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April 2024



## Editor's Note

The warmth of the spring sun feels so good after our rainy winter. Now it's time to haul out the outdoor cushions, the shade umbrellas, sweep the patio, clean out the fountain, make some iced tea and grab a good book. I just finished Sir Patrick Stewart's book and now I've started William Barr's book. I love it when I'm out in the garden reading and I can feel the hummingbirds swooping around my head and over to the feeders while the fountain water splashes in the background.

We hope you enjoy this expanded issue of **Cloverdale Connect**, as April is our Gardening issue and there is so much to share with you.

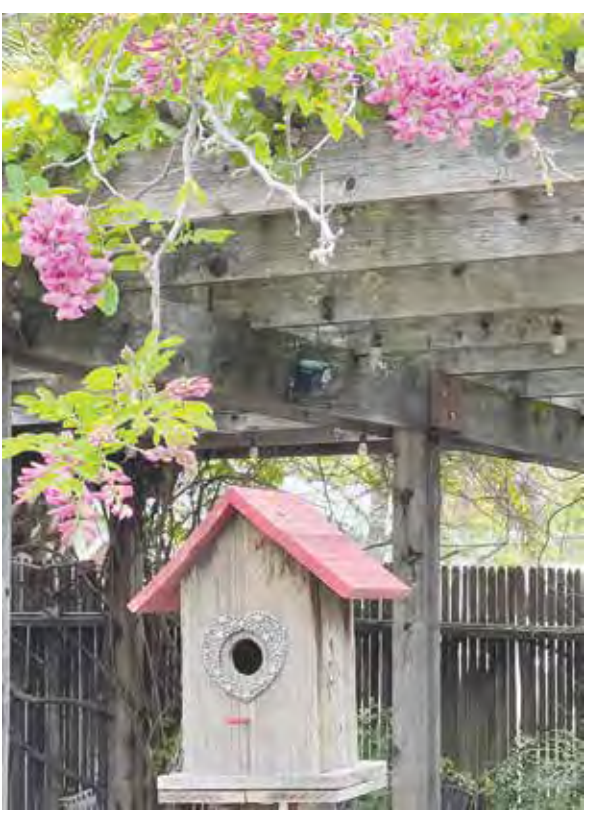
I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



Ventura Ruiz of Sanz Nursery is enjoying our spring weather while reading

*Cloverdale Connect.*



Front Page Photo Contest Winner  
**Marta Cruz** wins a Gift Card from **Cloverdale Nursery**



## Longer, Sunnier Days Are Upon Us!

All of our local businesses are stocked up and ready for the Spring season. Our restaurants are ready to welcome you back to their outside patios.

The Chamber is co-hosting The Longest Table event again this year. Held on E. First Street, The Longest Table is a FREE community event.

The Chamber provides tables and chairs, you bring a picnic (or grab something from a local favorite) and your friends and family. The community all gathers together to eat, drink and ring in the sunny season here in Cloverdale.

The Longest Table, April 28th Noon - 2:00PM

For more Info visit [Cloverdalechamber.com/the-longest-table/](https://Cloverdalechamber.com/the-longest-table/)  
We hope to see you on E. First Street.



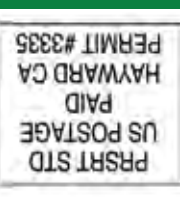
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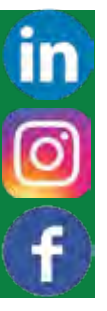
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## Look Inside!

Annual Garden Guide, Fueled by Passion, Packing for Alaska, and much more!

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### Patty Mills

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We are excited to announce this month's Cloverdale Unified School District's employee of the month is Patty Mills. Patty started her career at CUSD over 30 years ago volunteering in her kids' classrooms. She then became a sub in the district office and the rest is history. She was hired in 1995 as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and held that position for 11 years. She then moved to the Business Department as the Fiscal Specialist and then in

2015 she was hired as the Chief Business Official. Patty has been through many ups and downs with the district and has always proved to be an extraordinary employee.

Patty was born and raised in Cloverdale and is a CHS graduate. She has a large family in Cloverdale and she and her husband raised their two sons here. Patty's passions are her family, including 4 grandchildren, and antiquing. She is part owner of the Front Porch in Hopland and spends as much of her free time as possible with her grandbabies.

When you see Patty out and about, thank her for her dedication to this community and school district. Thank you, Patty for all you have done.

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## Fueled by Passion

### Emily Kline

For as long as Logan Tate can remember, he has been interested in the inner workings of cars. From the moment he could walk, Logan followed his father, a Master Technician, around the garage. He enjoyed handing his dad tools and learning how different cars functioned and operated. At the age of five, Logan's parents, Jeff and Christina Tate, became co-owners of their NAPA Auto Care center, Cloverdale Automotive & Tires.

"Logan would wake his dad up at 6 a.m. every day and say, 'Get up, we're going to be late for work,'" Christina said. "Off to work they'd go, and from there I would pick him up from the shop and take him to kindergarten."

Logan helped at the shop by cleaning and moving tires. He was happy to help, no matter what task was asked of him. As he got older, Logan applied the diligence he learned from running around the shop to other parts of his life. As a 10-year-old, he did yard work for his neighbors, and by age 12 he was enthusiastically fixing his neighbors' lawnmowers and weed-wackers. Although Logan had already predetermined his career path – to become an automotive technician – he pushed himself to excel academically in high school, per his parents' request. "We insisted he take advanced high school classes and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA. Just in case he changed his mind about trade school, we wanted him to have options for college," Christina said.

Logan's grades and success in high school helped him get into the Wyoming Technical Institute (WyoTech), a private technical college in Laramie, Wyoming, where he maintained a 4.0 GPA and received an Associate Degree in business management specializing in automotive repair. Logan's hard work paid off, as he was recently distinguished as the NAPA/ASE Technician of the Year.

After college, Logan's parents encouraged him to work in other areas of the automotive industry for five years before joining the family auto shop. Eager to start, Logan applied to multiple dealerships and accepted a job at W.C. Sanderson Ford in Healdsburg. Just like in every other aspect of his life, Logan maintained his strong work ethic, and his new employer noticed. "Not only did he become Ford Certified, but he also took the initiative to become an ASE Master Tech and Advanced Engine Performance Specialist - and went on to earn his Smog Inspection License and Smog Repair License," Christina said. After putting in five years with Ford, Logan was eagerly welcomed as the youngest technician at Cloverdale Automotive and Tires in 2019.



Logan Tate (photo by Jack Simpson)



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# PET of the MONTH

## Muffet

Here's our 11-pound rescue dog, Muffet waiting for the next issue of Cloverdale Connect!

**Bob and Glenda Morgan**

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





## The Cloverdale Connect Cruise to Alaska Packing Guide

### Clothing

Whether you choose to zipline through forests or kayak through a crystalline fjord, the best attire for your daily affairs is casual, active sportswear. Our Princess to Alaska is in late spring. Temperatures can range anywhere from 30-80 degrees depending on the port of call. To make sure you're prepared for the warmth of the afternoon sun and any cool days, pack items that can be layered, including:

- Long-sleeve shirts
  - Sweaters
  - Water-repellent jacket
  - Windbreaker
  - Pants
  - Shorts
- Walking shoes/sneakers
  - Scarf
  - Rain hat
  - Touchscreen gloves
  - Sunglasses
  - Binoculars

There are several opportunities to dress up while on board. Formal dinner nights call for cocktail dresses or gowns for women and tuxedos or suits for men.

### Medicine and More

All Princess cruises come equipped with 24-hour medical service. You may still want to include the following items on your Alaska cruise packing list:

- Sunscreen
  - Insect repellent
  - Band-Aids
- Nausea-relief medicine
  - Daily medications

### Technology

Consider packing the following devices so that you can capture each untouched landscape and every snow-capped summit:

- Waterproof camera
  - USB converter
  - Portable charger
- Protective phone case
  - Memory cards

Knowing what to pack for an Alaska cruise can make your journey even more seamless, allowing you to make the most of your vacation.

## Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

**“Helping pet lovers live their best life”**

As the sun returns, we are overjoyed to be out once again working in the yard and going for walks! With this increase in activity comes some concerns for our dogs. Here are three things to watch out for with the change of season.

1) Foxtails. The bane of dogs' existence is back. I have seen foxtails growing around Cloverdale thanks to the abundance of rain. These seeds can cause serious injury, so be sure to remove them from your yard and be alert for them on walking trails.

2) Ticks. Rain followed by sun will bring ticks. Ask your veterinarian for a tick preventive product like Nexgard or Frontline. I do not recommend buying these kinds of products over the counter or from Amazon as they can have different ingredients and harm your dog (or cat).

3) Exercise. We are all eager to get some exercise, but we must be careful not to overdo it for ourselves or our dogs. If you haven't been walking all winter, don't take your dog on a long strenuous hike the first time out. Start with walks around the neighborhood and build up fitness. While you're at it check out Cloverdale's awesome new dog park.



**Thank You,**  
**Melissa Shreeve** of  
**Clover Dog Pet Supply & Wash** for providing the  
 pet prizes each  
 month for the  
**Pet of the Month Feature**  
 in **Cloverdale Connect!**



## Tranquil Times

Michele Armanino

Give a nod if you can picture yourself relaxing at a serene spa, soft lilting music and fragrant candles filling the air. Many people feel that receiving regular massages can boost endorphins and add to one's general health and well-being. This ancient healing practice, spanning many cultures, continues to restore and maintain physical and mental health for a wide variety of individuals.

After years of working at spas in Sonoma County, Stephanie Lee Reitzell, who graduated from LifeStream Massage School in Napa, opened her own spa, Tranquility Massage and Spa, on Cloverdale Blvd. in 2010. "I was also running two other spas, but decided to concentrate on my Cloverdale business," Lee Reitzell says. The state licensed and certified massage practitioner works seven days a week by appointment only.

Tranquility Massage and Spa boasts an infrared sauna where many clients come just to decompress. There's also an ionic detoxification foot bath that releases toxins from the body. "The soles of your feet are a map of your body," Lee Reitzell explains. "I can tell if someone has gastrointestinal or neck issues, for example, by the heel of their foot." Why not add Sedona stones to your Swedish massage - the spa's most popular massage. These mineral rich stones, collected from the red rock region of Sedona, Arizona, are popular spa features, Lee Reitzell explains, because they maintain their heat during a body massage. The spa also offers aesthetician services once a month. "While I am by appointment only, during the Friday Nite Live months, I always leave my door open so people can come in, see the spa, check out my casual wear clothing and candle line and purchase gift certificates which are also available online." Lee Reitzell says.

Making a difference in people's lives is something Lee Reitzell is grateful for. One of her clients recently thanked her for a "transformative massage." "That solidified to me that I'm in the right profession and doing what I like to do" she says. Lee Reitzell, who appreciates the importance of supporting her community, donates regularly to Courtney's Pumpkin Patch and Cloverdale Arts Alliance.



# Cloverdale Church Guide

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## How to Be/come a Spiritual Warrior Nora Archambeau, M.A.

There are all kinds of definitions for the word “Warrior”. The person (male, female, non-binary, they) can come from any socioeconomic background. There is no age restriction. No title, no formal education, no prescribed experience. To add “Spiritual” in front of “Warrior” describes an individual who has something either innate or learned that emanates an aura of maturity, knowingness, groundedness, and a whole lot of compassion. They vibrate on a frequency different from others. One wonders, “How did they become the kind of human being I wish to be more like?” I think each of us can learn from each other daily, which helps us to become the best “Self” we can be, both to each other and to the world.

Western spiritualists seem to have borrowed the phrase Spiritual Warrior (bodhisattva) from Tibetan Buddhism, which defines it as: (A) an illuminated heart and valiant one, (B) an enlightenment hero, (C) one who aspires to enlightenment; and (D) a heroic being (Wikipedia). A bodhisattva strives to liberate themselves from Self-Ignorance. When we take time to look inward, regularly, we can detect habits, dialogues, reactions, and judgments we would rather not have subjected ourselves nor others to.

What life tools might we try towards liberation and closer to Spiritual Warriorism? Here are a few: (A) **Meditation**: whether 5 minutes or 30 minutes, with or without background music/ guidance; (B) **Cognitive Reframing**: “situations or thoughts are challenged and then changed” (Wikipedia); (C) **Reading Teachers**: beings who have already “enlightened” themselves; (D) **Physical Exercise**: yoga, chair yoga, tai chi, qigong forest baths, bowling, hiking, fishing, etc.; and (E) **A Gratitude Practice**. Last, thank our local everyday warriors, e.g., police, fire, EMTs, hospital workers, tow truck drivers, and anyone else who repeatedly put themselves in harm’s way to save, protect, and prolong our lives. It will strengthen the Spiritual Warrior within us.

## Next Year, In Jerusalem! Riva Orr

Spring is coming, and with that  
Comes another festive time!  
It goes on for seven days  
And includes copious amounts of wine.

Passover, or Pesach,  
Is a holiday bittersweet.  
It celebrates our people's Exodus  
Out from under Pharaoh's feet.

The dinner we call "Seder"  
For each of these seven nights.  
It's long with prayers and storytelling  
And... four... Glasses of wine.

The first cup is to start it off,  
The second starts the story.  
The third we drink to start the meal,  
The fourth cup is for glory.

We read out of a \*Haggadah\*  
About our Exodus  
From slavery in Egypt  
To keep alive in us

The memory of our escape  
3000 years ago,  
And harsh conditions we endured  
Before we were let go.

Symbolic foods are munched throughout  
Commemorating tears  
With bitter spicy herbs  
Whose heat can be felt through your ears.

The bitter part besides our past  
Is that we're still not home.  
Which is why we say each seder  
"Next year, in Jerusalem."





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## Real Estate for Real People Elissa Morrash

Buying or selling a house is an unusual and often stressful experience. Real people usually have lots of questions! The guidance of an experienced agent is invaluable to help throughout the transaction.

### Owning Your Own Home Is Worth It

Hello and Happy Spring! This month's column is particularly for the Gen Xs, Gen Ys and other Gens who may feel like they can never buy a house. I am here to say, yes, you can. And you owe it to yourself to try. As someone once said, "If you don't try, you are certain to fail."

Owning your own home may seem like a crazy dream. But if you plan for it, you can do it. Owning your own home is fun. It is like having a canvas where you can paint your life. It is about personalization and creating a space that resonates with you. Being a homeowner gives you stability. Not just a place to live, but a wonderful feeling of being grounded. You put down roots, build memories and have a sense of belonging. Over time, it becomes a sound investment. With every improvement, every repair (and every mortgage payment), you are investing in yourself. Over time, too, you start your own traditions. Thanksgiving at your house. Annual spring picnics. A class reunion. A movable feast, and your house is the first. So, even when the roof leaks, or the water heater goes out, remember it is all worth it. It is about living your life the way you want to. It becomes your journey, filled with challenges and rewards.

I hope you found this helpful! Let me know if you are a first-time buyer with questions or talk to your trusted real estate agent.

*Elissa Morrash is a licensed Realtor® DRE 01872845 with W Real Estate in Cloverdale and is an active member of the local professional real estate community.*



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Month	Sow Directly	Start inside	Transplant	Maintenance
December & January				Organic mulch on any bare soil. Prune deciduous trees, cane berries, grapes
February	Spinach, radishes, turnips, peas, beets, Asian greens (bok choy; mustards)	Onions, lettuce, brassicas (broccoli, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, kohlrabi), peas, leeks, Asian greens		Plant bare root fruit; asparagus. Continue pruning; spray for peach leaf curl; compost on strawberries and other perennials
March	Spinach, radishes, turnips, beets, peas, carrots, cilantro, Asian greens, potatoes	Onions, lettuce, brassicas, chard, leeks, parsley, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant	Lettuce, leeks, onions, brassicas, peas, Asian greens	Complete pruning.
April	Beets, carrots, chard, lettuce, cilantro, dill, potatoes, leeks, onions	Lettuce, chard, parsley, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, onions, basil, leeks	Lettuce, leeks, onions, brassicas, chard	Fertilize citrus; select new growth on fruit trees, thin raspberry canes; thin fruit
May	Beans, beets, carrots, chard, corn, lettuce, cucumbers, squash, melons, pumpkins, potatoes, leeks, onions, dill, cilantro	Basil, lettuce (heat-tolerant varieties), chard, parsley	Lettuce, chard, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, parsley, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions	Thin fruit; select new growth. Keep weeds under control.
June	Beans, beets, chard, corn, cucumbers, squash, melons, pumpkins, cilantro, dill, leeks	Basil, chard, lettuce (heat-tolerant varieties)	Basil, lettuce, chard, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, parsley, cucumbers, melons	Thin fruit; select new growth; spray grapes for mildew. Keep weeds under control.
July	Beans, beets, chard, corn, cucumbers, squash, cilantro, dill, leeks	Lettuce, chard, leeks, late in mo. – brassicas including Brussels Sprouts	Basil, lettuce, chard	Summer pruning; spray grapes for mildew; fertilize strawberries & other fruit as needed. Mulch vegetables.
August	Beets, carrots, peas, cilantro, spinach	Lettuce, brassicas, kale, fennel, radicchio	Lettuce, chard, leeks, brassicas	Harvest! Deep watering. Clean up fallen fruit.
September	Beets, carrots, peas, cilantro, spinach, radishes, turnips, Asian greens, dill	Lettuce, brassicas, endive, escarole, bok choy, onions	Lettuce, brassicas, fennel, radicchio, leeks	Clean up fallen fruit
October	Radishes, spinach, Asian greens, mache, fava beans, cover crops		Lettuce, endive, escarole, brassicas, onions	Clean up fallen fruit; mulch perennials; make compost
November	Cover crops, fava beans, garlic, shallots			Mulch perennials; make compost

By: Wendy Krupnick, 2009

### Wildlife Habitat Garden

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), America's largest wildlife conservation and education organization, is pleased that **Michael Princeville** and **Nancy Lloyd** in Cloverdale, CA have successfully created a Certified Wildlife Habitat® through its Garden for Wildlife™ movement.

Every Certified Wildlife Habitat garden provides natural sources of food, water, cover and places to raise young and is maintained in a sustainable way that incorporates native plants, conserves water and doesn't rely on pesticides.

Quoting from Michael and Nancy:

“We enjoy watching wildlife, wanting to add more native California plants to promote biodiversity of birds, reptiles, mammals, and beneficial insects. Our small property has invited impressive wildlife watching opportunities. Many migrating birds visit us for native berries, local seeds, and water. Eliminating harsh garden chemicals, while reducing irrigation water usage, helps us to be greener, too. California native plants are well adapted to our long, dry summers.”

“We provide ground-level water trays and birdbath height water fed by scheduled irrigation drippers for birds to drink daily. There is plenty of cover for birds in the native oak trees and toyon bushes on the property, and places to hide and raise young. We also trim dried plants seasonally and mulch them to stay on the property, which improves soil health. We have year-round quail visiting and have been lucky enough to attract other nesting birds. Check out this Youtube video of migrating robins feeding voraciously on our native toyon berries. We had many days this winter watching such feeding frenzies right outside our windows.”

**Search YouTube for the phrase "American Robins eating Toyon bush red berries**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTaH7zneFXg>

For more information on how to qualify to have a garden space recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat, visit [www.nwf.org/garden](http://www.nwf.org/garden).



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# April Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- As rain tapers off, check your irrigation system for cracks, leaks and clogs. Dirty filters can wreak havoc, especially if you are on a well. Clean out filters and replace as needed.
- Flush out drip systems and make sure all emitters are working. Replace batteries on systems that use battery-operated controllers. Ensure that timers are working. Do this now before it gets really hot and dry and plants need water immediately.
- Monitor soil moisture in planted areas so you know when to begin irrigating. Soil may dry out an inch or so on the surface but still retain ample moisture under mulch in the root zone around well-established plants. Hand water new plants as needed.
- Continue to lightly fertilize perennials that are emerging from winter dormancy.
- Aphids will flourish on tender new growth in warm weather; use insecticidal soap or spray with water from the garden hose as necessary. Wash off spittle bugs.
- The ground is soft enough to make weed pulling easy—stay ahead of it and you will have fewer weeds going to seed.
- Fertilize or amend soil around azaleas and rhododendrons with acidic material or acid fertilizer. Work carefully to avoid damaging shallow roots; add mulch.
- Sow hardy annuals in pots or directly in the garden.
- Plant summer bulbs and rhizomes.
- If you still have a lawn, apply another half-dose of organic fertilizer now. It is possible to have a beautiful, healthy lawn and lower your water use without reliance on chemical fertilizers and insecticides. Most inorganic products contain a form of nitrogen that easily washes away and enters ground water and waterways.
- April is a busy time for finishing debris clean-up from late winter and early spring and for cutting back cold-sensitive, summer-blooming perennials, such as salvia, nepeta and penstemon. Leave fading foliage of spring bulbs and let them wither; they provide nutrients for next year's blooms.
- The last frost date in Sonoma County is April 15 although there still may be very cold nights ahead.

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# County Authorizes Development of Advanced Composting Facility

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has authorized engineering and environmental planning for the first centralized composting facility in the county, expected to divert and process approximately 65,000 tons of organic material each year. The initiative moves the county toward carbon-neutral operations by 2030 and is supported by grant funding.

Since 2016, organic materials collected in Sonoma County, including weekly pick-up of residential curbside green bins and commercial food scraps, have been transported to facilities outside our county. The proposed composting facility, located at the former county landfill site adjacent to Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport, will implement sustainable design to minimize greenhouse gas emissions, integrating solar and other renewable technologies, energy recovery systems and green building materials.

A collaborative effort between the County and Zero Waste Sonoma, initial project planning is assigned to SCS Engineers in Windsor. The public project, coordinated by the Department of Public Infrastructure's Integrated Waste Division and Permit Sonoma's Natural Resources Division, in collaboration with Zero Waste Sonoma, represents a significant step towards local waste management and environmental resilience.

## CELEBRATION NOTICES

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## Edible Flowers

Deborah Owen

One of my favorite childhood memories is the sweet smell of sweet peas, growing against the old tool shed in my grannie's garden out on Canyon Road. There are days when I close my eyes, and I can clearly see the image of the sweet, cheerful flowers that are such a strong part of my childhood memories. Now as a farmer and rancher, continuing the traditions, we have grown various types of flowers on our farm. One of our passions are edible flowers.

You see them in gourmet salads, herbal teas, or a beautiful decoration on a wedding cake. Yet many don't know of the various varieties that are considered edible and ways to enjoy them. They also are great for companion planting amongst vegetables. The bees and butterflies absolutely love them.

To name a few: anise, hyssop, nasturtium, pansy, echinacea, lavender, borage, chicory, chamomile, Johnny jump ups, dandelion, columbine, zinnias, Cape daisies, amaranth, white yarrow, evening primrose, California poppy, sunflowers, calendula, bishops flower, sweet peas, and roses.

One of my favorite and simple to do tricks is to add a flower into an ice cube tray and fill with water. These make the most beautiful ice cubes and make your summer drinks look like you are at a five star resort.

WHAT GOES IN THE COMPOST BIN?

¿QUÉ VA EN EL CONTENEDR DE COMPOSTAJE?

FOOD SCRAPS

Restos de Comida

- ✓ Bread, grains, & pasta
- ✓ Pan, cereales, y pasta
- ✓ Coffee grounds & tea bags
- ✓ Café molido y bolsitas de té
- ✓ Dairy & eggs
- ✓ Lácteos y huevos
- ✓ Fruits & vegetables
- ✓ Frutas y vegetales
- ✓ Leftovers & spoiled food
- ✓ Sobras y comida echada a perder
- ✓ Meat (including bones)
- ✓ Carne (incluidos los huesos)

PLANTS

Plantas

- ✓ Branches & brush
- ✓ Ramas y plantas
- ✓ Flowers & floral trimmings
- ✓ Flores y recortes florales
- ✓ Grasses & weeds
- ✓ Pastos y malezas
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Hojas
- ✓ Tree trimmings (less than 4" diameter & 4' long)
- ✓ Recortes de árboles (de menos de 4" de diámetro y 4' de largo)

SOILED PAPER

Papel Manchado con Comida

- ✓ Coffee filters
- ✓ Filtros de café
- ✓ Greasy pizza boxes
- ✓ Cajas de pizza grasosas
- ✓ Paper plates without film plastic liners
- ✓ Platos de papel (sin recubrimiento de cera o plástico)
- ✓ Paper to-go containers without film plastic liners
- ✓ Contenedores de papel para llevar comida (sin recubrimiento de cera o plástico)
- ✓ Paper towels & napkins
- ✓ Toallitas y servilletas de papel
- ✓ Shredded paper
- ✓ Papel triturado

OTHER

Otro

- ✓ Hair, fur, & feathers (non-synthetic)
- ✓ Cabello, pieles y plumas (que no sean sintéticos)
- ✓ Wood - small pieces of lumber or sawdust from untreated wood only
- ✓ Madera - pequeños trozos de madera o aserrín de madera sin tratar
- ✓ Wooden chop sticks & coffee stir sticks
- ✓ Palillos chinos de madera y palitos para el café

UNACCEPTED MATERIALS

Materiales no aceptados

- ✗ Aluminum foil or trays
- ✗ Papel o charolas de aluminio
- ✗ Cat litter or animal feces
- ✗ Arena para excremento de gatos o animales
- ✗ Clothing, linens, & rags
- ✗ Ropa, sábanas y trapos
- ✗ "Compostable" labeled plastics (utensils & cups)
- ✗ Plásticos etiquetados como "compostables" (utensilios y vasos)
- ✗ Corks - natural & plastic
- ✗ Corchos - naturales y de plástico
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Pañales
- ✗ Dirt, rocks, or stone
- ✗ Tierra, rocas o piedras
- ✗ Flower pots or trays
- ✗ Macetas o bandejas para macetas
- ✗ Foil-backed or plastic-backed paper
- ✗ Papel con forro de aluminio o plástico
- ✗ Juice or soy milk boxes with foil liner
- ✗ Cajas de jugo o leche de soya con forro de aluminio
- ✗ Liquids or ice
- ✗ Líquidos o hielo
- ✗ Milk & juice cartons
- ✗ Cartones de leche y jugo
- ✗ Palm fronds, cactus, or bamboo
- ✗ Hojas de palma, cactus o bambú
- ✗ Plastic bags, wrappers, or film
- ✗ Bolsas de plástico, envoltorios o plástico estrable
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Espuma de poliestireno
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## Sonoma County Opens Chipper Program

Sonoma County's free Residential Curbside Chipper Program is launching early this year in an effort to reduce residential wait times, expand service, and mitigate the risk of wildfires.

The Chipper Program, administered by the Permit Sonoma Fire Prevention Division, is designed to help residents create defensible space around their homes and reduce vegetation along important access routes. Once approved, properties in unincorporated Sonoma County are eligible to receive up to two hours of complimentary chipping and are eligible to receive a second visit as well. Visits are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

"By reducing vegetation and creating defensible space around structures, property owners play an active role in helping their communities stay safe," said Supervisor David Rabbitt, chair of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. "Don't wait to take advantage of this free county program."

In addition to home hardening, having 100 feet or more of defensible space has been demonstrated to help save homes in the event of a wildfire. Likewise, thinning vegetation on access roads can provide safer and more efficient access for residents and firefighters.

In 2023, the program served more than 800 properties, including homes from Cloverdale to Sonoma and Kenwood to Jenner. Those interested in participating are encouraged to apply as soon as possible and begin preparing their homes by following program guidelines.

Chipper Program contact information:  
Chipper@sonoma-county.org, (707) 565-6070

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# Alexander Valley Healthcare Funding

Congress has awarded \$500,000 to the AVH Health and Wellness Center project.

"I am deeply grateful to Congressman Huffman for his ongoing support and his work to secure \$500,000 in funding towards the construction of our new Alexander Valley Health and Wellness Center in Cloverdale. The three-story facility, which will break ground this year, will enable us to expand our FQHC's existing medical, dental, and behavioral health services, and provide increased access to urgent care and specialty services previously unavailable to this community.

This project will transform healthcare in Northern Sonoma County." Deborah Howell, AVH CEO

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# New Partnership to Offer Lake Sonoma Hatchery School Tours

In a new collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and nonprofit Friends of Lake Sonoma, Sonoma Water is offering Lake Sonoma Hatchery School Field Trips. Up to 500 school-aged children are scheduled to attend field trips to the Don Clausen Hatchery at Lake Sonoma this spring to learn about efforts to preserve endangered salmon and the importance of our local water supply and flood control infrastructure.

# North Bay Honor Flight Gene Marcinkowski

If you are a veteran and would like to participate in the North Bay honor flight to Washington DC, the American Legion has chartered a flight from Charles Schultz Airport. This is a no-cost trip for qualified veterans. For an application, please contact Claudio Calvo @ 707-758-0330 or to get more information: [northbayhonorflight.org](http://northbayhonorflight.org)

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Geoff Peter's, CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) Captain (on left), and a group of CERT volunteers accepting \$6000 in emergency and life-saving equipment bags donated by the Cloverdale Rotary Club containing the necessary supplies needed in case of a catastrophic event in Sonoma County.

CERT is a volunteer organization comprised of local citizens who train and prepare for disaster awareness and unforeseen situations requiring immediate attention in our area. Rotary salutes their dedication and their example of "Service Above Self," the motto of Rotary worldwide.



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## Susi Laurice 1946 – 2024



Mary Susan Laurice, best known as “Susi,” passed away at home in Yorkville surrounded by her family on January 30, 2024. Susi was born in Evanston, Illinois on December 8, 1946, and grew up in Chicago. Newly married, in 1968, Susi and her husband, Doug, moved to Berkeley where Doug attended law school and Susi went to work. Doug and Susi lived in the Bay Area for over 30 years while Doug was practicing law in San Francisco and Palo Alto. Over the years Susi worked as a Rating Clerk for Matson and various other shipping companies. When she was not raising her family, Susi occasionally returned to the workplace, often to the shipping business.

When the family moved to Anderson Valley in 2001, Susi was reluctant to accept the drastic change in lifestyle. It was not unusual for Susi to tell friends “It’s 20 minutes into town and you are still nowhere!” That said, Susi eventually made this her home. Susi was outgoing and had a great sense of humor. Eventually she gathered a good-sized circle of friends. Although Susi was not one to join organizations, many of her friendships came through Doug’s participation with the Cloverdale Lions Club, Cloverdale Druids, The Cloverdale Historical Society and the Cloverdale Roadrunners Club. Susi worked hard on projects she enjoyed. For years she worked behind the scenes on the Lion’s Club Citrus Fair exhibit. Most importantly, she worked from beginning to end each year with Iris Konic and others carrying out the Christmas Wish program.

Susi was a devoted crafter. Gifts from Susi were usually handmade. Susi loved animals, especially her dogs. Susi’s handmade dog beds are scattered throughout the country, but especially locally.

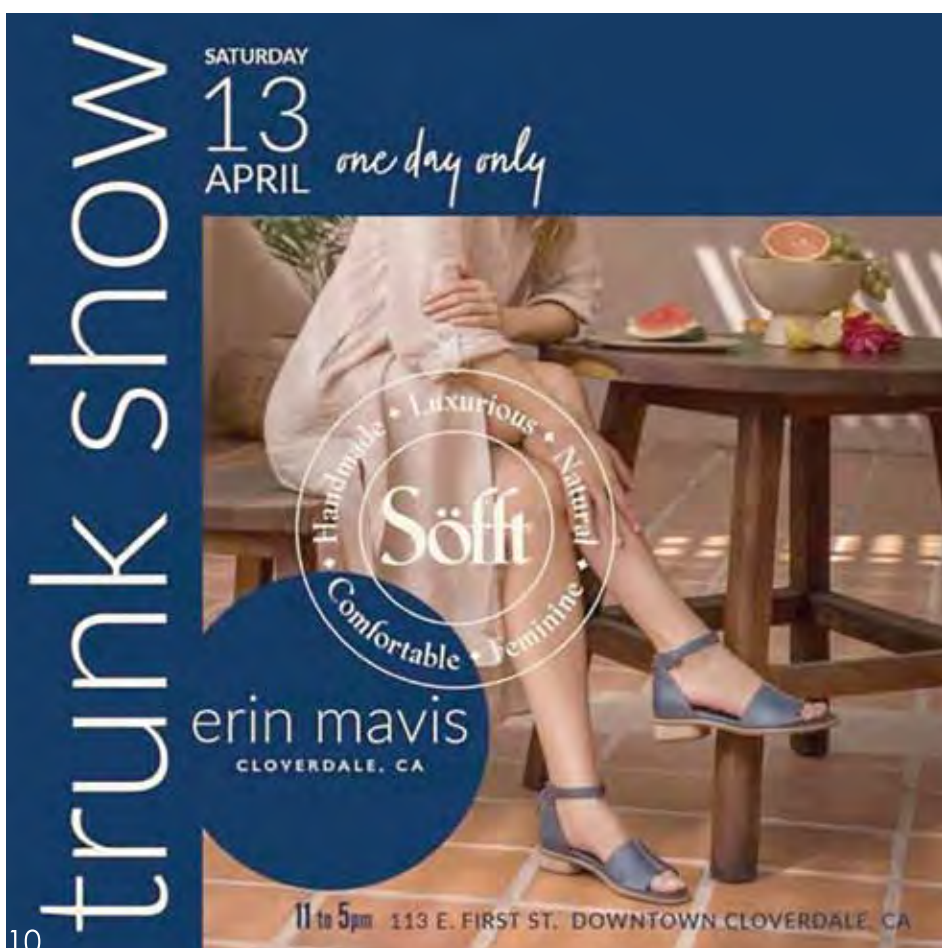
Susi is survived by her husband, Doug Laurice, her son, David Laurice, and daughter-in-law, Melissa Laurice, of Cloverdale, her daughter, Angela Laurice, of Fort Collins, Colorado, and her Grandson, Ian Marron, also of Fort Collins. Susi’s family and friends are all invited to attend a Celebration of Life and Open House on April 13, 2024 at the Druids Hall, 1-4 pm. Come and go as you wish. Hopefully we will share some food, sip some wine and share some laughter and memories.

## Youth and Seniors Ride Free on SMART

Beginning April 1, 2024, youth ages 18 and under, and seniors ages 65 and older, will enjoy fare-free rides on SMART. The SMART Board of Directors has approved this new fare structure as a pilot program, effective until June 30, 2025, with the primary goal of increasing ridership among these age groups.

Train conductors will continue to check passenger fares; youth and seniors may be requested to provide proof of age, such as a state ID, driver’s license, or student ID. Youth and seniors will not be required to have a Clipper card or use the SMART e-ticket App. However, if a youth or senior passenger tags on with a Clipper Card, they will be charged a zero fare (\$0) when boarding a SMART train.

This pilot program aims to boost ridership among youth and seniors, and to contribute to environmental sustainability by encouraging the use of public transit– enhancing mobility options and promoting eco-friendly transportation choices for both younger and older demographics.



Dr. Bill Hoyer, Rotary Club Secretary, presented the check awarded to the Cloverdale Rotary Club to Robert Redner, Rotary Club President. This prize was given by the Citrus Fair for their winning exhibit at this year’s event. Built by the whole club over a two-week period, the display represented the “Peace, Love and Unity” theme the fair and Cloverdale represents. The Rotary Club was honored to participate in this endeavor, and plans to be back next year





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Another rave for **Papa's Pizza**. I had the sister missionaries over for dinner this evening. One of them avoids gluten and I have recently discovered I'm sensitive to wheat so I ordered us two gluten free pizzas. Delicious! I was worried my monthly treat of Papa's was going to be a thing of the past. The ladies told me Papa's has the best gluten free pizza they've ever had.  
*Vel Gruidl Bakes*

Brigid Wasson of **Curlydoodle Dog Grooming** deserves a big "Shout Out" for her weekly grooming service of the dogs from Sonoma County Animal Shelter. She cheerfully accepts them all - from little Herbie, the Yorkie mix to big Noodle, the Great Pyrenees, She skillfully transforms them into a clean, more confident, and happier dog while they wait for a new home. And if that's not enough, she rallies for sponsorships in the Cloverdale Connect so that readers considering a temporary foster or a permanent addition to their family can see a new dog story featured each month. Thank you, Brigid!  
*Susan Aguilera*

Have to say a huge thank you to the baristas at (Cloverdale) **Starbucks** this morning. I went by and got a free birthday latte and when I pulled up to the window, they were all singing happy birthday to me. It made my morning and was beyond sweet!  
*Makani Rice*

I took my doodle puppy to the newly opened (Cloverdale) **dog park** at 7:30 AM on New Year's morning. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse (as far as Ginger could find, anyway). It's a delightful park, with a ball thrower and a bunch of tennis balls available; two gates so you can take the leash off without nosey noses. Nicely laid out.  
*Eleanore Webster*

"Shout Out" to Jace Wheeler with **Wheeler Electric**. Our Starlink has been down since Friday. After MANY attempts to reset the router, I finally determined there must be a loose connection at the Starlink Disc. Jace came out this afternoon and BRAVELY tackled the hike up on our roof and secured the cable. We are now back online! Thank you Jace, you won't have to go up there again!  
*Liane Fabian*

Big "Shout Out" to **Justin Webb (Webb Land Development)**! He did an amazing job removing two trees for us. He was punctual, communicative, friendly and professional! Got the job done in a timely manner! Highly recommend!! Excited to plant my citrus trees now!  
*Annika Lewis*

I know it isn't a full-blown arcade, but "Shout Out" to **Mountain Mike's Pizza** for having a clean, fun, place to eat and hang out. The football games are on, the people that work there are super sweet, and the food is decently priced.  
*Stephanie Rudas*

**Pick's Drive In** Cloverdale - Cloverdale is so proud of you Nicole Hinchcliffe! What you have done to help your restaurant during the winter months is so impressive. I love that it is a family business, a sweet little family that we all watch work so hard all the time. We all are so lucky to be allowed to order and pick up the most delicious chicken pot pie. Let alone you have the "specials" on certain nights!! Keep up the good work.  
*Debbi Davis*

We took Coco to the new **Dog Park** today for the first time. What a wonderful addition to our community. Thank you to the Cloverdale City Council, Hector and the boys at Parks & Rec, and anyone else who had a hand in bringing this project to fruition.  
*Robert Bauer*

## Washington School Wins Shauna Ferdinandson

Washington School Wins is not only a new positive school behavior initiative, it's also our philosophy. At Washington, when we see students being safe, responsible, or respectful, they receive a Washington Win card for a weekly raffle to choose a prize from our prize cart. Currently we offer candy, colored pencils, stickers, notebooks and fidget toys. Candy is certainly the most sought-after prize, so we try to keep a robust selection on hand! When we see students helping one another, cleaning up a mess, being brave, assisting staff members, we recognize that student on the spot because what we celebrate, we replicate all over the campus time and time again.

At Washington School we also celebrate communication and connection with our families. When parents come to campus with questions about what is happening at school, that's a moment we celebrate, too. We want all of our Washington families to know and take advantage of our open-door access to the school. We want you to come to campus, ask questions, inquire about homework and projects, or partner with us to help support the varied needs of our student body. Believe it or not, we even celebrate the tough conversations that happen as well. The only problems we cannot solve are the ones we don't talk about; so let's have more conversations, not less, about what matters most for our students and families.

We love celebrating the connection between Washington School and the Cloverdale community. The Citrus Fair, CARE Foundation, Cloverdale Police Department, and the Cloverdale Pickleball Association have enriched the educational experience for our students. Our 5th graders toured the Citrus Fair and even received a free ticket; CARE continues to fund and take great interest in providing exceptional enrichment experiences for our students. Two lucky students will be taken to lunch by the Cloverdale Police at the end of the month, and soon our students will be learning to play pickleball all thanks to our local Pickleball Association.

*Celebrate the parent meetings, we celebrate the hard conversations; we are your partners in education*





Here is an update on the recent primary elections held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, plus valuable information regarding the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election often referred to as the Presidential Election, as well as crucial details for those interested in running for a seat on the Cloverdale City Council.

### Primary Elections Recap:

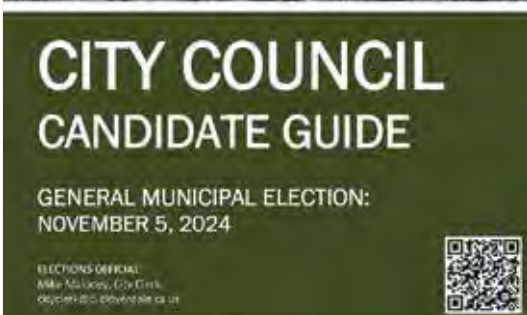
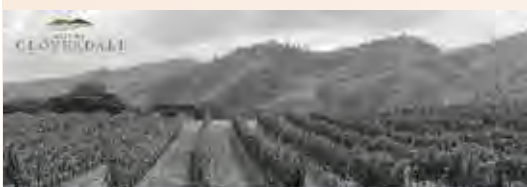
The primary elections held on March 5<sup>th</sup> earlier this month marked a pivotal moment in our community's democratic process. Voters turned out to cast their ballots and voice their preferences for candidates vying for positions of leadership in the State Assembly as well as Measure H, which would approve a sales tax for local emergency services and disaster response.

The primary elections are essential as they narrow down the field of candidates, allowing the top contenders to advance to the General Municipal Election in November. The City of Cloverdale is situated within the 2nd District of the State Assembly. The top two leading candidates for State Assembly will face a runoff in the November 5 General Elections. At the time of writing this article, Measure H appears to have garnered over 60% approval on its way to becoming enacted. Measure H is expected to enable the Cloverdale Fire Department to hire additional full time firefighters and much needed emergency equipment.

### Preparations for November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election:

There are two seats on the Cloverdale City Council that will open for election on the November 5 Election. In addition, Cloverdale will be considering whether to place various ballot measures before registered voters in the city including whether to update the City's Urban Growth Boundary and a potential revenue measure.

### Interested in Running for Council?



If you're considering a run for the Cloverdale City Council, now is the time to take action. To become a qualified candidate, you must adhere to specific guidelines and timelines. The Nomination Period is a critical window during which prospective candidates must fulfill necessary requirements to ensure their eligibility.

### Qualification/Nomination Process

In order to be elected into public office, all interested

candidates must become a Qualified Candidate (including write-in candidates). In order to become qualified, eligible candidates must make an appointment with the Elections Official during the Nomination Period. At this meeting, potential candidates will review the virtual Candidate's Guide and the mandatory nomination forms / papers which must be filed prior to the end of the nomination period.

### Nomination Period (2024)

**July 15, 2024 at 8 a.m. through August 9, 2024 at 5 p.m.**

Cloverdale City Clerk Mike Maloney serves as the City's Election Official, and is responsible for managing this essential aspect of the electoral process:

1. **Establishing Procedures:** The City Clerk, in collaboration with the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters and in accordance with state and local laws, establishes procedures and guidelines for the qualification and nomination of candidates. These procedures ensure transparency, fairness, and adherence to legal requirements throughout the process.
2. **Providing Information:** The City Clerk serves as a primary point

of contact for prospective candidates, providing them with comprehensive information about eligibility requirements, nomination procedures, and key deadlines. This information is crucial for ensuring that candidates understand the steps they need to take to run for office.

3. **Accepting Nomination Papers:** During the designated nomination period, the City Clerk is responsible for accepting nomination papers from candidates seeking to run for local office. Nomination papers typically include forms and documents that demonstrate the candidate's eligibility and support for their candidacy, such as nomination petitions and statements of qualifications.
4. **Reviewing Candidate Qualifications:** Upon receiving nomination papers, the City Clerk carefully reviews the documents to ensure that candidates meet all eligibility requirements specified by law and municipal ordinances. This may include verifying the candidate's residency status, age, voter registration, and any other relevant criteria.
5. **Certifying Qualified Candidates:** Once the review process is complete and it is determined that a candidate meets all necessary qualifications, the City Clerk certifies them as a qualified candidate for the upcoming election. This certification signifies that the candidate has met the legal requirements to appear on the ballot.
6. **Facilitating Ballot Placement:** After certifying qualified candidates, the City Clerk coordinates with election officials to ensure that their names appear correctly on the ballot. This involves overseeing the printing and distribution of ballots and providing instructions to voters on how to cast their votes.
7. **Providing Public Notice:** Throughout the qualification and nomination process, the City Clerk is responsible for providing public notice of key dates, deadlines, and requirements related to candidate eligibility and the election itself. This ensures that residents are informed and have the opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

Our City Clerk plays a central role in upholding the integrity and efficiency of the qualification and nomination process for local elections. By administering procedures fairly and transparently, the City Clerk helps to ensure that candidates have equal opportunities to participate in the democratic process and that voters can make informed choices at the ballot box.

### Stay Informed and Engaged:

Potential candidates should review the new digital Candidate Guide prepared by the City Clerk, available at [www.cloverdale.net/24candidateguide](http://www.cloverdale.net/24candidateguide), or simply scan the QR Code. This comprehensive guide outlines essential information, including eligibility criteria, nomination procedures, and key deadlines. Familiarizing yourself with these details is the first step towards a successful candidacy.

### General Municipal Election Information:

For comprehensive information regarding the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election, including details about local ballot measures, voter resources, and campaign guidelines, please visit [www.cloverdale.net/elections](http://www.cloverdale.net/elections). This dedicated webpage will serve as your go-to resource as we approach the election date. Be sure to check back regularly for updates and important announcements.

Your participation in the electoral process is vital. Whether you're casting your vote, considering a run for office, or simply staying informed about local governance, your engagement contributes to the vibrancy and strength of our city. According to the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters' March 5, 2024 Registration Report, Cloverdale has 5,339 registered voters - every individual vote truly does make a significant impact on the results. Your vote matters!



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## Red Door Remedies Fifth Anniversary ~ Jammie King

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## Connect with C.H.S. ~ Cheyenne Schrinier

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Cloverdale High School's Drama class has announced its Spring play: "Charlotte's Web" based on the classic E.B. White book. Produced by students and directed by Chairman of the English department, Joe Dobbins - April 18-20th, 7pm, East Gym of CHS, donations encouraged.

CHS is offering the first on-campus dual enrollment course taught by a college professor in Sonoma County. Two classes of Child Growth & Development from the SRJC will be in-person classes. C.H.S. Principal, Forest Harper has begun implementing numerous classes on campus with the opportunity to earn college credits, including AP Calculus and U.S. History.

Track and Field hosted their first annual "Lapathon" fundraiser. With a total of 1,130 laps equating to 282.5 miles, over \$3,000 was raised, with Junior Bryan Garcia and Sophomore Gael Lopez, running over 11 miles, and Freshman Elizabeth Silva running 37 laps total. Each athlete will receive a custom hoodie with their names printed on the back, the first individual player sport on campus with customized gear.

Mark your calendar: "Starry Night" Prom, Ellington Hall, Santa Rosa, April 27th. Santa Rosa, Tickets on sale now.

Citrus Fair Participation/Award winning CTE students include:

### Art

1. Shea Santana - "Still Life" Entry - 2nd place

2. Edgar Flores - "Architecture" Entry - 2nd place
3. Jazmin Cruz - "Digital and Graphic Design" Two 1st places
4. Isabel Ramirez - "Architecture" Entry - 1st place
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7. Sitali Santamaria - "Portrait" Entry- 1st place
8. Kimberly Muro - "Digital Design" Entry - 1st place
9. Anabella Pimentel - "People" Entry - 1st place
10. Brian Garcia - "Still Life Objects" Entry- 1st place
11. Keiko Sato - "Multiple Still Life"- 1st place
12. Mia Doyle - "Multiple Still Life" - 2nd place
13. Briseida Guzman - "Digital Landscape" Entry - 1st place
14. Chloe Schmidt - "Still Life" Entry - 2nd place
15. Miley Valverde - "People in Design" Entry - 1st place
16. Levi Clark - "Architecture" Entry - 1st place
17. Kira Mowry - "Flowers and Plants" Entry - 2nd place

### Construction

1. Zach Lewers - Wood Guitar - 1st place
2. Emma Mowery - Construction Shed - 2nd place
3. Kylee Vlasak- Wine Bottle Holder - 3rd place
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5. Chris Diaz- War Ship- 1st place

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# Upgrading Your Desk Experience

Will Carter

Every computer needs three basic additional devices, also known as peripherals, to work normally: a mouse, a keyboard, and a monitor. Some computers, like laptops and All-in-One desktops, have these devices built in. While these are the most common peripherals, you are likely familiar with some others - like webcams and printers. Upgrading or adding new accessories to your computer can help you be more productive and comfortable.

One of the best ways to improve your productivity is to increase the amount of information you can see. This can be achieved easily by adding a second screen or replacing your current monitor with a larger model. Having more screen area can allow you to keep multiple windows open comfortably - perfect for spreadsheets, visual art, and research projects! A larger monitor is also a common recommendation for my customers with deteriorating vision.

If you handle a lot of paper, especially for a business, a dedicated desktop scanner can make life much easier! At my own desk, I use a Fujitsu ScanSnap to record all documentation and paperwork I receive. These scanners outperform the larger scanners found on printers by accepting numerous pages of varied, even very small, sizes at once. These scanners usually also include utilities to automatically crop, rotate, and file scanned documents into your preferred folders.

Personally, my number one priority at my desk is comfort! The keyboard and mouse which came with your computer are perfectly adequate, however, it is possible to get peripherals which are much more ergonomic. Logitech makes great examples of comfortable input devices which keep your hands and wrists in a more natural position while in use. There are also monitor mounts and stands to lift your screen to eye level, which eases strain on your neck, back, and eyes.

While none of these accessories are necessary for basic use of a computer, they can all help make your desk a more enjoyable place to work and relax. I've found that the above accessories have become necessities at my own desk, helping me to be more productive and stay as comfortable as possible.

# Roots of Rock ~ MJ Girard



Music is the light of day...it makes us happy...it makes us say, "I remember that tune so well, we were together, in love that day!" My broadcasting career began during my senior year at Potter Valley High School, 1966. Currently I host the "Roots of Rock" on community radio station KOWSfm.Com playing the hits that illicit the fond memories of our lives.

The history of Rock & Roll runs deep into the very beginnings of the American culture. From the classical, R&B, gospel, popular, country and the innovative influences that ultimately became known as "Rock". It seems as though every decade, broken into five-year segments, produced a change. The beginnings were named "Rockabilly" which included Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Charlie Rich and others who signed with Sun Records of Memphis. Cincinnati Disc Jockey Alan Freed coined the name "Rock and Roll" and used it effectively to describe and promote what was previously known as "Race Music" featuring African American artist heretofore segregated to airwaves of a limited number of radio stations, primarily south of the Mason-Dixon Line. There are many artists who benefited from the increased exposure, and with this fame came some degree of fortune, although some were not given the residuals that they deserved. Sometimes the bright lights of notoriety obscured their better sense of their futures.

KOWSfm.Com is pleased to have the support of the **Cloverdale Connect** publication and is looking forward to its readers requesting their favorite artists, tunes and making dedications. Until next time, stay well, stay safe and be happy!



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Angel Orozco-Director of Vineyard Operations

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Attention All Local Service Clubs

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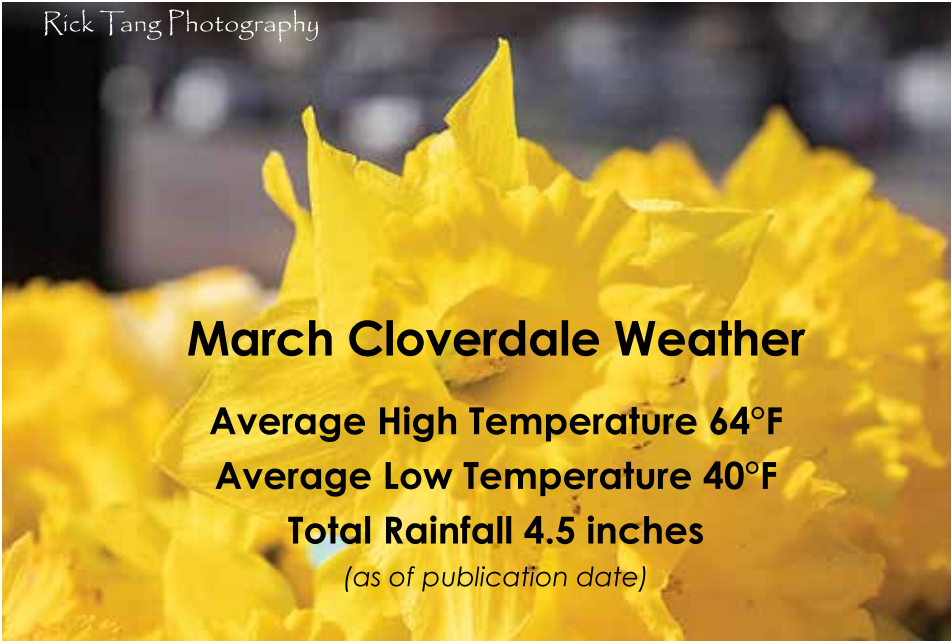
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**Deb Hall** and her husband were in Rome, Italy visiting their son and she took a copy of **Cloverdale Connect** to read on the plane.

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## City Council Report

### Eleonore Webster

At the City Council Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, the Community Development Director did a presentation encouraging artists to create work on utility boxes and murals in the City. This is part of a local public arts program to promote art and to enhance the local economy. City staff will develop an application process and guidelines to address questions such as stipends, review authority, and financial commitment. This was followed by promotional presentations for Cloverdale Police Officers Rickey Rhodes (new School Resource Officer); Katie Vanoni (promoted to Detective), and John Camara (promoted to Sergeant). A Letter of Support for RAISE was passed, supporting a collaborative grant request to obtain \$13.5 million to fund improvements including an Asti bridge over the Russian River, SMART path to Cloverdale and pedestrian improvements. Joanne Parker of SMART was recognized for her amazing efforts in collaboration and grant writing.

At the Council meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, members of the public expressed concerns about recreational vehicle parking prohibitions and the mobile home ordinance that is being developed. Proclamations were declared to recognize March as American Red Cross Month (present to receive recognition were Andy and Betsy Witthohn of the local Red Cross) and to recognize March as Women's History Month (present to receive recognition were members of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women).

The Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce made a presentation on their accomplishments for the past fiscal year. The presentation highlighted how the City and the Chamber work together to market Cloverdale businesses and culture, and keep Cloverdale a wonderful place to live. The representatives then gave a sneak preview into their proposed scope of work for the Chamber in 2025/26, requesting \$83,000 from the City.

The Council adopted a resolution to sign a Letter of Intent by the Town of Windsor, indicating Cloverdale's support for a Regional Biosolids Facility. Council approved an agreement with West Yost & Assoc. to provide engineering services to design new water storage tanks to replace the existing Southcrest Reservoir. Grant and State funding was discussed, along with concern for the potential of water rate increases.

## Fire and Earthquake Safety Expo 2024

The Fire and Earthquake Safety Expo is back and bigger than ever. Bring your entire family for a fun, free day of emergency preparedness activities and hands-on training. The fourth annual Fire and Earthquake Safety Expo will be at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds, on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Expo is Sonoma County's largest in-person emergency preparedness event. Whether you're interested in meeting first responders or getting your family and pets ready, the Expo has something for everyone.

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Cloverdale Food Pantry thanks all of the generous donors for their much appreciated contributions throughout the year. Your support makes all the difference and allows us to serve our community. The Pantry is especially grateful to Dahlia and Sage Market, Bakery El Paloma, Cousteaux bakery, Grocery Outlet, Ray's Food Place, Dollar General, Moe's Eagles Nest, and Cloverdale Nursery.

Donations may be made to:  
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The Pantry is open every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
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We would also like to extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Mike Driver. Mike was a longtime volunteer at the Pantry and he will be dearly missed.

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# Cloverdale Library Community Connection

## John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

After a very wet winter, we are all ready for some great spring weather to get outdoors. Thinking about the outdoors makes me think about visiting some of our beautiful county and state parks. It just so happens that Cloverdale Library and all the Sonoma County Library branches have county and state park passes. They are in high demand, but they are another way that the library helps us explore and discover part of the beauty that is in our area.

Another way that the library can help us get outdoors is through its Discover and Go program. It is a nationally recognized museum pass program that provides library cardholders with free and discounted tickets to local museums and cultural institutions. For example, you can get a pass for the Asian Art Museum, The Beat Museum, Charles M. Schulz Museum, and the Marine Mammal Center to name just a few.

But if you are a hay fever sufferer, you may want to do some virtual library explorations. In that case, return to last month's adventure of exploring some of our electronic resources available through the eLibrary link on the library's home page. In addition to eBooks and eAudio, we have learning resources such as LinkedIn Learning (courses and tutorials for industry experts), Coursera (flexible job-relevant learning for individuals and organizations), and Learning Express Library (that has course and practice exams for real estate, nursing, electrician and plumbing exams) and so much more for people who want to improve their skills or get prepared for some kind of license. Whatever you choose to do, the library is here to support your lifelong learning and adventures. Enjoy the pleasant weather and find some great things at the Cloverdale library.

See the Cloverdale Connect Event Calendar page 22 for upcoming Cloverdale Library events for children, teens and adults

## Two New Stop Signs

There are now two additional stop signs at the intersection of West Second Street and Commercial Street, making it a four-way stop. Please exercise caution when entering this intersection, as it used to have only a two-way stop controlling Commercial Blvd with northbound and southbound vehicle traffic.

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If you have lived in Cloverdale for any length of time, you have driven by the Grange Hall at 201 N. Commercial Street. The Grange Hall, part of the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, is a fun and affordable place available to rent for parties and celebrations including birthdays, anniversaries, quinceañeras, baptismal celebrations and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Now the Grange Hall needs the community's help for a new



roof as the recent storms have blown off a portion of the roof. There is a temporary fix, but to protect the building, at the very least, the damaged portion will need to be replaced.

Please join Robert Rodriguez, Jude Gibson, Adam Paulsen, Roger Quintin, David McChesney, Robert Bauer, Anna Murphy and Amy Lovato in making a difference as they raise money to benefit the Grange Hall roof repair. Any donation to help repair this historic community building, large or small, will help make an impact.

Please donate via the GoFundMe account that has been set up: <https://gofund.me/38c82015> or contact the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center about how you can make a difference.

## Be An Informed Voter

The CloDems observe that primary voting is behind us. Those who voted (Yikes! Lowest voter turnout in history!) have determined which candidates we will be running in the general election.

We now have eight months of a barrage of campaign ads (some toxic or nasty) before the general election. It will be interesting to see how campaigns evolve between now and election day. Is there a fundamental match between a candidate's values and your own? After the primary, has the candidate changed his or her position on governing? How has their message changed? And why?

And what about the onslaught of forthcoming initiatives? Which ones focus on the good of the people and which ones prop up special interest groups? Will a vote on one initiative negate a vote on another one? How much of what we'll be seeing in ads is fact? How much is fiction?

This is an opportune time to get to know the candidates and those proposed ballot initiatives. Then, armed with this new information, when you get your ballot VOTE!

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# Robert's Relics Antiques & Collectibles Relocates to Cloverdale



You may have wandered the aisles of Robert's Relics in Windsor over the years and found treasures to bring home. Now, Robert's Relics has relocated to the Furber Ranch Plaza. Be sure to stop by and say hello and see what they've brought into the new store. We are so fortunate in Cloverdale to have both Mill St. Antiques and now Robert's Relics relocated to our community.

## Family Justice Center Sonoma County

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# Footprints From the Past Jennifer Jordan, Cloverdale Historical Society

Take a Trip down Memory Lane with me. You can call yourself a "genuine" Cloverdalian if you remember these:

- When Cloverdale Boulevard was Highway 101 with thousands of cars driving down the boulevard and one traffic light in town
- Foster Freeze and A & W Root Beer stand
- The Treasure Cove where Zini's is now
- Lockhorn Bar with its stuffed stags (then La Hacienda and now La Tequila)
- Bank of America in the Druids Building (1928-1956)
- The Park Walker where you bought guns, ammo and liquor (a not so smart combination)
- Skaggs Spring resort, now at the bottom of Lake Sonoma
- The preschool in the Scouts' hut in City Park
- Madame Preston's house north of town in Preston (burned in 1988 along with other buildings)
- Susan Bennett's cemetery tours at Halloween with her recounting of ghostly hauntings
- Ram sales at City Park
- First performance of the Old Time Fiddle contest in 1975, sponsored by the Historical Society
- Old grammar school and high school located where Kleiser Park is now, torn down in 1960
- Cloverdale High School boys' basketball team as State Champions in 1984

If you are interested in learning more about these places and others, make an appointment at the Historical Society, to check out their extensive resource material. Call 707 894-2067 or visit the website, [www.cloverdalehistory.org](http://www.cloverdalehistory.org).



The Cloverdale Museum of History - 215 N. Cloverdale Blvd.  
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April Events:

- April 2 Tuesday**    **10:30am** Bilingual Family Storytime, Cloverdale Library  
**6pm** Creative Bug: DIY Book Bags (Adults) Cloverdale Library
- April 4 Thursday**    **4pm** Teen Crafternoons: Secret Graden Tins – Registration required
- April 11 Thursday**    **10am** Coffee With the Mayor & Friends, Cloverdale Senior Center
- April 13 Saturday**    **10am** “Second Saturday”, Hopland, Graziano Winery  
**7pm** Blues Night, Cloverdale Arts Alliance
- April 13**    **5-10pm** Clover Food Fest, Cloverdale Fairgrounds
- April 16 Tuesday**    **4:30pm** Relaxation thru Art & Music, Cloverdale Senior Center
- April 18 Thursday**    **7:30pm** Fog Holler, Cloverdale Arts Alliance, Americiana Night
- April 18-20**    **7pm** “Charlotte’s Web”, CHS Drama Class production
- April 19 Tuesday**    **10:30am** Bilingual Family Yoga, Cloverdale Library
- April 20 Saturday**    **11am-4pm** Left Bank Alexander Valley Spring Event

- April 21 Sunday**    **2pm** Mads Tolling, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- April 25 Thursday**    **7pm** Community Music Workshop, Cloverdale Arts Alliance  
**4pm** Universal Yums, Teens, Cloverdale Library
- April 27 Saturday**    **10am-3pm** Cloverdale Senior Center Spring Craft Fair  
**5pm** Night at the Movies, Kiwanis hosts “The Seven Year Itch”, CPAC
- April 28 Sunday**    **Noon-2pm** Longest Table Event, E. First St.

- Recurring April Events:**  
**Tuesdays 2:30** Kids & Tween Computer, Cloverdale Library  
**Tuesdays 3:00-6pm** Farmers' Market, Cloverdale Plaza  
**Wednesdays 2:30pm** “Game On” Cloverdale Library  
**Wednesdays 8pm** Karaoke Night, Railroad Station  
**Fridays 4pm** Teen Unpride Book Club, Cloverdale Library

- Coming up:**  
May 1 Wednesday    Cloverdale Connect Scholarship deadline  
May 4th Saturday    Hopland Fire BBQ Dance & Raffle  
May 9 Thursday    Rotary Bingo, Railroad Station  
May 11 Sunday    Green Thumb Garden Club Craft Fair  
May 19 Sunday    Fire & Earthquake Safety Expo

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Choose your starting check-in winery for your ticket purchase. On event day, you will check-in at that location, enjoy your starting winery's offerings, then move on to the other wineries throughout the event day. You get to visit all wineries listed for your single ticket price! (Local tax and service fee are applied at time of purchase.) Must be 21 or older. No pets please.

History Of Former Community Garden Property  
Mary Jo Winter

From 2009 to 2022 when the property was sold, Cloverdale's Community Garden was located on a long-vacant lot at 205 S. Cloverdale Blvd. just south of The Oaks Inn. The grounds were once occupied by a stately mansion and impressive garden owned by Charles Emile Humbert, one of the last leaders to have a hand in developing Cloverdale. He planted redwood trees on the grounds and surrounded his house with rare shrubs, trees, and plants, including many varieties of citrus and palms.

Born in 1864, the Illinois native grew up in Iowa, coming to Cloverdale in 1883 where he met and married the former Ida Louise Hoadley on New Year's Day in 1885. When he settled here for good in 1886, Cloverdale was just a hamlet with only a few hundred residents. Humbert had a varied career that included dry goods, real estate, mining, and insurance, as well as operating a large livery business and running the stage coach to the Geysers. At one time, he owned a large part of the present business district, originally purchased as undeveloped land. He helped lead the promotion of the Citrus Fair in 1894, eventually serving as director, secretary and president, as well as the parade Grand Marshal shortly before his death in 1955. He served two terms as town trustee before Cloverdale became a city and as Mayor in the early 1930s.

The Humberts were generous to a fault, regularly lending their spacious grounds to various non-profits for fundraisers. They also donated property for Cloverdale's first library, gave property to the American Legion on Broad Street where the post office is, and a right of way for the street in front of the Vets Building. These examples merely touch on a few of the seemingly endless contributions made by Charles Emile Humbert.



Shown are C.E. Humbert, who donated the land to the American Legion in 1931 for the Post Office: Lewis De Castle, Santa Rosa attorney, and Joe West. The Cloverdale American Legion constructed the building to lease to the Post Office





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Anne Miek  
1st prize - Mixed Case of Wine



Will and Julie Lawson  
2nd prize  
Catellis restaurant pictured with  
Catharine Davis and  
David Domenicono,  
Board members

### Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center Melanie Hall

Recently I was reading what President Joe Biden had to say last year about seniors in observance of Older Americans Month which takes place in May. His words ring true now more than ever in our nation and community. President Biden stated, "On this anniversary of Older Americans Month, we honor our Nation's senior citizens, whose lifetimes of hard work, devotion to family, and commitment to community have laid the foundation for the country we are today. We have a rock-solid responsibility to ensure our Nation's seniors can age with dignity and financial security. Older Americans are the pillars of our community, and we owe it to them to value their wisdom, celebrate their contributions, and champion their well-being."

Part of aging with dignity is engaging in social activities, regular exercise, eating healthy foods, and sharing your wit, humor, and expertise with others.

We are immensely proud to play a part in keeping our seniors healthy, happy, and engaged in meaningful activities. We are offering a series of free workshops focusing on relaxation through art and music which are sponsored by a grant through Area Agency on Aging. We will host a Spring Craft Fair on April 27, 10:00-3:00. Come join us and bring a friend to explore local artistic creations.

**Save the date:** August 17, 5:00-9:00 PM, our Dance Through the Decades Fundraiser will be at the Citrus Fair. This is going to be a fun dance party! We will feature music from the 40's-80's, and there will be prizes for the best costumes and dancers. Dinner, drinks, root beer floats, and icee desserts will be included. We are searching for businesses and community members who would like to help with either being a sponsor for the event or a table sponsor, it is a terrific way to get involved and highlight your business or your generosity.

I like to think of the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center as an active adult day-use center that also serves our seniors with respect, compassion, and value while treating them with dignity as they journey through life. We are the lucky ones getting to learn and experience joy from our elders' wisdom, knowledge, and expertise!





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## Cooking with David Maciel

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*April brings fresh asparagus and I love to make soup with the tender ends. I add roasted sweet Italian peppers to kick up the flavor.*

### Cream of Asparagus and Sweet Roasted Italian Pepper Soup

#### Ingredients

- 3 slices of bacon diced
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 medium shallots, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- kosher salt and pepper
- 2 pounds asparagus spears, cut into pieces with stems removed
- 8 ounces roasted sweet peppers, skinned & seeded
- ½ teaspoon dried dill
- 3 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- ½ cup heavy cream, plus more for drizzling
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- crumbled feta cheese & bacon bits for garnish

#### Instructions

In a large pot on low heat cook the bacon until it's just crispy. Spoon out and save for later. Add the butter, shallots, garlic and a big pinch of salt and pepper. Cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the asparagus and dill. Cook for another 5 minutes. Add the sweet peppers and the stock and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce it to a simmer and cook until the asparagus is tender, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Transfer the mixture to a blender carefully (or use an immersion blender) and blend until pureed. Pour it back into the pot and heat over low heat.

Stir in the cream and lemon juice. Taste and season with more salt and pepper if necessary.

Serve with a few drops of cream on top and the top of an asparagus spear! Sprinkle on crumbled feta for garnish.



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**Craig Clark**

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Google Flights has quietly added a lot of helpful information on airfare searches, including airfare trend information, information about seasonality, and recommendations on the best time to visit. You can also monitor the price of your ticket for free on Skyscanner. When you're searching for flights, just look for the "Get Price Alerts" button. You can also set it so that you get notified in case there are even better deals on alternative routes.

Included with your ticket you can purchase a bundle or package as offered by the airline which includes the cost of checked bags or gives you extra flexibility for a lower price than if you bought everything separately "Bundled fares can offer a better overall value than the base fare."

You can often get that and more by signing up for the airline's credit card. Alaska for instance, offers first checked bag free, 50,000 miles and an annual \$99 companion certificate. As an example, if two of you are traveling and the airfare is \$700.00 each, you would save over \$500.00 using the companion certificate.

And don't forget to clear your cookies and use a VPN. Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to change your geographic location, clear your cookies and use an "anonymous" tab to force airline sites to display the lowest airfare.

## Boys & Girls Club Corner

**Kat Ryan**



Jefferson members enjoy our new music program which takes place on Fridays. Currently learning Ukulele.

We are really excited about the growth of our new Community Advisory Board. Members will work alongside our Boys & Girls Clubs staff to grow our local presence and partner with community events as well as host specialty events. We are partnering with two fun events which we hope to see you at. THE LONGEST TABLE will have a kids zone this year hosted by BGC. This will include games, art and more for the kids while you attend this great community event. Save the date April 28<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm. KIDS TO PARK DAY is a national event that the City of Cloverdale is participating in for the first time locally. BGC is partnering with the city to bring more kids to the park that day. More details to come but save the date for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> NEW PLAYGROUND MULCH Big shout out to Reuser, Inc. for their donation of new playground covering for under our swings at our Clubhouse. This will be enjoyed at our Spring Break camp and summer camp which is right around the corner.

For more information about getting involved with the community advisory board or these local events contact Kat Ryan, Community Engagement Manager, 707-894-5063, [kryan@bgcsonoma-marin.org](mailto:kryan@bgcsonoma-marin.org).