

Cloverdale Connect

Bringing our community together since 2020

August 2024



Editor's Note

As we enter August and summer begins to melt into fall, we've still got some great things happening in Cloverdale – Friday Night Live, Sidewalk Sale Days, National Night Out, Rotary Bingo, live performances at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, annual Left Bank event, CSMC fundraiser and more. So get out and enjoy these warm summer days and evenings while they last!

Special note: By the time you receive this issue in the mail, I will be recovering from heart valve replacement surgery and at the same time, Vickie Norris, our graphic designer and comptroller, will be recovering from hip replacement surgery. So just a heads up, our September issue will be smaller than usual, but we promise to somehow get it done and into the mail! "The show must go on!"

I'll see you around town as soon as I'm feeling better!

Dana



Chief Parker keeps an eye on what's happening by reading *Cloverdale Connect*. Our Cloverdale Police Department is "Working together for a safe community".



Front Page Photo Contest Winner
Francesca Giacalone
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CUSD Teacher of the Month Edith Cardenas

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We are excited to announce this month's Cloverdale Unified School District's employee of the month is Edith Cardenas. Edith is a dedicated Spanish teacher at Cloverdale High School and a CHS graduate. A veteran educator, Edith has consistently demonstrated excellence in teaching and leadership. Her commitment to fostering a positive and engaging learning environment has made a significant impact on her students. Edith's innovative teaching methods and genuine

care for her students' success have earned her the respect and admiration of both her colleagues and students.

Beyond her teaching expertise, Edith is known for her leadership within the school community. She actively participates in various school initiatives, contributing her insights and experience to enhance the educational experience for all. Her approachable nature and unwavering support for her students make her a beloved figure at Cloverdale High School.

Away from work, Edith enjoys traveling with her family and the outdoors. This summer she visited France and Italy. Edith has a teenage son and daughter who both attend CHS. She enjoys creating memories and nurturing relationships. She finds joy in the simple pleasures of being surrounded by those she cares most about.

Edith's dedication and passion for education, students and our Cloverdale community is exemplary. Thank you, Edith, for all you do!

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Reuser Family Donates \$500,000 to Alexander Valley Healthcare

Kirsten Tellez

Alexander Valley Healthcare proudly announces the transformational \$500,000 donation from Darlene and Bruce Reuser in memory of their daughter, Tina Reuser Dogali, who passed away in 2021. The announcement comes as AVH prepares to start construction of a state-of-the-art Health and Wellness center in Cloverdale. In recognition of this gift, the first floor of the new facility will be named in Tina's honor.

Reuser Inc. is a family-operated business in our community that specializes in manufacturing and bulk distribution of organic landscape materials for over four decades. Darlene and Bruce Reuser, along with their grandson, Henry Dogali (Tina's son), presented the donation to Alexander Valley Healthcare CEO Debbie Howell, at the site of the future medical center,

"Cloverdale has been home to me and my family for five generations", said Bruce. "This is where my employees live and work. The people of this community and their families deserve quality healthcare in their own backyard. Though losing Tina was heartbreaking, her memory can now live on in a place built to care for many of the people she loved."

Debbie Howell affirmed, "A gift of this magnitude is a game changer for our organization and will bring our capital campaign the much-needed health and wellness center exponentially closer to our \$5M goal. I am incredibly grateful to Darlene and Bruce, and the Reuser family, for their visionary leadership and dedication to improving access to quality healthcare for all of the residents in this region."

Alexander Valley Healthcare is a Federally Qualified Health Care Center that has been serving the Cloverdale community for 30 years. This donation will support the Capital Campaign to build a new 30,000 square-foot medical facility where AVH will expand its existing medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare services and introduce urgent care, County mental health services and specialty providers. Groundbreaking is scheduled for Spring 2025 with project completion expected within two years.

CLOVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS
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PET of the MONTH

Pau

(Rhymes with wow) loves **Cloverdale Connect**. He chose the page with **Pet of the Month!**

Alison Lum



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

Prizes courtesy of: Clover Dog Pet Supply & Wash and Cloverdale Connect

Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

Maya the Doodle and I just returned from a lovely family campout on the Coast. We beat the heat and had a blast. Here are some important things I'd like to share with you as you get ready to go camping with your dog.



1) Do a recon trip if you can. The Westport campground was very nice, but the campsites were small and close together, which made dog management a challenge. Next time we will bring an x-pen or other means of containing the dogs without having to tie them or hold them at all times.

2) Know the rules. People are recreating in close quarters at campgrounds, so leash laws usually apply. Bring sturdy leashes and walking collars or harnesses. In some parks, dogs are allowed in camp but not on trails, so plan for dog care while hiking etc.

3) Make a list and check it twice. I have a "horse camping" list that I use every time so I don't forget things. Make a "dog camping" list including food, bowls, toys and treats, poop bags, etc.

4) Check the weather. We enjoyed cool weather on this trip, but in hot weather it might be best to leave dogs at home.

Have a great summer camping with your dogs!

Paul Duane Schuler



Paul Duane Schuler, 69, passed away on March 3, 2024, in Cloverdale, CA. Born on June 8, 1954, in San Francisco, CA, Paul was a lifelong resident of Cloverdale.

Paul dedicated 46 years of his life to All-Coast Forest Products in Cloverdale, where he worked under the supervision of Steve Bernardi. His commitment to his work was evident in his long

tenure and the respect he earned from his colleagues.

Known for his kind nature, Paul was a gentle presence in the lives of those around him. He found joy in simple pleasures and was a beloved figure in his community.

Paul is survived by his wife, Kimberly Schuler; his brother, Pete Schuler; and his sisters, Amy Novak and Susanna Black. He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirly Oster; father, David Schuler; and brother, Mark Schuler.

A service to celebrate Paul's life will be held at Clover Springs Lodge in Cloverdale, CA, on September 21, 2024. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him.

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Monica Esquivel Joins Edward Jones



Edward Jones Financial Advisor Dolph Green announced that a new Financial Advisor, Monica Esquivel, has joined his office in Cloverdale. Green said, "We're very impressed with Monica, and we're sure our clients will be, too. Monica will help provide the high level of service investors in Cloverdale have come to expect from us as we work to make a meaningful difference for our clients and our community."

Monica specializes in planning for retirement, income strategies for retirement, college savings, building wealth, and working with new investors. She was born and raised in a small town in Wyoming and moved her family to Cloverdale in 2020. She enjoys hiking on the local trails with her husband and three children, enjoys traveling, and trying the amazing food and wine Sonoma County offers. She teaches adult Spanish classes, spends time volunteering at the school, and loves being a part of the wonderful community of Cloverdale.

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The Art of Manifestation Nora Archambeau, M.A.

Attending our hometown July 4th parade this year, I found many Cloverdadians full of spirit, enthusiasm, and delight. It appeared the entire town came to show their support and their camaraderie. What an awesome and special event! I also noticed there was less abundance on floats and vehicles. I wondered, "Might this have anything to do with a possible lack of time, energy, and/or resources? Was it due to the heat wave?" There are plenty of the "hard feels" in the world, in the U.S.A., and close to home. We are (as I write this column) still in a lengthy heatwave, feeling hypersensitive when we receive a Watch Duty alert (free fire app), and working harder than ever at making our dollars stretch. How can each of us create a more peaceful equilibrium? Where might we achieve more of the "good feels"? Before sharing a few actionable items that may help to artfully realize one's intentions, I would like to share proof that miracles are possible. In 1997, I had a very strong desire to spend some time in India. Every day I repeated an affirmation, "I am in Puducherry, India for February/March 1998." I said this goal daily out loud for months. By December 1997, life circumstances revealed that in fact, I could make this trip happen and visit India for 7 weeks! I was ecstatic and immensely grateful.

1. Mind Over Matter: Changing our perception of something can change our physical world. Try it.
2. Quantum Physics Theory: "The study of matter and energy..." (Internet). Taking a quantum leap of Faith with something intimidating strengthens the belief in ourselves.
3. Cellular Transformation: "You can grow new brain cells." Proof that it is never too late to do almost anything! (Sandrine Thuret, Neuroscientist, TED Talk, June 2015, 10-minute YouTube video.)
4. Write It Down: By putting our intentions and needs on paper in the present tense, they have much more potential to manifest.
5. Act As If: Even if our reality may show otherwise, acting with our intended outcomes in mind will have quantifiable positive results.

Megan Clark

Megan Clark was born 1930 in Los Angeles and graduated from high school in Hollywood. She moved to San Francisco, got married and had two children, Rawn and Larry Clark.



At the age of 12 Megan became a cadet in WWII Civil Air Patrol until the war ended. After the war, Megan learned to fly at the tender age of 16 where she joined The Pacific Pilots Club which was formed by the war pilots.

Megan moved to Cloverdale in 1980 and has been here ever since. At the seasoned age of 94, Megan enjoys loom knitting scarves in her spare time. She has made about 100 scarves for the Dry Creek Pomo Elders.



Above is Tribal Elder Reg Elgin

Below are:

Cheryl Boden, Sandy Smith,
Yvonne Gonzalez, Gloria Martin
and Donna Ferris



Memories Are In the Eyes Of the Beholder ~ Michele Armanino

Clover Springs Lodge hummed with chatter on Saturday, June 22, as the Eagles from Cloverdale High's class of '68 returned for a reunion. The following morning, a well air-conditioned Citrus Fair Auditorium welcomed another all-class CHS gathering.



Here are some vignettes from those reunions:

"It's always stayed with me," says Nancy Gerke Miltimore, '68, "the kindness Richard Price, '68, showed me. I was never very athletic and he was a varsity baseball player who gave me confidence and encouraged me to keep playing baseball even though I was always the last selected for the team!" Gerke also recalls the excitement and satisfaction of making her very first pair of bell bottoms in her much-enjoyed home economics class. Recalling the music of the era, Gerke shares, "I loved the song, Brown-Eyed Girl, because," she says smiling, "I was also a brown-eyed girl."

"Mr. Connolly, the band instructor, taught lessons about performing in groups that stayed with me for the rest of my life," says Gail Giovannetti, '68. "Because of his influence, I went on to play the oboe in the Ukiah and Lake County Symphonies. Many of his music students went on to play professionally."

"I played bass drum in Mr. Connolly's band," remembers Dan Sutton, who in 1968, gave his class graduation speech on the Influence of Society on Education. "I wasn't that musically talented, but Mr. Connelly guided me through. One of my favorite memories is playing the 'Stars and Stripes Forever' on the football field at graduation, and me pounding the hell out of the bass drum!"

Jan Younggren Moore, '68 and Gail Giovannetti excitedly relay the fun they had playing softball and flag football, riding horses and floating down the Russian River on inner tubes. "My dad was the school district superintendent," says Moore. "That could pose a problem - like the time a few of us skipped school to go to the Foster Freeze. My dad pulled up next to us and asked, 'What are you Foster flies doing here?'"

Sydney Smith, '68 senior class officer, sadly recounts that, "We were seniors in high school when Robert Kennedy was assassinated. It was probably the first time we felt the world wasn't as safe as we thought it was. But our faculty was very encouraging and helped us to be well-rounded. We heard all about what was going on in the San Francisco Haight Ashbury district, but here in Cloverdale, we had bonfires by the river with the occasional teenage pranks, but we were still innocent," she says smiling.

"Everyone was friends with each other - We didn't have any cliques" says Tina Domenichelli, '82. I played saxophone in the band and the town raised money for the CHS band to go to Vienna! Our wonderful music teacher, Mr. Connolly, accompanied us."

"Herb Nunn was my track coach and mentor," says Walter Fritz, '81. "He was like a father figure to me and inspired me to go to college."

Lisa Domenichelli, '81, fondly remembers Miss Wagers, her softball coach. "I could go and talk to her if I ever had a problem," she says nodding her head.

"Those were some of the best years of my life," recounts Larry Wolfe, '65. "There were fifty in my graduating class and we were all like brothers and sisters. I particularly remember Miss Patterson and Mr. Salzwedel because when you started their class, you had a chance to be a new person for them."

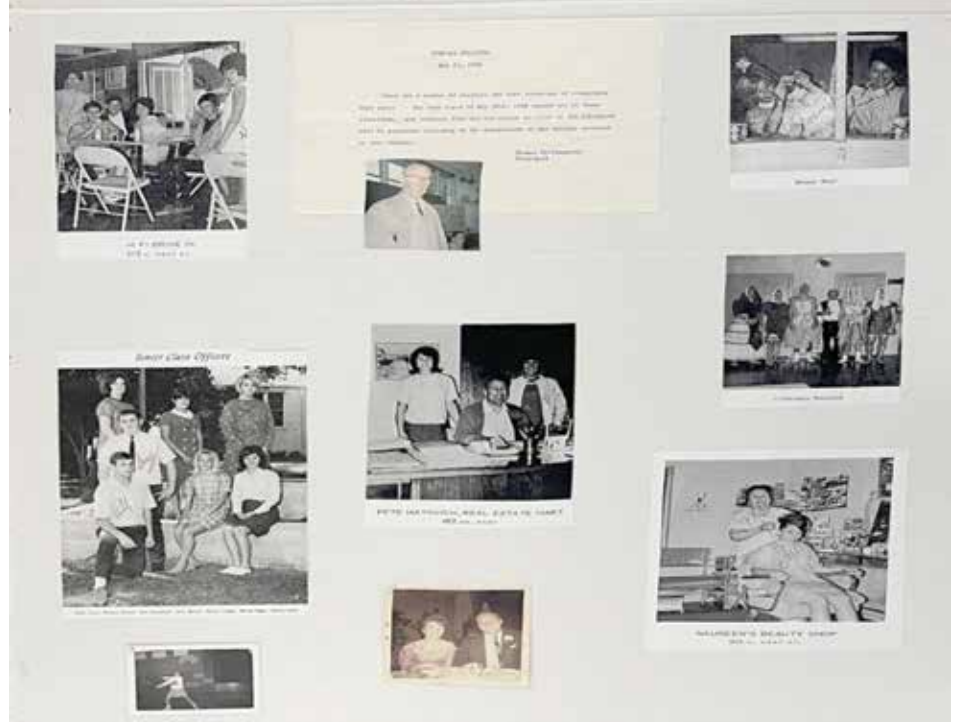
Richard Wooster, '69, now an ordained Buddhist monk, laughs when he recalls his shop teacher, Mr. Dunn. "Mr. Dunn, used to melt lead and pour it into molds to make fishing weights. Then he would engage us with these funny stories about the process."

"We lived on Blair Street and nicknamed ourselves, The Blair Street

Girls," says Pam Lampson McPherson, '67, laughing. Pam and Carolyn Kindall, Vicky Groom, Chris and Leslie Myers and Linda and Toni Lampson were enough to create a girls' club!"

"My dad had a grocery store and butcher shop where the old Ice House is now," says Johanna Goodman Stockham, '69. "We used to cut school and go up to the snow in Pine Mountain," she says chortling. "But then, we'd get detention."

Every Eagle who embraced, laughed and cried that day had a different high school experience from one another. Classmates came back to share these memories and, as country western singer, Buck Owens, once crooned, "nothing else matters because we're together again."



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Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery
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Pamela Heck - Painting



Gore Now President of National Association of Counties

Sonoma County District 4 Supervisor James Gore this week was named president of the National Association of Counties, an advocacy organization founded in 1935 to represent the priorities of county governments in the United States. Supervisor Gore was sworn in on July 15 during the association's Annual Business Meeting in Hillsborough County, Fla., after receiving broad, bipartisan support from elected leaders representing over 3,000 rural, urban and suburban counties nationwide. Supervisor Gore will serve as president for a year, leading the NACo executive committee in oversight of the association.

"With all the divisiveness in our state and national political arenas, it falls on us at the local level to bring truth to the table and forge progress," said Supervisor Gore. "I'm honored to serve and look forward to continuing to innovate, collaborate and tackle head-on the most difficult issues faced by my constituents in Sonoma County and counties across our nation."

Supervisor Gore also serves as chair of NACo's Programs and Services Committee, serves on the executive committee for the Latino Caucus of California Counties, and is co-chair of the North Coast Resource Partnership, a consortium of seven counties and 30 tribes. In 2021, Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Gore to the executive committee for the California State Wildfire and Forest Resiliency Task Force.

Gore was born and raised in the 4th District, which stretches from northern Santa Rosa, northeast to Fulton and north to Healdsburg and Cloverdale. He was first elected to serve on the Board of Supervisors in 2014. In addition to his work with NACo, Supervisor Gore is past president of the California State Association of Counties and a former member of Resilient America Roundtable for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.



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Quilts Last Michele Armanino

By the time she graduated from high school, with four years of home economics classes under her belt, award-winning, fiber quilting artist and art major, Suzanne Starjash, could sew a custom tailored suit. "I've sewed all my life," says the native Northern Californian, "but never professionally." Starjash, who worked ten years as a certified gemologist, lent her creativity to California Closets for twelve years where she custom designed home organization systems. She and her husband, Dan, a paramedic, decided to retire to Panama for adventure and a life style change. For six years, Starjash cultivated her own tropical garden and took in the exotic flora and fauna that was to be the inspiration for some of her early quilted wall hangings.



The couple returned to Cloverdale in 2013, where the lush wine country landscapes and fall's earthen colored trees and leaves beckoned to be her subjects. "Quilting for me is evidence of my existence and time I've spent here. It's lasting. It allows me to communicate my interests through fabric, design and color."

Starjash's light-filled, Cloverdale home studio showcases work from her early years to date. While she attended classes and studied the standard procedures of quilting, Starjash never let her teachers inhibit her natural creativity. Each one of her creations is unique and compelling in its own right.
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American Legion recently presented Cloverdale Nursery with an award on behalf of their donation from the nursery's Memorial Day benefit.

SAVE THE DATE

ORIENTATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH



Schedule:

9th grade - 8:30-9:30am
 12th grade - 9:40-10:10am
 10th grade - 10:15-10:45am
 11th grade - 10:50-11:20am

- + Class Schedules
- + Locker assignments
- + Athletics & Club Info
- + Campus Tour

Location: CHS East Gym

Real Estate for Real People Elissa Morrash

Buying or selling a house is an unusual and often stressful experience. It is not something we do every day. Real people usually have lots of questions! The guidance of an experienced agent is invaluable to help throughout the transaction.

A Pickup In 3rd Quarter

Although California home sales remained stagnant in June, as the 30-year fixed rate mortgage remained above 7 percent throughout most of May, there may be some good news on the horizon.

“With interest rates coming down to the lowest levels since February and the availability of homes loosening up further in the last few months, the housing market is gearing up for another run in the second half of the year,” per the C.A.R. 2024 Resale Housing Report. “We could see a pickup in market momentum at the start of the third quarter if rates decline in a more sustainable way in the coming weeks and buyers decide to take advantage of lower costs of borrowing.”

The statewide median price set recent record highs but June's median price slipped from \$908,040 in May to \$900,720 in June. But the year-over-year gain was the 12th straight month of annual price increases.

Stronger sales of higher-priced properties continued. Million-dollar home sales in California have been rising more rapidly than their more affordable counterparts in the state. Sales of homes priced above \$1 million now make up 36.3 percent of all sales, nearly the biggest share in at least the last five years.

New active listings at the state level increased from a year ago for the sixth consecutive month. The statewide average price per square foot for an existing single-family home was \$440, up from \$412 in June a year ago. The 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaged 6.92 percent in June, up from 6.71 percent in June 2023, according to C.A.R.'s calculations based on Freddie Mac's weekly mortgage survey data.

Data provided by California Association of Real Estate (C.A.R.) June 2024 resale housing report. If you would like a copy of the full report, let me know, or ask your trusted professional real estate agent.

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August Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners Sponsored by Sanz Nursery

With continued irrigation, the ornamental garden largely takes care of itself this month as summer winds down, though there's always activity in vegetable beds. This is a month of planning for fall and keeping your eyes open for plants under stress.

- If you've never planted a fall or winter vegetable garden, think about doing it this year.
- Stay alert to signs of water stress, especially for plants in containers and hanging baskets. An occasional deep soaking during periods of high heat benefits most plants, even those that do not require regular water. Make sure your garden is well-mulched to conserve moisture.
- If you have a lawn and want to conserve water or reduce your water bill, you can forgo watering without inflicting permanent damage even though grass may turn brown and lie dormant. To reduce stress, keep grass 3 in. high and do not mow too often. Don't fertilize either, as this simply stimulates new growth that requires more water. Better yet,

AUGUST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 1 Thurs. 5pm Rotary Bingo, La Tequila
134 N. Cloverdale Blvd.

August 2 Fri. 6-9:30pm Friday Night Live, "Pardon the Interruption" Ska/Rock/Afrobeat

August 3 Sat. 7:30pm "Cachito de Flamenco"
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

August 6 Tues. 8:30-11:20am Cloverdale High School Orientation (see page 6 for time slots)
6-9pm National Night Out 112 Broad Street

August 9 Fri. 6-9:30pm Friday Night Live, "Qiensave?"
Cumbia Urbana

August 10 Sat. Left Bank Alexander Valley Annual Event

August 10 – 25 "Our Lady of the Tortilla" Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

August 11 Sun. 5pm Second Sunday Hymn Sing & Pot Luck Supper Living Water Church

August 15 Thurs. 6-8pm Hot Rods N Hot Dogs,
Veterans Building parking lot

August 16 Fri. 6-9:30pm Friday Night Live,
"Joslyn & The Sweet Compression" Neo Soul

August 17 Sat. 5-9:30pm. Senior Center Fundraiser
"Dancing Thru the Decades" Citrus Fairgrounds

August 23 Fri. 6-9:30pm Friday Night Live, "BoonFire" and
"Surfer Girl" Indie-Pop, Reggae, Surf Rock

August 24 Sat. 9am-3pm Cloverdale Chargers Car Wash Fundraiser, Cloverdale High School

11am-9pm Cloverdale Chargers Dine & Donate,
Mountain Mike's Pizza

10am-6pm Summer Sidewalk Sale

August 25 Sun. 10am-2pm Summer Sidewalk Sale

August 27 Tues. 7pm "The Story of Lake Sonoma"
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

August 29 Thurs. 6-10pm Game Night at The Grange

August 30 Fri. 6-9:30pm Friday Night Live,
"The Stone Foxes" Rock n Roll

Preview of September events:

September 5 Thurs. Rotary Bingo La Tequila
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September 7 Sat. 30th Annual Cloverdale Car & Motorcycle Show

The City makes great strides to keep you informed about the various departments and initiatives that contribute to our shared progress in Cloverdale. In this edition, we bring you updates on the proposed November 2024 sales tax measure, staffing updates from the Police Department, and recent Parks improvements by our Community Development Department Parks Division. Read on to stay connected and engaged with the City of Cloverdale!

Update on the November 2024 Sales Tax Measure

As we approach the November 2024 elections, Cloverdale's City Council has been actively working to address the city's critical financial needs. Following the recent council meetings and community feedback, we have an important update regarding the proposed 3/4 cent sales tax measure that will be on the ballot. This measure aims to generate additional revenue for essential services and infrastructure improvements in Cloverdale.

Background and Need for the Measure

Cloverdale faces significant financial challenges, including a \$1,000,000 annual structural operational budget deficit, \$17,000,000 needed for a new police station, and \$30,000,000 required for road repairs and maintenance. These critical needs cannot be met with the city's current financial resources alone. To address these challenges, the City Council has proposed a 3/4 cent sales tax measure to be voted on in the upcoming November election.

Key Elements of the Proposed Measure

Financial Context: The city has limited financial capacity to fund critical capital projects and service priorities. Often, budget reserves are used to close expenditure and revenue gaps, but this is not a sustainable solution. The proposed 3/4 cent sales tax increase is expected to generate approximately \$1.6 million annually, providing a crucial revenue stream to support Cloverdale's essential services.

Allocation of Funds: The funds generated from the sales tax increase will be used for:

- **Road Repairs and Maintenance:** One-third of the city's roads are rated in poor or very poor condition. It will cost an estimated \$5 million over the next five years to maintain their current condition and almost \$31 million to bring all roads up to fair or good condition.
- **Pedestrian and Safety Improvements:** Over \$1 million is needed for unfunded pedestrian and safety improvement projects, such as sidewalks along Asti Road and restriping Cloverdale Blvd.
- **Park Improvements:** The city has identified over \$2.5 million for planned improvements at city parks, in addition to ongoing maintenance and repair costs.
- **Public Safety:** The police station is in poor condition and requires over \$10 million for replacement, including at least \$250,000 for design and planning. The Police Department also needs regular vehicle and equipment replacements.

Community Feedback and Support: The City Council has gathered valuable feedback from the community through town hall meetings and surveys. Although the Isom Advisors' study indicated that only 43.1% of respondents supported a 0.75% sales tax increase, the council believes that the proposed measure, with clear communication and accountability, can gain the necessary support.

Comparison with Other Sonoma County Cities: Many cities in Sonoma County have higher sales tax rates to support their infrastructure and services. For instance, Petaluma and Cotati charge a 1% sales tax, while Sonoma charges 0.75%. Healdsburg, with a 0.50% rate, collects significantly more revenue due to higher transaction volumes, generating \$1,288,376 quarterly compared to Cloverdale's \$247,460. Additionally, both the City of Sonoma and City of Sebastopol are placing local sales tax measures on the ballot. The proposed 3/4 cent increase in Cloverdale is necessary to ensure adequate funding for essential services.

Oversight and Accountability

To ensure transparency and proper use of funds, the proposed measure includes:

- **Annual Audits:** The ordinance requires an annual audit of the revenue collected and its expenditures.
- **Citizen Oversight Committee:** A three-person independent citizens oversight committee will be appointed to review and

report on the revenue and expenditures every five years.

The upcoming sales tax measure is a critical step towards addressing Cloverdale's financial challenges and ensuring the sustainability of essential services. We urge all residents to review the details of this measure carefully and participate in the November 2024 election. Your vote will play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community.

Cloverdale Police Dept Welcomes Two New Police Officer Trainees

The Cloverdale Police Department is excited to announce the hiring of two new Police Officer Trainees, Uziel Ruiz and Samantha Bono, who will soon be embarking on their training journeys to serve our community.

Meet Our Trainees

Uziel Ruiz: Officer Trainee Uziel Ruiz is set to begin his training at the Santa Rosa JC Police Academy on July 22nd. Uziel brings a strong sense of dedication and community spirit to the department, and we are confident that his training will equip him with the skills necessary to serve Cloverdale with integrity and commitment.

Samantha Bono: Reserve Police Officer Samantha Bono is expected to start the Police Academy in September 2024. Samantha has already shown great promise and dedication in her role as a Reserve Officer, and we look forward to her continued growth and success as she transitions to a full-time Police Officer.

Strengthening Our Force

With the addition of Uziel and Samantha, the Cloverdale Police Department will increase its number of Police Officers to ten. The increase in Police Officers is a significant step in our ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and provide exceptional service to our residents.

Chief of Police Chris Parker stated, "We are thrilled to welcome Uziel and Samantha to our team. Their commitment to law enforcement and public service is commendable, and we are confident they will be valuable assets to our department and the community."

Looking Ahead

The Cloverdale Police Department remains dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all residents. The addition of these two trainees underscores our commitment to expanding our capabilities and ensuring that we are well-equipped to meet the needs of our growing community.

We extend our best wishes to Uziel and Samantha as they embark on this important phase of their careers. Stay tuned for more updates on their progress and the positive impact they will undoubtedly have on our city.

Exciting New Cornhole Equipment at Furber Park!

The City of Cloverdale is thrilled to announce the installation of new cornhole equipment at Furber Park, enhancing our community's recreational options. This improvement stems directly from the feedback received in the recent Furber Park Survey, which highlighted the community's desire for more engaging park amenities. You can view the full survey results [here](#).

Cornhole, a popular and family-friendly game, is a fantastic addition to the park. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy this fun activity. The new cornhole boards are located near the playground area, making it a perfect spot for a day out with family and friends. Bring your friends, challenge your neighbors, and experience the new addition to Furber Park!

This initiative is part of the Parks Division of the Community Development Department's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality park and recreation improvements for our residents. In line with this commitment, we have recently installed new park benches along the winery trail, offering visitors comfortable spots to rest and take in the beautiful surroundings. These enhancements are a testament to our dedication to creating enjoyable and accessible recreational spaces for the Cloverdale community.

We invite you to visit Furber Park, try out the new cornhole equipment, and see the other improvements we've made. Your feedback and participation are invaluable as we continue to enhance our parks and recreation facilities. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make Cloverdale a wonderful place to live and play!

How to Boost Your Wi-Fi

Will Carter

Wi-Fi is the term for the system used to deliver wireless internet to our phones, computers, televisions, and other devices. For the vast majority of my clients, the Wi-Fi built into their existing modem is more than enough to serve the needs of their homes and small businesses. However, many circumstances and properties demand greater Wi-Fi coverage. There are three ways to accomplish this:

Extenders. Wi-Fi extenders are standalone products, perfect for expanding Wi-Fi coverage in a minor way. These devices are easy to set-up and can provide a little boost to your existing signal, perfect for extending coverage to an ADU, garage, or outdoor area. The drawbacks are that these devices will create a second network and you will need to be sure you're connected to the correct one depending on where you are. If you would prefer a single network to connect to, read on!

Mesh. Mesh systems are the big brother of extenders. Instead of being a standalone device attached to your current Wi-Fi router, mesh systems replace your existing router and add additional access points throughout your space. These access points connect wirelessly to one another, allowing you to move throughout the coverage area without changing networks. These systems are great for homes and small offices. If you have a very large area to cover, the wireless connections mesh relies on won't be up for the task.

Professional Solutions. Once you hit a certain coverage area or network bandwidth, home/small-office products like mesh will no longer cut it and you will need a bespoke system. Using network cabling, wireless bridges, and business grade access points, a professional installer can provide your structure, facility, or multi-building property with a smooth Wi-Fi experience indoors and out. A proper system will last many years and should provide you with the best possible Wi-Fi experience.

Ramazzotti Wines Brings the Magic of Italy to Cloverdale and Geyserville

Marie Williams

Wine maker Joe Ramazzotti has been producing Italian vertical wines since 2002 and has worked in vineyard management for over 40 years. The Ramazzotti family immigrated from the Marche region of Italy in 1958 settling in Dry Creek valley, bringing with them a deep love of Italian wine making, love for the earth, family and friends.

Since 2008 Joe Ramazzotti's wine production facility has been in Cloverdale in the Industrial complex, where the fermentation, blending and bottling takes place. Joe produces wonderful Sangiovese, Barbera, Lacrima, Zinfandel, Cabernet and Sangiovese blends, white wines and Rose'.




To honor the family heritage and traditions, local Cloverdale artist Michele Penirian Winterbottom has created a mural in the new tasting room which brings to life the history and beautiful colors of Italy.

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Creative Corner Christy Anne

I have a confession to make. Despite the mocking they take from many...I love wood lazy susans. This will be as political as I ever get, as apparently there are rumors that Thomas Jefferson invented them, and here I am known to say all politicians are useless. I stand corrected. I LOVE them. After shaking your head in wonder, you might ask why? Oh, where do I start...as that would take pages, brief example of one that can benefit many as the new school year approaches!

As I was a bit shy on kid appropriate vintage items, I took a little walk-through Mill Street Antiques in town and found just the bits I was missing. The wooden shoe designed to teach kids how to tie laces works fantastic as an organizer to hold scissors, paint brushes, etc. The old wooden blocks are great for drilling holes into for pencil storage. Old tins are great for chalk and small bits of stuff you want to keep handy. Why wooden spinners, you ask? Because you can glue, drill and nail



stuff to them keeping everything in its place when trolling for whatever you need. If kids must go back to school anyway, why not create something with their input to make it a bit more fun?

No kids like me? Well...tools, sewing supplies, nail and pedicure supplies, spices, art supplies, basically anything you want

access to that can fit in a smaller cabinet and yet spin so you don't have to remove everything. Set a cake on top of it while frosting so you can keep one hand free to spin as needed. Jumbo one? I used mine when refinishing kitchen cabinet doors so I could turn without touching the paint.

Perhaps I have tempted you to dust one off and put her back to work. If not...happy garage selling ahead for those of us always on the hunt!

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Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center Melanie Hall

We are counting down the days until our big fundraiser, Dancing Thru the Decades, happens at our Citrus Fairgrounds, August 17, 5:00-9:30 PM. The Lions Club is preparing a mouth-watering meal for us this evening: wood-barbequed chicken breast, Ray's famous bbq pasta, Caesar salad, bread and butter, root beer float, and icee. For those of you who are unable to attend this event but would love some of the pasta, the Lions Club is offering a tray of Ray's bbq pasta to-go that serves ten people for \$40 (must pre-order, and pre-pay through the Cloverdale Senior Center by August 9, pick up is at the Citrus Fair the night of the event).



Dust off your dancing shoes, practice your favorite dances from the 40s-80s, while listening to your favorite tunes played by DJ Pat Simmons, and get ready to have fun. There will be prizes for the best costumes and dancers. Our judges are Chief Parker, Mayor Lands, Ashlyn McLean, owner of Encore Dance Theatre, and Aging Backwards instructor, Eleanor Gomez. If you are a dancer and want to come for the dancing part only, it is \$25, the dancing will be from 7:30-9:30. You can get a drink from the Lions Club full bar or treat yourself to a root beer float or icee.

Here are some other events. Come by and see us at our outreach table at the CPD National Night Out on August 6, 6:00-9:00 PM. We will have flyers with resources for our community during this important event.

In August, Eleanor Gomez will teach the Aging Backwards class at the Center. We will offer a free Relaxation through Art and Music Workshop, as well as two free Nutritional workshops facilitated by Center-for-Well-Being.

Save the date, September 7, 8-11 AM, for our Pancake Breakfast in coordination with the Chamber's Car and Motorcycle Show.

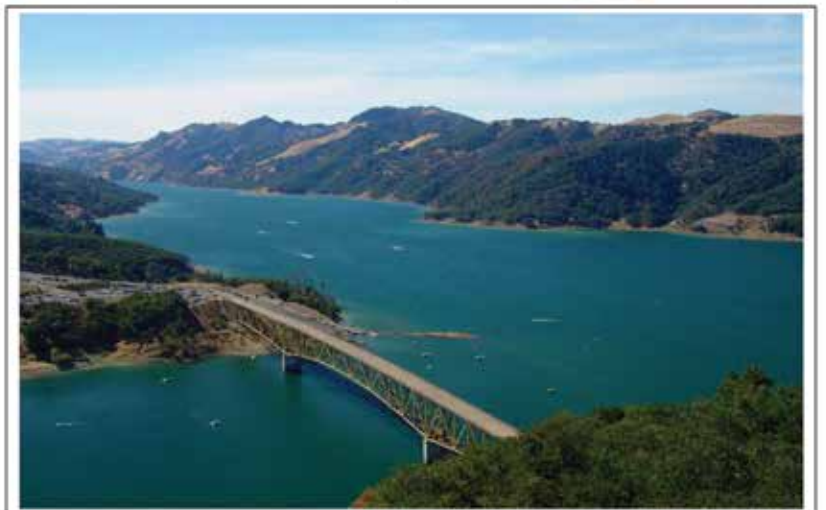
For more information about any of these events call 707-894-4826 or email me at melanie@cloverdaleseniorcenter.org. Hope to see you soon!

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A Year In The Making

Almost a year to the day, La Familia Sana set out to co-design a mural in collaboration with the youth of Cloverdale. The first of its kind in our small town. You can only imagine the hoops and barriers that they had to break through. As of Tuesday, July 16th the Planning Commission of Cloverdale passed the project 4 to 0.



It was a collaborative presentation of La Familia Sana, Blanca Molina (the artist) and Nikko Kimzin (Kimzin Creative Consultant) to the Cloverdale Planning Commission, and they appreciate the support of Cloverdale High School, Cloverdale City Staff, Encore Dance Studio, I.See.Optical Company and the Cloverdale Chamber.

Please contact Laura Arreguin, Director of Community Engagement, if you would like to support in painting and/or attend the unveiling in September, date TBD. Contact Laura for more information larreguin@lafamiliasana.org.

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Sign up for the D&D campaign with this link:

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City Council Report Eleanore Webster

Great visit to **Cloverdale Nursery** on Saturday. I picked up some flowers. The shop has a ton of veggie starters, too. I always love visiting this store. It's one of my favorites in Sonoma County. Cloverdale is lucky to have it!

Sarah Stierch

Thank you, **Cloverdale City Council**, for enacting an excellent Mobile Home Rent Control Ordinance. There were some councilmembers who wanted stronger controls, while others wanted more protections for the park owners. But they were able to bridge their differences and reach consensus on an ordinance which passed UNANIMOUSLY. I believe that working together to make things better is the greatest manifestation of public service.

Daniel Frankston

My parent's fountain is fixed! Praise God for **Travis from C&G Landscaping**. He and his crew worked late into the day only 2 days from our phone call - friendly, professional, affordable, reliable, responsive

Deborah Owen

Just wanted to shout out **Gonzalez Fence Company** they came and replaced a section of my fence this morning and did a great job. They had everything removed, new post set with concrete and new fence up in about 3 and a half hours. The quote was more than fair for the current market and I couldn't be happier. Will definitely use them again and would recommend to anyone in Sonoma County.

Chase Stipe

Just have to give a Shout Out to **Piacere Ristorante Italiano!** We have gone a couple Wednesdays now and the food and service is GREAT, along with the \$19.95 dinner specials! Highly recommend!

Nicole Gromala

Giving a shout out to **Clover Dog Pet Supply and Wash**. Today the store had to close early. After I sent the owner a DM, she was kind enough to come back and open the store for me. My dogs will be extremely happy tonight. Thank you so much!

Natasha Marie

Wanted to recommend and give a big shout out to **Will Carter from Carter Computer**. We are so lucky to have Will in town for all our computer needs. Besides being so knowledgeable about computers, Will is super honest and a genuine nice person. It's great to be able to stay in town to get our computer fixed, updated or replaced. Thank you Will! Really appreciate your recent help.

Joan Tillman

I would like to say "Thank You" so much to the **Cloverdale Fire and Rescue, Paramedics, Cal Fire, and Fish and Game** for your help on Tuesday June 4th. Thank you so much for your help in a situation that could've turned out way worse for me and my family. You guys are so wonderful and quick to respond.

Amber Land

Huge Shout Out to **Jace Wheeler and Ryan at Wheeler Electric!** They made time to come out to ensure we had AC working before the heat wave! Our second time using them, and highly recommend.

Savannah DelCampo-Snyde

Thanks, **Rockin A Adventure Café** for a truly delicious cup of coffee this morning. First time and will continue.

T. Michelle Beam

Best French Dip, ever! Thank you for making the last part of my crazy day, **MoE's Eagles Nest Deli**. You guys hit out of the park every time!

Robin Murphy

At the June 26th meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution establishing and updating the schedule of fees and charges for City services and repealing previously adopted and conflicting fees and charges. The Council then considered approval of the City's Annual Engineer's report. This is the next step in the process of levying and collecting assessments for landscaping and lighting in Cloverdale for 2024 and 2025. Attachments on the budget, report and resolutions are included in the online agenda, <https://www.cloverdale.net/agendacenter>. The Report was approved.

Councilmember Bagby commented on the SMART meeting, saying it was an excellent groundbreaking event in the multi-mobile trail for Sonoma County as it comes further north. We're making progress. Windsor is expected to break ground in 2025, as the rail access moves north.

Mayor Lands thanked CalFire and the local fire district for their efforts in fighting the fire around Lake Sonoma and the more recent Preston fire. City Staff was also thanked for providing timely updates to Council Members. The City Manager then presented his report, highlighting the Watch Duty phone app which does an excellent job of keeping residents informed on fire activity in the area. The City Manager also reported that the grant application that included the Asti river bridge was not successful. Council members recognized the hard work put into the application as well as its importance and agreed that the application will be submitted again when the next opportunity arises.

The July 10th meeting was cancelled.

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Breakthrough In Decades-Old Sarah Geer Murder Case

The Cloverdale Police Department has announced a major breakthrough in the decades-old Sarah Geer murder case, bringing closure to a tragic event that has haunted the community for over forty years. The cold case, dating back to the 1982 murder of 13-year-old Sarah Ann Geer, has finally been resolved.

Former Police Chief Jason Ferguson, who reopened the investigation in July 2021, retired in December 2023. His successor, Chief Chris Parker, continued the pursuit of justice alongside private investigator Kevin Cline and Cloverdale Detective Katie Vanoni. Sergeant Borruso initially took charge of the investigation in 2021, meticulously reviewing evidence and conducting interviews. A male DNA profile was identified from the evidence and through the use of modern DNA genetic genealogy technology, this dedicated team has successfully identified and apprehended James Unick, 62, from Willows, California. He has been taken into custody and is being booked into the Sonoma County Jail (Charges: 187(a) PC Murder, 261(a)(1) PC Rape, 207(b) PC Kidnapping, and 288(b)(1) PC Lewd and Lascivious acts with a minor under 14 by force.

The successful conclusion of this case was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Cloverdale Police Department, Glenn County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, SERI Labs, the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office, the Department of Justice, and private investigator Kevin Cline.

Cloverdale Police Chief Parker said, "Today represents a bittersweet victory for justice. While nothing can undo the pain inflicted upon the Geer family and our community, we can finally offer some solace in knowing that the perpetrator will be held accountable. This arrest is a testament to the dedication of our law enforcement agencies and the unwavering resolve of Cloverdale's citizens."

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The CloDems ask: "Who are the CloDems?"

Over the past several months, the Cloverdale Connect has graciously included articles drafted by members of the Cloverdale Democratic Club also known as the CloDems. With apologies to Butch Cassidy or the Sundance Kid, some may be asking: "Who are those guys?"

"The mission of the CloDems is to foster an informed and engaged electorate." As a group, we've determined that we cannot achieve our mission by simply parroting talking points from one political party or the other. To that end, we:

- invite public participation without regard to political affiliation;
- facilitate a forum where issues are addressed thoughtfully and factually;
- ensure that discussions are frank, measured and polite;
- refrain from yelling or pounding the table; and
- attempt to relate to those with whom we might disagree with dignity and respect.

The CloDems is a club sanctioned by the Sonoma County Democratic Party and, by extension, the state party. But don't let that scare you! Conducting about eight meetings per year, we have:

- hosted a Sonoma County Superior Court Judge candidate;
- learned about the ins and outs of being on the school board from a current Trustee;
- heard or hosted, individually, two candidates for the Second Assembly district seat being vacated by Jim Wood;
- discussed many Cloverdale-centric issues including (but not limited to) the current revenue enhancement ballot measure, rent control for mobile home parks and the annual display of the Pride flag.

The CloDems <https://www.clodems.com> welcome all the voices of our diverse and beautiful little community. We hope that our articles in the Cloverdale Connect enlighten and inform neighbors and friends throughout Cloverdale.

See **2024 4th of July Parade Photos** from
Rick Tang Photography on CloverdaleConnect.com
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Out & About

In between boat inspections at Lake Sonoma is a great time for **Meagan Schreier** of **Mussel Dogs** to catch up on the local news from **Cloverdale Connect**.



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If recalling the past with a musical number or two, tuning into the Roots of Rock will spark those smiles of summertime nostalgia. From Sinatra, to The Beach Boys and Seals and Croft, Chad and Jeremy, The Kinks, WAR, Martha Reeves, the list of summertime hits is endless.

It is a pleasure to share these memorable tunes with you and to invite you to request your favorites directly to my website Girard.org or you may text me 707.391.9463

We live in near paradise in the NorthCoast, the Redwoods, the ocean, and miles of hiking trails abundantly found nearby. Walking is the finest form of exercise, anyone can participate, a good pair of shoes and socks, a walking stick, and a cap to shade the sun.

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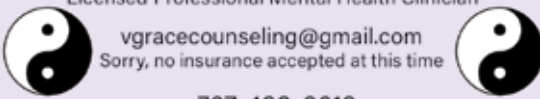
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CUSD News

Glen Senestraro, Superintendent

We are excited to start the 2024-25 school year!! The start of a new school year is a great time of year! We look forward to our dedicated and supportive staff returning and welcoming new and returning CUSD students and families. This year the district will be working on a few projects that will require some adjustment by all of us.

Districtwide, we have four exciting new projects that have begun or will begin this year: a bus turnout and locker room entry reconfiguration at Washington School, new TK and K classrooms at Jefferson School, and an agriculture facility at Cloverdale High School. As always with construction projects, there comes messes and issues. The district is working hard to anticipate and mitigate issues, but I'm certain there will be some that we could not anticipate. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and look forward to the completion of these projects.

As many of you know, there are traffic issues at Jefferson School. In an effort to provide a safe area for school bus drop off and pick up, we are changing the flow of traffic on North Street. Through traffic on North Street will be directed to the left down the one-way lane that exits on Champlain Avenue. The alley South of Jefferson School will only be used for school bus drop off and pick up. We need to minimize the flow of traffic next to and around the bus drop off and pick up area. Again, we appreciate your support and understanding of these changes for student safety.

We understand these changes will affect people in different ways. Our priority is to provide students and staff with a safe environment. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

CUSD is proud and honored to serve the greater Cloverdale community and its students. The district is governed by an elected Board of Trustees with regular Board meetings held on the third Wednesday of most months at 6:00 PM in the CHS Library. Our Board members are President Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, Clerk Jenny Candelaria-Orr, Trustee Preston Addison, Trustee Jacque Garrison, and Trustee Ashley Lopus-White.

Cloverdale National Night Out August 6

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

Library Makes Materials in Spanish a Priority

Tim Polk, Sonoma County Library

The Sonoma County Library has a team of nine translators who translate most, if not all, of the library's marketing and event materials into Spanish.

"Translating materials helps overcome the language obstacles many library patrons in Cloverdale and the greater Sonoma County area face," said the library's lead translator, Gabriela Vargas. "The language barrier is still very big in Sonoma County, and the Spanish-speaking community needs to know we are working hard to speak with them in their own language, using a voice that is friendly, trustworthy, and welcoming," Vargas said.

Mayra Arreguin, Director of Community Engagement for the Cloverdale-based non-profit La Familia Sana, said the library's Spanish language materials play a vital role for underserved people in the area. Providing materials in Spanish "is a great service and helps embrace our diversity," Arreguin said.

The translations team consists of both branch librarians and library headquarters staff, and each translator must pass a written test. At any given time, more than 30 projects are in various stages of initial translation, review, and approval. Translations are done for posters, flyers, online event calendar listings, bookmarks, radio ads, and more.



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Lake Sonoma and the Warm Springs Dam

**Elissa Morrash, Executive Director,
Cloverdale Historical Society**

Warm Springs Dam, which formed Lake Sonoma, was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1983. The lake provides flood control, irrigation and recreation. When full, the lake has a surface area of more than 2,700 acres and 50 miles of shoreline, forming the perfect setting for a wealth of recreational activities. Located just 8.7 miles from town, the lake is an easy 10 minute drive for Cloverdadians. This land is rich in Pomo history for thousands of years. For the last nearly 150 years the lake area provides a resort destination for locals and visitors. It has been the home of a wide variety of recreational activities, ranging from the famed Skaggs Hot Springs in the 1900s, to hunting and fishing, and now waterskiing, hiking, swimming and boating. The Milt Brandt Visitors Center, a beautiful park with shaded picnic areas, and the Don Clausen Fish Hatchery are all a part of today's Lake Sonoma experience.

The Warm Springs Cultural Resources Study, headed by Adrian Praetzellis and Mary Praetzellis, was one of the first large projects conducted under federal historic preservation laws and regulations enacted in the 1960s. From 1974 to 1984, before the filling of Lake Sonoma behind Warm Springs Dam, the area was intensively studied by a team of archaeologists, cultural anthropologists, architectural historians, ethnobotanists, historians, and Native American traditional scholars.

We are pleased to present the Lake Sonoma/Warm Springs Dam Speaker Series Program on August 27, 2024 with Emily Kohl, Lake Sonoma Park Ranger, San Francisco District, and Dr. Adrian Praetzellis, now Professor Emeritus of Anthropology; Emeritus Director of the Anthropological Studies Center, Sonoma State University, as keynote speakers. For tickets and more information, visit www.cloverdalehistory.org or call (707) 894-2067.

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The Beet Gerald French

"The Beet," on First Street, offers "comfort food," with a Mediterranean style. The menu offers selections such as a small plate of Bacon-wrapped Chorizo stuffed dates, or try the Fishwife smoked salmon with Jing Sweet 'N spicy zhong or the Braised Short Ribs - and for dessert, have the Apricot Chardonnay Sorbet.



Owners Alessandra Ziviani, Hospitality & Sommeier Director, and Chef Andrew Radabaugh, with years of experience from Chicago and New York, bring to Cloverdale outstanding cuisine and hospitality. Chef Andrew really takes time cooking with quality ingredients.

The wine selection offers fifty different wines from the Sonoma and Napa wineries, plus a selection of "special" international wines.

You may purchase a glass of wine, or a bottle or even a case. Don't forget, they have a "happy hour" daily, except they are closed on Monday and Tuesday.



Have you had your photo taken in this giant frame by Bryce Jones at the Geyserville Sculpture Trail?

Send it in to at info@cloverdaleconnect.com to be included in a future issue



ALL VETERANS ARE INVITED to the FREE American Legion weekly Wednesday 8:30AM morning coffee hour. It has reached a new level of attendance. If you haven't attended one of these, you gotta' come and see what it's all about. "Try it you'll like it"! Can you remember what commercial this slogan was from?

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"Our Lady of the Tortilla" at CPAC

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The Cruz family is volatile even in the best of times. On this particular day, Nelson, the youngest son, enters the house in a panic to hide the more obvious religious relics from the sight of his "gringo" girlfriend, who is visiting for the weekend. Nelson's mother, Dahlia, is obsessed with retrieving her husband from his new girlfriend; Eddie, her elder son, shows up in a van with his failed life and pregnant girlfriend. But the "real" pandemonium is caused by sweet, long-suffering Dolores, Dahlia's old-maid sister, when she sees the face of the Holy Virgin in a tortilla. This miracle brings hordes of believers and reporters to camp out on the Cruz's lawn to await further miracles. As the family struggles with beliefs and conflicts, old and new, the endurance of family love is revealed to be the real miracle.

Details - August 10-25, 2024, Saturdays at 7:30pm; Sundays at 2:00pm, \$20 General and \$15 for Seniors and Students



Cloverdale Lions were busy BBQing free hot dogs at the ACE Hardware Anniversary Celebration. Thank you, Lions Club for serving our community.

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The Lions logo represents so much more than a simple emblem on a hat or a screen print design on the shirt of one of its members. "The emblem resonates because of its timeless associations with the image of a lion itself- Strength, Courage, Action and Fidelity."

The Lions Club membership within our community is the largest in the district with 71 members. The commitment of these gentlemen goes above and beyond strength, courage and action. The word fidelity in this case refers to a large group of Lions showing faithfulness to a person, a cause or a belief- an Allegiance towards the community of Cloverdale and its surrounding areas.



The history of our local Lions Club and its beginnings are up for discussion with stories of the club being formed as early as 1950 which was recently discovered while researching a publication from the Santa Rosa Lions Club referring to Lions Clubs in surrounding communities they had sponsored in 1950. One bit of history that has been officially verified is that the original unincorporated club became an official corporation subordinate club of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 1956.

Since that historic year of 1956 the club has shown tremendous growth in not only members but community projects as well. For those of you who are unaware, our Lions Club members are much more than the beer slinging, burger flipping, pancake tossing bunch of pyromaniacs that they seem to be. In fact, the list of community events they are tied to is very impressive.

Let's just jump right into one of the biggest events their club has run for 30 years in our small community and that's the amazing Pyro Spectacular Annual Chuck Sibert Memorial Fireworks Show. A show that gets bigger and better each year and one that is the hardest for the club to fund. The 4th of July show is the costliest event the club puts on, and under normal circumstances with the fireworks booth and donations from the community it can still take a large hit on their annual budget.

Chuck Sibert was a beloved Member of not only the Lions Club but also the town of Cloverdale and beyond. Chuck was the chairman of the Fourth of July event for over three decades. It was his hard work and dedication that inspired so many other Lions and community members to continue this time-honored tradition.

A very rewarding event held for the past 24 years is the



Annual Children's Christmas Toy Run, which is a unique event for the Lions Club. Each year the club invites motorcycle riders to join them on a 25-mile run led by our local Santa,

while asking them to donate a brand-new unwrapped toy. At the end of the run, they are served a wonderful lunch with a full bar included. Local ladies within the community spend hours wrapping the gifts and making sure they are given out to local children in need. It's a very heart-warming event that brings the community together each year.

The list of events and organizations the Lions Club are involved in is too large to include in this story, but here's some of the top collaborations: 60 years of building exhibits at the Citrus Fair, the Annual Father's Day breakfasts, sponsoring the Joe Pardini football league, CHS Senior Scholarships, Christmas tree lot, Annual Easter egg hunt, sponsoring CPL softball, Little League, youth soccer, CYO basketball, youth wrestling, CHS sports and backpack donations, Boy's and Girl's Club, breakfast for CHS Seniors, 8th grade day away, Community Unity Day lunches, eye exams, glasses, and so much more. Annually the club contributes approximately \$150,000 into the community.

As for those 71 men who love "Lionism" and the town of Cloverdale, let's go full circle and back to that famous Lions Club logo that "Represents a lion facing the past with pride and the future with confidence, looking in all directions to render service"



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Philippines' First Governor-General Was a Cloverdalian

Mary Jo Winter

James Francis Smith, the first Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, was another distinguished citizen who called Cloverdale home. "Smithton," the large house where his family and five siblings lived, was located on Skunk Creek, now called Cherry Creek Road. Large palm trees, a low stone wall and iron gates are recognized today as part of the 7 Palms Mobile Home Park.

Born January 25, 1859, in San Francisco, Smith was educated at Santa Clara College and Hastings Law School. He was admitted to California Bar in 1881. Commissioned in 1898 as a Colonel in the 1st California Regiment, U.S. Volunteers, Smith served in the first expedition to the Philippines, and participated in the Battle of Malate Trenches and the capture of Manila.

In Manila, he was the Deputy Provost Marshall for the city and President of the Military Commission. On March 1, 1899, Colonel Smith assumed command of the then Philippine sub-district of the Island of Negros. He was soon promoted to Brigadier General and, by the end of July, appointed Governor of the Island of Negros.

His military career ended in 1901 with his appointment as an associate justice to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands. He was also a member of the Philippine Commission and Secretary of Public Instruction. From September 20, 1906, until his resignation on November 11, 1909, Smith was the appointed Governor-General of the Philippines.

He briefly returned to Cloverdale before being nominated by President William Howard Taft in March 2010 to become an Associate Judge in the U. S. Court of Customs Appeals in Washington D.C. He held this position until he died on June 29, 1928, after suffering a heart attack while on the bench earlier in the day.

Smith was buried with full military honors and laid to rest beside his wife at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, CA.

Let's Travel ~ Craig Clark

Flight canceled or delayed? Here's what to do next

I know we have talked about this previously but with an average of 20% of flights delayed and up to 2% cancelled*, let's review.

Always check the status of your flight on your airline's website. You can get flight status updates sent directly from Flight-Aware as well.

The airline app should probably be your first stop after you learn of a major hiccup in your travel plans. Can't find what you need on the app and you're at the airport, find an airline employee who can work the reservation and ticketing system. If the U.S. call center has a long hold time (which happens during widespread issues), you can try dialing an international number for faster service. You can often find those numbers on the airline's website. I Googled "United Airlines international reservations" and was able to access call center phone numbers throughout Europe.

Retreat to the airlines lounge even though you may have to pay for access. The agents there might be able to help you change or track your flight.

It's important to know what your rights are as an airline passenger. For instance, if your flight is canceled or significantly delayed and you choose not to travel, you're entitled to a refund, no matter the reason for the disruption. If it's a major disruption and you're stuck or stranded consider your options at airport hotels. Better to sleep in a hotel room rather than the airport terminal

Last but not least, be firm when making travel decisions when there's a delay or cancellation. The longer you wait to switch flights or book a hotel, the greater the chances you'll be at the mercy of whatever dwindling options are left as hundreds (or thousands) of other passengers rebook their plans.

*The Points Guy

Rotary Bingo

The next 2 Rotary Bingo nights are August 1 and September 5, at La Tequila Restaurant, 134 North Cloverdale Blvd. Doors open at 5:00 with games starting at 6:00 p.m. La Tequila will have a special Bingo Buffet for \$15.00.

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If you're like me and refuse to turn on your oven / stovetop in these hot August days. This Prosciutto and Melon salad is the perfect answer. Not only does it work really well as a stand-alone lunch, but also goes great with lasagna or grilled chicken.

Prosciutto and Melon salad

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon champagne vinegar or white vinegar
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 ounces baby arugula
- 1 small cantaloupe sliced or scooped into melon balls
- 1 small honeydew sliced or scooped into melon balls
- 8 ounces bite-size fresh mozzarella drained
- 2 to 3 ounces prosciutto torn
- Fresh basil leaves
- Fresh mint leaves

Instructions

Whisk the vinegar, salt and pepper while slowly pouring in the olive oil. Toss the dressing with the arugula and transfer to a serving platter.

Tuck the sliced or scooped melon in the arugula and top with mozzarella balls and tear the prosciutto into bite-size pieces and scatter it ovetop as well. Scatter with the fresh basil and mint leaves, drizzle with balsamic vinegar and season with freshly ground black pepper.

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The new updated version of the "Important Numbers" magnet is now available. This handy magnet is provided at no cost to the community by Jane & Ron Pavelka, Compass Real Estate and Cloverdale Connect. Contact info@cloverdaleconnect.com for your free gift.

Some comments from our recent "Reader Survey" in Cloverdale Connect:

"Thank you for Cloverdale Connect! I think it's a wonderful way to keep us all 'in-the-know'."

"I think you're doing a great job. I look forward to receiving my copy each month."

"Really enjoy reading about what is happening with vacant buildings and new businesses opening."

"Love the paper! So happy we even have a paper."

"I really do enjoy Cloverdale Connect! My family knows to leave me alone when I read it. Such a lovely way to 'connect' with our community."

"Love this paper."

"Your publication seems to get more meaningful/relevant with each issue. Keep up the good work! Please!! Important community resource!"

"I check the entire contents and read extensively on many occasions. Thank you!"

"I pretty much read the paper cover to cover. I appreciate the positive tone of the paper and unbiased reporting."

"I read the whole thing each month!"

Cloverdale Regional Library News



As many of you know, the regular Children's Librarian, John, has been temporarily tasked with managing the Sebastopol Regional Library. While he's away, Cloverdale Regional Library is happy to introduce the Acting Children's Librarian, Aaron Berger.

Aaron grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska but has lived in Sonoma County for the past nine years, working as an Americorps literacy tutor, special education aide, and high school English teacher before coming to the Sonoma County Library system. He completed his master's in library and information science at San Jose State University in May. Aaron says: "I am thrilled to be a part of the Cloverdale community as the Acting Children's Librarian, and I am so excited to continue to support reading, learning, and fun while Mr. John is away." He looks forward to seeing you at the Library!

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