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January 2024

Cloverdale Connect

Happy New Year!

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Editor's Note

It's a fresh new year! Are you the type of person who writes out a detailed list of New Year's resolutions or are you more like me - a shrug and a sigh "Well, I'll do the best I can"?

A fresh calendar is like a clean house or a clean car, it's satisfying and gives a spark of hope. My calendar is already filling up for 2024 - vacation planned, trips to see family, work (of course), and unending local events.

Even though the Holidays are in the rearview mirror, we still have things going on in our community in January. Don't miss the annual Lions Club Crab Feed, the Flute Fusion Duo, Roy Obiedo Group in concert, David Luning in concert, and the Wine Walk. Be sure to check the Event Calendar on page 7.

So, here's to another year- may it bring you everything you desire. I'll see you around town!

Dana



It's no joke! Even renowned comedian **Steve Hytner** (Kenny Bania on Seinfeld) reads *Cloverdale Connect*.



Message from the Chamber ~Turning the Page

When the calendar leaps forward yet another year, it's time to reflect but also to look forward. 2024 bodes very well for Cloverdale. Several of our local businesses are expanding due to the support you gave them. A new restaurant, The Beet, opened downtown, to great reviews and 101 North on the corner is progressing. Now if only our landmark bank building would enjoy a metamorphosis.

Our existing restaurants are also very deserving of your support. When you patronize them, you add to Cloverdale's economic foundation while enjoying a wide variety of cuisines. We're so fortunate, aren't we? Welcome 2024!



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Words ON STAGE

Danny Neustadt
"Holocaust:
"A Family's Story of
Loss, Survival and
Redemption"

Sharing my family's surviving the Holocaust, (especially my grandmother Omi), having spent 5 years in three concentration camps, and their immigration to America.

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Celebrating Jim DeMartini, Honoring Courtney Davis, Remembering Norm Pardini, and much more!

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CUSD Teacher of the Month
Rhonda Knowles

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"You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do", Dr. Seuss. This quote is Rhonda Knowles to a tee.

She's always trying new things from sewing projects to landscaping to making jam. She is the mom of two wonderful sons Derick and Ryan and fantastic bonus daughters Kelsie and Rikki. Her partner is named Rick. Rhonda has a granddaughter named Brynn, who is the love of her life.

Rhonda has always had a big love for books, especially children's books. She would use books and trips to the bookstore as rewards and prizes for her boys growing up. Rhonda as the library manager for Jefferson School is the perfect position; she gets to share her love of books and learning with hundreds of lucky kids!

A big huge Congrats to you Miss Rhonda! Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication at CUSD for over twenty years.

Jim DeMartini Honored by the
Cloverdale Citrus Fair

In recognition of his many years of service to the fairgrounds at Cloverdale, the Cloverdale Citrus Fair is pleased to announce that James DeMartini has been recognized as the 2024 Citrus Fair Parade Grand Marshall. Additionally, at their November 13, 2023 Board Meeting, Directors named DeMartini as the Western Fairs Association's Blue Ribbon Award winner for 2024.



DeMartini is entering his 47th year of practice in Cloverdale. His dedication to the community is legendary. He has served as president of the Sonoma County Bar Association, the Cloverdale Rotary Club, the Cloverdale Century Lions Club, chaired the Cloverdale Planning Commission, Citizens' General Plan Review Committee and has been a board member/officer of the Cloverdale Healthcare District for over 35 years, as well as serving many other foundations and organizations.

Jim also chaired the Citrus Fair Parade Committee for 10 years and to this day supports the parade by cooking breakfast for the Humboldt Marching Lumberjacks each parade morning. Music plays a big part of DeMartini's out of court hours as a member of the Healdsburg Community Band and has his own honky-tonk band, Court 'n' Disaster.

The 2024 Cloverdale Citrus Fair will take place February 16-19, 2024. Tickets and carnival passes are on sale now.

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SATURDAY

January 6th

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Anna Ramirez

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The 2023 Pete Peterka Award

The Department of Emergency Management annually honors an individual, group, or program for their outstanding commitment to emergency management by presenting the Louis “Pete” Peterka Award at the December meeting of the Emergency Coordinators Forum. This year, the 2023 Pete Peterka Award goes to Resilient Cloverdale/CloveReady Initiative.

The award is named after the grandfather of emergency management in Sonoma County, Pete Peterka. He led what was then known as the Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services from 1977 to 1985. Pete is a legend in the field of emergency management and is recognized as one of the pioneers instrumental in turning moribund local civil defense programs into functional, multi-hazard plans and responses.

The efforts of all these individuals in the Resilient Cloverdale group have significantly advanced emergency management in the Sonoma Operational Area, specifically the City of Cloverdale and surrounding area.

For their outstanding commitment to emergency management in the Sonoma County Operational Area, the County of Sonoma Emergency Management Department honors Resilient Cloverdale with the 2023 Pete Peterka Award. This award will be presented at a Cloverdale City Council Meeting in January.

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Whisker Talk
Brigid Wasson

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Fluffy, chubby, chonky. These are all cute words we use to describe an overweight pet. After the holidays people make resolutions for their own health so it's also a good time to focus on your dog's health. Obese dogs have difficulty with mobility and joint pain and they will ultimately live shorter lives. What is the best way to get them back to a healthy weight? First, consult your veterinarian. Your dog may have a metabolic issue that causes weight gain or other problems. Your vet can recommend a goal weight and an appropriate time to reach that goal. Second, choose an appropriate food. Don't drastically change your dog's diet or force him to eat something he doesn't like. Clover Dog offers NutriSource and other pet food brands optimized for healthy weight. They now have a dog weighing scale so you can track your pet's progress. Third, exercise! Daily walking is good for your dog and for you. Be realistic and work your way up. Twenty minute walks around the neighborhood are a good start. As you increase fitness you can go for longer walks or hikes. Consistency is key; a short walk four times a week is better than a huge hike once a week.




Cloverdale Church Guide

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Tu B'shevat Is Coming! Riva Orr

What is Tu B'shevat?

It is useful to think of this holiday as the Jewish Arbor Day. The 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar - celebrated this year on Thursday January 25, 2024 - is the day that marks the beginning of a "new year" for trees. Commonly known as Tu Bishvat, this day marks the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. We mark the 15th of Shevat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. On this day we remember that "man is a tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19), and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.

New Prayer Box Installed

A new prayer box was recently installed in front of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on Main Street. The initial idea for a public prayer board at the church came about many years ago as a way to reach out to the community. Gene Marcinkowski installed and maintained the original prayer board. However, with rainy winters and hot sun throughout the year, it became a challenge to keep the prayer board in "working order".



The concept for the new prayer box was based on one at a church in Texas. This design will keep the supplies and prayers protected from the elements. The attractive painted metal box, similar to a mail box, was created by Healdsburg Sign. A special acknowledgement goes out to the Longo family who gave the new box in loving memory of Christel's mother, Mireille Polge. Additional thanks go to the Reverend Deacon Bob Scott as well as church members Francesca Giacalone and Christine Lathrop.



Pictured are Deacon Bob Scott and church members Paul Cowden and Dana Johnson

Pet Adoptions



Princess is an athletic girl looking for a new family. She is 3 years old, smart and loves walks. She is currently in training at K9 Activity Club.

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Keeping Your Tech Green Will Carter

I hope everyone got the technology gifts they were hoping for this holiday season! However, today I am writing about your old technology those new gifts might have replaced. Growing up, I was taught the environmental mantra "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." Here are some key steps you can take to limit the environmental impact your technology has on the planet.

Reduce. Reducing our individual demand for technology is the first step to being a conscious consumer of technology. The best way to do this is to keep using what you already have. Your current phone will probably last at least three years, so skip upgrading when your carrier tries to tempt you with the latest model. You can choose to repair your current devices when there's a failure or damage. Computers, game consoles, phones, and more can usually be repaired for less than the price of a replacement. Another option for reducing your impact is upgrading your devices when possible. Slower computers can often be sped-up or made ready for the latest version of Windows without replacing the whole system.

Reuse. There are a ton of ways to reuse older devices. A retired laptop can be used as a dedicated music or streaming video player. Used smartphones can be a fantastic starter phone for a child or teen. Older 'dumb' televisions can be connected to a Google TV, Roku, or Amazon Fire Stick to give you all the 'smart' features found on a newer TV. You can even reuse while getting 'new-to-you' technology by buying refurbished or used devices.

Recycle. This last step is the most important for our local environment, since improperly disposed of technology poses risks in our landfills. Lithium batteries can start fires and heavy metals can leach into soil or groundwater. If you need to recycle a device, check out the Zero Waste Sonoma website to find where you should take it for safe disposal and recycling: zerowastesonoma.gov.

If you would like assistance in upgrading your existing devices, making your TV smarter, or recycling your electronics safely and securely, reach out to a trusted technology service provider for help.

Cloverdale Connect Scholarship Donations

Cloverdale Connect appreciates all the donations that have been received for the CHS student scholarship. Your donations will make a difference in a student's life. A special thank you goes to **The Zane Templin Foundation** for their very generous donation to the Cloverdale Connect Scholarship Fund. The Zane Templin Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, was formed in Zane Templin's memory. Their mission is to support mental health awareness and suicide prevention, with a focus on the children, teens, and young adults of Sonoma County.



The Zane Templin Foundation was founded by Dr Jeff and Fran Templin in honor of their son, Zane, whom they lost to suicide in 2016 when he was 24. Zane was a black belt in Tang Soo Do at the age of 13 and was a scholar-athlete who graduated with honors from Santa Rosa High. He went to University of California at Davis and received a degree in neurobiology, physiology, & behavior. He attended the prestigious Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco.

Real Estate for Real People Elissa Morrash

For most people, buying or selling a house is an unusual experience. It's not something they do every day. They need their agent to help them with the whole picture.

As we start the new year, it is an appropriate time to review finances and plan for the future. Real estate investment can be a lucrative and rewarding venture. Here are five benefits of investing in real estate:

1. **Stable cash flow:** Real estate investments can provide a steady stream of income through rental payments, which can help you build wealth over time.
2. **Appreciation:** Real estate values tend to appreciate over time, which can lead to significant returns on investment. The key is to remember the phrase "over time." Real estate is cyclical.
3. **Tax advantages:** Real estate investors can take advantage of tax deductions such as mortgage interest, property taxes, and depreciation. The key here is to consult with your CPA and ask a tax attorney about your individual situation.
4. **Diversification:** Investing in real estate can help diversify your portfolio and reduce the risk of total loss.
5. **Leverage:** Real estate investors can use leverage to purchase properties with borrowed money, which can increase their return on investment.

These are just a few of the many benefits of investing in real estate. If you are interested in pursuing this avenue, don't be reluctant to ask for help. Your real estate agent can help you find potential real estate investment opportunities, and as with any investment, seek out advice from your trusted tax professional, financial advisor and legal counsel. Always plan carefully based on your own needs.

Elissa Morrash is a licensed Realtor® with W Real Estate in Cloverdale, an active member of the local real estate community, and proud of the extensive training, ongoing education and strong sense of ethics that Cloverdale's realtors bring to their clients and each of their transactions.

Congratulations U10 CYSL Boys Team



The U10 CYSL Boys team went undefeated this soccer season. Their coach Cesar Cuéllar took them to a tournament in Fremont last month, where they placed 3rd Place.

Cloverdale Historical Society



Pictured planning next year's events for the Cloverdale Historical Society, President Robert Redner lays out the groundwork for the various activities scheduled for the upcoming new year.

The museum is looking forward to providing exciting and innovative programs encompassing education, native culture and historical events, and appreciates the community's support this past year.

Scholarship Opportunity
Lynn Caruso

In 2023, Cloverdale’s Green Thumb Garden Club awarded three, \$1000 scholarships to the following residents: Cheri Jimerson who is pursuing two degrees in computer science, Carlos Mercado who plans to be a dental hygienist, and Anahi Ruiz who seeks a career in law.

Next year, the club will award three more \$1000 scholarships to Santa Rosa Junior College students. The application period is from January 22, 2024 to March 2, 2024.

Students must meet the following criteria: Cloverdale resident; Cloverdale High School student, continuing SRJC student, or SRJC student transferring to a four-year college; Minimum GPA of 2.0; Students must be enrolled in a minimum of six units; Open to all majors; Financial need is considered. New students must register at SRJC’s website in order to access the application:

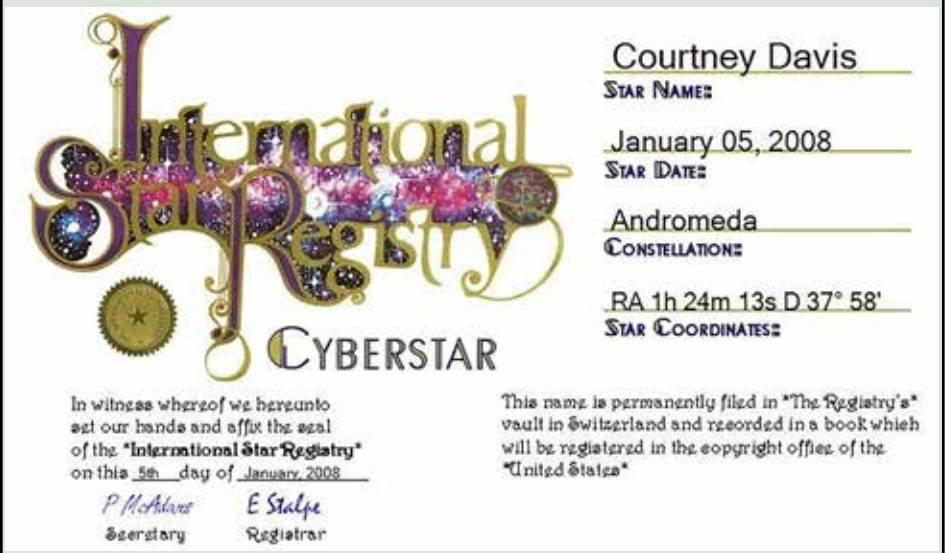
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Courtney Jade Davis
February 06, 1991 – January 05, 2008



Courtney (our shining star from above)
You always loved the celestial. It was so great when you were younger to go in your bedroom and see the glow in the dark stars all over your ceiling and all the sun, moon and star things you had everywhere.
What does it mean to be celestial? Celestial beings are those that either exist in space amongst the stars and amongst the only one true being; God ...or that live in heaven called angels.

So, it was so fitting to receive a letter, sixteen years ago, from the International Star Registry stating that a star in the Heavens has been named in memoriam.
Dated; January 05, 2008; The star name- Courtney Davis; located in the Andromeda constellation with all the coordinates included.



The “Make A Wish Foundation” purchased this touching and heartwarming surprise for us; as they do for all children, who are registered with them, and pass from serious illnesses. They are a wonderful organization who brought our daughter joy amidst her struggle with cancer by granting her Make A Wish.
One clear evening, we were very excited to view her star at the Robert Ferguson Observatory.
Even though we can’t see you Courtney, we know you’re still with us...you will forever twinkle in every light.
We’re gonna love you until the Heavens stop the rain.
We’re gonna love you until the stars fall from the sky.
Dad and Mom ~ “Life is only as bad as you make it”



Scholarships For Graduating CHS Seniors

Attention parents and CHS students – there are thousands of dollars of scholarship funds available to graduating seniors. Please see CHS counselor, Kathryn Ulrich, ulrichk@cusd.org, 707-894-1924, for complete details and individual scholarship requirements.

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Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission Scholarship

- DUE IN MAY**
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Kids’ Chance of California Scholarship
Corazón Healdsburg Rhodes Family Scholarship

- DUE IN JUNE**
Native Forward Scholars Fund

Norman E. Pardini 1948 – 2023



Norman Pardini "Norm" born July 3, 1948, in Cloverdale, to parents Henry and Lena Pardini. He lived in Cloverdale for 74 years before moving to Ukiah, Ca in 2022.

On the same day Norm was born the Cloverdale Food Center opened. At age 10, Norm began working at the Cloverdale Food Center and later he and his wife Linda purchased the business.

To know Norm was to love him, especially his stories, company, and his market steaks. Norm will be missed dearly by everyone, most of all his wife, Linda Pardini, son Dennis Pardini, daughter-in-law Julie Pardini, grandchildren, Kevin Pardini, Kirstin Villavicencio and Kaylah Pardini, brother, Ray Pardini and many other family and friends.

Norm along with John Turner carried on the Cloverdale Charger football program for Norm's brother, Joe Pardini. Over 10 years ago, the "Norm Pardini" award was created. This prestigious award is given to one special varsity player each year. The award honors the player for their effort and all-around genuine heart and soul. This award represents Norm as the man we all knew him to be.

Norm was a member of the Cloverdale Lions club for over 30 years. Contributing and supporting the Cloverdale community was one of many things Norm took pride in being a part of. Norm's family would like to thank the Cloverdale Lions Club for their generosity and support in putting together Norm's Celebration of Life. Donations can be given to the Cloverdale Lions Club.

Celebration of Life will be held at the Citrus Fair on January 6, 2024, at 1:00.

Community Calendar

January 4 Tuesday 7pm

The Roy Obiedo Group & Chloe Jean
Cloverdale Arts Alliance

January 6 Saturday 11-3pm Wine Walk
6pm Open Mic – CPAC

January 11 Thursday

5:30-7:30 Beki Berrey, "Meet and Greet"
115 W. First Street

January 13 Saturday Blues Night
Cloverdale Arts Alliance

January 18 Thursday Americana Night featuring
David Luning – Cloverdale Arts Alliance

"Holocaust" – CPAC 7pm

January 26 Friday 7pm

Cloverdale High School Improv – CPAC

January 27 Saturday 6pm Cloverdale Lions Club Crab
Feed – Citrus Fair

January 28 Sunday 2pm Flute Fusion Duo – CPAC

Feb 1 Thursday 5:30 Rotary Bingo Railroad Station

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- Clear vegetation debris when the ground is dry enough to walk on. It is important not to clear brush and trees during bird nesting season March 1st to August 31st to protect our bird populations.
- Bareroot shrubs and trees will begin appearing in nurseries. Bareroot is a good way to plant many fruit trees, shrubs, and roses. If you can't plant the day of your purchase, submerge roots in a bucket of water up to 24 hours and plant as soon as you can.
- Roses should be pruned between New Year's and Valentine's Day. Prune hard, leaving 3-4 young, vigorous canes per plant.
- Winter gardening break is a perfect opportunity to have blades sharpened for cleaner cuts of lawn, shrubs, and trees.
- Clean, oil, and store tools such as shovels, hoes, and pruners. Use light machine oil on metal parts to prevent rust.
- Prune pines and other dormant conifers, but do not trim back individual branches part way.
- Begin to cut back deciduous ornamental grasses, pruning within a couple of inches from the ground.
- Rats favor heavy cover like overgrown ivy. If you have ivy, the best time to prune or remove it is winter when growth slows and soil is somewhat soft.

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A formally articulated budget and sound fiscal policies provide the foundation for assuring the City's long-term fiscal sustainability while allowing the city to fund essential city services such as Police, Park and street functions as well as much needed infrastructure improvements. In the coming months of 2024, the City Council and staff will be embarking on preparation of a new two-year budget for the new fiscal year starting on July 1, 2024. The new budget will cover the periods of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This article will provide an update on the City's budget for the current fiscal year, the current audit in process and development of a new two-year budget.

Overview of Current Budget

In June 2022, the City Council adopted a two-year budget that covered the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 referred to collectively as the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Budget. The City's Budget identifies expenditures and revenues for a series of funds including the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds and a series of special funds and revenues dedicated to specific purposes including Lighting and Landscape Assessment District funds, gas taxes, development impact fees from new development, Measure M (Local sales tax revenue for road improvements), and retirement funds.

- The FY 2023-24 adopted budget identifies \$19.8 Million in total operating revenue and \$19.5 million in total operating expenses in FY 2023-24.
- The City's General Fund, identified revenue of \$7.49 Million and expenses of \$9.32 Million.
- The annual operating deficit was closed with fund balance (the City's savings account).
- The FY 2023-24 budget will expire June 30, 2024.

Annual Independent Auditors Report

The City's financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) for FY 2022-23 that concluded on June 30 2023 are currently being reviewed by the City's Independent Auditor. The audited financial statements will be presented to the City Council in early February 2024. The Independent Auditors's Report will consist of a series of financial statements. The components include:

- The government-wide financial statements which include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and report information about the City as a whole including all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. This type of accounting is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies.
- Fund financial statements describe how City services are financed in the short term as well as what resources are available for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City's most significant funds.

The Independent Auditors Report will provide a picture of the City's financial health and help to determine whether the current fiscal year's activities contributed positively to the overall financial well-being and help to inform the development of the budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. A copy of past audits can be found at the following link on the City's website: <https://www.cloverdale.net/70/Forms-Fees>

Development of New Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

Starting in early 2024, the City Council with the assistance of City staff will begin developing a new two-year budget for FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026. The budget is expected to fund all City operations, projects, and programs and provide a plan for revenues and expenditures within each fund.

Our budget development process is a structured sequence of steps designed to ensure careful planning, allocation, and management of financial resources. Here's a condensed overview of the City's budget process:

Preparation:

- Needs Assessment: The City Council and City staff Identify and assess the needs and priorities of the community. This involves input from the City Council, City staff, local businesses and organizations and residents. The City Council will hold a workshop in early 2024 to discuss key budget goals and City priorities. Improvements in local infrastructure (parks, streets, water and wastewater) continue to be a high priority.
- Revenue Projections: As part of the budget development process, the City's Finance staff will estimate the expected revenues from various sources including sales, property and hotel (TOT) taxes, city fees, and federal, state, and local grants. The revenue projection will inform the budget development process. Once revenue forecasts are established, they become a crucial input for budget planning. The city's Finance staff use revenue forecasts to provide a recommendation to the City Council on the allocation of funds to different departments and programs, set spending priorities, and ensure that projected expenditures align with expected revenues. A detailed discussion of major revenue sources will be provided in next month's **Cloverdale Connect** article.

Drafting the Budget:

- Departmental Requests: Departments submit their budget requests, outlining their financial needs for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget requests developed by the City staff are intended to address mandatory requirements as well as discretionary projects. An example of a mandatory expenditure is chlorine for our Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discretionary budget expenses refer to the portion of a budget that is flexible and can be allocated at the discretion of the governing body or decision-makers within an organization. These expenses are not fixed and are typically non-essential in nature, meaning they are not mandatory or required for the organization's basic operations.
- Budget Formulation: The finance department works with departmental heads to develop a comprehensive budget proposal. The budget proposal will ultimately be submitted to the City Council and made available for public review.
- Balancing the Budget: The City is required to adopt a balanced budget to ensure that expenditures do not exceed anticipated revenues. In the last few budget cycles, it has been necessary to utilize a portion of the fund balance (the City's savings account) to fully fund city operations.

Review and Approval:

- Public Input: Throughout the budget process, transparency, accountability, and public participation are essential elements to ensure that the budget reflects the needs and priorities of the community. Review of the draft budget is typically conducted by the City Council meeting starting in April. During the budget review meeting, the City Council and the public are able to review the draft budget and provide input and feedback on proposed expenditures and initiatives.
- Approval: The draft final budget is typically presented to the City Council at their last meeting in May and finalized at their first meeting in early June prior to start of the new fiscal year. Once the budget is adopted, it becomes the official financial plan for the fiscal year.

Please keep your eye out for additional information about the City's budget. In next month's article, the City will continue to provide updates on the City's budget with a focus on key revenue sources including Property Taxes, Sales Taxes, Utility User Taxes and local hotel taxes.

For more information about the City's budget, you are encouraged to visit the City's website:

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The Dec. 13th Council meeting began with several proclamations acknowledging the hard work of local residents. A Certification of Appreciation was given to the volunteers who worked on the cemetery, cleaning up the area and making the roadway safer and more accessible. Especially active were the Sons of the American Legion, Post 293. Bob Cox spoke about the work involved and Leader Al Delsid was recognized for his hard work. This was followed by a proclamation for Youth Sports Championship. The Cloverdale Chargers Junior Varsity received the Championship title for the Mendo Lake area, after having trounced top competitors. The Lions Club was recognized for their continuing support and sponsorship. Coaches thanked the sponsors, and the City Council declared that the team was now a part of Cloverdale history. A proclamation was read that recognized retiring Police Chief Jason Ferguson for his many years of service. Ferguson started in Cloverdale in 2019

and was recognized for his significant contributions to emergency preparedness, homelessness solutions, and animal control.

New business included setting the City Park Scouts Cabin as a priority project. This work is included in a CDBG application for funding. The declaration of a priority project is needed to support the application. The plan is to upgrade the facility and make it ADA accessible. The grant will be for FY 2024/25, so work will pend funding of the grant. Additional funds will be considered for next year's City budget.

Mayor Todd Lands was nominated to continue as Mayor, with Council Member Brian Wheeler serving as Vice Mayor. Members of the public were given an opportunity to nominate and comment. No additional nominations were put forward, votes were taken and the Mayor and Vice Mayor were elected. Subcommittee appointments were referred to the City Manager, who will take into account preferences of the Council Members.

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Books on Board ~ Michele Armanino

In 1790, Franklin Public Library in Massachusetts may have been one of the first libraries to loan out books in the U.S. Flattered by his eponym, Benjamin Franklin donated 116 books to the town of Franklin. However, the thought of a horse and coach that distributed books directly to his community was probably something that never crossed the ingenious inventor's mind.



Since 2018, Sonoma County's Bibliobus, a solar-paneled mobile bus, equipped with Wifi and a certified librarian, Briana Herrod, travels around the rural and central towns of Sonoma County

bringing books and a love of reading to adults and children alike. "The King's Valley community has a lot of strong library users," Briana says. "But, some of them can't make the trip to their local library anymore because of mobility issues. This is where the Bibliobus does its best work!" Briana forms bonds with community members discussing books and researching requests on her computer. Visits by the Bibliobus to the Vine Ridge Senior Living facility have resulted in independent volunteer work by a Cloverdale librarian who reads to the seniors at the center. "This is a unique and very fulfilling job." Briana says happily.

Kathy DeWeese, Youth Services Administrator and Coordinator of Children's and Teen Services at the Cloverdale Library, discusses the bus's diverse reading materials available in both English and Spanish. "We regularly switch books out depending on where we are going. A senior center event has books available with larger print and a children's event

supplies lots of juvenile material. A visit to the Pride Parade focuses one-hundred percent on Queer themes, while stops at local Native American tribes display culturally appropriate themes."

The County hopes to have a second Bibliobus in the future that will service preschools and senior outreach areas and provide regular delivery of books to areas such as Bodega Bay and Cazadero. A Bibliobus request form can be filled out at: sonomalibrary.org/bibliobus. "We love to visit people in the community, and we are looking into getting the Bibliobus to the Citrus Fair." Briana says enthusiastically. Sonoma County libraries continue to serve our local communities in a variety of creative and inspiring ways.



Cloverdale's Very Own Captain Morgan

Mary Jo Winter



Did you know there is a real Captain Morgan buried at the Cloverdale Cemetery who played an integral role in the town's early history?

Born Oct. 11, 1811, in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, David Bannister Morgan, Jr., was the eldest son of General David Bannister Morgan, Sr., and Elizabeth B. Middleton. As a young man, Captain Morgan was given an appointment to the Naval School at Annapolis by President Andrew Jackson. In 1833, he married Harriet Swift and, for a time, was Superintendent of Public Works for the State of Louisiana. During the Texas War for Independence, he was Commander of the U.S. Steamer Fashion. He was also commander of other steamboats before coming to California in 1850 where he became master of the first steamboat running between Sacramento and Red Bluff.

For a time, Captain Morgan lived in Sonoma where he engaged in farming before moving to Cloverdale in 1870 and buying a ranch on Sulfur Creek. He quickly became an active and well-respected member of the community, becoming the first Clerk and Recorder for the City of Cloverdale upon its incorporation in 1872, a position he held until his death on April 19, 1886. In addition, Captain Morgan was elected Justice of the Peace and also served as a School Trustee.

At the time, his funeral procession was said to have been the largest ever held in Cloverdale. Flags were lowered to half-staff and businesses were closed for the day. Afternoon school sessions were canceled so students and teachers could attend his service together. Survivors included his wife, three adult children, and 12 grandchildren.

During a 2018 inventory of grave sites at the cemetery, it was discovered that he had no stone or marker. One was finally ordered and placed in October of that year.

Students – Time To Register To Vote

The CloDems want you to know that young people can register to vote as soon as they turn 16. Those who show up and vote have an impact on what our country, states, cities, and towns will look like in the future. When youth go to the polls or vote by mail, it is about so much more than just the candidates they are voting for — it is about being one of the people who show up and voice their aspirations for our future.

While not eligible to cast a ballot until they're 18 years of age, High School students may register to vote after their 16th birthday. They will be able to vote in the first election after their 18th birthday. (Must be citizens of the United States and must have a physical address.) Voter registration forms are available at the Cloverdale library on the Boulevard and at the Post Office, adjacent to the plaza. Encourage our youth to register so their voice may be heard.

Recently, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ray Zittleman Post 9268 of Cloverdale, received an award recognizing their 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary



Don Green, VFW Post Commander since 2006

Update From Fourth District Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore

With Cloverdale being further from the County Administration Center, Cloverdale has been underserved for far too long. We've been working to remedy that during my tenure by focusing attention, effort, and funding into Cloverdale.

We've made significant progress on several projects in Cloverdale. Several county departments, the City of Cloverdale, community groups, and volunteers collaborated to help push these projects forward.

Earlier this year, my team, staff from the County's Public Infrastructure, Regional Parks, and Emergency Management departments, Cloverdale City Council and staff, and other community leaders toured these project sites to share the great progress we've made. This newsletter contains videos and descriptions about many of those and other projects: <https://conta.cc/3QQ1Y5F>

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Pictured presenting Rotary's donation to the Cloverdale Historical Society to museum director Elisa Morrash (3rd from left) for their outstanding rest stop during Rotary's Asti Tour de Vine bicycle event is Rotary President Robert Redner (far right). Joining her at the Rotary luncheon honoring the museum's contributions are Kevin Kostoff (Asti Committee Chairman, on the left) and G W Rodgers, Museum Board Member and Event Coordinator.

Every year Rotary donates over \$10,000 to the Cloverdale community from the profits realized from the Asti Tour de Vine. Another example of Cloverdadians working together.

Mural Coming To Cloverdale

La Familia Sana is excited to announce they have received funding from the California Arts Council to co-create a mural in Cloverdale with Blanca Creative and Kimzin Creative.

More to come in 2024, but the community looks forward to seeing what our youth envision of Cloverdale!

La Familia Sana se complace en anunciar que hemos recibido fondos del Consejo de las Artes de California para co-crear un mural en Cloverdale con Blanca Creative y Kimzin Creative. Habrá más en 2024, ¡pero estamos ansiosos por ver lo que nuestros jóvenes imaginan de Cloverdale!

Wreaths Across America Preparation



On Dec. 15 members of the American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 293 of Healdsburg tidied the veterans' memorial area of the Cloverdale Cemetery, in preparation for the Wreaths Across America installation the following day. Weeding, setting up American flags, and generally tidying the area were, from left, Delynn Fitts (kneeling), Jay Andersen (blue plaid shirt), Terry Kelly holding the leash of their four-footed supervisor; and Phil Brooks (red hat).



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From Elliott.org

Searching For James Holtz



Don Reed, Amercian Legion member, was given a framed in memory award document of James R. Holtz, also a Zippo lighter with his initials. It was left in an apartment before current management and was sitting in storage and subsequently given to Don since he is in the American Legion. Don is looking for a relative of Holtz, as it is signed by President B. Obama. He has tried American Legion and VFW persons involved on membership to no avail. Do you know him or a relative of James R. Holtz? – Please call Don Reed 707 894 4102.

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A Christmas-themed door decorating contest has emerged as a new winter tradition for Cloverdale High School. Students are given a week to decorate the doors of their advisory teacher's classroom in any holiday style. They are then judged on a panel extended into town with Mayor Todd Lands and Principal Forest Harper. The door of the Johanna Echols-Hansen continuation school won the 2023 competition with both a pizza party and bragging rights with their barnyard reindeer theme.



The Varsity Boys basketball team were champions in the 57th annual John McMillian Holiday Invitational tournament. In their first game against the Anderson Valley Panthers, Cloverdale scored a 68-20 victory, with a 40-13 average lead in half of the contest. Highlighted player performances include Jordan Patton with 14 points and Cole Grell with 10 points. The following night, they beat Credo in a 48-29 win with lead charge from Jordan Patton who scored 19 points and 5 rebounds alongside Diesel Cavallo who scored 9 points and 10 rebounds. In the last game, the Eagles snuck past Orland with a 45-40 victory, Cole Grell playing offensive standout with 15 scored points, 8 rebounds, and a steal!



Highlight Game: The Soccer Girls beat Elsie Allen on December 5th in a 12-0 shutout!

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Footprints From the Past

Elissa Morrash, Cloverdale Historical Society

The Congregational Church, at 439 N. Cloverdale Blvd, was built in 1869 on land donated by James Kleiser and is the first known church building in Cloverdale. In 1906 or 1907 the church was moved to the back lot and a new church was built with a new steeple. Two huge windows of beautiful leaded, stained glass grace the church with an orange citrus theme reflecting Cloverdale's nickname as the Orange City. The church's 2-manual 9-rank pipe organ was built by Berkeley organ builder Thomas Whalley in 1907 and is perhaps one of only a few instruments by this organ builder that still exists. At the time, it was powered from a Pelton wheel connected to the city water system. The Congregational Church became the United Church of Cloverdale in 1979 when it joined with United Methodist. The United Church, also known as the "Ivy Church", is famous for its brilliant colors each fall. The Boston ivy was planted in 1910 by E.A. Cooley, one of Cloverdale's original families. The church is among the most photographed buildings in Cloverdale.



The "Ivy Church" is among the few buildings in Cloverdale from the 1800s that are still standing, mercifully unaffected by fires in the olden days. With services each week on the original pipe organ, the church is a community treasure.



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12 FEB DESTINATION: ZAMBIA 6PM-9PM

Combining magical realism with political satire, filmmaker Rungano Nyoni offers an absurd and spellbinding allegory of a young girl's struggle to find her way in a country steeped in ancient tradition. A favorite at the Cannes Film Festival, the film won the British Academy Award for Best Debut Film.

11 MAR DESTINATION: COLOMBIA 6PM-9PM

Gorgeous in design and haunting in tone, Monos transcends into a surreal allegory exploring Colombia's war plagued history where child soldiers barely understand what they're fighting for. Winner of the World Cinema Jury Prize at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival.

20 MAY DESTINATION: ITALY 6PM-9PM

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The **Kiwanis Christmas Wish Program** would like to thank all who participated in making the wishes of children come true this Christmas and a HUGE thank you to the **Lions Club** who gifted all the toys from their **Annual Toy Run** to us.



William Wareham’s Sculpture Gets Facelift

Janet A. Howell

Due to the generosity of Andres Marquez with Symphonic Finishing, a painting, restoration and Design company in Cloverdale, William Wareham’s piece, *Without a Shout*, received a complete makeover. After the recent vandalism spree to three pieces of sculpture in the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail, this generous gesture was a welcome surprise.



Without a Shout was one of the first pieces of sculpture installed in 2005 in the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail. This piece has welcomed residents and visitors to Cloverdale for nearly 20 years with its whimsical form and bright yellow paint. The artist, William Wareham, passed away and the piece was donated to the City of Cloverdale. But after nearly 20 years, it was in need of a new paint job as it was rusting and peeling. Andres Marquez stepped forward volunteering his services to restore the piece to its natural beauty. The three-day process involved washing, sanding, priming, anti-rust painting and then the final finish of paint. Andres tried to find a perfect yellow match and settled on Lemon Citrus, an appropriate nod to the Cloverdale Citrus Fair and Citrus Fair Drive, where *Without a Shout* is located in its permanent home.

Sticks And Wood

Gerald French

After graduating from High School, Bryan Dorsett was always making things. His first job was working for Arthur Benny, a Santa Rosa jeweler polishing rings. This trained him to succeed in doing fine detail work. Later he joined Miguel Archuleta constructing homes. Jim Smith, a master builder in Santa Rosa, taught Dorsett the ability to build quality homes.



He was thumbing through a WWI Aviation Magazine where there were plans to build a SRES Royal Scout Aircraft, at a 5% scale model. Originally the plane was built to become a stable gun platform for the aircraft in WWI. For only a hundred dollars, the 30 pages of plans were available. He was hooked! His extra time, in the evenings and on the weekend was spent with the love of his life, Lisa, and building the plane. This was in 1988. With \$200, he brought some “sticks and wood,” and started building. He always like building, and over time he built over 500 homes, refinished motorcycles and restored collectors’ cars.

In 2021, he finished building the airplane. The prop is made of wood and is a thing of beauty. The plane can cruise at 90 mph. Presently the plane is hangered at Cloverdale Airport. Bryant said, “If it wasn’t for the support of my wife Lisa, the plane would never have been built. She was a great encouragement.” They have been married 35 years.

Bryan doesn’t have a license and does not know how to fly a plane.

Ray Obiedo with Chloe Jean Performing

On Thursday, January 4, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance will continue THE Jazz Club season with the jazz fusion of The Ray Obiedo Quartet featuring Chloé Jean. The Ray Obiedo Group is made up of some of the Bay Area’s finest contemporary jazz musicians. Obiedo has performed with many of the jazz community’s most celebrated stars, including legendary jazz organist Johnny “Hammond” Smith, trombonist Julian Priestler, Azteca featuring Pete & Sheila Escovedo, and Fourplays’ Harvey Mason. A world tour in 1978-79 with jazz superstar Herbie Hancock is still one of Ray’s most treasured musical memories.



Model-turned-singer Chloé Jean has been making waves in the San Francisco Bay area music scene. Chloé Jean is prominently featured on several of her self-composed songs as well as reimagined Jazz & Soul classics.

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.



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Charity Cheaney

Big shoutout to **David Maciel** and the **Cloverdale Bike Shop**!! They repaired 3 flat tires on 2 bikes and did a major tuneup in such a timely fashion!!! We are lucky to have them in Cloverdale! Thanks guys!

Bob Russell

I asked for THE plumber in Cloverdale. I am sure there are a few good ones but **Regina Plumbing** was the overwhelming response. They have already been IN & OUT done! FAST, Nice, Price was right. Thanks Regina - you sure got our vote!

Richard & Kathy

Erin (**erin mavis clothing**) can’t thank you enough for such a fun shopping experience today with my Mom visiting from AZ! Your infectious happiness and eye for fashion and decor are unmatched! So blessed to have you in this small town called Cloverdale!

Jennifer Rolander

These charcuteries were absolutely beautiful! Made by the one and only **Yanet Martinez** here right in Cloverdale. We’ve purchased in the past and we will be purchasing again in the future. She truly never misses. Thank you!

Taylor Fox

I wanted to thank **Cloverdale Automotive** for their help this morning! Great job!

John Phillips

A big shout out to **Yvette Photography** for taking some amazing group photos as well as individual photos of the service providers at Bella Moda Hair Salon and Spa.

Sherry Slaght

If you know me, I’m a perfectionist and anything that has dings, dents or scratches makes me crazy. My car was in a wreck and off to **Eagle Tech Auto Body** it went. I have never seen anything done this perfect until now! Thanks for making my car new again Eagle Tech! Let’s not forget the detailing they did.

Jackie Evans



Interact Club ~ Service Above Self



The Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club wound up the year with a pizza party while planning next year's events. Pictured standing left to right is Robert Redner, Rotary President and Interact director, Joe Dobbins, Rotary Interact high school sponsor, Torre Hatcher, Tyler Hatcher, Lauren Orozco, Ronnie Hatcher, Max Fincher (vice president) Burgess Palmer and Dessa Manuel. Seated (L to R) are Jayko Ramirez and Samuel Fincher. The club is looking forward to continuing the "Service above Self" activities and helping Cloverdale stay the amazing city it has become.



Bingo returns to Cloverdale

Gather at **Railroad Station Bar and Grill, February 1st** when doors open at **5:30** for Rotary Club Bingo. The games begin about 6:00 p.m. Cards are just \$10.00. The last games, in November, saw 60 players win over \$1,200 in cash and prizes from generous Cloverdale merchants.

Grant Funds for CHS

Cloverdale High School has received over half a million dollars towards their CTE (Career Technical Education) programs in the last year.

They were awarded over \$300,000 to expand their agricultural pathways from one to four. These pathways include Agricultural Business, Animal Science, Floral Design, and Agriscience. These funds came from the Strong Workforce Grant.

With the funds for the agriculture grant, CHS plans to improve their greenhouse, add a walk-in floral cooler, provide shelter for sheep and goats on the school farm so that more students can show at the Sonoma County Fair, and expand the existing chicken coop and orchard so that students can manage enterprises that teach them business skills. They will also provide students with more equitable opportunities to participate in FFA and leadership programs using these funds.

Additional grant dollars have been awarded to initiate an Early Childhood Development program. This program would allow students to earn hours toward a credential, earn early college credit through SRJC, and become CPR & First Aid certified.

Riley Dale's position as CTE and Work Based Learning Coordinator is a new role that started this year which helps these initiatives come to life and ensure the longevity of our CTE programs through long term planning.

Data shows that students who complete a CTE pathway have a higher overall GPA, are less likely to drop out, and are less likely to be suspended. Cloverdale High School is committed to expanding our CTE offerings and ensuring more students have access to pathways that lead to high-wage, high-demand careers in Sonoma County.

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Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Cloverdale in Gingerbread challenge. Junior winner Owen Manos who built The Bridge Chapel, won \$50. Nancy Schmidt was the adult winner who built West Coast Professional Door Inc and won \$100. Cloverdale Ace Hardware thanks all the participants and look forward to what you bake next year.

Time To Submit Citrus Fair Exhibits
Susan Demattei, Fair Director & Exhibit Chairperson

The Citrus Fair is just around the corner. We are asking for citrus exhibits; major exhibits and board exhibits. We have seen a decline in these exhibits over the last few years and are trying to bring them back again. These have always been a big part of the Citrus Fair and in order to keep up the tradition we need entries. These are very intricate works of art using citrus and other edible materials. Service clubs and individuals please consider an entry. Let's get the fair back to years gone past! Theme this year is Peace, Love & Unity. See you at the fair.



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Legion Holiday Party

More than 100 people turned out for the Legion Family's annual Christmas party, with a gift raffle and the members were delighted with this year's results.



Megan Phillips

Among the gifts offered were a picnic basket loaded with everything but the food; a vintage doll dressed as a bride; a magnum of Simi cabernet; new-in-the-box tools including a spray gun; puzzles and toys; and foodstuffs including cookie platters, a dozen bottles of wine, and a spiral-sliced ham.

"We are grateful to the Legion Family members who bought tickets for the raffle," said Unit President Melonie Delsid. "Your generosity is so appreciated. Every cent will go to improving the situation of local veterans and their families."

The Unit members especially thank the hard-working Sons of the American Legion, whose kitchen crew produced a delicious meal of sliced ham, raviolis with meat sauce, salad, braised carrots, dinner rolls with butter and two kinds of cake for dessert. The meal was preceded by a tempting spread of hors d'oeuvre including steaming hot clam chowder, shrimp with cocktail sauce, cheese-and-crackers, vegetable crudité with dip, and hot apple cider to ward off the cold.

Successful Christmas Giving Angela Cordova

Cloverdale Christmas Giving was a huge success this year, just as it is every year with the continued support from our contributors and volunteers. This Christmas Season we were able to provide up to 3-4 gifts per child and up to \$150 in grocery gift cards per family! We sponsored a total of 63 children.

I would like to take a moment to thank our sponsors and volunteers, without you this would not be possible for the children of our community:

SVdP Conference, Pick's, Poncia Fertilizer, Dutton Ranch, Fab Worx, Liane Fabian, Rita O'Hara, Janice Morrissey, Kathleen Bunting, Todd Lands, The Crachiola Family, The Best Family, Terry Hull, Judy Hatcher, Renee Roe, PJ's Construction and all of the people that have asked to remain anonymous. Thank you to the Lytton Springs 4-H Healdsburg Group for providing a Christmas Tree for one of our families, \$350 in grocery gift cards from Ray's and a box of non-perishable items.

Here is a special message from Lytton Springs 4-H:

"Thank you so much for letting us be a part of serving our community. Our club name is Lytton springs 4-H and our Life Skills group members names are Michael, Cecile and Estrella Michener, Michelle and Travis Kates, Lilly McAtee, Dillan Jocius and our club leaders name is Tony Jocius."



Thank you to the Parkside Christian Chapel Youth Group for helping wrap gifts this year. You did a beautiful job! Santa greatly appreciated all of your hard work.

Free Music Workshops

Starting in February, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance will present a series of FREE introductory music workshops, led by Matthew Montfort. For those not able to attend, a separate set of workshops will be held online.

Wednesday, February 21

- **Beginning Guitar - 7 to 7:45 PM**
This free introductory beginning class can help aspiring guitarists get started on the right track with good practice habits. FREE. Tuition: \$150 for six more weeks.

Wednesday, February 28

- **Music Theory on the Fretboard - 7:00 to 7:45 PM**
This free introductory workshop opens the door to exploring music theory on the guitar fretboard.. FREE. Tuition: \$150 for six more weeks.
- **Rise Above Reliance on TAB! - 7:45 to 8:30 PM (Free)**
Guitarists are often good at reading TAB, but poor at reading sheet music. This class gets students started learning to read standard music notation, while at the same time introducing foundational classical guitar technique that can be applied to other styles of playing. FREE. Tuition: \$150 for six more weeks.

Wednesday, March 6

- **Got Rhythm? Get the Beats of Africa, Bali, and India- 7 to 7:45 PM (Free)**
This workshop is a wonderful way to improve timing skills.

The Guitar and Rhythm classes are offered by 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, Americana Night, THE Jazz Club, Music Workshops, Discovering Art Series, The Blues Night, Art Classes, Wine Appreciation Workshops, and Special Events.



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Cooking with David Maciel

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As we embark on 2024 it's the time of the year when I reflect on my life. Like many I want to knock off a few holiday pounds. I look for recipes that are filling and rich in flavor but low in calories and fat.

This vegan based recipe is all of that. You can certainly add lean chicken, shrimp or tofu if that's your fancy.

Vegetable Curry

Ingredients

- 1 tsp coconut oil
- 4 green cardamom pods (slightly crushed)
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- ½ tsp turmeric
- ½ to 1 tsp cayenne (use more or less based on your preference)
- 1 TBS ginger garlic paste
- 2 medium sweet potatoes (diced into ½-inch cubes)
- 2 medium potatoes (yellow or red, diced into ½-inch cubes)
- 1 large carrot (sliced into thin rounds)
- 1 large green bell pepper (diced)
- 2 cups green beans (chopped)
- 1½ cups vegetable stock (or water)
- 14 oz chickpeas (canned or cooked from scratch. Drain thoroughly before adding)
- 1½ TBS curry powder (or substitute with garam masala. It will produce a slightly different flavor but works just as well)
- 14 oz coconut milk (one can, stirred)
- 3 scallions (green & white parts chopped, optional)
- 2 TBS lemon juice
- 2 TBS cilantro (chopped, for garnish)
- Salt to taste

Instructions

1. Heat the oil. Add the onions followed by the cardamom pods and saute over medium heat until the onions start to sweat and turn translucent
2. Add the turmeric, cayenne and ginger garlic paste and stir-fry for 30 seconds
3. Add the sweet potatoes, potatoes, and carrots. Season with some salt and cover the pan. Turn the heat to low and let the vegetables cook about five minutes. If the veggies start to stick, add some water
4. Add the green beans and green peppers and ½ cup of water or vegetable stock. Cover again and cook five more minutes.
5. Check to see if the potatoes and sweet potatoes are cooked and fork-tender. If they are not, continue to cook, covered, for a few more minutes. Stir in the chickpeas, curry powder and another cup of vegetable stock. Bring the mixture to a boil. Add the coconut milk and scallions, if using, and just let the curry heat through.

Stir in the lemon and cilantro and add more salt if needed. Serve hot.

Cloverdale Library Community Connection

John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

Recently, Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault dropped by the Cloverdale Regional Library to spread good news about all the great things going on with Sonoma County Library and to talk with patrons in Cloverdale.



Cloverdale Library Commissioner Brooke Green, Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault

She told the audience that over 2.6 million items circulated at Sonoma County Library in this past year and that over 1.4 million items were downloaded or borrowed electronically. She noted that there was a great new electronic resource called Alexander Street that includes

filmed productions of stage plays, dance performances and more. She shared one of her favorite platforms, Kanopy, that includes foreign films, vintage American films, documentaries, and short subject films.

Following her discussion of some resources, she spoke of some of the improvements that have happened at Cloverdale Library. The Measure Y monies helped replace the old doors on the library with the new sliding automatic doors, and brought us the study pod for private conversations or study. She also mentioned that there was the upcoming patio project that would include a small staging area for music performances and other events. She said, "Other things that are on the horizon include a Bibliobox, which will allow patrons to check out materials 24/7 when they place a hold. Besides those changes," she said, "the library will be moving to a more flexible platform for computers by adding a laptop kiosk that will allow patrons to sit at a table or in a soft chair to use a computer instead of the current format of a bank of computers."

Not afraid to roll up her sleeves, Thibault has even attended community events with the new Bibliobus. When asked about plans for visiting Cloverdale in the future, she said, "I plan to visit all the branches more in 2024."



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