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Bringing our community together since 2020 September 2024



Editor's Note

And just like that, the Pink Ladies are up, football season has begun, the kids are back in school and Fall is in the air. I can remember when I was little and anticipating Christmas. My mother taught us to gauge the time by how many Sunday newspapers there were until the holiday. It seems like it took forever for those Sunday papers with the colorful comics to come around each week until Christmas was finally here. Now decades later, I feel like I'm riding in a Maserati on the freeway, clutching my pearls and screaming "Slow Down!". Time is just flying by.

This month is the annual Car & Motorcycle Show – start the day with the pancake breakfast at the Senior Center, then the Car Show, and why not end the evening at Open Mic at CPAC? Be sure to see our Event Calendar on page 7 for all the September events.

I'll see you around town!

Dana



When Raymond Pesce isn't cooking up his World Famous BBQ Pasta, he's reading *Cloverdale Connect*.



Front Page Photo Contest Winner
Holly Hunt

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CUSD Teacher of the Month Juana Gonzalez
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We are excited to announce this month's Cloverdale Unified School District's employee of the month is Juana Gonzalez. Juana started her career with CUSD in 2016 and has worked in several positions, including ELD Support Coordinator, Spanish Translator, Special Ed Administrative Assistant, Instructional Assistant and now the School Site Secretary. Her experience throughout the district has made her an exceptional addition to Jefferson School.

Her positive attitude is infectious, always welcoming with a "good morning". She genuinely cares about our students and community, and it shows.

Juana is very friendly. She always goes above and beyond to help the students, staff and parents of our community. She resides in Cloverdale with her husband and three daughters - one adult daughter who graduated from CHS and two younger daughters who attend Cloverdale schools. Juana's passion is her family, and they keep her very busy.

During her time off, she enjoys visiting family and friends in Texas and Mexico. When you see Juana around town, please thank her for all she does for our schools and community.

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PET of the MONTH

Bella

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Charlene Shaw & Family

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Farewell David Kelley



Cloverdale City Manager David Kelley has informed the City Council of his intention to leave his position at the end of the year. David has been the City Manager for over six years. His last day with the City is December 20, 2024.

David first joined the City of Cloverdale in February 2016 as the Assistant Manager/Community Development Director, and became the City Manager in March 2018. During his tenure, the City faced significant challenges, including multiple wildfires, an extended period of extreme drought, the COVID-19 Pandemic, and budgetary pressures caused by high inflation.

David has been a committed public servant focused on improving the community. During his tenure, the City has achieved major milestones, including adoption of a new certified Housing Element, the opening of the Porterfield Creek Preserve as well as the acquisition of the Soda Springs Ranch open space. The City has also improved its financial condition, with debt decreased and the General Fund reserve significantly increased.

David oversaw substantial enhancements to the City's park amenities. These include the construction of a new pickleball court, new basketball courts, plaza restrooms, and a new dog park, providing residents with improved recreational facilities. Additionally, David led the effort to improve and enhance the resilience and emergency preparedness of the community through the establishment of the Resilient Cloverdale and CloveReady emergency preparedness initiatives.

As a resident of northern Sonoma County, David understood on a personal and professional level both the challenges facing the City, as well as how the strength of a smaller community is an invaluable asset. "I thank the Council and the community for the tremendous opportunity to serve as your City Manager," David said. "I look forward to seeing Cloverdale continue to prosper and wish the utmost success to the Council and community as you tackle the challenges that lie ahead." The City thanks David for his many years of dedicated public service.

The City Council plans a thorough recruitment to identify Cloverdale's next City Manager.

Cloverdale Connect wishes David all the best and appreciates his years of commitment to our community.

Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

Fire season is here! Do you have a plan for your pets? Here are three keys to keeping them safe.

- 1) Identification.** All pets should be microchipped and registered. See my articles and videos on FirstStreetPets.com for more info. All dogs should have an ID tag with at least one phone number.
- 2) Supplies.** Don't order new supplies when you run out. Keep at least an extra week's worth of pet food, meds, and any other needs. Keep leashes, cat carriers, and other essentials where you can easily find them. You don't want to dig through piles in the garage in an emergency!
- 3) Be ready to evacuate.** Make an agreement with a friend or relative where you can stay with your pets, or scope out pet friendly hotels out of the fire zone.

Have a safe and happy Fall!



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Christine Piccin's sisters, Maureen Michel and Margaret Jacobson, have been framed in Geyserville!

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Finding Balance in Fall's Frantics

Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"Go slow to go fast." This motto was coined by a friend. Whenever I felt frantic in my previous job, she would gently coax me to try a new work ethic. Yes, it seems like an oxymoron, but surprisingly, it worked! Taking a slower pace amid chaos, overload, deadline pressures, and a scheduled calendar (both professionally and personally) allows us to breathe deeper, settle into the moment, reflect on the best next step, and open the mind to receive more efficient and effective solutions. Strategies fall more easily and quickly into place, not only for the project before us (office or home), but also for solutions to multi-tasking items that can rise to the surface both organically and simultaneously. At the end of the work day or evening, take stock of what was accomplished. I predict that you will be astonished to discover what was checked off your list! Even completing the initial steps of a long or arduous assignment/task is very much a feat. Self-help tools to consider:

1. **Go Slow to Go Fast:** Stop, listen within, breathe deeply, reflect, be open, and act.
2. **Take Breaks:** If working, regularly commit to take 3 breaks during the day, one of them being a half hour lunch, good people! If retired, take 5 breaks (or more!), including lunch.
3. **I Release Control:** This song mantra became "mine" after I first heard it months ago during a yoga class. (Living Waters by Alexa Sunshine Rose, 2012.) Listen up!
4. **Family Night:** When calendaring, mark one or two weekends where one night is devoted entirely to a fun, relaxing, and connecting time together. Games, movies, healthy treats, and great laughs will help you keep your balance during Fall activities.



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Friends Of The Library Book Sale


Mark your calendar! The book sale this year is Saturday, October 12th from 10:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Cloverdale Branch of Sonoma County Library. There will be many subjects to choose from, including fiction and non-fiction, children's books, history, cookbooks, gardening, and jigsaw puzzles, too. Only \$1.00 an inch for books, with special low pricing for renewing Friends of the Library, and those joining the Friends. CASH AND CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. (Sorry, no credit cards.) Come and get your favorites while supporting the local library, and the volunteers who organize the sale, raising funds for many of the community programs offered. See you there!



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**Mussel Dogs
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Mussel Dogs is contracted through the Army Corp to inspect any watercraft for invasive species before it launches into our local area lakes. They use skilled human inspectors as well as specially trained canine inspectors to complete these inspections. The dogs are primarily used for the high-volume days such as weekends, holidays and fishing tournaments and are so efficient they can smell a microscopic mussel veliger through the wall of a vessel from the ground, even on top of a vehicle. All of this hard work is to mitigate the spread of quagga and zebra mussels into Northern California lakes, safeguarding our recreational and drinking water resource. Boat inspections are done daily from 7am-3pm, however, education is the most important piece of this puzzle as they cannot be there 24/7 to perform these inspections. Check out dontmoveamussel.ca to learn more.

If brought into a local waterway, a thumbnail-sized mussel called quagga and zebra mussels could force the closure of popular boating recreational waterways. There are currently no quagga or zebra mussels in North Coast waterways, including Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino. Let's keep it that way!



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 mussel sighting –
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The CloDems ask...

Who Makes Policy and Who Carries It Out?

Boards of Trustees and City Councils adopt policies to address community circumstances that require regulation, revision or revenue. Councils also find themselves enacting or amending policy at the behest of another body like the state legislature or the court. Often, drafts of policy are subject to public hearing so citizens may lend their voice on the pending decision.

Once a policy is enacted, it becomes the responsibility of the Administrator (i.e.: School Superintendent or City Manager) to ensure the proposal is implemented or enforced. Administrators are like the CEOs of a corporation. Competent administrators have deep knowledge of established codes ~ labor, civil, education and more. Adherence to codes ensure that new policies don't run counter to existing laws and regulation ~ or the US Constitution. It is not reasonable to expect an elected member to possess an in-depth knowledge of these 'rules of the road.'

Things can get thorny when a member of the elected body slips into the role of Administrator for a pet project or peeve. Absent the skill set or expertise of an experienced administrator, actions may not always prove to be fiscally sound or defensible should tort litigation occur.

The essential protocol is this: Elected Boards and Councils hire competent Administrators to conduct business on a day-to-day basis. It is perilously outside the bounds of elective members' responsibility to make management decisions. When the practice of overstepping responsibility becomes habitual, good administrators look elsewhere. And cities and school boards have a difficult time replacing them, because in the professional circles in which our Superintendents and Managers often mingle, the word gets out.

Friends and neighbors running for office this fall should know that it is wise ~ critically so ~ to maintain an awareness of who is supposed to do what.

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American Legion Hosts "Illini 4000" Gene Marcinkowski



In August, the Cloverdale American Legion hosted 34 young bike riders biking from New York City to San Francisco. The "Illini 4000" is a group of students from the University of Illinois who annually raise money for Cancer research. Their organization started in 2007 and has raised over \$1,302,500 for their efforts. They have ridden through 25 states stopping in major cities such as Washington DC, Chicago, Yellowstone National Park, Portland and Cloverdale before their final stop in San Francisco.

Their day starts around 5:30 AM and they ride as much as 75 miles per day to reach their next overnight destination. This is the second year that they have stayed at the Cloverdale Veterans building, commenting that the small-town hospitality and the comfort of a large auditorium for sleeping and showers are perfect at the end of a grueling day of riding.

July 24th meeting: Elissa Morrash presented a plan for the historical "Ivy Church," which will close soon. The congregation wants to gift the property to the City, with conditions. They are forming an advisory committee and would like to work with City Council.

Mayor Lands presented a proclamation declaring July Disability Pride Month. Cloverdale teacher Jeremy Wilson and several students received recognition. There was also a proclamation declaring August 6th as National Night Out to encourage citizens to join with law enforcement and business, promoting cooperative efforts between police and community.

Council considered an amendment to Municipal Code regarding off-street parking for recreational vehicles. This discussion crossed into the August meeting. At the August meeting, changes were finalized on percentage of front yard paving; limitations on habitation and number of RV's. This was the first reading; motion accepted.

Council adopted a Resolution on a ballot measure in November for a \$0.0075 sales tax. The Resolution also requests that County Board of Supervisors consent to consolidation of this measure with the statewide general election. The measure will require annual audits of the expenditures, along with annual reports to Council, and an oversight committee appointed by Council. The funds would be used for street and sidewalk repair, public safety, open spaces, and health/security improvements. This is a general tax, so passage requires a 50%+1 voter approval and a 4/5 vote by City Council. All of the tax would go to the City of Cloverdale. City faces significant financial shortages and this tax will meet only a portion of the deficit. A future bond measure will be considered for other expenses, including a police station.

A recording of the July discussion is available on:
<https://www.cloverdale.net/agendacenter>.

At the August 14th meeting, the City Manager introduced the newest member of the Police Department, Samantha Rae Bono.

10 Electric Years

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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.

Celebrate Good Neighbor Day

Being positive is a practice, and it's something we have to work harder at when life hits us where it hurts. When I work with buyers these days, I tell my clients to think about more than a price, more than just a house or property. Instead, think of your new house as a neighborhood, and about how good neighbors become friends because we share the day-to-day experiences, the ups and downs, of life.

National Good Neighbor Day is on September 28, 2024, a day that celebrates the value of connecting with neighbors and creating strong, healthy communities. Rather than focus on what is wrong with our lives, let's all focus on what's good, and share our positivity with those around us. Drop off some baked goods or share the veggies from our garden. Host a fun block party. Write a letter of encouragement and send it to our neighbors. Smile and say a kind word when we meet people on our daily walks. Schedule a casual get-together, like a book club, to watch movies, or play a game. Being positive helps us to see things differently, and there's no better medicine than that.

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. If you are looking for the perfect neighborhood for your family, feel free to contact me or your real estate professional, and get the ball rolling!

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

Growth is slowing for most perennials since they monitor day-length, not temperature, but your garden may still need extra water during particularly hot spells. September is generally a very dry month, and it is not unusual to have some periods of heat before cooler weather sets in.

- Before fall planting and winter-readying begins in earnest, take advantage of plant sales at local nurseries. Several specialty nurseries have fall sales lasting a few weeks or longer. Caution: many sale plants are pot-bound and need extra care when planting. Some can be divided, doubling your savings. Any that are not planted right away need to be kept well-watered.
- Look for plants that have good fall color. Fall display is often neglected when planning gardens. Some species that enliven the landscape with September and October color are Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Ceratostigma, Viburnum, Cotoneaster, Cornus stolonifera, Cotinus, Berberis, crab apples, and Persimmon as well as smoke tree (Cotinus coggygria), red maple (Acer rubrum), and Chinese pistache (Pistacia chinensis). For crape myrtle blossom color, make selections before flowers die back. Many ornamental grasses continue to look their best through fall.
- Fall is also the right time for planting California natives. Native plant sales offer numerous species, such as Arctostaphylos, Ceanothus, and Rhamnus for structure; Ribes sanguineum, native Salvia, Epilobium, Penstemon, and Eriogonum for color and to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects.
- Spring-flowering bulbs begin appearing in nurseries and garden centers. It is generally easier to wait until after the first rains to plant them, but make purchases ahead of time so you are prepared.
- Continue to build your checklist of fall chores, including plants that need to be moved or divided during shorter days and cooler, moister weather. With a few exceptions, fall-blooming plants should be divided in spring, spring-bloomers just after flowering, and summer-bloomers in fall. Share your divisions with garden friends.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept 4 Wed	4-7pm Mavis & Mavis, Opening Day Reception 117 N. Cloverdale Blvd. 5:30-7:30pm North Bay Trivia Wolf House Brewing
Sept 5 Thurs	5pm Rotary Bingo, La Tequila 7pm David Luning album release party Cloverdale Arts Alliance
Sept 6 Fri	6:30pm Drive-In Movie Cloverdale Airport
Sept 7 Sat	8-11am Pancake breakfast Cloverdale Senior Center 10am-3pm Car & Motorcycle show, Downtown 7pm Open Mic Night Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
Sept 8 Sun	1 -4 pm Music On The Patio Kelley & Young Tasting Room 2pm Andy Kahrs, Nick Crossen Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
Sept 14 Sat	11am-4pm Wine Road Harvest Wine Trail 7:30pm Broadway Review Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
Sept 15 Sun	2pm Broadway Review Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
Sept 17 Tues	6:30pm CloDems monthly meeting United Church of Cloverdale
Sept 18 Wed	5:30-7:30pm North Bay Trivia Wolf House Brewing
Sept 20 Fri	6-8pm Voices En Color mural unveiling 201 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
Sept 21 Sat	9-11am 24th Annual Russian River Watershed Clean-Up russianriverkeeper.org 10am-1pm Connection Is Prevention Event Downtown Plaza 3pm Wolf House Brewing US Steinholding Assoc. State Qualifying Rounds
Sept 22 Sun	2pm SonoMusette Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
Sept 28 Sat	7:30pm Comedy Night, Gina Stahl-Haven Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

Cloverdale Youth Soccer League Kicks Off Another Season

The Cloverdale Youth Soccer League (CYSL) is gearing up for another exciting season of friendly competition and skill development. This non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteer coaches and board members, provides a platform for young soccer enthusiasts in the Cloverdale area.

CYSL offers both recreational and competitive soccer programs for boys and girls aged 6 to 15. With six age groups and teams ranging from six to eighteen players, there's a place for every aspiring athlete. While the youngest players enjoy the thrill of the game on Cloverdale fields, older teams expand their horizons by competing in Healdsburg and Windsor.

Their mission is to foster a love for soccer while teaching the fundamentals of teamwork and sportsmanship. We strive to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants. The league emphasizes player development and provides a supportive environment where children can develop teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline. Beyond physical fitness, soccer fosters crucial social and emotional growth. Players learn to collaborate, communicate, and build lasting friendships. The experience of overcoming challenges on the field translates into increased resilience and confidence in other areas of life.

Fair play and equal opportunities are core values of CYSL. Our coaches and board members are dedicated to resolving any issues that may arise. If you're looking for a way to get your child active, develop valuable skills, and have a blast, consider signing them up for Cloverdale Youth Soccer. Please also consider sponsoring Cloverdale Youth Soccer or joining our board and becoming an active member in providing youth sports in Cloverdale!

As the season kicks off, CYSL looks forward to another year of inspiring young athletes and building a strong soccer community in Cloverdale!

You can reach the Cloverdale Youth Soccer League at Cloverdaleyouthsoccer.com.

September is here, and that means it's CREEK WEEK in the Russian River Watershed! We're excited to join international, national, and local efforts to highlight the importance of clean water and to promote community cleanups of our local waterways. This year, Creek Week, National Pollution Prevention Week, and California's Coastal Cleanup Day all take place between September 16th and 29th. These events aim to educate the public and encourage active participation in keeping our waterways free from trash and pollutants.

Participate in Creek Week with the City of Cloverdale

Every September, the Cloverdale community comes together to learn about the Russian River Watershed and actively contribute by removing trash from our creeks, rivers, and beaches. Last year, dedicated volunteers from Cloverdale filled three 30-yard dumpsters—nearly 20,000 pounds of waste removed from our local waterways! Without these efforts, that trash could have been swept downstream during the wet winter, impacting not just our river but also downstream communities and the Pacific Ocean.



This year, the City of Cloverdale will host two Russian River cleanup events on **Saturday, September 21st, from 9-11 am**. We need your help! Volunteers can choose to clean up the River at Asti Bridge (meeting at the Russian River bridge on Washington School Road) or at First Street Bridge (meeting near the cemetery on Crocker Road/E. First St.). All necessary supplies—gloves, trash grabbers, bags, and more—will be provided, and volunteers will receive a special gift as a token of our appreciation.

We hope to see you by the river! Your participation is key to making our annual Creek Week Cleanup a success. To join us in protecting our local environment, sign up for the cleanup event of your choice at:

- Asti Bridge Cleanup Signup: <https://www.russianriverkeeper.org/asti-bridge-cleanup-signup/>
- Cloverdale Near the Cemetery Cleanup Signup: <https://russianriverkeeper.org/rrwcu-cloverdale-near-the-cemetery-cleanup-signup-9-21-24/>

Groundwater Projects Connected to River Health



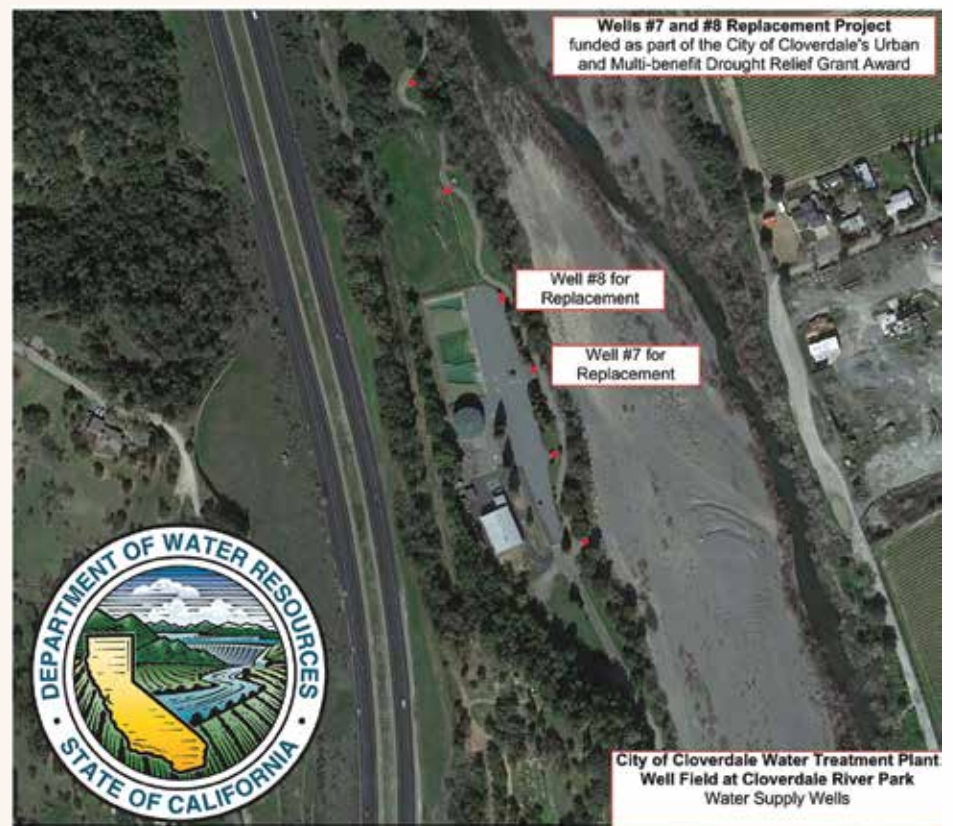
The City of Cloverdale is committed to sustaining and improving the health of the Russian River Watershed year-round, not just in September. The Russian River is a vital ecosystem and the source of Cloverdale's freshwater supply. Beneath our river lies an intricate aquifer of gravels, sand, and clay, from which our City draws its drinking water. This water is pumped from a wellfield near Cloverdale River Park, treated, and then delivered via an extensive distribution network to our residents and businesses.

However, during droughts and dry periods, our pumping system can encounter challenges. As groundwater levels drop and river flow slows, our ability to pump water through existing wells is threatened. When this happens, air can get entrained in the wells which can clog the filters at the treatment plant. Clearing these clogs requires flushing the filters multiple times a day, requiring additional water and electricity.

Recognizing that drought condition can affect our wellfield, the City has developed a plan to address air entrainment and

improve water supply efficiency, especially during droughts. In 2022, these efforts were rewarded with a \$3 million grant from the Department of Water Resources as part of the Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program. This funding is being used for essential projects, including the replacement and upgrade of two aging supply wells that are prone to air entrainment. These upgrades will also include new above-ground systems that provide real-time water level information, enabling precise control and stable groundwater levels even during low flow or peak demand conditions.

This project is expected to save approximately 13 million gallons of water each year! Increased efficiency means less water diverted from the Russian River, reducing stress on the river's ecosystem. The design phase for the two replacement wells is complete, and construction will begin next year. This initiative exemplifies how identifying key projects and securing grant funding enables the City to enhance our water system's resilience to drought, directly benefiting the health of the watershed. Funding for the Well Replacement project has been provided in full or in part from the Budget Act of 2021 and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources.



Together, City staff, agency partners, community members, and environmental scientists are making strides toward a more sustainable and resilient water supply system. By doing so, we're not only ensuring a brighter future for ourselves but also contributing to the well-being of our cherished Russian River and surrounding creeks.

City of Cloverdale's Role in the Russian River Watershed Association

The City of Cloverdale is proud to be a member agency of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA), a coalition of local public agencies that work together to address water resource issues in the Russian River Watershed. Founded in 2003, the RRWA brings together cities, counties, and special districts within the watershed to collaborate on regional projects and programs that enhance water quality, reduce pollution, and support sustainable watershed management.

The RRWA's efforts include educational outreach, pollution prevention, and initiatives that improve stormwater quality and groundwater management. As a member agency, Cloverdale actively participates in these regional initiatives, ensuring that our local actions align with broader efforts to protect and enhance the Russian River Watershed. This partnership allows us to leverage shared resources, expertise, and funding opportunities, furthering our commitment to environmental stewardship and the long-term health of the watershed.

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Connect with C.H.S. ~ Cheyenne Schriener

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Welcome back to school Eagles!

CHS's annual homecoming is on the horizon and will be hosted on Saturday the 14th, following the night of both the J.V and Varsity home football games against Lower Lake, directed by ASB council and alongside the first anniversary of its yearly parade. Classes, clubs, and associations are encouraged to create a float and skit in theme of music genres. It will be open to the public on Wednesday, the 11th, with the parade starting at 5:30pm and the skits to follow right after in the plaza.

Cloverdale High is happy to welcome new staff members:

- Amy Aikman— Mental Health Counselor
- Meghan Barnes—ELD/AVID
- Sadie DeMarta—Ag CTE
- Lauren Hernandez—PE
- Kevin McCammon—Social Studies
- Laura Roman—Special Education
- Maria Ruiz—Academic Counselor

Forest Harper, CHS principal, welcomes in the new school year. "We are enthusiastic to continue to develop our Career Technical Education pathways, with increasing our CTE pathways from two last year, to six this year! We have awesome new courses, such as floral design, animal anatomy, weight training, work experience, child development and many others. Our garden project continues to move along with a barn being built this summer and a greenhouse is coming soon. There are a lot of exciting things happening at Cloverdale High."

Dashing ~ Wendy Hixson

At the end of February, I officially became a "Dasher" and a few minutes later I heard a loud "Ding Ding!" I didn't know what to do, I wasn't trained. I hopped in the car with my son and headed to McDonalds. My first order consisted of two McFlurries and I headed to a house near Jefferson School. I was filled with excitement, and as we are driving home from our first order, another notification pops up saying "A customer added \$5.00 tip on a past McDonalds order - keep up the good work!"

Most full-time dashers feel very good about serving the community. Some of our regular customers need our assistance as they cannot do it themselves, so helping someone fulfill their needs is incredibly rewarding.

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I have made connections with loyal customers, happy employees, and thriving business owners. Recently, I got a new customer to Doordash. His list of ingredients was beautiful but, I had to ask him about a particular pasta item. I've tried it before, so knowing he was going to buy it, I felt like he was going to ruin his meal. An hour later, I received a photo of the beautiful meal he crafted and it reminded me of the main reason why I Doordash - to see my community happy.



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When Not to Use Your Work Email

Will Carter

In my line of work, I often help my customers with their email accounts, as well as the accounts which are opened using their email addresses. A common issue I see for my clients is relying on their work emails for all their email needs. This practice has three major risks:

Private or Sensitive Information: All businesses which provide email services to their employees have the capability to audit and view the emails of their employees. While many have policies against using these tools, everyone should expect that the messages and accounts tied to their work emails will be accessed by their employer. Never use your work email for medical, legal, financial, or job-hunting purposes.

Changes in Employment: Leaving a job, for any reason, is already a challenging process; using your work email for personal accounts can make it much worse! If terminated, you can expect your email account to be locked immediately. The process can be just as fast even if you leave a job voluntarily. Additionally, your employer might change your email address without notice or forwarding from your old address.

Sales Work and Relationships: Many industries are built on personal relationships between a salesperson, real estate agent, or service provider and their customers. If any of these categories apply to you, you might want to use your own email for customer relations, if this is permitted by your employer. You can even get a custom email address to maintain a professional appearance and brand identity.

Only ever use your work email address for work related messages and accounts you are willing to leave behind when you leave that job. If you have any personal accounts tied to a business email address, reach out to a trusted technology professional to get your accounts moved to your own email.

Crocker Road Pedestrian Bridge

A Crocker Road bike and pedestrian bridge over the Russian River in Cloverdale has been installed, adding significant safety improvements to the main road serving the city from the east. Installation of the pedestrian bridge is placed alongside the existing vehicular bridge on Crocker Road. The new bridge links the Cloverdale River Park Trail, a popular recreation area in the Sonoma County Regional Parks system.

Supervisor James Gore, who represents the Cloverdale area, said the vital safety improvement project was a big win for the community. "This state-of-the-art bridge represents a milestone in the County's commitment to promoting active transportation and creating a safer community for all," Gore said. "The new pedestrian bridge offers a range of benefits that will positively impact the lives of residents and visitors."

The pedestrian and bicycle bridge provides a new dedicated pathway, completely separated from vehicular traffic, ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, who previously have had to use vehicle lanes or a very narrow shoulder to cross the bridge. It also eliminates the risk of accidents and encourages more people to utilize active modes of transportation. The new bridge also caters to the recreational needs of residents, providing access to scenic routes and trail networks. The \$2.34 million project is mostly funded through CalTrans.

Merlo Foundation Provides Matching Grant to AVH Health & Wellness Center Campaign

Alexander Valley Healthcare (AVH) announces that they have received a generous \$50,000 Capital Campaign grant from the Harry A. Merlo Foundation.

Harry A. Merlo's story is deeply rooted in Cloverdale, CA. Born into poverty in a High Sierra lumber camp, he was the son of Italian immigrants. In 1949, he began his career as a shipping clerk with the Rounds and Kilpatrick Lumber Company in Cloverdale, earning \$350 a month. This humble beginning marked the start of a career that would revolutionize the forest products industry.

Harry was deeply committed to the dignity and rights of all individuals. His experiences with discrimination fueled his

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CUSD News

Glen Senestraro, Superintendent

By the time you are reading this article, we will be in our second calendar month of school. Educators love the beginning of the school year. We are busy making connections with our students. We have some incredible staff educating our students in many different disciplines, skills and assisting with their mental health. An important aspect of learning is regular attendance.

CUSD will be continuing our campaign for greater school attendance awareness. School attendance is a predictor of school success. According to a comprehensive study conducted by the US Department of Education, students who attend class regularly are about 1.5 times more likely to achieve proficiency in core subjects such as math and reading compared to their counterparts with irregular attendance.

In addition to a greater chance of achieving success, public schools are funded on our Average Daily Attendance (ADA). We calculate the ADA based on our attendance rate. For example, if CUSD has an enrollment of 1,300 students and an ADA rate of 91%, we will get funded on 1,183 students (1,300 times 91%). A one percent increase would fund us on 1,196 students. The state funds public schools approximately \$13,700 per student. An increase of one percent in attendance translates to \$178,100 for the district.

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.

lifelong dedication to ensuring everyone could live and work in clean, safe environments, enjoy the fruits of their labor, and voice their opinions freely. This respect for human dignity became a hallmark of his career and life, and it remains a cornerstone of the Merlo Foundation.

Though Harry spent his final years in Oregon, his family's connection to Sonoma County remains strong. The \$50,000 from the Merlo Foundation is a matching grant, intended to inspire additional support for the Alexander Valley Health and Wellness Center. AVH is profoundly grateful for this opportunity and the legacy of Harry A. Merlo that continues to inspire and uplift our community.

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September Song...the changing character of our lives. Cooler nights, shorter days and preparation for the light rains due to freshen the air, the perfume of Autumn...ah the autumnal season, time to reflect, time to think. Gutters cleared, litter picked up, yards raked. Having grown up in both the City, (SF) and on a farm, Potter Valley, I can appreciate the changes that the four seasons bring.

This autumn the "Roots of Rock" will be featuring country music editions in the middle two Sundays with our very own Ventura. Ventura began his broadcasting career with KOWS while still attending high school. He welcomes requests and feedback, listen to his shows this month, second and third Sunday 7AM.

Soon we will be making a decision at the polls. November is fast closing in on us. Everyone entitled to vote, must cast their ballots and hope for the best!



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The choir is open to singers of all ages, from high school students and beyond. No previous formal training is required, but singers must be able to match pitch. The choir will sing music from throughout music history, including classical, Broadway, and popular music. They will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting on September 26th at the Senior Center. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Mario Dell'Olio at cccsonoma@gmail.com



If you know you are a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass, please let Mario know. Otherwise, just let us know you are interested in joining us.

Linda Amann Earns Certification

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Pavelka's Puns



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Henken's Olympic Bronze



After five days of racing on international sport's biggest stage, Team USA's Ian Barrows (St. Thomas, USVI) and Hans Henken (San Francisco, CA) brought home a bronze medal in the Men's Skiff (49er) event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This is the US Sailing Team's first Olympic medal in sailing since Rio 2016 and Barrows and Henken's first Olympic appearance. "We put in so much hard work to get here and to have it all come together in this last race is just amazing," said Henken. "Ian and I had the goal of having a chance in the medal race – we knew that's a level that we had. Just to be there felt like an achievement in its own right, and to finish with this bronze medal is really the cherry on top."

Henken, with family ties to Cloverdale, has spent the majority of his career competing on the U.S. Sailing Team in the 49er class with his goal of competing at the Olympics. From 2011 to 2015, he was a member and captain of the Stanford University Sailing Team and in his senior year was named Stanford Conference Male Athlete of the Year during the Cardinal's most successful season. While competing with the Cardinal, he earned a master's and bachelor's degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical

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Article Courtesy US Sailing

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Creative Corner Christy Anne



I will use stuff until it falls apart, I'm known for it. Doesn't mean in its original form necessarily. Perhaps you have that old tea pot that a loved one cherished, but, you know, you will never use it? Knock it on its side! Gently of course...

Grab yourself some Weld Bond, tube of Gorilla Heavy Duty construction adhesive, some blue tape, wire of your choosing (twine, albeit rustic looking, does not fare well in varied

weather), and lastly any decorative bits that make you smile, plus a little spoon if you have one. Old tea pot? Nay! Artsy Upcycled bird feeder? Now we're talkin'!

Pre-rip a few pieces of blue tape as then you can use the roll to sit the tea pot on its side and go ahead and make an "X" with the pieces of tape on the top of the tea pot lid. Run that Weld Bond around the base of the tea pot lid base, apply onto location you desire on tea pot and use ends of blue tape to hold in place while cures. Curve the spoon so you can apply construction adhesive to its underside and place inside tea pot to cure (tape in place if desired). Once cured, remove all tape and use wire to loop around the top, add bits of whimsy and suspend in a safe location. Add some birdseed and see who the local freeloaders are...enjoy!

Cloverdale Commercial Real Estate Ron Pavelka

I am often asked about the state of various properties and projects throughout Cloverdale, from the downtown to the outskirts of the community. Recently, many of the questions have revolved around contaminated soils, gas and chemical plumes, buried gas tanks and more. After all, historically, Cloverdale was once home to a plethora of wood and saw mills, manufacturing facilities and gas stations. It would be impossible to address each property in Cloverdale that has dealt with some of these issues. Luckily, the State of California and the State Water Board have provided us with this very informative website:

<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>

You can search properties by address, APN, as well as by city and county. If you are inquisitive about what properties might continue to have issues, you may visit this site for all of your answers.

To answer a couple of quick questions:

- 101 North on the corner of Cloverdale Blvd and 1st Street. This retired gas station had the fuel tanks removed, the upper ground soil replaced and the ground monitoring wells removed. The Water Board issued an NFA letter (No Further Action) required prior to the sale to the current owner.
- 1201 S. Cloverdale Blvd. This 5 acre previous MGM Brakes site was a "Superfund Site". The amount of work conducted here is far too great to list. The property is in contract for sale and has also been cleared by the Water board with certain restrictions that are very conducive to development of the current buyer.

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| 8 | Andy Kahrs in Concert
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- 2 sprigs fresh thyme (substitute ¼ teaspoon of dried if fresh is not available)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

Instructions

- In a small bowl, mix together balsamic vinegar, olive oil, honey, salt, pepper, and garlic. Add chicken to a glass container or zip-top bag. Pour marinade over chicken. Add the fresh herbs. Cover container and place in fridge to marinate 15 minutes or up to 2 hours.
- Remove chicken from the fridge. Heat grill to medium-high heat, or in the oven at 400 degrees. Grill chicken or place on a sheet pan with a rack. The chicken is done with internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. Drizzle a bit of balsamic over the chicken & serve.

Cloverdale Mural Project Celebrates Community Spirit and Future Vision



La Familia Sana, a grassroots organization dedicated to assisting underserved individuals, has launched the Voices En Color mural project. This is a collaborative effort aimed at creating equitable and culturally cognizant solutions in partnership with Cloverdale High School students to address long-term needs for healthcare, jobs, food, transportation, representation, and education. The project honors, uplifts and reflects the spirit and future vision of Cloverdale through a large-scale mural inspired and designed by local high school students.

La Familia Sana has partnered with Kimzin Creative, a Sonoma County-based arts and equity consulting group, to develop a community-led approach to the mural's design and production. Additionally, Blanca Creative, a talented artist based in Cloverdale, has been instrumental in bringing the project to life.

Work on the community mural has begun on the wall of Encore Dance Theater at 201 N. Cloverdale Blvd. For more information, contact Laura Arreguin, 707-669-0289.

Join the unveiling celebration September 20th, 6-8PM

ESTATE SALE

September 7 & 8

9am-1pm

209 Red Mountain Drive, Cloverdale

Books, clothes, electronics, kitchen, furniture, art

A Piece Of Riverside Cemetery History Mary Jo Winter

How did Lady Catherine Maria Campbell Oliphant, 1809-1881, wife of Sir Anthony Oliphant, 1797-1859, come to be buried in Cloverdale's Riverside Cemetery?

Married in Scotland in 1828, her husband was a Scottish lawyer who served as the Attorney General of Capetown, South Africa, from 1826 to 1838, Chief Justice of Ceylon from 1838 to 1855, and was Knighted in 1840. Their only child, a son named Laurence, was born in Capetown in 1829. He would grow up to become a well-known author, international traveler, lawyer, and a Member of the House of Commons. Sir Anthony and Laurence were responsible for introducing Tea in Ceylon with 30 smuggled plants from China.

Under the influence of Spiritualist Thomas Lake Harris and The Brotherhood of the New Life, and with a mutual interest in spiritualism, Laurence, his wife and Lady Catherine came to America to work in a Commune on the shores of Lake Erie at Brocton, New York. In 1881, Lady Catherine was suffering from cancer, so Laurence brought her to Santa Rosa where Harris had another Commune, located in what today is known as Fountaingrove.

Laurence was on his way to the healing waters of the Geysers when he found a healer in Cloverdale. Madam Emily Preston tried her remedies, but all to no avail. Lady Catherine Oliphant died in Cloverdale on October 25, 1881, and is buried at the top of Riverside Cemetery on the east side.



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