away. Sometimes you get a kidney they call a "sleepy kidney" which is one that needs a little time to get up to speed so in the meantime the patient needs to do dialysis for a short time.

I was now on a regular diet, no longer restricted by what was limited by dialysis. I had to drink at least 2 liters of fluid a day. It was almost an impossible task. After the catheter was removed, I had to urinate every 10 minutes! One surgeon told me my bladder had shrunk to the size of a large egg.

A pharmacist discusses your anti-rejection drugs and the anti-biotic and anti-viral drugs you will be taking at home. Luckily, they give you forms with detailed instructions on your new and old medications. You are also seen by a dietitian and a social worker going over other instructions.

I am now almost 3 months out from the surgery and have excellent post-surgical care at UCSF. I have a team behind me, and the primary caretaker is a nurse practitioner with lots of experience as a ward nurse and transplant nurse practitioner.

I look forward to a more active lifestyle enjoying my grandchildren along with family and friends. I will be able to attend quilt meetings again, am in the Healdsburg Community Band and the American Legion Post here in Cloverdale and hope to be more involved in both.

Please consider being an organ donor at death. Discuss it with family. Recycle yourself as it says on my new T-shirt. Live organ donation can be explored at the UCSF web site.

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Cemetery Road Improvements Al Delsid



Recently, the Cloverdale Cemetery road was surfaced with a rock base, thanks to a community effort. For many years, it has been difficult to drive or walk around the cemetery because sections of the dirt road were washed out or just full of ruts.

The cemetery road project was completed on August 19, 2023 thanks to a great community project that was spearheaded by the Lions Club of Cloverdale in cooperation with the Sons of the American Legion and the City of Cloverdale. The project was completed by the generous donation of materials, equipment and time by Carl Howell General Engineering, Steve Taylor Excavation and Paul Dogali Trucking. Members of the Lions Club and Sons of the American Legion also helped with some of the labor. Many hours of planning were put into the project and when it came time to get the job done it was unbelievable how quickly and professionally this job was done. Each contractor put in many hours of time, used their equipment and made donations of material. For this we are all grateful for a job well done.

Soda Springs Ranch Open Space Preserve

In partnership with the City of Cloverdale and the Lyda family, Ag + Open Space is proud to announce the permanent conservation of Soda Springs Ranch Open Space Preserve, a 209-acre property directly west of the City of Cloverdale. Soda Springs is another step in conserving our county's invaluable natural resources, while also creating new opportunities for public recreation. Ag + Open Space purchased the ranch and then immediately transferred ownership to the City of Cloverdale upon closing.



"This partnership represents a huge win for the public and our natural resources," said Ag + Open Space Director James Gore. "It is a gamechanger for Cloverdale and the entire Sonoma County community. This property will complete a ridge to river nexus, connecting with City Park and River Park. We are all excited and inspired!"

Located within the Porterfield Creek watershed, portions of the North Branch of Porterfield Creek and other unnamed tributaries to Cloverdale Creek run across the ranch. Home to mountainous climbs, oak woodlands, grasslands, fir forest, and redwood groves, this land is rich in natural resources that help ensure local communities have access to fresh air and clean water. The ranch also serves as a wildlife corridor, providing open space for habitats and migration. Conserving lands directly around urban centers also helps keep our communities resilient in the case of flooding and wildfire, offering critical space to manage vegetation and stage emergency response efforts.



Visible from Highway 101, this undeveloped land was historically used for timber harvest, hunting, grazing, and personal recreation. Greg Lyda, the landowner integral in making this project a reality, has shared that his family has owned the ranch for four generations. Greg also shared that this deal is a way to honor his elders by making it available for Sonoma County residents and visitors to enjoy forever.

This ranch is just north of Porterfield Creek Trails Open Space Preserve, a park that was conserved and developed with the City's support. Ag + Open Space is happy to once again partner with the City of Cloverdale to conserve land that serves several local goals – protecting natural resources, creating new and dynamic spaces for residents to connect with nature, and preserving the scenic character of our county.

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Cloverdale Library Community Connection

John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

It's difficult to believe that we are already closing in on the holidays and saying good-bye to 2023. However, it is a good time to remind folks that we have a number of activities coming up for the holidays at Cloverdale Library and there are plenty of new holiday titles as well. Additionally, there are some as great end-of-the-year book releases and there will be more in December. We have four days and one evening we'll be closed this month. November 10 & 11 we will close to honor Veterans Day, and we'll be closing at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 22, and closed on November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

We are also celebrating National Native American Month and we'll have some book displays around the library to highlight Native American authors who continue to make an impact on fiction, poetry and nonfiction.

As usual, I also want to remind readers that our dedicated Friends of the Cloverdale Library continue to put a number of used books, DVDs, music CDs, and puzzles on sale on a regular basis. This helps supports programs and more book purchases at Cloverdale Library. We're grateful for their support all these years.

Children

Family Storytime (weekly on Thurs.) starting Nov. 2 at 10:30am

Spanish Music & Movement, Tues., Nov. 14 at 11-11:30am

Teen

Understanding Gender Identity and Supporting Trans Youth, Wed, Nov 15 at 6-7:30pm

(In acknowledgment of Transgender Awareness Week)

Game On! (Weekly on Wed.) starting Nov. 1 at 2:30-4:30pm

Adult

Medicare Annual Choices & Changes, Mon., Nov. 6 at 11am-1pm

Cricut Crafting: Fall Wreaths, Tues., Nov. 7 at 6-7 pm

Congratulations Julie Lawson



The Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale presented this year's annual Cloverdale Hero Award to JEH teacher, Julie Lawson. Julie has implemented the Big Picture program in her Alternative Education setting. Julie says this program has turned her students around as far as their attitude about learning. Recent accolades about Julie from Isaak Egge of Upstream/Big Picture

Learning Collaborative:

"We all know this work we do, it's hard. Like hard, hard! As principals, advisors, internship coords, support staff, we put everything we have, day after day into building, maintaining and improving the best possible real world learning environments for our young people. We know this often comes at a personal cost, yet we know the impact this work has.

You move the needle in profound ways, you impact generations of families, you breathe hope into new spaces.

While none of us seek to be recognized for this work - we do it quietly and consistently, almost always under the radar. It does feel good to be seen.

There is truly something special brewing in our Sonoma/Mendo/Napa/Lake County Upstream network, and we believe it is only a matter of time before all our communities see your work as Cloverdale just did.

Yesterday, our dear friend and bad @ss BPL advisor, Julie Lawson, in front of her cheering students, was awarded the "Cloverdale Hero Award" for her work at JEH. Only the second time the award has ever been given, we are thrilled to see Julie recognized and celebrated in this way. This small yet mighty school is a course altering experience for the young people of Cloverdale and while the word "hero" is often misapplied, this is one instance where it is more than warranted.

Congratulations, Julie! Your Upstream/BPL community joins with Cloverdale in celebrating your awesomeness!"



Kiwanis Christmas Wish Program

Christmas is just around the corner and the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club is having their Christmas Wish Program again this year. They are placing their giving trees on November 16th at the following locations listed below and would appreciate your taking a star and fulfilling a child's desires for a merry Christmas. Once you take a star and fulfill the wish list, please return unwrapped gifts to the place from which you took the star. Kiwanis will then pick up gifts, wrap them and distribute.

The Kiwanis Club thanks everyone in advance for their generosity. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces is the greatest reward of all.

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The 2023 Volleyball season has officially concluded with an extra memorable senior night against Clearlake. Words of appreciation and farewells to the team and coaches they've dedicated themselves to read aloud and accompanied by a close win for Varsity Team. Brianna McNulty, with a final spike point in the fifth game, ending the night 15-13 after 4 alternating wins between each team, students and parents alike rushing onto the court in celebration.



Football Highlight Game:

In an impressive mid-season comeback, the boys football team won their first game on homecoming night against Upper Lake High. With an immediate touchdown followed by over 20 points in the first half, our eagles ended the night 43-12 against the cougars.

Homecoming Recap:

A great turn out downtown in support of class, athletic and club parade floats, Varsity win against Upper Lake, and Broadway themed dance put on by ASB, it's safe to say this year's homecoming was a success. The senior class took first place in both float and skit categories with the musical, Teen Beach Movie.



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Cloverdale Kiwanis Vineyard Races

Julie Carter

Despite heavy rain on October 22nd, hundreds of runners and dozens of volunteers took over the historic Asti Winery and the E & J Gallo Vineyards for the Cloverdale Kiwanis Vineyard Races. This event has become a Sonoma County classic taking runners and walkers not just to the vineyards but into the rolling hills to run between the vines. With every step the participants were raising money for local literacy programs including the Cloverdale Chapter of the Imagination Library, a joint venture between the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale and the Dollywood Foundation.

These races could not have happened without the tireless work of the Kiwanis volunteers and the support of the Cloverdale community. Other volunteers this year included members of the United Church of Cloverdale and Kiwanis members from at least five other Kiwanis Clubs from Sonoma and Lake Counties. Additionally, several youth groups, sports teams and youth service organizations worked alongside the adults. Many volunteers like Race Director, Julie Carter and Course Coordinator, Gene Lile have been around since the first races were run on the streets of Cloverdale in 2011.

The Kiwanis Club was especially grateful this year to be supported by nearly 30 local businesses. This help from the community has allowed for the expansion of projects over the years. It is estimated that in the past 12 years the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale has put over 40,000 books into local kids' hands.

One of the memories of this year's harvest will be the day things paused so that runners' personal goals could be met, teams of friends could walk through the vines and relax together, volunteers could do what they do best and everyone could do their part to help our kids.



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I highly recommend **Ortiz Carpet Cleaning Service!** Very happy customer over here! They did an amazing job cleaning my carpets this afternoon. It wasn't an easy job. 5 years of 3 dogs, 3 cats, heavy foot traffic etc. So professional, and did the job right. I will definitely be using them again!
Liane Fabian

Shout out on another beautiful detailing job by Trevor Evans owner of **Addicted to Details Mobile Auto Detailing!** Thank you!
Kendall Galvez

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Chad Zytkevicz

Just a shout out to **Animal Hospital of Cloverdale**, thank you and you're all amazing!
Tracy Wendell-Reynolds

Well, it happened again! Yes. Another fabulous job by our friends at **All in One Kustomz** as they worked on my tired looking 2014 GMC. Now it looks even more beautiful than ever. Their service is impeccable along with their professionalism, attention to detail (pardon the pun) and happiness towards their clients. We said before, "that we will use them again" and we did and we will again! Thank You Taylor, Jessie and Team!
Ron Pavelka



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Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

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Get to know one of Alexander Valley Healthcare's medical providers



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"I graduated from the USC School of Medicine in 1988. After completing my internal medicine residency at LA County USC Medical Center I joined the faculty and became an attending physician at the Rand Schrader (HIV) Clinic in Los Angeles. In 1997, I began practicing at an internal medicine private practice in Orange County. I truly enjoy working with folks from every walk of life. In my free time I enjoy walking the dogs, and fixing up our old house.

"It is my honor to be involved in your healthcare, and by the way...

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Simple Ways to Keep Your Water Clean

During the summer months, several types of pollutants accumulate on our hardscape. Common debris and pollutants include cigarette butts, litter, oil and grease from cars, paint, fertilizers, pesticides, lawn clippings and leaves, pet waste, soapy water, sediment, and construction materials. If not managed properly, these pollutants and solid wastes can accumulate during the summer. Then, during the first large rain event, the rain will mobilize these materials and polluting compounds and send them into our local rivers and creeks. It is known as the "first flush," a term applied due to the elevated levels of pollutants that enter rivers and creeks after the first big rain event of the year.

As we enter the rainy season, there are some easy things you can do to help minimize pollutants from entering our local rivers and creeks. Get rain ready with the following practices:

- Clear leaves out of roof gutters, downspouts, and paved areas.
- Sweep paved areas.
- Mulch or seed bare soil to avoid erosion during rainstorms.
- Do not use fertilizers or pesticides within 24 hours of forecasted rain.
- Pick up pet waste. Pick up trash.
- Store chemicals, garden products, and gas-powered equipment indoors, or under cover if stored outside.
- Turn down irrigation system run times during fall months and turn off once the rains begin.
- Repair vehicle and equipment leaks. Use absorbent products to absorb any oil that may have leaked onto paved areas.

In addition to helping to keep our natural waterways clean, these practices also can reduce the risk of flooding.

This article was authored by Colleen Hunt, Stone Creek Environmental Consulting LLC, and the City of Cotati, on behalf of RRWA. RRWA is an association of local public agencies in the Russian River Watershed



Construction Has Begun on the First Street Bridge Pedestrian Walkway



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Tumbleweed Soul In Cloverdale

On Thursday, November 16, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's Americana Night will feature the live music of Tumbleweed Soul. Cloverdale Arts Alliance presents original Americana acts on third Thursdays, October – May.

Tumbleweed Soul is an American Roots project based in the San Francisco North Bay, led by Adam Walsh and Stephanie Salva. The pair have been rocking the West Coast music scene in various projects for over a decade, best known for their joint role in the beloved Sonoma County band the Jug Dealers. Joining them is Mike Dipirro on bass (Free Peoples, The Trichromes).

With powerful harmonies and eclectic songwriting that is both familiar yet fresh, Tumbleweed Soul's growing catalogue of original songs reflects their love of the deep city juke joints and country shacks where Americana was born. Jazz, Blues, Soul, R&B, Country, Funk, and Old Timey Traditionals all find a home at a Tumbleweed show.



This concert is a chance to experience exceptional acoustically oriented Americana roots music in a warm and intimate environment at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery. Americana is contemporary music that incorporates elements of various American roots music styles, including country, roots-rock, folk, bluegrass, R&B and blues.

This performance will be at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery, located at 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Tickets are \$20 for Cloverdale Arts Alliance members and \$25 for non-members. Doors open at 7:00 pm; music begins at 7:30 pm. To receive reserved seating privileges, purchase advance tickets online at www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org. Tickets are also at the door, if available.

Americana Night is a program of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, a non-profit arts organization bringing cultural arts to northern Sonoma County. Other CAA programs include Friday Night Live at the Plaza, Art Gallery, THE Jazz Club, Music Workshops, Art Classes, The Blues Night, and Special Events.



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Frank Crivello Honored



Robert Redner, president of The Rotary Club of Cloverdale was pleased last week to honor Frank Crivello (on left) with two awards. The first was as Rotarian of the month for his work with the Rotary Asti Tour de Vine bicycle event, and the second for his 7th Paul Harris Award, given to outstanding Rotarians for their service and donations.





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Turkey à la King

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp. (½ stick) unsalted butter
- 8 oz. crimini mushrooms, sliced (about 2½ C)
- ½ medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 6 tbsp. all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 C low-sodium chicken broth or use the turkey carcass to make stock
- 1½ C whole milk
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1½ lb. cooked turkey breast or combination of white & dark meat, cut into 1" chunks
- 1 C frozen petite peas or mixed vegetables
- ¼ C chopped fresh parsley
- Warm biscuits, puff pastry shells, toast, or cornbread, for serving

Directions

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add mushrooms, onion, carrot, and celery and cook, stirring often, until softened, 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Add 4 tablespoons flour and quickly stir to coat vegetables. Immediately whisk in broth, milk, 1½ teaspoons salt, and 1 teaspoon pepper. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring often, until thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons flour if needed to thicken. Fold in turkey and peas and cook, stirring occasionally, until warmed through, 4 to 6 minutes.
3. Divide turkey mixture among plates. Top with parsley. Serve with biscuits alongside.

The Plate Model: A Healthy Way to Enjoy Holidays

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As the holiday season approaches, staying healthy while savoring holiday meals is a common challenge. This year, give the Plate Model a try – it's useful not only for special occasions but also for everyday meals. The Plate Model divides your plate into four sections, making portion control a breeze: Vegetables: Allocate a quarter of your plate to vibrant vegetables, ensuring a colorful array for essential nutrients and fiber. Proteins: The next quarter hosts proteins like lean meats, fish, or legumes, keeping you satisfied. Grains: Fill another quarter with whole grains, providing lasting energy and essential nutrients. Fruits: The last quarter is for fresh fruits, offering natural sweetness, vitamins, and minerals.

Dietitians applaud the Plate Model's practicality because it simplifies portion control and balanced nutrition while encouraging people to make mindful food choices. Here are some holiday dishes that align with the Plate Model: Roasted Vegetable Medley: Fill your vegetable section with roasted sweet potatoes, carrots, and Brussels sprouts. Herb-Roasted Turkey: A hearty turkey fits the protein section. Quinoa and Cranberry Stuffed Acorn Squash: Whole-grain quinoa with cranberries aligns with the grains section. Fruit Salad with Cinnamon Yogurt Drizzle: Satisfy your sweet tooth with a colorful fruit salad and a drizzle of cinnamon-infused yogurt. This holiday season, enjoy your favorite dishes while following the Plate Model. It's a simple, effective way to savor the season without compromising your health.

Apply NOW Citrus Fair Ambassador Scholarship Program

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair's Board of Directors has opened applications to all high school juniors from Cloverdale and Geyserville for the third year of its Ambassador Program.

The Citrus Fair Association will underwrite the scholarship portion of the competition. The student selected as the Ambassador will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and the runner up, the Associate Ambassador, will receive \$2,500. The remaining "delegates" will each receive \$825. The award money may be used for college, trade school, or professional training and certification.

Five participants will be chosen through an application process that includes a combination of recommendations, community service, and academic performance, although it is not the intention of the program to only include students with the highest GPAs. The five students who are selected will participate in a variety of activities designed to develop their professional skills, expose them to the field of venue management, and assess their growth and contribution during the process. A workshop on budgeting for a professional wardrobe will be held at the start of the program and afterwards the candidates will receive a \$250 wardrobe budget to create their professional look. Candidates will participate in service-learning time at the fairgrounds, rotating through the various departments to learn about the administrative, marketing, planning, and facility elements that make up the field of venue management and the production of a fair. Participants will also attend skill development workshops to improve their interview, resume writing, and presentation skills. The final selection of Ambassador and Associate Ambassador will be based on a consumer science exercise, panel interview, presentation in front of an audience, and written communication. The student selected as the Ambassador will represent the Citrus Fair at public events, while the Associate Ambassador will attend if the Ambassador is not available.

Applications for the Ambassador program may be found at students' high schools, the Cloverdale library, online at the Citrus Fair website (cloverdalecitrusfair.org) and at the fair's administration office at 1 Citrus Fair Drive, Cloverdale.

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