

# Cloverdale Connect

Bringing our community together since 2020

October 2023

Artist: Joe Cotruvo



## Editor's Note

It's officially here, Fall weather - that crispness in the morning air! And just like that, the busy season is upon us. Check out all the events coming up in Cloverdale – there is something for everyone! The next three months are filled with fun things to do – a comedy show, gingerbread buildings, a “Speakeasy”, bingo night, a tea party, craft fairs, a Beatles sing-along, and more to come. And don't miss the opportunity for your child to design the **Cloverdale Connect Holiday** card – details inside.

I'm excited to present the first annual **Cloverdale Connect Cruise**, in partnership with Cloverdale Travel, in this issue. Why not join us as we cruise out of San Francisco, under the Golden Gate Bridge, to Alaska on the Crown Princess. We are going to have so much fun! Great food, great ports and great travel companions!

Grab a sweater and have a Spooktacular October.  
I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



Erica Bishop  
ensures that she  
keeps up with  
everything that's  
going on in town  
by reading  
*Cloverdale Connect*.



**Front Page Photo  
Contest Winner  
Beverlee Laird**  
She won a  
Gift Card from  
**MoE's Eagles Nest Deli**



## It's officially Harvest Season!

Harvest brings us wine, and wine brings us Wine Walk!  
That's right, **Cloverdale Wine Walk**, running October through May, is back for its second year.  
The first Wine Walk this year takes place on Saturday, October 7th.  
Your ticket gives you access to tasting wines from 10 local wineries, lunch by SoCo Paella and a fun filled day exploring local shops and businesses throughout Downtown Cloverdale!  
Preorder tickets through the Cloverdale Wine Walk website or at the **Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce**.  
See you strolling and sipping around Cloverdale!

CLOVERDALE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
PRESENTS

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Written by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Adapted by Noah Smith  
Directed by Amy Lovato  
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## Look Inside!

Cloverdale Connect Cruise, Holiday Card Design  
Contest, new City Council column, and more!

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# Kids Holiday Card Design Contest

**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 Heart City on First Street.**

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

## Kiwanis Cloverdale Healdsburg Geyserville Corn Hole Champs

Here is Michael Laird holding the trophy with his partner Gene Lile – winners of the recent Kiwanis Corn Hole competition, second time winning in two years.



## CUSD Teacher of the Month Stephanie Fernandez

*Sponsored by  
Dahlia & Sage Community Market*



This month we are excited to announce the October CUSD employee of the month, Stephanie Fernandez. Ms. Fernandez came to us from the San Francisco Unified School District and has taught 4th grade for the past 2 years. This year, she is teaching the 3rd and 4th grade combination class at Jefferson Elementary.

She moved to Cloverdale three years ago when her family moved to Sonoma County so they could enjoy the beautiful scenery and their favorite vacationing spots. Ms. Fernandez lives on her family's property with her parents and brother. She enjoys gardening and spending time with her pet cats Smokey and Bandit. In her rare down times, Stephanie loves to spend time tubing and relaxing by the water in her favorite spot, Blue Lakes.

When former students were asked to share about Ms. Fernandez, they stated, "She's amazing and kind, a caring and helpful teacher who always encouraged us to do our best!" Ms. Fernandez is graceful, patient, kind, and understanding as she works with her beloved students, their families and our staff here at Jefferson. CUSD is fortunate to have her!

# CLOVERREADY

*Evacuation Guide*

## 1 ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Backpacks work great for storing these items (except food and water) and are quick to grab.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST:

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person
- Map marked with at least two evacuation routes
- Prescriptions or special medications
- Change of clothing
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- First aid kit Flashlight Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- Don't forget food and water for you and your pet!

### ITEMS TO TAKE IF TIME ALLOWS:

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other irreplaceable items
- Personal computer information on hard drives and disks
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

## 2 READY • SET • GO!

**REMEMBER THE SIX P's**  
**KEEP THESE SIX "P's" READY IN CASE IMMEDIATE EVACUATION IS REQUIRED:**

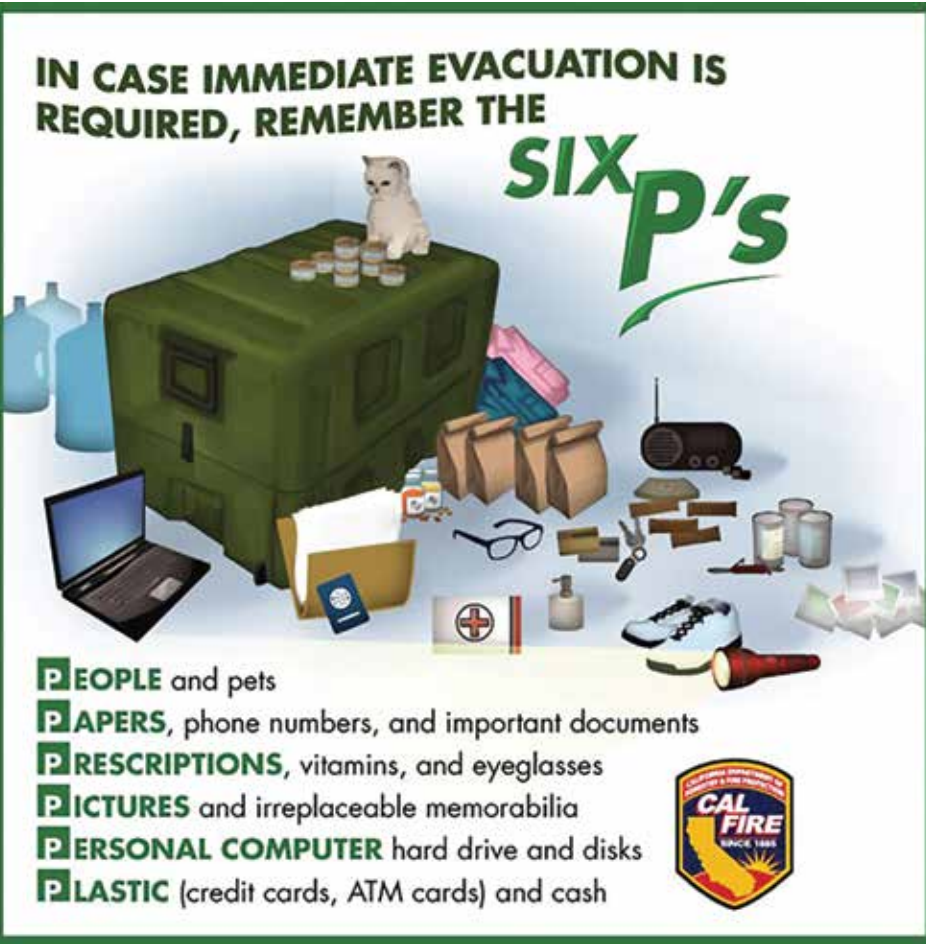
- P** People and pets
- P** apers, phone numbers, & important documents
- P** rescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses
- P** ictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- P** ersonal computer hard drive and disks
- P** lastic (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash

## 3 & 4 PRE-EVACUATION PREPARATION STEPS

When an evacuation is anticipated, follow these checklists (if time allows) to give your home the best chance of surviving a wildfire:

### OUTSIDE THE HOUSE

- 1 Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.) or place them in your pool.
- 2 Turn off propane tanks.
- 3 Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- 4 Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Fill water buckets and place them around the house.



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# PET of the MONTH



## Mimosa

*She loves chewing on cardboard and plastic and drinking from the bathtub drip.*

*Her best times are spent on her daddy's lap snoozing.*

**Lynda Pinochi**

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:  
info@cloverdaleconnect.com

Prizes courtesy Clover Dog Pet Supply & Wash and Cloverdale Connect



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 (the capitol), Skagway (gold rush of 1898), Dawes Glacier, and then 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 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 a Sunday (May 26, 2024) and returns on a Thursday (June 6, 2024). Enjoy convenient and comfortable bus coach service to and from the port in SF.

PLUS, **Cloverdale Connect** swag bags for everyone who travels with us!

Fares for this special voyage begin with Interior staterooms from just \$898.00, Oceanview from \$1298.00, Balcony from \$1548.00, Mini-suite from \$2548.00, and Full suite from \$4548.00 per guest. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are an additional \$338.00 per guest.

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



## Time to *Fall* in love with your next home?

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### Heaven's Closet - Treasures for All Michele Armanino

Tucked away off of N. Cloverdale Blvd., sits Heaven's Closet, a tidy brown shingled thrift store affiliated and operated by the United Church of Cloverdale. "Heaven's Closet is a welcoming sanctuary for all", Pastor Jen Collins of the United Church of Cloverdale conveys. "It's not about selling clothes, but being present for all individuals."



Pastor Jen speaks appreciatively about her staff who nurture relationships and trust with their customers. "We can't help with a need if we don't know there is a need." She gives an account of a young mother who relocated

to Cloverdale and whose preterm baby was in the NICU at an out-of-town hospital. "This was a place for her to talk about her baby and know that we listened and cared about her needs."

Customers concerned about the environment feel satisfied that they've done their part by upcycling an item and reducing their carbon footprint by an average of twenty-five percent per wear. Shoppers also feel gratified that revenue aids the Food Pantry, La Familia Sana community needs, the unhoused and low-income population and more. Proceeds also generate scholarships for deserving Cloverdale high school students.

Artists, crafters and sewists find inspiration at Heaven's Closet. Upcycled jeans display newly embroidered flowers along the hem, a lace curtain not only transforms into a christening gown but embellishes the border of a t-shirt; repainted candlesticks pop with a fun, glossy color; a decoupaged wooden bin is filled with gently used toys; an eclectic selection of dinner plates creates a boho dining experience; a wide-ranging collection of books results in a tempting library; and an old coffee table is repainted and stenciled using free recycled paint disbursed from most local recycling centers - all projects deserving of an environmental savings award!

Since the Cloverdale Goodwill closed, there has been a resurgence in business at Heaven's Closet and volunteers are warmly welcomed and needed. Heaven's Closet has treasures for all - everyone's a winner in the end.

# FALL FESTIVAL

(FREE CANDY, GAMES, AND PRIZES)

**OCTOBER 29 FROM 4-6 PM**

**Living Water Church - 450 S. Franklin St**

### Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

**"Helping pet lovers live their best life"**

What can you do if your dog has dry, flaky skin? As with people, healthy skin comes from the inside out. A good quality diet will contribute to overall health for your dog. Dogs are omnivores so they don't need an all-meat diet like cats, but the more meat versus grain fillers like corn and wheat the better. Read the ingredients of your dog food. While you don't need to buy the most expensive one, a food with recognizable meat as the first ingredients will be better than one that says by-products or simply "meat." Some dogs are allergic to certain proteins which could cause itchy skin.

If you suspect this, try a different protein source. Some brands even offer unusual meats like bison or venison for the dog who doesn't do well on more common proteins like chicken and lamb. While kibble is convenient, canned or fresh foods can be more nutritious and a better source of moisture. Oil can also be added to dog food to help the skin. Fish oil is commonly given to dogs as well as flaxseed oil and olive oil. Before feeding your dog any supplements, especially those made for people, ask your veterinarian.





# Cloverdale Church Guide

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

Cloverdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
1085 S. Cloverdale Blvd.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425

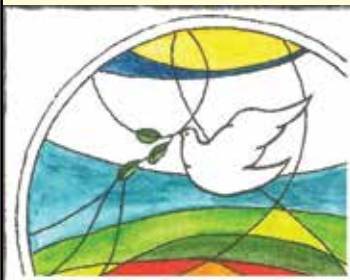


**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**

**Sunday Services At 10:00am**  
**Coffee Hour Immediately Following**

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

[goodshepherdclloverdale.org](http://goodshepherdclloverdale.org) | 122 N. Main St, Cloverdale | (707) 891-6015



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
890 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale, CA  
[www.GraceCloverdale.org](http://www.GraceCloverdale.org)  
Join us for worship 10:00 am in person  
or by web - Facebook LIVE  
"Grace Lutheran Church Cloverdale CA"

Jehovah's Witnesses  
27100 Dutcher Creek Rd.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Phone: 707.894.4490

Living Water Church  
450 S. Franklin St.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Phone: 707.894.3274



If you are looking for a church that:

- Is Faithful to the Word of God
- Teaches that the Bible is without error
- Enjoys music that has blessed Christians for years
- Desires to have a spirit of thanksgiving 24/7

Worship Sundays 10:30 am

Parkside Christian Chapel  
553 W. 2nd St.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Phone: 707.894.2893

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
491 S. Franklin St.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Phone: 707.894.2535

The Bridge Foursquare  
50 Commerce Lane Ste. C  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Phone: 707.894.5050



We are a church that tries to follow the example and the teachings of Jesus through the kindness and compassion of our missions. We welcome all of our neighbors with an open mind and without discrimination or judgement. Our messages and music give us hope and lead us to a closer spiritual relationship with God. Please join us.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CLOVERDALE**  
439 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale  
707.894.2039 [www.uccloverdale.org](http://www.uccloverdale.org)

## Jewish Cloverdale

Riva Orr

The time is now upon us  
For Jewish holidays,  
And a string of them  
Will happen week by week!

It is indeed an entire season  
Marked by fall or late summer days,  
And the way in which they happen  
Is unique!

So firstly there's our calendar  
Which goes by moon, not sun.  
The days and months are different,

From every single one...  
Of the Gregorian months we know so well  
Which makes the dates of Jewish holidays  
A bit tricky to tell.

We'll keep it simple here -  
Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year!  
We celebrate by baking sweets,  
Dipping apples in honey,  
And with general good cheer.

Then Yom Kippur follows in 10 days.  
A holiday similar to Good Friday,  
We fast wearing plain and simple clothes  
Which are white,  
To represent a blank page and a fresh start  
In the Book of Life.

Then the next week is Sukkot,  
Celebrating our nomadic history.  
We observe by eating in temporary dwellings  
Which are adorned in ways simple and pretty.

The week after that is the last holiday  
Before the festive winter candle lighting.  
Simchat Torah is our Holy Book's birthday,  
Where we've reached the end of the text  
And then go back to the beginning!

This is another holiday of sweets,  
And also one of dance!  
We throw candy on the pulpit  
As our holy text is read,  
And dance around the room  
Passing it hand to hand.

Simplified just a bit - these are the basics  
Of the Jewish season of holidays.  
Summer and Autumn months mark  
Our new year, our moral inventory and  
Celebrating our historical identity  
In all of these different ways.

Next issue,  
You will learn about  
The Jewish months and year...  
Which happens to actually be 5784!

## The Red Door

John-Michael Scurio



Why are Episcopal Church doors red?  
The tradition of red doors originated in England during the Middle Ages. If you were being pursued by someone, you would be safe if you could reach the church door. No one would dare commit violence on holy ground; furthermore, the Church didn't have to abide by civil law. Pursuers could proceed no further, and victims knew that the red doors meant sanctuary, refuge, and safety. The person who claimed sanctuary like this could state his case to the priest and ask for justice

to be served. The red doors also represented protection from spiritual evil as well.

Today many Episcopal churches, as well as Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic and others, paint their doors red to symbolize that they are a haven for emotional and spiritual healing and a place for forgiveness and reconciliation.





Recently the American Legion, with help from local CHS students, assembled a shed and 2 picnic tables outside the Veteran's building in Cloverdale. Cloverdale High School construction class students made the shed at school and was assembled on site. Now they have an outdoor area for socializing and grilling food.

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### Let's Travel ~ Craig Clark It's Time To Learn The Abc's Of Travel

- Know the airport city codes of your origin and destination airport. Like for passengers flying from Chicago O'Hare (ORD) and Orlando (MCO). Non-stop or direct? A direct flight is one that does not change aircraft but stops "en route". A nonstop flight just takes off and lands with no stops.
- Travelers should inform their credit card issuing bank before they leave the country. In order to prevent fraud, many banks will freeze debit or credit cards after a transaction has taken place in a foreign country.
- Familiarize yourself with your geographical location and proximity of your destination from your point of origin. Have a general knowledge of your location.
- Standard travel insurance is filled with named exclusions, items that are not covered. If you want to cancel for any reason, buy the more expensive cancel-for-any-reason policy.
- Travel literacy means at least basic language literacy, learn a few words in the local language — "please" and "thank you" are a good start — and it will make the entire travel experience a lot smoother. A grammar book and some audio lessons will help.
- Airfares appear to be cheaper than ever, but passengers have to do their homework. The extra fees can add up quickly. Need to check a bag? Get an advance seat assignment? Chances are, they'll cost more.
- The **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)** is offered by the State Department allowing U.S. citizens traveling abroad to register for updates with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. If you need to be evacuated from a potentially dangerous area, this service makes it much easier.

Article courtesy Elliott.org.



The Cloverdale Wine Walk is a monthly event that takes place the first Saturday of every month from October to May and is a collaboration of businesses in downtown Cloverdale, hosting wineries, breweries, pop-up vendors and live music.

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## IS YOUR BUSINESS IN?

Cloverdale Ace Hardware invites you to re-create a Cloverdale building or a landmark in **gingerbread**.  
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## Astrologer Jim Seymour Has His Head In The Stars

Mary Jo Winter

There is something mystical about the month of October, making it a perfect time to introduce (or re-introduce) Cloverdale's resident astrologer, Jim Seymour.

Born in Los Angeles, Jim moved with his family to a ranch above River Road in 1975. His father, a WWII pilot, was employed by Flying Tiger Line at the time and his personal aircraft, "Starduster Too," was housed in a hangar at the Cloverdale Airport. Jim was only 13 and a passenger in his dad's plane the day it crashed. While he suffered serious burns, his dad was killed.

Discovering music in high school was his saving grace. It led him to becoming an accomplished musician, which enabled him to travel around the world. In addition, he regularly plays trumpet at Cloverdale's Memorial Day and 9/11 ceremonies.

While living in Australia in 1994, Jim began studying astrology in earnest after being cast in the role of Mercury in a stage production where the planets were brought to life through Improv Theater. He's been studying, teaching, writing about, and practicing its ancient principles ever since. He has garnered an international clientele. In August alone, that included India, Fiji, Canada, Italy, France, and Australia, as well as Texas, Kentucky, North Carolina, and California.

Astrology means "science of the stars." It is not fortune telling. People often consult an astrologer when they are at some sort of a crossroads in their journey and seeking some useful guidance. Others may be more interested in finding out about relationships or career compatibility.

Starduster Services, founded in 2011, is named in honor of Jim's father. The symbol on the Seymour family coat of arms is the Phoenix and, as he says, "I literally came back from the ashes."

To have a chart done, or to just learn more, visit <https://starduster-services.jimdosite.com>.



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# October Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- Shred or run a lawn mower over large leaves before composting. If large moist leaves are not shredded, they will mat together while still moist and decompose slowly, making a slippery, gooey mass in your compost pile or on beds.
- If you haven't been cleaning up leaves as they fall from roses, be sure to do it now. A single rose leaf on the ground can carry millions of tiny fungal spores that overwinter and infect roses the following year. Put leaves in the trash, not the compost pile.
- Bulbs are on display in nurseries and garden centers and good selections are available from specialty catalogs.
- As days become cooler and shorter, you can begin to divide and transplant ornamental grasses and clump-forming perennials. Keep the divisions well-watered until it rains.
- If this turns out to be a dry fall, make sure you continue to irrigate and pay special attention to new plantings and those in containers.
- If you have soil high in clay content or sand, apply ample amounts of compost this fall. Spread it out about 3-4 in. deep and work it lightly into the top few inches of garden beds, avoiding digging deeply.
- Perennials should be completely dormant before you cut them back to just above ground level from November to January. It's too early to start now. Leaving foliage intact allows leaves to continue feeding the root system throughout fall. You can cut back flowering stems and trim some unsightly leaves, but leave the rest until foliage dries completely or is killed by frost.
- October is a good time to take hardwood cuttings of woody plants such as lavender, rosemary, and manzanita. Take small cuttings, dip them in rooting hormone, stick in damp vermiculite, and keep misted. Covering with plastic helps hold in moisture. Keep out of direct sunlight and wait for roots to form in several weeks to a couple of months, depending on the species.



## Save Our Creeks Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

Lawn clippings, leaves, and branches that are intentionally thrown into a creek can smother and kill the existing vegetation protecting the creek bank. Tree branches which are thrown into creeks have the potential to cause blockages at bridges and culverts along the creek channel.

Lawn clippings and leaves, when intentionally thrown into a flowing creek, will decompose thereby reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen in the creek. A creek with decreased levels of dissolved oxygen will have a difficult time supporting aquatic life such as fish and amphibians. Yard waste which may contain fertilizer and/or pesticides should never be thrown in a creek.

Yard waste (lawn clippings, leaves, and branches) should be placed in your green yard waste bin and placed at the street on your regular collection day. You can reduce the amount of yard waste by composting lawn clippings and leaves. An added benefit will be compost to use in your garden. Never place yard waste on the street since it has the potential to enter the creek/waterway through a storm drain.

*This article was authored by Andrew Stricklin, City of Ukiah - Public Works, on behalf of Russian River Watershed Association*

## Community Calendar

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

*October recurring events at the Cloverdale Library:*  
*Thursdays 10:30 Family Storytime with Mr. John,*  
*Saturdays 1:30 One-On-One Tech Help,*  
*Fridays 4pm Teen Pride UnBook Club*

**October 3** Tuesday 6pm  
¡Lotería!- Game Night  
Cloverdale Library

**October 4** Wednesday  
2:30pm Game On!  
Cloverdale Library

**October 4** Wednesday  
3pm Teen Crafternoon  
Cloverdale Library

**October 5** Thursday  
7:30pm THE Jazz Club  
Presents: Paul McCandless  
& Charged Particles  
Cloverdale Arts Alliance

**October 6** Friday 4pm  
Maker Studio: Marble  
Machines  
Cloverdale Library

**October 7** Saturday  
7:30pm David Arkenstone  
Cloverdale Performing  
Arts Center

**October 7** Saturday  
Cloverdale Wine Walk

**October 7** Saturday 2pm  
Chiquy Boom Family  
Dance Party  
Cloverdale Library

**October 10** Tuesday  
11am Spanish Music &  
Movement  
Cloverdale Library

**October 10** Tuesday 6pm  
Cloverdale Library Book  
Club, Cloverdale Library

**October 11** Wednesday  
6pm City Council  
Meeting, Cloverdale  
Performing Arts Center

**October 13-15** Friday-  
Sunday, 9am-5pm  
E-waste Event  
Cloverdale Train Depot

**October 14** Saturday Asti  
Tour de Vine

**October 14** Saturday

Druids Hall Circle 81  
"Speakeasy Fundraiser"

**October 15** Sunday Lions  
Club "John Valera"  
Golf Tournament  
Tayman Park Healdsburg

**October 17** Tuesday 4pm  
Friends of the Cloverdale  
Library General  
Membership Meeting

**October 17** Tuesday  
6pm Intro to Microsoft  
Word and PowerPoint  
Cloverdale Library

**October 18** Thursday  
7:30pm Americana Night  
Presents: Jenny Kerr  
Cloverdale Arts Alliance

**October 18** Thursday  
4 pm Cloverdale Senior  
Multipurpose Center  
Annual Meeting  
311 N. Main St.

**October 20, 21, 22, 27, 28,  
29** Fridays & Saturdays  
7:30pm Sundays 2pm  
The Strange Case of  
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde  
Cloverdale Performing  
Arts Center

**October 22** Sunday  
Kiwanis Vineyard Races

**October 22** Sunday 2pm  
Sugar Skulls Workshop  
Cloverdale Library

**October 24** Tuesday 6pm  
Crafting with  
CreativeBug: Charcoal  
Cloverdale Library

**October 25** Wednesday  
6pm City Council  
Meeting, CPAC

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## E-Waste Recycling Event at Cloverdale Train Depot

**501 Asti Road, Friday-Sunday October 13-15, 9am-5pm**

Zero Waste Sonoma has partnered with Conservation Corps North Bay to conduct free electronics collections events. No appointment necessary. For a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit [zerowastesonoma.gov/e-waste-disposal](http://zerowastesonoma.gov/e-waste-disposal).

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**NOT Accepted:** appliances, batteries, fluorescent lamps



The search for a site to accommodate a new dog Park is finally over! After a multi-year search for a location, the city is moving forward with the construction of a new community dog park at 501 S. Asti Road. The project site, located just south of the Train Depot on Asti Road, is owned by the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART). The City collaborated with SMART on a License Agreement that enables the City to use the SMART property for the new park. The proposed dog park is positioned on underutilized open space that will provide Cloverdale residents a safe place for their dogs to play off leash while accommodating freeway travelers looking for a place to stop with their canine companions.

## Project Budget and Design

In February of 2023, the City Council approved a budget of \$245,000 for the design and construction of a new dog park including an accessible entrance path. The proposed dog park is designed to be approximately 12,500 square feet (250 in length X 50 feet wide), which is comparable to neighboring cities' parks, and is a generous space for our four-legged friends. In terms of amenities, the site will be totally enclosed with new fencing, and new water service will be extended to the site to provide fresh drinking water. The site will be graded, drainage installed, and dog friendly mulch will be spread across the site. A total of 30 trees are to be planted along the west side of the park. That, and in time, will provide lots of shade and a landscape buffer from the adjacent roadway and train track. Although not currently in the plans now, the installation of the restroom could occur in the future.

The city solicited bids for the construction of the project in August. On September 13th, the Council awarded a construction agreement to local contractor Andersen Excavating for grading the site, installation of water service and construction of the accessible entrance pathway. The first thing you'll see is the construction of the ADA ramp that will extend from the existing parking lot at the SMART station to the entrance to the park. Once the path construction is complete, a 5-foot-high fence will be installed with a double gate to provide safe entrance to the park. Expect to see work commencing in early October of 2023, with an estimated completion date of late 2023.

Existing parking at the Train Depot will provide ample parking spaces while the newly constructed pathway will enable quick access to the newly constructed park entrance. We expect the new dog park to provide a much needed play area for our furry friends with the amenities to support an enjoyable experience for dog owners. In addition, we are optimistic that the park will be an attractive amenity that enlivens the Train Depot and brings new people to town who will spend time and patronize our businesses.

The construction of a dog park is the culmination of investments made by the City Council in park improvements including new Pickleball Courts at Furber Park, new basketball courts and bag toss (cornhole) at Second Street City Park, a new restroom and park benches at Plaza Park as well as new open space. The addition of new parks and facilities represents the Council commitment to support the health and wellness of our community.

## Benefits of Dog Ownership

According to a recent article from The Trust for Public Land, "...the hottest new city park issue to hit America (is) the skyrocketing support for creating places to let dogs run free...". Cloverdale has witnessed an increase in demand for park and exercise areas including

off-leash dog parks. Increased dog ownership is a societal phenomenon that has further spurred Cloverdale's Parks & Recreation Team to work with our many constituents to satisfy dog owners and non-dog owners in their desires and needs for parks and open space.

Having a dog is a positive step towards a healthy lifestyle. Pets offer a wide range of benefits to their owners and to society as a whole. Here are some of the key benefits of having dogs:

1. **Companionship:** Dogs are known for their loyalty and companionship. They provide emotional support and can help alleviate loneliness, depression, and anxiety in their owners.
2. **Physical Activity:** Owning a dog encourages physical activity. Regular walks, playtime, and outdoor activities with your dog promote exercise and help keep owners active and fit.
3. **Stress Reduction:** Interacting with dogs has been shown to reduce stress levels and lower blood pressure. Petting a dog can trigger the release of oxytocin, a hormone associated with bonding and relaxation.
4. **Social Interaction:** Dog owners often find it easier to socialize and meet new people. Dogs are natural conversation starters, and taking your dog to parks or social events can lead to meaningful interactions with others.
5. **Security and Protection:** Many dogs serve as loyal and protective companions. They can provide a sense of security for their owners and deter potential intruders.
6. **Emotional Support:** Dogs have an uncanny ability to sense their owner's emotions. They can offer comfort during times of sadness or distress and provide unconditional love.
7. **Routine and Responsibility:** Owning a dog establishes a daily routine that includes feeding, exercise, and care. This can instill a sense of responsibility and structure in a person's life.
8. **Watching your pet** play having a good time is good for you, if for no other reason than it makes you happy. We look forward to you being able to have a seat at the new Cloverdale Dog Park and simply play and relax.

## Measure M Funding for the New Dog Park

The City used Measure M, Parks funds to help pay for the Dog Park project. On November 6th, 2018, Sonoma County voters approved Measure M a one-eighth cent sales tax (0.125%) to support County's Regional and City Parks for 10 years. The city is grateful for the voters' approval of these funds which have enabled the City to fund key investments in the City's parks system. The entire community of Cloverdale including the surrounding unincorporated area benefit from Measure M funding. In Cloverdale, youth (School aged children) and adult sports leagues benefit from enhanced maintenance of our parks, fields, and facilities. In addition, the residents of northern Sonoma County routinely make use of our parks and facilities including hiking and bicycle trails, picnic areas, play fields while fostering a healthy environment for native plant and animal species who also call the parks their home.

If you have any questions about the new dog park, please contact Kevin Thompson, Assistant City Manager / Community Development Director at (707) 894-1723 or e-mail at [kthompson@ci.cloverdale.ca.us](mailto:kthompson@ci.cloverdale.ca.us) or. If you are interested in volunteering on a future park project, please contact Parks Superintendent, Hector Galvan at (707) 894-1707 or by e-mail at [hgalvan@ci.cloverdale.ca.us](mailto:hgalvan@ci.cloverdale.ca.us).

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Ron Martorana retired from the San Francisco Zoo after twenty years as The First Veterinary Assistant, and lives out on Dutcher Creek in Cloverdale. Recently, his buddy Jim Swald, from Florida, flew in for a visit – they hadn't seen each other in over 50 years. They served in Vietnam together and shared the same hooch of MACV Team 20. They did their "fair share of search and destroy missions". Ron was able to show him around SF and then they came up to Ron's olive oil farm for a few days.

## Cloverdale Creative Corner ~ Christy Anne

Fall has arrived and, oh my, can you already feel the energy ramping up? Kids back in school, holidays on the horizon and per the usual, pumpkin spice everything seems to be taking over. Although I recognize this as a HUGE deal, I continue to be one of the few who is not a pumpkin spice fan, although I will not mock anyone for their love of it. I need to find another way to pour in some joy and the extra energy surge needed to survive the season ahead.

I had been hemming and hawing about this awesome top at Erin Mavis Clothing that I fell in love with, but a WHITE top, for me? Me + white clothing = DISASTER. But wait! I do in fact have acrylic paint and paint pens for fabric (thank you Amazon). I am fairly sure the "Furries 3" will not mind my stealing a few of the felt balls I bought them. Time to have some fun.



Basic items needed? Cardboard or cutting boards to stick under fabric you are working on so paint won't bleed through. Tape to hold fabric in place. Acrylic paint and/or pens made for fabric, ideally 100% cotton item to be painted. Plastic lids from whatever to put paint onto. Felt balls, paint brush or whatever floats your boat to paint with – anything is fair game! Most importantly of course: a sense of humor and some good old-fashioned patience. Painting fabric can be so fun, but alas it does force you to slow down a bit. Waiting between areas for paint to dry, etc.

Fast forward a few (ok several) hours and voila – a top you love that you can relax more while wearing. A fun dishtowel that memorializes your mom's dog's cute face or whatever delights your soul – perhaps a painting of a Pumpkin Spice Latte.

Either way, like it or not the holidays are about to arrive and we can all find a way to create our joy and sprinkle a little color around!

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I first read **Practical Magic** by Alice Hoffman over twenty years ago and I revisit it every Fall. Alice Hoffman is a story telling genius. This book is a showcase of her talent.

**Practical Magic** is the story of generations of the magical Owens women of Massachusetts, from a window of time from the Salem witch trials to the present, and the love curse that has plagued their family for generations.

**Cloverdale Library Community Connection**  
**John Koetzner, Children’s Services Librarian**

If you haven’t visited the Cloverdale Library lately, you might be surprised to see a new addition to the facility. For now, we’re calling it CloverPod, a small meeting space for 2-3 people to meet for private conversations or study together that can keep sound muffled and private. We’re doing sign-ups at the circulation desk, but people can call the branch and schedule a time to meet in it during our regular business hours. For now, we’re scheduling one-hour time slots, but that may change as our community needs change.



Since we’re in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month, I wanted to point out some family activities we’re doing this month and also note that all library branches will be closed on Thursday, October 26th for a staff development day. We hope you’ll stop by for one of our fun programs in October!

- Family**

**Loteria! – Game Night**, Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6-7 pm

**Chiquy Boom! Family Dance Party**, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2-3 pm

**The Imaginists Theater**, Saturday, Oct. 21, 2:30-3:30 pm
- Children**

**Family Storytime** (weekly on Thursdays) starting Oct. 5, 10:30 am

**Mike the Magician’s Halloween Show**, Saturday, Oct. 28, 3-4 pm
- Teen**

**Scary Movie with Hot Cocoa & Apple Cider**, Saturday Oct. 14, 3-4:30 pm

**Game On!** (Weekly on Wednesdays) starting Oct. 13 2:30-4:30 pm
- Adult**

**Cloverdale Library Book Club**, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6-7 pm

**Crafting with CreativeBug**: Charcoal, Tuesday, Oct. 24 6-7 pm

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

**\$7.4M Vegetation Management Grant**

The Cloverdale and Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection Districts, operating under a joint power authority as “North County Fire,” are set to receive \$7.4 million in grant funding from FEMA and CalOES for fire prevention and vegetation management work in the wider Cloverdale area. The work will include removing understory vegetation, creating shaded fuel breaks that promote keeping a wildfire from spreading into the tops of trees, and reducing embers in the highest priority areas in the fire district.

Phase I of the grant, scheduled to be completed by May 28, 2024, will focus on planning and environmental reviews to advance the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for developing shovel-ready projects that will be carried out in Phase II. The County of Sonoma’s Vegetation Management Grant Program provided the initial funding to complete the Cloverdale Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

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## Out & About



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## Coming Soon – City Council Meeting Report

We're excited to announce a new column for **Cloverdale Connect**. Starting with our November issue, we will be able to report on the happenings at the City Council meetings. As you know, these meetings are held twice a month, every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM, at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center. They can be attended in person or via Zoom, and are open to everyone.



Eleanore Webster, Cloverdale resident, will attend the Council meetings and report on their discussions and decisions for **Cloverdale Connect**. Eleanore recently retired from teaching at the Santa Rosa Junior College and is also partially retired from her Human Resources consulting business (she still dabbles a bit, to keep the brain active). Eleanore will attend

the meetings and provide a brief report on what was discussed and if any decisions were made. We look forward to continuing our work with the City Manager and City Council to keep our residents informed.

## Transportation News

### Amtrak to Provide Bus-Only Travel Martinez to Arcata

Amtrak has announced changes that significantly enhance the scope and reach of the regional transportation network. Passengers can now purchase bus-only tickets for all city pairs along the Route 7 Thruway Bus service which travels into 18 stations including the Cloverdale Train Depot. Route 7 spans from the Martinez Amtrak Station all the way to Arcata (Cal Poly Humboldt). For more information, visit <https://amtraksanjoaquins.com/route-7/>

### New SMART Connect Shuttle

SMART Connect is an on-demand shared shuttle providing a first and last-mile connection between the SMART Sonoma County Airport station, the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport (STS), and the surrounding area.

The shuttle operates 8 AM – 6 PM, 7 days a week, and some holidays. From the SMART train station, passengers can take the shuttle to the airport, work, and nearby wineries, breweries, and attractions. All trips must start and end in the service zone. Weekday and weekend service zones are different.

Luggage may be brought aboard the train and the shuttle. Start your trip right by taking the train and the all-electric SMART Connect shuttle to the airport. Public transit is a convenient, economical, and climate-friendly way to travel, plus you'll save money on parking fees and gasoline.

From SMART's Sonoma County Airport station, commuters can take the SMART Connect shuttle to their place of work. The shuttle's weekday service zone centers around the Sonoma County Airport and the various offices and businesses nearby, making it easy to commute to work on SMART. Rides on the SMART Connect shuttle may be booked with the Ride Pingo App.

### Sonoma County Airport Improvements

The Sonoma County Airport recently celebrated the completion of the final phase of the \$40 million air terminal modernization project. The final segment features a renovated front entrance of the terminal, which has been transformed by glass paneling. Bronze statues of Charlie Brown and Linus have also returned to the front of the terminal to welcome travelers.

The terminal modernization project included a renovated ticketing lobby, improved double-lane security lanes, a large main lobby with four additional boarding gates and dedicated concessionaires, an outdoor seating area, a new baggage claim area equipped with two baggage carousels, improved public viewing areas and car rental areas, and local artwork recognizing the airport's namesake, Charles M. Schulz. An additional pet relief area has also opened, complete with a fire hydrant, sink and bench.

New amenities include two private lactation rooms located pre-security and post-security. Also, a post-security outdoor patio with shade umbrellas and seating has been added where guests can enjoy meals from concessionaires offering pizza, soup, sandwiches, and ice cream, as well as beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. In addition, a new wine bar, Crush, offers local beer and wine, as well as a full bar and select breakfast and lunch items.

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# Great Ride and Event Held By Back Road Rejects Motorcycle Club

In 2019, Chris and Kathy Cross decided to start an annual motorcycle ride to benefit Courtney's Pumpkin Patch, a 501(c)(3) that provides assistance to local cancer patients and scholarships at Cloverdale High School. The ride started in Santa Rosa and ended at Cloverdale KOA. It was a huge success. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the ride didn't happen in 2020 but came back in full force in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Since the start of this motorcycle ride, more than \$10,000 has been raised for Courtney's Pumpkin Patch. We cannot thank Chris, Kathy and the Back Road Rejects enough for all their hard work in making this happen. And what makes it more special is that Chris and Kathy both knew Courtney as she was growing up.



Also, a really big thanks to Diavola/Gun Club for opening up for the riders for their stop plus donating a gift certificate and to Pamela Mendala for the use of the beautiful KOA. We would also like to thank all the donors and sponsors:

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# Connect with C.H.S. Cheyenne Schrinier

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CHS is excited to extend an opportunity for local community members to speak of their entrepreneurship in specific fields to students. Our first speaker, Kim Neal, owner of Sonoma County Trade Company in both Windsor and Cloverdale came on September 15th to discuss the importance of sustainability. Sharing the details of owning a business, pursuing a career you find passion in, and educating the importance of personal contributions to environmental health. "Stop doing nothing just because you can't do everything."

Our Varsity Volleyball team has had a successful season so far with a 5 game winning streak and two losses as of mid-September. Winning against both St. Helena and Middletown in games of 3-0 and 3-1. Football performance highlights including Braxton Montanye's touchdown against Fort Bragg, Spencer Hernandez's impressive linebacker interception, and Giovanni Pedroni's passing as the team's new quarterback!



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Physical Education teacher, Anna Ramirez, would like to extend a request to community members working in the realm of physical fitness/health to speak in guest sports in a weekly class discussing the importance of building lifelong habits. Those interested please contact [ramireza@cusd.org](mailto:ramireza@cusd.org)!

# Eye-Catching Nutrition ~ Gina Berry, MS, RD, CLT

In a world where screens dominate our daily lives, safeguarding our vision has never been more crucial. There is growing evidence that nutrition can significantly impact our visual well-being. Often referred to as the "eye vitamin," vitamin A is essential for good vision. It helps maintain the health of the retina. Foods rich in vitamin A include carrots, sweet potatoes, cantaloupe, and spinach. Omega-3 fatty acids are healthy fats that have anti-inflammatory properties and are crucial for the health of the retina. Omega-3s can be found in fatty fish like salmon, mackerel, and trout, as well as in flaxseeds and walnuts. Lutein and Zeaxanthin are antioxidants known to protect the eyes from harmful high-energy light waves like ultraviolet rays. They are found in high concentrations in leafy greens, such as kale and spinach, as well as in egg yolks. Vitamin C is an antioxidant known to reduce the risk of cataracts and slow the progression of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Citrus fruits, strawberries, and bell peppers are excellent sources. Another powerful antioxidant, vitamin E, may help protect the eyes from oxidative damage. Foods like almonds, sunflower seeds, eggs, and spinach are rich in this nutrient. Incorporating these eye-friendly nutrients and foods into your daily diet is a simple and effective way to support your vision.

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## History Center Donation

Pictured is Al Dulsid (on left), adjutant of squadron 293 Son's of the American Legion, being presented the flight suit and helmet donated to the Cloverdale Historical Society by Lt. David Walkup (ret) of the US Navy. Lieutenant Walkup was a carrier pilot flying jets in the mideast during the Vietnam Era. Encouraged by his neighbor, Steve Tice, Lt. Walkup graciously allowed the museum to donate his flight equipment to the Son's of the American Legion, for display in the lobby of the Cloverdale Veterans Hall. Presenting Lieutenant Walkup's flight equipment is Robert Redner, president of the Cloverdale Historical Society.



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## Garden Club News ~ Lynn Caruso

Next February, Cloverdale's Green Thumb Garden Club will celebrate its 65th year.

We welcome new members. Our goals are to improve our skills and knowledge of gardening and flower arranging; civic improvement; social enjoyment; and public education.

We typically meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at Clover Spring's Fire Creek Lodge, located at 210 Red Mountain Drive in Cloverdale. Meetings are held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and feature an invited speaker, brief business meeting and refreshments.



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Ed Seghesio September 8, 1926 – August 15, 2023

As the sun was rising over his vineyard in the Dry Creek Valley, Ed Seghesio died peacefully on August 15, 2023. He was born September 8, 1926 to Arthur and Irene Seghesio. He spent a happy childhood with his older brother Ray at the Home Ranch in Cloverdale. He learned to speak Italian from the family matriarch, Angela; he learned wine making and farming from his father; and he developed a love of growing flowers and cooking delicious Italian food from his mother.

When Ed was twelve, he began working in the family vineyards, thus beginning his life's work of growing quality grapes to make fine wine. Ed was still working in the tasting room welcoming folks to the winery until he was 93, when the pandemic forced him to "retire".

He attended grades 1-8 at Washington School, a one room schoolhouse in Asti. Adopting a strong work ethic, he helped his respected teacher, Mrs. Scherrer, daily by sweeping the school room floors and erasing the blackboards for \$1.50 per month. It was at Washington School where he first met Fay Pellegrini. He said of her that "she was so smart that the teacher would send her home early".

At Cloverdale High School, Ed was Student Body President. He excelled in sports, especially baseball. After high school, Ed served in the US Army in Italy. WWII had ended and he aided in the munitions clean-up. Upon returning home, he played baseball for the Odd Fellows and the Healdsburg Prune Packers. He said he always batted fourth and always had a batting average over 350. He remained a Prune Packer fan, throwing out the first pitch at the age of 95 in 2022.

In June of 1949, he married Fay Pellegrini. The Seghesio family had recently purchased a second winery site in Healdsburg where Ed and Fay began their lives together. They remodeled the antiquated farm house and welcomed their five children to this home. Ed was the head winemaker at Seghesio Winery, a family owned and operated business



since 1902, for the next 30 years until he was able to hand the responsibility over to his son, Ted.

Ed was a Rotarian, served on the Healdsburg Fair Board while his children were in 4-H, was president of the Wine Growers Association, and did a stint on the Sonoma County Grand Jury. He was a member of the Healdsburg Lighting Committee. They raised funds and brought lights to Rec Park that now illuminate Packers games, local sporting events and the fair. Throughout his life Ed had many good friends. Memories of Buck's Lake fishing trips, multi-family campouts and Friday nights with the Mortadella Gang were very special to him.

In the late 70's, the Seghesio Family began putting their own label on the wine they produced. Besides still working in the vineyards and winery, Ed was very proud to promote the wine during sales trips and events. He served wine buyers, grape growers and industry leaders employing his exceptional cooking skills at his family table.

From 1994 to 2019, Ed was married to Donna Colli. They enjoyed dining out, entertaining and traveling together.

Ed was an amazing husband and father and was cherished by his children Julie Neumiller (Jim), Ted Seghesio (Dana), Suzanne Gunnink (Jim), Sally Wilson (Rex). He was predeceased by his first wife, Fay, and youngest son, David. He was a much loved "Papa" to fourteen grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

For most of Ed's life he had a loyal Labrador Retriever by his side. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Canine Companions for Independence or the Sonoma County Humane Society. The Family would also like to thank his kind, competent caregivers from Sutter Care at Home – Santa Rosa Hospice.

A rosary vigil was held at St. John's Catholic Church on Sept 7th, with the Funeral mass and service on September 8th. Funeral arrangements were handled by Fred Young Funeral Home.

The ABCs of USB Type-C ~ Will Carter

Last month, Apple announced their iPhone 15, the first iPhone to use a USB Type-C port, replacing Apple's Lightning port. I am very excited for this development since it represents full adoption of USB Type-C.

How did we get here and what is Type-C? To understand that we need to look back, all the way to 1995, the year of the founding of the USB Implementers Forum (USB-IF). Before USB was ubiquitous, there were many competing standards including IEEE 1394 (branded FireWire by Apple) and the older parallel and serial standards. IBM, Intel, Microsoft and NEC were among the original members of USB-IF, whose purpose is to promote and improve the USB standard. This has, obviously, been a huge success as USB is now everywhere.

USB Type-C is a small, durable, reversable (you can't plug it in wrong!), interface which allows for unprecedented versatility. Type-C can carry data, video, power, and even Intel's Thunderbolt standard to and from your devices. Despite being loaded with tech, Type-C is also very hard to use wrong, making it the perfect standard for consumers.

Let's review three important things to know about Type-C:

**A is for Adapters:** The main frustration my customers face with USB Type-C is the need for adapters. Your current devices likely don't use USB Type-C and you will need adapters (also called dongles) to use older devices, cables, and ports. If you're looking for USB Type-C adapters, I recommend the brand Anker.

**B is for Batteries:** One of USB Type-C's greatest features is USB Power Delivery (USB-PD), which allows for the tiny USB Type-C port to carry over 100w of power. This means your Nintendo Switch, Android, and now even your iPhone can all use the same charger!

**C is for Change:** Part of how USB came to be so powerful is the ability of the USB-IF to improve and modify the standard. Expect USB to continue to change for the better as newer standards are introduced.

If you find that changes to USB are coming faster than you can keep up with, reach out to a trusted computer service provider for help!

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The Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club held its first meeting of the year August 22nd. The Rotary Interact Club is comprised of students from all grades with a desire to help their community. Their motto is "service above self." Pictured is Max Fincher vice president, Keiko Saito, president, and Mr. Joe Dobbins, high school honors teacher and Interact Advisor, working with the Interact students for over 25 years.

## Save the Date – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Cloverdale Connect College Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon



Enjoy a "Beatles Sing-along" with William Florian, former lead singer of the New Christy Minstrels. 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 lunch, glass of wine, live entertainment all at a

convenient venue, the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center.

Look for more details in the November issue of **Cloverdale Connect** or email [info@cloverdaleconnect.com](mailto:info@cloverdaleconnect.com) to reserve your tickets now. This event will sell out – only 60 tickets will be sold. 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 or related field.

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Cloverdale Rotary Club president Robert Redner receives the Paul Harris Award from Rotary International Chair Jim Novak. Paul Harris founded Rotary in Chicago in 1906 to serve the community and the world. The Paul Harris Award is for Rotarians making an outstanding commitment to their community and the principles of Rotary.



Cloverdale Rotary president Robert Redner presents Kailee Bunting as the club's 2nd recipient of \$2,500 from the Jack and Maxine Allen Vocational Scholarship Fund! Kailee attended their meeting to receive her check and thanked us for helping her pay for Medical Assistant School.

## Auxiliary Unit 293 Awards \$1,000 Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 293 of Cloverdale presented a \$1,000 scholarship to San Jose State University freshman Madison Ammirati. A 2023 graduate of Cloverdale High School, Ammirati is majoring in computer engineering.

The Auxiliary Unit is currently looking for Cloverdale residents who have an active-duty service member stationed overseas, to send that service member a holiday "care package." It is not necessary for the family to be members of the American Legion Post, the Sons or the Auxiliary to request a package. There is no cost to the family or the service member.

Any Cloverdale resident who has a service member stationed overseas, and who would like to have that person receive a package, is asked to call Melanie Taylor at (707) 953-7240. When calling, be prepared to provide the service member's name, branch of service, and full mailing address.

The public is urged to call with these requests as soon as possible. While 2023 deadlines for overseas military mailings have not been announced, shipments last year were not guaranteed for Christmas delivery unless sent by early November. Please call sooner rather than later. The Auxiliary Unit thanks you.

## Mike McGuire Pro Tem Designee



California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins has announced that the Senate Democratic Caucus convened and determined that local resident Senator Mike McGuire will be the Pro Tem Designee, with a transition to be announced next year. Senator McGuire, who was elected to the Senate in 2014, has served as Majority Leader since 2022.

"Words are not enough to express the extent of my gratitude, honor, and humility for being chosen by our united Caucus to lead the California Senate. Together, we will meet the challenges ahead with grace, courage, and determination. We will never stop fighting to make the promise of the Golden State real for every Californian" state McGuire.

## The Clover Theater - 31 Days of Halloween Ryan Hecht



A full month of fun events are happening in October at the Clover Theater. There will be a mix of members-only events and events that are open to everyone. In addition, the entire month of October is a mega membership drive, so most of the events will be members-only.

Did you know? The Unlimited Movie Membership Program is the way the Clover will be able to stay in business for the long haul. For those who have already joined, the Tuesday night Members Only show has become the most well-attended, most fun thing that happens every week. (In fact, if you only went to the Tuesday show, your Membership would already pay for itself.)

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## Boys & Girls Club Program Director Opportunity at Jefferson Campus Kat Ryan



As a parent there is no better feeling then knowing that your kids are not only safe after school while you need to be at work

but that they are learning and growing among their peers. I joined the Boys & Girls Clubs Sonoma-Marin organization over the summer and I have truly been blown away at how they strive to provide this.

There is a need right now for a Program Director at the Jefferson campus. This is a full-time position and this person oversees the entire after school program and makes a real difference in the lives of a children in our community. Reach out to Kat Ryan for more info: [kryan@bgcsonoma-marin.org](mailto:kryan@bgcsonoma-marin.org).



Cloverdale Leads on Country Wide  
“One Small Step” Initiative  
Rhian Miller

Mayor Todd Lands and Melanie Hall, Program Manager for the Cloverdale Senior Center, invite the residents of Cloverdale to take One Small Step - Together - as Cloverdale steps up to be the first City Wide participant. Your Northern California Public Media station, KRCB, is one of just five stations selected nationally to host One Small Step in 2023, and proud to partner with this community.

One Small Step is an effort to remind the country of the humanity in all of us, even those with whom we disagree. The initiative brings strangers with different beliefs together for a conversation—not to debate politics—but to get to know each other as people. These conversations will be preserved for future generations at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress and as part of the StoryCorps archive.

On September 27, the Senior Center hosted a kick-off event with representatives from numerous local civic and community organizations who have signed on and will engage their members in this city-wide effort. “Our country is divided more than ever. One Small Step is the perfect way to show that two people with different beliefs and backgrounds can have a respectful conversation, find common ground and work together as Americans” said Mayor Todd Lands. “We are very proud to play a small part in getting the One Small Step Initiative information out to our community of Cloverdale.” according to Melanie Hall

We invite you to meet someone new—a fellow resident - who you might not talk to otherwise—for a simple, personal, 50-minute conversation, which can be in person or you can meet in the virtual online recording booth. You can get more information and sign up at [krcb.org/story-corps](http://krcb.org/story-corps) or contact Rhian Miller at [1smallstep.krcb@gmail.com](mailto:1smallstep.krcb@gmail.com), or call 707-584-2058.





**Annual Holiday Craft Fair 2023**  
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Doris Mitzi Tait Valera  
July 26, 1953-August 31, 2023



As rare as the blue moon itself, Mitzi Valera lay to rest on such a magical day, August 31, 2023, after battling multiple factors including strokes. She was born in San Francisco to Ray Tait and Mercedes Green. She was the oldest of her three siblings: Charlotte Donnan, Ray Tait Jr., and Steve Tait.

Mitzi and her late husband, John Valera were married 39 years before he passed in 2018. They met and fell deeply in love in San Francisco and decided to move north to Cloverdale for the country dream of land, animals, and to raise a family. Mitzi has been part of the Cloverdale Community since the late 70's.

She leaves behind her son, John Valera Jr., daughter Vanessa (Valera) Bascherini, son-in-law Blake Bascherini and her two beautiful grandchildren Landen Valera Bascherini and Leila Valera Bascherini, sister Charlotte (Tait) Donnan, brother-in-law Mark Donnan and mother Mercedes Green.

Mitzi enjoyed gardening, especially Gardenias, camping on the Russian River, Blue Lakes, Sugar Loaf and anywhere else she and Pop traveled. She loved traveling, especially to Puerto Vallarta, the Cayman Islands, Alaska, and Hawaii. She had a love for animals that she passed down to her children and grandchildren. She was also very active and loved being with her two grandchildren. She was part of the Redwood Empire Trail Riders Club and rode many times in the Citrus Fair Parade along with many years supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 9268.

Mitzi was very adventurous and a thrill seeker with her love of roller coasters, salmon fishing, parasailing, barrel racing with her horse Starfire, snorkeling and feeding stingrays, sky diving, and riding on a motorcycle.

She enjoyed watching National Geographic and the History Channel. She was a wiz at Trivial Pursuit with many game nights with friends and family. She loved a wide range of music except for country and attended a variety of music festivals and concerts. She loved to read, especially Steven King.

Mitzi worked in many local businesses, including Morgan Wood, Papa Johns', Zola's, Bandiera Winery, World Famous Hamburger Ranch and Pasta Farm, and lastly retiring with Farmers Insurance.

She was a loving wife, mother, Mimi, sister, daughter, aunt, and cousin and loved by many friends and will be forever in our hearts. You fought like hell and now you're free of pain and missed by all who love you.


A Celebration of Life will be held on October 21, 2023, with family and friends.

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Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center  
Melanie Hall

It was a pleasure to serve our community with a Pancake Breakfast in September in coordination with the Cloverdale Chamber's Car and Motorcycle Show. Thank you to Neena Hanchett and the team for putting on such a feel-good successful event.

October is going to be a fun-filled informative month at the Cloverdale Senior Center. We will have a three-part series focusing on Mental Agility, which is part of our Wellness Workshop Series on October 16, 23, and 30. Our Card Party and Potluck on the 14th is good for the soul. If you like to play games with friends and eat good food, this is the party to go to. Cristina Rosas, with Alexander Valley Healthcare, is here by appointment on October 19 to help people sign up for MediCal, Covered California, and CalFresh.

Save the date, November 4, for our annual Holiday Craft Fair, 10-3. There will be local crafters, delicious food, and a raffle. Also, save December 9, for our first in-person Holiday Tea since 2019. Musical entertainment will be provided by local favorite, The Fitch Mountaineers. Call the Senior Center at 707-894-4826 for more information.

Creative Notions, our Senior Center Craft store, has many craft items at reduced rates. It is open Tuesday-Friday, 10-4 and is lovingly operated by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please give me a call at the Senior Center. We welcome donations of new or gently used craft items; call the Senior Center first before dropping off at the center. We look forward to seeing you soon either at Creative Notions or the Senior Center, let's have some fun!



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Tickets on sale soon, but quick they'll be gone,  
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Expect them to sell out with a festive cheer,  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9  
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TICKETS \$40  
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Contact Melanie to sign up to decorate a table for our guests;  
grab a friend and get creative.



Limited tickets are available at the front desk or on  
cloverdaleseniorcenter.org  
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The Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club participated in the River Keepers annual cleanup. Pictured (left to right) is Keiko Saito, club president, Ronnie Hatcher, Max Fincher, vice president, Samuel Fincher, Robert Redner, Interact Director, and Torry Hatcher. The club removed over 90 lbs. of trash from the river area.



The Food Pantry is located at 201 Commercial Street in Cloverdale. It is open every Friday from 11 am to 1 pm. Your donations to the Cloverdale Food Pantry are welcome.

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Donations of money are used to purchase food in bulk at the Food Bank - much better than donating food items.

Druids Circle 81

Cloverdale Druids Circle 81 is a social club in town. The Druids are a chapter of a not-for-profit 501c8 and have a great time fundraising while socializing. They are looking for new members with a Open House Ladies Game Night on the 1st Thursday of every month. The next one is on Thursday, October 5th and you are invited!



Don't miss the special event at Cloverdale Druids Hall. The Roaring 20's Speakeasy Fundraiser being held by Cloverdale Druids Circle 81 on Saturday, October 14th, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm.

\$50 per person, \$500 for a table of 10. Tickets are limited to 150 tickets capacity. Pre-payment and physical invitation purchased prior to event required at the door.

They are raising funds to honor Kelsie Marie Iverson SRJC Foundation Scholarship. Their goal

with Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation support is \$25,000 in the next 3 years.

5:30pm drinks at our Cash Bar Donation fundraiser goes to the Grove 203 fundraiser.

6:00pm Dinner, silent auction, and dancing until 8:30pm. 50/50 raffle, amazing silent auction, and a photo shoot!

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How about a little shout out for **Will Carter** of **Carter Systems** here in Cloverdale? If you want FAST GREAT service call Will at 707 327 0327 or pop him an email at [Will@CarterSystems.com](mailto:Will@CarterSystems.com). Kathy and I purchased a new place here in Cloverdale in January of 2020 and then moved our business up here in Jan 2021. We changed internet service providers in the process our email system went into the dumps and it was really hard to work with. Will came in like Batman and Robin all in one, with a FAST... "BAM, BANG, POW!! RKA was back on top of our email, customers, and orders!! *Richard & Kathy Battles, RKA*

I live in Southern California. I was on a mission to find a "Cloverdale 95425" hat for my best friend who lives in Cloverdale. I found **Cloverdale Retail Therapy** on the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce website and called on a Sunday and spoke with Molly. She was very kind and patient with me. Molly described all of the hats to me and helped me choose the perfect color, and she assured me the gift would be delivered in time for my friend's birthday. She picked out the perfect birthday card and texted me to let me know the card and beautifully wrapped gift had been delivered. Molly went above and beyond to help me surprise my best friend on her birthday and I can't thank her enough! *Lisa Felix*

I recommend our wonderful local pet hospital. I've had countless animals in my life, lived in several counties, and been to many veterinary hospitals. Doctors Biery, Silva, Smith, and team at **Animal Hospital of Cloverdale** are compassionate and practical. They will give options for more extensive testing and procedures or a referral to a specialist as well as the least expensive treatment, supportive care, or "wait and see" so long as it is humane to the animal. They are never judgmental or pressure me to choose more expensive options which I have experienced at other pet hospitals. *Brigid Wasson*

Wanted to give a shout-out to Tim Edens and his wife Jackie (**Edens Lawn and Yard Service**) who did an amazing job on our front yard! They did a great job, attention to detail, great communicators and very reasonable. Give them a call if you need any landscaping work done. They removed old vegetation, did stump grinding, installed new drippers, weed block, metal (cor-ten) edging, flagstone pathway and patio in decomposed granite, rock, and mulch- all with a smile despite 100 degree Cloverdale heat! *Matt Ostermann*

**All N One La Joya Detailing** did an amazing job on my van! Great customer service too! My van's so clean now, I don't want to let my kids in it. *Stephanie Rudas*

I can't say enough good things about **Hopland Heirloom Farm**! We just went there and had the best experience. Amazing peanuts, amazing produce, amazing customer service! *Sarah Katharine Schmaltz*

Shout out to the **Cloverdale Mountain Mikes**! Last night after hiking and playing disc golf for hours, my man and I were looking to carb up but everything was closing. Mountain Mike's welcomed us at 8:50pm and let us dine in. We played games and enjoyed the food and drinks. We had the opportunity to build a friendship with the new owners. Mountain Mike's is leveling up y'all... THEY GOT A POOL TABLE!! If anyone catches us in there- first round'a beers are on us!! *Ruby Reyes*

## Lisa Ann Cacace



Lisa Ann Cacace was born in Yonkers, New York on July 17, 1959. She passed away from a sudden illness at home on September 8, 2023.

Lisa moved to Sonoma County in 1978 after majoring in business at SFU. She was a manager at several local businesses and was plant manager at Perler in Cloverdale for 14 years. She finished her career working for the County of Sonoma. She loved living in the county and could often be seen walking her chocolate lab, Keela.

She was married to Bryan Dorsett in 1990 after a five year courtship and their son, Tyler, was born in 1992. Lisa loved traveling, road trips, dogs, aerobics, the ocean and, especially, collecting rocks and stones. She decorated her yard with stones; she would bring them home in her luggage after trips. Once she carried a stone too large to carry in a stroller to get it home!

Lisa was an intense personality. When she was on a mission, prepare to step aside! A tumultuous and chaotic childhood tempered her heart, molded her character and drove her daily ambitions. She was the matriarch of the family and her home was the hub of their connections.

She will be missed as a lover, wife, friend, sister, aunt, mother and mentor.

## Two Sculptures Violently Vandalized Janet Howell

**"Sometimes overlooked, often misread, public art is a sign of life."** ~ Art Historian, Patricia C. Philips



Sometime, in the early morning of August 20th, two pieces in the current sculpture trail were violently vandalized. The Sculpture Trail is approaching its 20th year of bringing public art to downtown Cloverdale. In its history, pieces have occasionally been tagged but have never experienced destruction on this level. Diego Harris's piece, Tidal Wave, on the corner of Cloverdale Blvd and third street was pushed over. Thanks to a kind citizen (or more), the piece was up-righted and suffered minor damage, the artist was able to come and buff it out, and the city of Cloverdale has secured it with bolts. Unfortunately, Peter Crompton's piece, Celestial Poodle, in front of the Arts Alliance, did not fare so well and is beyond repair. It was pushed over and the legs broken off and it had to be removed immediately due to safety concerns. This is a sad incident in our community.

Public art has been around for centuries and people have been etching drawings in public spaces throughout the ages. The earliest western public art, which can be found in ancient Greek and Roman cities, was mostly limited to architecture or architectural sculptures. In the United States, the first organized public art came about under Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which was created in 1934. This program identified public art as essential and put thousands of artists to work and created jobs for thousands more. Cloverdale is extremely lucky to have this unique program. However, if vandalism continues, the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail will cease to exist due to one or more individuals careless, ignorant and hateful actions.

Anyone who may have witnessed or has knowledge of this incident can contact the Cloverdale Police Department, where a report was filed. We would also like to thank the individual(s) who erected Diego's piece, so please let the police department know. It was greatly appreciated.

Please visit [www.cloverdalesculpturetrail.org](http://www.cloverdalesculpturetrail.org) to take a fun quiz on public art around the world.



## Cooking with David Maciel

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*When our son was little, I always looked for an easy dinner on Halloween like pigs in a blanket. I put a twist on this recipe to give it a more gourmet taste that should satisfy any appetite.*

*These cheesy stuffed weenies are a perfect dinner or a great appetizer for those holiday parties or before trick or treating*

### Cheesy Gourmet Pigs In A Blankets

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup whole Milk Mozzarella Cheese, shredded
- ½ cup Shredded Parmesan Cheese
- ½ cup bacon, diced small and cooked until crispy
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced small
- 1 small sweet apple (like Honey Crisp or Gala), diced small
- ½ cup dates, finely chopped
- ¼ cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 4 packages (4 each) all-natural smoked or plain sausages
- 4 tubes crescent roll dough

#### Dipping Sauce:

- ½ cup honey mustard
- ¼ cup Whole Milk Ricotta Cheese
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

Preheat the oven to 375°F and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium-sized bowl, stir together the Mozzarella, Parmesan, cooked bacon, red bell pepper, apple, dates and parsley. Reserve the mixture to the side.

Make a lengthwise slice in the sausage that cuts down half the depth of the sausage. Line up the sausages on your cutting board and stuff each with 1 tablespoon of the cheese stuffing. Set them to the side until you're ready to assemble them.

On a clean, lightly floured surface, roll out the crescent roll dough and pair up the triangles to make 4 rectangles per tube, ready for assembly. Evenly sprinkle approximately 1 tablespoon of the cheese filling over the rectangles and gently push the filling into the dough. Then, carefully roll each sausage up in the crescent roll dough, keeping the filling in the sausage. Slice each rolled-up sausage in half with an angled cut.

Arrange your piggies on baking sheets, one inch apart, and bake for 13–15 minutes, or until they're puffed and golden brown.

In a small bowl, combine the honey mustard, Ricotta Cheese and apple cider vinegar. Serve the dipping sauce alongside the gourmet pigs in a blanket

## When Should You Sell Investments?

If you're a long-term investor, your portfolio may stay fairly stable over time. However, you may occasionally need to sell some investments. But when — and why?

For starters, if you have investments that consistently underperform, you might be better off selling them and using the proceeds to buy others that could help you make progress toward your goals.

And if an investment you own is quite similar to others in your portfolio, you might consider selling it and using the proceeds to broaden your investment mix.

Here's another possible reason for selling: An investment's value has grown so much that it now takes up a higher percentage of your portfolio than you intended.

Finally, your own needs can change. As you near retirement, you may want to move some of your portfolio into more conservative investment vehicles. Still, you won't want to sell all your growth-oriented investments, as you'll need some growth potential to help stay ahead of inflation.

The bottom line? If you're going to sell investments, make sure you do so for the right reasons.

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## Rotary Bingo Night

Pictured on the left is Cloverdale Rotary Club president Robert Redner awarding Ken Allen, program director, the Rotarian of the Month award for his outstanding effort in implementing the Rotary Bingo Night, recently held at Railroad Station. A special thanks goes out to all the sponsors who helped make this happen, and to the Station for allowing the use of their facility.

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