

Cloverdale Connect

Bringing our community together since 2020

November 2024

Editor's Note



The firewood is stacked, we've had a little rain, I've got my cozy socks on, and I'm craving beef stew, butternut squash soup and hot chocolate. Boom, the holiday season is here! Seems like just yesterday we were sweltering in the heat.

In this month's issue, check out our local Holiday Shopping Guide. It's time to start searching for the perfect holiday gifts. When you "shop local", you help your friends' and neighbors' businesses and create community vibrancy.

And this year, the Cloverdale Kiwanis and La Familia Sana have joined together for one big holiday gift program bringing joy to local families - details inside; and don't forget the holiday Cloverdale Gift Giving program, and the annual Cloverdale Lions Toy Run. Have a generous heart and join us in bringing happiness to local families.

Happy Thanksgiving – don't forget to count your blessings! I'll see you around town!

Dana



When his wheels aren't spinning, David "Crazy Dave" Maciel is reading *Cloverdale Connect*.



Front Page Photo Contest Winner

Shawn Robinson wins a Gift Card from Mountain Mike's Pizza

The holiday season is quickly approaching. That means enjoying the company of family, friends and neighbors. So, just a quick reminder that Saturday following Thanksgiving, Nov. 30th, the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce will be promoting "Small Business Saturday," a day of celebrating and supporting our small, independent retail businesses and eateries. We've some ideas in mind to make it interesting! Stay tuned.

Your friends and neighbors who own these businesses count all year on your local holiday shopping and dining. Make it a point to include them. Looking forward to seeing you there throughout this holiday season!

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Look Inside! Honoring our Veterans, Holiday Gift Programs, local Shopping Guide, 2025
Cloverdale Connect Cruise information, and more!

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CUSD Employees of the Month Carlos Jimenez and Luis Camacho

*Sponsored by
Dahlia & Sage Community Market*

This month we recognize Carlos Jimenez and Luis Camacho, the amazing IT Team at CUSD.



Carlos has been working as a Technology Support Specialist for CUSD since 2014 and Luis has been the IT Director since 2016. They work very hard at keeping the technology up and running at CUSD. They do everything from keeping student and staff computers running to reconfiguring the network for updated touch display panels in the classrooms and elsewhere. Carlos has been the high school soccer coach for years and is very dedicated to it.



Luis started the ESports program for CHS students which compete in gaming competitions with other schools statewide. Carlos loves spending time with his family. Luis is in his church band and loves spending time with his dogs and birds.

Thank you both for your continued commitment to CUSD.

Thank You Sponsors

A special thank you to the following vendors and people for their continuous donations of gift cards or other items towards Staff/Teacher of the Month recognition for Cloverdale Unified School District.

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- Dahlia and Sage
- Debbie Handy Painted Rocks
- Eagle Pride Boosters Club
- Earle Cummings
- El Milagro Mexican Restaurant
- Erin Mavis Clothing
- Jean Hager Home
- Mountain Mike's Pizza
- Papa's Pizza
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If you are a local business and would like to participate, please reach out to info@colverdaleconnect.com

27th Annual Frank Rose Toy Run

Sponsored by The Cloverdale Lions Club

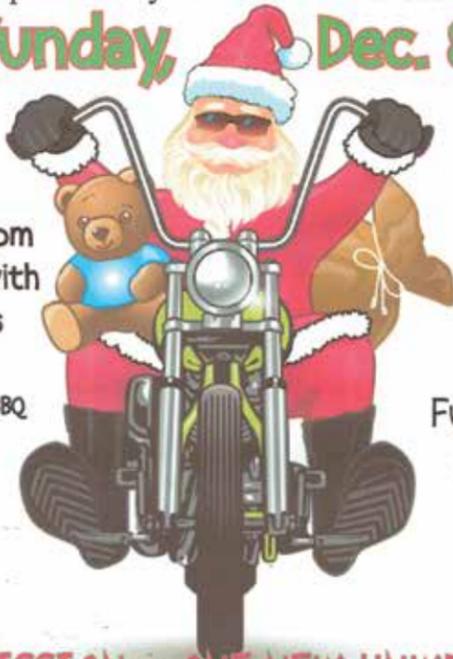
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024

9 - 11 am
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12:30 - 1:30pm
Lions Famous BBQ

1:30pm
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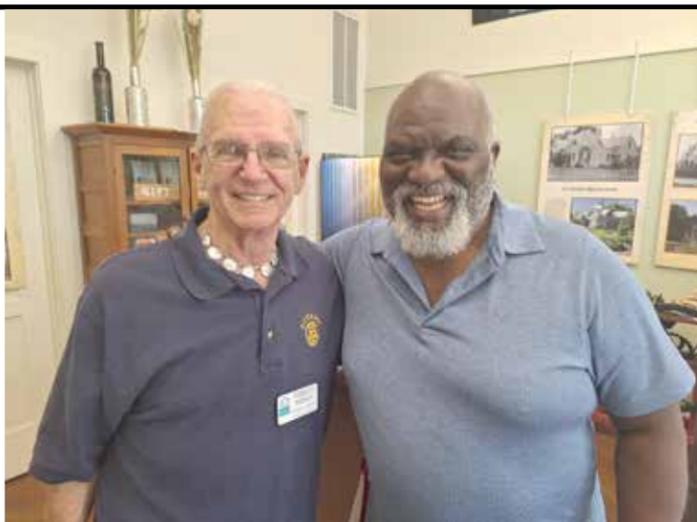
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Pictured on the right is Rotary Club president Robert Redner with their special speaker, Tony Saunders, Emmy winning bass player and song writer.

Playing with everyone from the Grateful Dead to Lady Gaga, Tony has been a musician for almost 60 years, and is not slowing down yet. Rotary thanks him for coming to our fine city and sharing some of his amazing experiences. We loved it!



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PET of the MONTH

Kiki

This is Kiki in her happy place taking a nap.

Lynette Chandler

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:

info@cloverdaleconnect.com

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



HAPPY Thanksgiving

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Guest Speakers and the Healdsburg Community Band performing music to show appreciation to our veterans with songs by John Philip Sousa and more!

Whisker Talk Bridget Wasson



The holidays are right around the corner. Here are three ways to keep your pets safe and happy during this busy time.

- 1) Plan ahead for trips. Don't wait till the week before you leave to call your pet sitter! Don't assume your friend or neighbor will be available like they were last year. Plan at least three months in advance, and reconfirm as you get closer to the dates.
- 2) If the gathering is at your home, keep pets in a safe space. Company can be fun but also stressful. Pets can escape from doors left open. Kids can be bitten if they pester the dogs. Keep pets in the yard or another part of the house till the excitement dies down and you can supervise interactions.
- 3) Limit holiday treats. While "people food" in moderation is healthy, too much can cause pancreatitis and other ailments. Tell your guests to not share food with the dog, and keep tempting treats out of reach. Stories about dogs stealing a roasted turkey may be funny till they end up at the emergency vet.

Happy Holidays from First Street Pets.com!



Become A *Cloverdale Connect* Champion!

Every month, **Cloverdale Connect** publishes and distributes 6300 copies of the paper, FREE which equals 14,400 readers, calculated by industry standards. The papers are delivered via USPS direct mail, and also available at many "drop" locations, all at no charge to our readers. Over the last four years, our printing and postage costs have gone up and up and up, and yet we still provide the paper free to our readers. We have not had a significant increase in our advertising rates in all that time, so that our local businesses can continue to afford to run their advertising.

Now we are looking for 500 people, less than 4% of our total readership, who would like to become **Cloverdale**

Connect Champions with a \$50 annual gift to **Cloverdale Connect** to offset the postal delivery fees.

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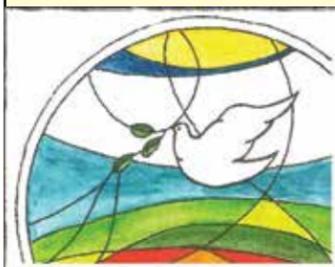
To support local community news and information and become a **Cloverdale Connect Champion**, mail your check to P.O. Box 404, Cloverdale, or go online to www.cloverdaleconnect.com and hit the "**Champions**" button. Your participation will be acknowledged in the January 2025 issue, or you may choose to remain anonymous. Thank you.

Cloverdale Church Guide

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1085 S. Cloverdale Blvd.
Cloverdale, CA 95425



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mail@TheBridge4sq.net

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On the Wild Side ~ Jennifer Molidor

Wild turkeys are living their best lives in the hills surrounding Cloverdale. On the Porterfield Creek Preserve trails behind the Del Web neighborhood, or out along River Road, you might see wild turkeys foraging. Sometimes they come down for a visit on the edges of town.

Farther from home, you can see wild turkeys at the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. Millions of migratory birds touch down in 70,000 acres of wetland and grassland habitats. In the winter, you might see the northern shoveler, green-winged teal, and countless ducks and geese there too.

As omnivores, they eat seeds, berries, roots, insects and even lizards and frogs. When winter arrives, food is harder to find and birds move on in large flocks. And wild turkeys are fast. They can outrun chickens and clock over 12 mph. In the air, they are faster still, at up to 60mph. Still, they roost in trees overnight to avoid predators.

While it sounds like something from a Dr. Seuss book, wild turkeys have "wattles" and "snoods" (flesh that hangs from their beak and under their chin). They also have beards. They are known to gobble, but they communicate through yelps and cackles too.

The classic image of a turkey with a big fan of feathers behind is a male turkey, called a "Tom." Toms fan out feathers to attract attention from hens (female turkeys). Their displaying around other male turkeys is an attempt to establish dominance. But some hens strut too. Maybe turkeys aren't quite so different from us after all.

Turkey tails (the feathers, not the mushrooms in the forest) are plentiful. An adult is cloaked with more than 5,000 feathers on their body. Turkey feathers are seen by some cultures as a symbol of abundance. Wishing everyone abundance and gratitude this holiday season.

How to Stay Engaged: An Antidote to Loneliness Nora Archambeau, M.A.

As the fall months soon turn into winter months, there are certainly a lot of events to look forward to in our area, e.g., Harvest Festivals, Halloween costume parties, CPAC performances, Cloverdale's Winter Festival. Activities conjure up feelings of joy, excitement, and community. Amid all this, however, can surface feelings of loneliness, whether they be moments, days or longer stretches. In a January 2024 online article, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) conducted a 2,200-person poll identifying the subject of loneliness as a public health epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and a consulting agency gathered stats on the origins of loneliness and offered several possible antidotes to help mitigate this crisis. When 1 in 3 Americans experience loneliness every week, that is alarming.

(<https://www.psychiatry.org/news-room/news-releases/new-apa-poll-one-in-three-americans-feels-lonely-e>)

Being in tune with oneself, whether it be through meditation, rhythmic breathing, or self-reflection helps to ascertain if there are parts of our lives that may feel "less than." I am psycho-spiritually oriented, therefore, I regularly check in with how I am feeling. Here are some questions I ask: "Why am I feeling off? Is there something bothering me? What is below the surface? What can I do to feel better?" Perhaps these types of questions may prompt answers. Here is another checklist that might work:

1. **Checking in with Oneself:** Ask a few depth-probing questions that you know intuitively will get to the crux of the issue. Write down the answers to avoid elusiveness. When we name what has power over us, these harder feelings are released, which then allows for less anxiety and more creative solutions to appear.
2. **The Next Best Action Step:** After having identified the potential cause of loneliness, aim to address it with 1-3 action steps that will help lift it.
3. **Tips for Engagement (APA listed):** Take a walk, call a friend, visit a café, exercise at the local gym, volunteer in town or see a counselor. Other ideas: journal out feelings, connect with Source/Divine/Universe or even spruce up the home. When all else fails, naps reset our nervous system. Plus, they feel soothing and delicious. **Solutions abound!**



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Downtown Cloverdale "Mystery Properties"
Ron Pavelka

As we continue to explore the commercial property conundrums throughout Cloverdale and primarily the downtown core, a couple of properties continually top the list of "what is going on there?".

The Cloverdale Oaks Motel. As we look to attract guests to Cloverdale, we have very few options for hospitality. "The Oaks" as the locals call it does have a colorful history and has been an integral part of downtown Cloverdale through the 50's, 60's and 70's. Today this establishment is contracted to house various vineyard works on a full-time basis from a major vintner here in Sonoma County.

The gravel parking lot adjacent to the downtown plaza. The recent trials and tribulations of this property reads like an episode of Dallas or Dynasty from the 1980's. The property encompasses several important businesses including The Outpost, Wirt's Barber Shop, The Wishing Well Laundromat and the gravel parking lot. Several years ago, a friend of the Sabanovich Family, which has owned the property for decades, swindled the widow out of the property and is now spending time in prison. The widow passed away several years ago, and her trust is overseen by a real estate broker that is not a local resident. Attempts over the years to acquire the property for development or to improve the gravel parking lot have brought nothing but frustration to various residents and potential suitors.

Owl Café/El Milagro. This has been a great asset for Cloverdale with their south of the border food, wonderful libations and generous owners. Technically not considered part of the downtown, however, for the sake of discussion we will consider this wonderful restaurant an integral part of our downtown. Every so many years there is scuttlebutt on social media and in the local bars about the Owl Café as a "historical landmark". The Owl does have a rich history in Cloverdale dating back to the 1920's. With that being said, if you want to know the truth about the "historical landmark status", it would benefit you to read the plaque in front of the property next to the patio and do a quick Google search regarding the E. Clampus Vitus group of practical jokers.

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Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale is selling See's candies for Christmas

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Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale is very proud to sponsor the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for our Cloverdale kids ages 1-5



Support our Cloverdale businesses!

Submit your "Shout Out" to info@cloverdaleconnect.com

Regarding **The Yard Brothers** – I was completely blown away at the work ethic of these two young men. They came through my yard like a tornado and exceeded my expectations on every level. I 1000% recommend them to anyone who needs some help in their yard, big or small jobs. I hired them for two hours yesterday and they saved me literally days of work.
Meagan Schreier

Hey **Rockin A Adventure Café**, that blended pineapple macadamia nut coffee I had this morning was awesome! Thank you, you rock!
Lisa Ramage

I experienced a "Tech Support Scam" where my computer locked up. What looked like legit instructions to phone Microsoft at the number on the screen, turned out to be a frightening experience. Thank goodness I phoned **Will Carter of Carter Systems**. He gave reassuring advice to turn off the computer and he would be by to pick it up. After extensive anti-malware scans, thankfully Will found no infections. He installed updates from Dell and evaluated my entire system.

Who does that? Who returns a call and acts immediately to remedy a situation where a scammer could have access to all your personal information? Will Carter is an amazing, intelligent young man who is knowledgeable, personable and reasonable in price! Cloverdale is extremely lucky to have access to his valuable service. I highly recommend Will Carter for all computer services.
Kathy Dogali

First time eating at **West Coast Sourdough** and let me tell you I'm impressed! The place was very clean, great customer service, and the sandwiches were absolutely delicious! If you haven't tried them out yet, do it.
Julie Rial

Shout out to **Wolf House Brewing** which has become one of our favorites! I love their garlic fries. Confession: I never have liked sweet potato fries however I tried one of my son's sweet potato fries when we were there and it was so good. Then our waitress suggested we try the sweet potato fries and ADD garlic. Wow! She was right. They are, "stupid good".
Rebecca Quick

I recommend **Happy Donuts!** The freshest donuts and sandwiches, friendly staff, and great prices!

Liz Lizotte Desrochers

Giving a Shout Out to **Davd J. Maciel** and **The Bike Shop**. David put a new cassette, chain, and shifter cables on my Roubaix, and the work and the service were excellent, as usual. We are extremely fortunate to have such a resource here in Cloverdale.
Bill Stockton

A big thank you to the women at **Bolt Fabrics** for taking time to cut a piece of fabric for me that I was too afraid to cut for myself. I love having a local fabric store!

Julie Fisher Calzontzi

Shout out to **Cloverdale Automotive**. Took my old 2002 Dodge Dakota in and they diagnosed the problem quickly (powertrain control module), which is no longer manufactured by Dodge. So they spent time searching for a remanufactured unit and found one, but it had to be reprogrammed...all in all, they spent a lot of time and effort and solved the issue....and, to boot, the bill was \$125 less than quoted. Great service!
Rick Wells

Management Connections has been providing me with work off and on since 2010. Solid company that greatly respects its employees. I highly recommend them.

Jude Gibson

Another amazing job done by **Enriquez Trimming & Landscape**. Carlos and his team are professional and knowledgeable. Today they fixed a retaining wall, a leak in the irrigation systems, pruned my lemon tree, crepe myrtle and bougainvillea, in addition to trimming our large property.

Liane Fabian

HUGE shout out to **City of Cloverdale Maintenance!** We had issues with our sewer clean out few years ago (our sewage was leaking everywhere). They stopped by to do routine clean out & wanted make sure we weren't having any more issues. They said they got a bunch of roots out of our drainage/clean out. Love these guys, great job on helping us preventing that from happening again.
Sara Lorenz

Many thanks to **Poppy State Plumbing!** Finn and Jacob did a great job installing our water heater at a very reasonable price. Highly recommend their services if you are in need.

Max McNally

I went to **McDonald's** here in town earlier this evening. I haven't been in ages for various reasons. This evening my order was correct and fresh. The price and change were correct. The two young men working the windows were very nice and fast but not too fast. I even changed my mind on something – "No problem!". Bravo, guys!

Vel Gruidl Bakes

Huge shout out to **Countryside Plumbing!** Tom was able to get out here and fix our problem within a matter of minutes. Highly recommend him!

Lori Hammond

Shout out to **All N One La Joya Detailing, Jesse Fox & Taylor Fox**, for the awesome detail. Highly recommend getting your car pampered there.
Ed Rosemon

Big shout out to **Daniel O'Dor of Altitude Leak Detection!** He saved the day with our leak, especially with crazy water prices! He squeezed us in, and was professional, friendly and very knowledgeable. Highly recommend!

Savannah DelCampo-Snyde

Last week my A/C died. One call to **Indoor Climate Control** here in Cloverdale and they gave me a fair price and installed a new unit the next day. Brian and his crew went above and beyond to get me back up and cooling. Great service, great install. I give them five stars!

Patrick Reece

Shout Out to Dana, and everyone involved with creating and producing **Cloverdale Connect**,

I'd like to thank you for providing our city with this paper. It is wonderful to have this enjoyable and informative publication and to see it growing and getting better with each issue. This is something that brings us together as a community and I wish you the best in the future.

Tim Montesonti

I found my new favorite optical store, **I.SEE** in downtown Cloverdale! With a large selection of beautiful eyewear in a wide variety of styles and an extremely gifted optician who patiently assisted me. I had the most pleasant and successful eye purchase ever! As a bonus, my prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses arrived much quicker than expected. They are both expertly crafted and flattering. I am very pleased and will be enjoying them for a long time. Thank you, Sara, for your gracious service and lovely store. I will be recommending I.SEE to all my family and friends.

Kathy L.

November Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

Sponsored by Sanz Nursery

- Time to dig up and divide ornamental grasses and perennials. Set plants in a shaded area and cover roots with damp newspaper while you are working.
- Add composted organic material and/or manure to your soil. Adding 2-4 in. of either is best. Your soil will be much improved by spring.
- Rake up leaves as they fall. Shred large leaves before composting or run a lawn mower over them. You can put them out for recycling as well, but it's best to put their nutrients back into your own garden.
- Heavy feeders such as roses and fruit trees should get a good dose of organic fertilizer.
- The first frost often occurs in the county in mid-November. Protect tender plants such as Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Citrus, Tibouchina, and other tender species. You can use an anti-desiccant spray such as Cloud Cover or a spun fabric row cover. Covering plants with sheets or lightweight blankets or burlap is another option. If you use plastic sheeting, do not allow plastic to contact foliage.
- Spring-flowering bulbs are on display in nurseries and garden centers and good selections are available from specialty catalogues. When the ground becomes soft from rain, put bulbs in the ground as soon as you can, following package directions.
- There are many annuals that provide winter bloom, such as Icelandic poppies, pansies or other Viola, Calendula, Cyclamen, and primroses.
- Hardwood cuttings can be taken at any time during dormancy, but just after leaves have fallen is an excellent time. You can bury the cuttings in moist sand or peat moss, put them in a sheltered area, and plant next spring.



NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 2	Sat. 10am-2pm Holiday Craft Fair, Cloverdale Senior Center
Nov. 6	Wed. 5:30-7:30pm Cloverdale FFA Tri Tip Dinner Drive Thru, Citrus Fairgrounds
Nov. 7	Thurs. 5pm (Door Open) Rotary Bingo, games start 6pm La Tequila (last Bingo of 2024!)
Nov. 9	Sat. 10am-3pm Holiday Craft Fair, Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds
Nov. 10	Sun. 8-10am, FREE Veterans Breakfast, Veterans Bldg. 205 W. First St.
Nov. 11	Mon. 7pm Veterans Event, Guest Speakers + Healdsburg Community Band, American Legion Bldg., 205 W. 1st St.
Nov. 14	Thurs. 6pm Kiwanis Scholarship Fundraiser, The Maltese Falcon, CPAC
Nov. 16	Sat. 5:30-7:30 "Seasons" Opening & Reception, Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery
Nov. 21	Thurs. 7pm Americana Night, Rita Hosking & Sean Feder, Cloverdale Arts Alliance



Veterans Day S.O.S. Breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 293, will once again host a **Free S.O.S. Breakfast** for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building at 205 W. First St. Breakfast will be served on Sunday morning, November 10, 2024 from 0800 hours to 1000 hours. Veterans are free and we ask that guests and family members please make a donation.



We do our best to offer an authentic SOS Breakfast for our veterans. In the past, we have received many good comments about our breakfast. As usual, we will be serving SOS, scrambled eggs, Spam, fruit cocktail, coffee and juice. We ask that you come dressed in military attire and have fun.

As a reminder, the American Legion will be hosting a **Free concert** by the Healdsburg Community Band at the Veterans Building on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th at 7 pm.

Cloverdale Public Meetings

The Cloverdale City Council welcomes public interest, attendance, and in-person participation at public meetings. Future agendas, approved minutes, and past meeting media can be found online: www.cloverdale.net/agendacenter

Here's the upcoming meeting schedule for the next City Council, Planning Commission, and Council Subcommittee meetings:

Finance, Administrative & Police

Nov. 4 Monday 1:30pm

City Council

Nov. 13 Wednesday 6pm Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

Joint City/School

Nov. 19, Monday 5pm

Planning Commission

Dec 3 Tuesday 6pm

Planning & Sustainability

Dec. 17 Tuesday 1:30pm



I am pleased to provide an update on several key initiatives in Cloverdale that reflect our city's growth, commitment to recreation, and efforts to enhance public services. This fall, Cloverdale is making strides in three areas: the development of new recreation programs in our parks, updates on residential and community-focused projects, and the rollout of cutting-edge water management technology through Neptune My360.

Parks and Recreation Programming: New Opportunities for Fun, Fitness, and Conservation

Cloverdale's parks are evolving to meet the needs of our community by offering new recreational opportunities and advancing conservation efforts. In addition to exciting new activities, such as pickleball and archery, significant progress is being made on the Porterfield Creek Preserve Open Space Vegetation Management Program.

- **Pickleball Program:** We are excited to announce that Cloverdale's first-ever recreation courses are now underway! Registration for Pickleball opened on October 1st, and the first course, Intermediate Pickleball, began on Tuesday, October 8th. This marks the launch of our pilot program, and staff is optimistic that it will be a great success.
- **Archery Program:** We are launching introductory archery lessons and open-range sessions, bringing a fun, accessible activity to the community. Archery promotes focus and coordination, and we are excited to partner with local instructors to offer these classes.
- With the introduction of this recreation program, we anticipate offering more courses in the near future, expanding opportunities for community members to stay active and engaged. Stay tuned for updates and be sure to check out the latest offerings at www.cloverdale.net/parksandrec. Don't miss out on future recreation programs by visiting: Catalog - City of Cloverdale, CA (rec1.com)

Porterfield Creek Preserve Open Space Vegetation Management Program Update

The Porterfield Creek Open Preserve is an extraordinary 250-acre preserve owned by the City of Cloverdale. It offers scenic hiking trails, a spring-fed creek, and breathtaking views of the Alexander Valley. The City is committed to managing this valuable resource carefully to balance recreation with ecological health and fire prevention. The City is also in the process of finalizing funding for the planning & trail improvement work on the new Soda Springs Ranch Open Space Preserve Property. Once the funding agreement is approved by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, the City will initiate outreach efforts with the community.

The **Northern Sonoma County Fuels Crew** continues to make progress reducing ladder fuels and fire-prone vegetation throughout the Porterfield Creek preserve. Their efforts focus on removing dense underbrush and dead trees, which create a wildfire risk. The team's goal is to chip the majority of the removed vegetation. However, due to the preserve's steep terrain, some areas are not accessible for dragging debris to the chipper.

To address these areas, the City is continuing utilizing vegetation reduction and controlled burning in collaboration with the Northern Sonoma County Fuels Crew. Controlled pile burns will safely manage vegetation that is difficult to remove mechanically. As a precaution, certain sections of the preserve will be temporarily closed to the public during burning operations to ensure safety.

Reducing excess vegetation serves multiple purposes. Not only does it create defensible space around nearby residential areas, making it easier for firefighters to protect homes, but it also promotes a healthier ecosystem. By reducing invasive species and allowing more sunlight to reach the forest floor, native plants can thrive, supporting biodiversity and creating a habitat for a variety of wildlife.

These efforts reflect our commitment to fire prevention and environmental stewardship, ensuring that the Porterfield Creek Preserve remains a safe, vibrant space for the community to enjoy.

Development Updates: Projects Shaping Cloverdale's Future

Several development projects are currently underway, contributing to the city's growth and enhancing housing options for residents. Here's an overview of three key projects:

- **Asti Road Apartment Project:** This project located on Asti Road will provide 75 affordable housing units. Construction is moving forward, and is expected to be completed in 2025. The City obtained a HUD Grant to construct new sidewalks and improve accessibility along First Street between Asti Road and Main Street. The City Council approved a contract to start the design work for the sidewalk improvements.
- **Taylor Lynn Phase II Apartment Project:** Located on South Cloverdale Boulevard, this second phase of the project will add 24 new units to the Taylor Lynn Phase I project, helping address the demand for quality rental housing. This project, currently under construction, is ideal for families, professionals, and individuals seeking modern apartment living.
- **Bi'du Khaale Tribal Elder Project:** Located in south Cloverdale, the Bi'du Khaale project exemplifies our collaboration with the Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians, providing housing for tribal elders. The Tribal Elder Housing project aims to foster well-being by creating a culturally supportive environment for elder residents, strengthening our partnership with the Tribal community. The project is in the final phase of construction and in the near future, the Tribe will complete paving of Kelly Road.

These development initiatives represent Cloverdale's commitment to sustainable growth, housing diversity, and community collaboration.

Neptune My360 Software: Empowering Water Utility Customers

We are excited to announce that the City is preparing for the rollout of the Neptune My360 software platform, which provides utility customers with enhanced access to their water usage data. This innovative tool is part of the City's commitment to improving water management and encouraging conservation.

With My360, residents can:

- **Monitor water usage in real time:** Track daily consumption through an easy-to-use dashboard.
- **Set alerts for unusual activity:** Receive notifications for potential leaks or excessive water use, helping prevent waste and unexpected high bills.
- **Review historical usage:** Compare current consumption with previous months or years to identify trends and conservation opportunities.

This platform aligns with our broader smart water meter initiative, allowing residents to make informed decisions about water use. By empowering customers with data, we aim to foster a more sustainable approach to water management.

The Neptune My360 system represents Cloverdale's ongoing effort to modernize city services and promote responsible water use. We encourage residents to explore the My360 portal and take full advantage of its features, especially during the dry season. More announcements will be forthcoming on next steps for utility customers to access the online portal system.

Closing Thoughts

These updates reflect Cloverdale's focus on building a vibrant, resilient community. Through expanded recreation programs, innovative development projects, and advanced water management tools, the City is working to meet the evolving needs of our residents.

I want to thank the community for its continued engagement and support. Whether it's enjoying the new pickleball courts, participating in development discussions, or exploring the Neptune My360 platform, your involvement helps shape Cloverdale's future. You are encouraged to sign up for our weekly newsletter to stay updated on current city projects, programs and activities by signing up for our newsletter at <https://www.cloverdale.net/list.aspx>.



Holiday Shopping Guide



Erin Mavis, a Sonoma County native, opened her flagship store, **erin mavis clothing**, in Cloverdale just over seven years ago. Erin enjoyed a 30-year long career in the women's apparel industry, as boutique owner, personal stylist, apparel buyer and Director of Retail for a chain of department stores. Her work took her from San Francisco to Boston, New York to LA and back home to Sonoma County. Erin fell in love with Cloverdale and made it home base for her first self-branded store.

Erin personally selects each piece in the shop. Her goal is to create a space that eliminates the filler and focuses on what is really important. To Erin this means quality over quantity, well edited, long lasting pieces you will wear over and over again. Featuring timeless, quality clothing, handcrafted jewelry, accessories and shoes, at erin mavis you will find a delightful selection of all of Erin's favorite finds that will also become yours.



I.SEE. Optical Company opened in February 2021 with the goal of offering unique eyewear and top-quality lenses to Cloverdale and the surrounding areas. Sara Hagen's vision was to create a space where people could find high-quality, independent eyewear brands that aren't available anywhere else locally. Why go to the city when you can get it right here in town?!

In February of this year, Sara expanded the boutique into the suite next door and added clothing for men, women, and girls, including special occasion dresses and extended sizes. The clothing at I.SEE. offers a business-casual style—pieces that you can wear to work but easily dress down for the weekend or evening. Sara loves being able to bring both fashion eyewear and versatile clothing to the Cloverdale community. It's incredibly rewarding to see familiar faces in the shop and to be a trusted local business in this wonderful town.



Mavis & Mavis for Living & Giving is the newly opened sister store to Cloverdale based, erin mavis clothing. Mavis & Mavis is a lifestyle store that provides a curated collection of artisanal and timeless products.

Featuring Antique Turkish Rugs, European Furniture and French Cookware, as well as Holiday Decor, locally made candles, soaps and jewelry and a wonderful collection of books. Each piece in this delightful shop has been thoughtfully chosen by husband and wife team, Erin & Lyle.

Warm and welcoming, Erin & Lyle encourage you to browse and take in all of the treasures while listening to their favorite French Bistro music. Mavis & Mavis is dedicated to elevating your home and gift giving options.



After two decades working in the Bay Area's fashion scene as a consultant, stylist, and boutique manager and buyer, Bri Bohanan finally turned her dream into reality by opening **North End** in Cloverdale, thanks to a collaborative effort with two of her girlfriends and business partners, Mollie and Savannah. This boutique was born from a vision to create a local hotspot where women can find stylish, California inspired outfits and get top-notch customer care.

At North End, they mix high-quality, affordable fashion with a laid-back, yet chic vibe. Their collection features a blend of timeless essentials and standout pieces that add a unique touch to any wardrobe. Named to celebrate Cloverdale as the final stop in Sonoma County, this boutique is all about

supporting local and adding something special to our community.

Watching neighbors rock their new looks and feel amazing is the best part of what they do. They are excited to be part of Cloverdale's lively community and to help everyone feel fabulous in their fashion.



Sonoma County Trading Company is a unique shop. Part Low-waste Shop & Refillery, Kim Neal carries many eco-friendly items to help you live a more sustainable, waste-free lifestyle. From refillable soaps for the home, bath & body, to toothpaste tablets, reusable sponges, dryer balls, waste free all-natural cosmetic items, reusable razors and so much more. In store they also house over 40 local artisans who make soaps, candles, jewelry, wood items, wallets, pottery, crochet and macrame items. In addition to all of this, they have a great Fair Trade section which includes handmade items from Mexico AND a delightful children's section filled with clothing and toys for the eco-conscious consumer. SoCo really does have something for everyone!

Stop in on E. First Street next to the Clover Theater. Open Tuesday-Saturday 11-5pm and Sunday 11-3pm. Extended hours starting Nov. 29th. Please visit their website for more information: www.socotradingcompany.com



Bolt offers an unusual combination of fabric and stylish accessories for the home. Our selection includes quilting fabrics, notions and patterns that range from solid cottons to Certified Organic fabrics with a large offering of batiks, flannel, Kaffe Fassett, Edgy Cool, Asian-esque, Grunge blenders, to name a few.

Classes and lectures ranging from beginning sewing and quilting, to DIY tote bags, hand-dyeing, and more take place in our sewing section of the store.

Having variety and quality close to home is all important. That's why our home decor line features practical but quality items such as powder coat serving ware, paper products and much more.

Sign up for our email notifications to receive updates on class and event schedules, store sales, and more.



The Outpost would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Cloverdale for being loyal, wonderful customers. We have been in this amazing town for 5+ years and love it more and more each day. We started as a workwear store but have evolved as needed with our lines of western and everyday wear constantly growing to fulfill the community's needs. We carry all high-quality brands in clothing and shoes from Danner to Skechers, Wrangler to Salty Crew and everything in between. We are always adding accessories for those unique purchases. And don't forget, gift certificates, for those that are impossible to shop for. We offer professional embroidery and printing to offer a one stop shop for your business or personal needs. We will host special event nights this Christmas to help make your holiday shopping stress free and fun.

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“Seasons” Exhibit Opens at Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery

We invite you to attend the Opening/Reception of our new art exhibit: SEASONS at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery! Along with new artwork by our resident artists, we are displaying the magnificent work of Jane Gardner, our Ceramic/Painter Featured Resident Artist. And the exciting work of Guest Artist Patrick Rhodes, an accomplished painter of Abstract Landscapes. **Reception: Saturday Evening, November 16, 2024, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** Please join us at the Arts Alliance for beautiful artwork, stimulating conversation, artist talks - wine and hors d'oeuvres! Exhibit: 11/16/24 – 1/18/25.

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Creative Corner

Christy Anne

Although I have such a love of color, I often imagine my blood flows through me as rainbow, and I do mean a literal rainbow, sometimes the soul needs something a bit more...quiet. Especially with the assault of the holiday colors, whether it be the changing of the leaves or line-up of holidays – each having its own glaring palette – I find a steady pleasure falls over my soul when I see concrete. Yes, that thing we walk upon, drive over and despite it literally enabling us to get where we need to be with ease, an often underappreciated medium to create with.

Enter stage left, or stage right (as I know nothing about theater) the simple bag of Quikrete Fast Set Repair Mortar, found at our local ACE. This lightweight bag of mortar requires a mere 10 ounces of water to become a medium that even those of us without great upper body strength can handle. I offer an example of what can be created...



Needed? One bag of repair mortar, some gloves to protect your skin, a bottle of your liking and a larger vessel the bottle can be placed inside to use as a mold. Also handy here is cooking spray and whatever you need to protect the surface you will be working on. A mask also comes in handy as breathing in unmixed cement is quite dangerous. I grabbed a couple pieces of metal flashing and taped together a mold, sprayed the inside with the

cooking oil and followed the direction on the bag. After the three minutes of mixing, I then poured into mold, inserted the bottle I wished to frame in concrete, and then as a touch of whimsy, I pushed some fun felt balls I had down the edges into the concrete at varying levels. Forty minutes later I removed the mold and left to finish curing. Voila! The bringing together of unlikely friends, glass and concrete. Simple on its own, a statement with a pop of color added. A literal grounding tether, before the gust of holidays descend.

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Let's Travel ~ Craig Clark

Fall travel mistakes we want to avoid*.

1. Not preparing for the crowds

Remember, this is the busiest year for travel in the history of modern travel. So, if you think there's going to be an "off" season for anything, think again. The crowds will be worse than ever.

2. Poor budgeting — or none at all

You've probably heard that travel prices have fallen, especially airfares. (It's true, ticket prices haven't been this affordable in years.) But one of the biggest fall travel mistakes you can make is assuming things will stay that way. Because they almost certainly won't.

As we head into the busy holiday travel season, airlines, car rental companies and hotels will raise their rates as demand goes up. You have to either book your travel now to take advantage of the lower prices or budget a little extra for the Thanksgiving or Christmas trip.

A budgeting app like Pocketguard or Trabee can help set a realistic budget and maybe keep you from overspending.

3. Assuming the weather will be fine

The weather situation will get worse, as climate change makes weather even more unpredictable. Flexibility in your wardrobe — and your mindset — is more important than ever.

4. Spectacularly bad planning

Plan your days so you will have enough time to enjoy the destinations. If it's a road trip, be realistic about driving time between points, and fill up at half tank. Plan ahead for what if, when your flight is delayed or canceled. Always have a back-up plan as a little planning goes a long way this fall.

Insider Tip: Check air fares after you have purchased a ticket. There's a way to save money if the fares drop. Here's a link to airlines that offer a credit if the price of airfare drops <https://thepointsguy.com/airline/refund-when-flight-drops-in-price/>

*From Elliott.org

Roots of Rock MJ Girard ~ KOWSfm.com

By the time you read this our national elections will have culminated and God willing a peaceful event will go down in history, that democracy is the best form of governance. Lynda and I are on the Garden Isle in Hawaii celebrating our anniversary, listening to the local music and enjoying the laid-back lifestyle. Aloha!

Upon my return, I will pick up where I left off, sharing the musical memories that tickled our hearts throughout the decades. It was 1966 that I first stepped into KMSL in Ukiah whilst attending Potter Valley High...it seems like a lifetime ago...actually it was!

Thanks to all who have requested tunes and continue to support community radio. KOWSfm.com has such diversity in our programming that most listeners can find that special shows to put a smile upon their faces. Thanks, Cloverdale for your love and support. The "Roots of Rock" rock on!

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Christmas Table 2024 Community Dinner For All ~ Jenn Craig

We'd like to extend a warm invitation to all in our community to join us for the Christmas Table 2024 on December 25th at 4:30pm! What is the Christmas Table, you ask?

It started as a question, "Do any of the churches in town provide a holiday meal at Thanksgiving or Christmas?" It led to a conversation, which sparked a dream shared by two couples, that ignited a passion in their church, and spread through the hearts of many community members to bring to Cloverdale the first ever "Christmas Table" event in 2023.

Thanks to our partnership with the CUSD, the CHS East Gym was turned into a fully decorated cozy scene of long, festive tables set to host a decadent Christmas turkey dinner complete with a dessert bar and several holiday drink options. But dinner was just the beginning. The perimeter of the gym boasted a photo booth, raffle items, kids activity area, giveaway tables filled with Bombas socks, homemade cookie bags, and pre-filled Christmas Stockings for the children who attended.

The raffle was free for everyone in attendance with over 100

donated prizes including games, toys, brand new clothing items, gift certificates and baskets donated from local restaurants and businesses. When the evening was over, we filled take home containers for everyone that wanted leftovers or for someone at home that wasn't able to attend.

We were blessed with donations to cover the costs of this entire event and we served about 200 people. The whole event would not have come together as it did without the hands-on generosity of our many volunteers. We think this year can be even better and hope to serve even more of our community members. For more information about how you can help or to donate, contact CloverdaleChristmasTable@gmail.com.

And whether you are lonely at Christmas or just don't want to cook, we hope to see you there. All are welcome! There's a seat for you at the Christmas Table.

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Pamela Kay Petersen Wilson



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Pamela Kay Petersen Wilson, who left us on September 14, 2024, at the age of 80. Born on February 24, 1944 in Graham Washington, Pamela was the beloved daughter of Virginia and Bert Petersen. As a young child, her family moved to California.

Pam graduated from Cloverdale High School and continued with a career at State Farm where she met many friends. Before leaving to become a homemaker. In Feb of 1967, Pam married the love of her life, Kenneth Wilson. In 1969, she had her first son Brandon, and then in 1978, her second son Travis. Ken and Pam enjoyed traveling in their motor home and loved Oregon.

Pam was known for her positive traits, kindness, and generosity and will be remembered for always putting others first. She touched the lives of everyone she met and left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew her.

Pamela is survived by her 2 sons, Brandon Wilson, Travis (Jennifer) Wilson, granddaughters Baileigh and Brooklyn Wilson. She is also survived by her 5 brothers Darrell (Bobbi), Talbert (Judy), Rex (Maryann), Dwight (Judy), Kyle (Lenor), her sister Gini, and many nieces and nephews. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held on Nov 9, 2024 at 2pm at Cloverdale Kindgom Hall. A reception will follow at the Veterans Hall. The Wilson family appreciates the love, support, and generosity from the Courtney Davis Foundation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Courtney Davis Foundation in Pamela's memory.

CHS Welcomes Agriculture Teacher

Please welcome Sadie De Marta, the newest Agriculture Teacher at Cloverdale High School. She is excited to be part of our community, and has been warmly welcomed by students, staff, and administration alike. The CHS Agriculture Department has several exciting events planned, and she looks forward to contributing to its continued success.

Rick Tang Photography

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Michele Armanino was visiting her friend **Rosella Natzke** in Belen, New Mexico, recently. Rosella loves **Cloverdale Connect**. Here she is reading it in front of her Hacienda.



Pavelka's Puns

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

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Last Bingo of the Year November 7

Mark your calendar now for another fun filled evening of Bingo! November 7th. This is the last Bingo night of 2024, hosted by Cloverdale Rotary at La Tequila Restaurant, 134 North Cloverdale Blvd. Doors open at 5:00 with games to start about 6:00 p.m. Starting at 5:00 pm, La Tequila will have a special Bingo Buffet for \$15.00. There will be NO BINGO in December or January. Rotary BINGO will return in February 2025 at La Tequila!

Local businesses have generously donated Gift Cards and other prizes for the event. These include: Cloverdale Connect, Panaderia El Palomo, Cloverdale Ace Hardware, Plank Coffee, Dahlia and Sage Community Market, The Bike Shop, First Street Barbers, Wolf House, Mountain Mikes Pizza, Cloverdale Nursery, Tian Yuen, Mo's Eagle's Nest, Kelley and Young Winery, SoCo Trading Company, Erin Mavis, North End Women's Clothing and Accessories, PaPa's Pizza, West Coast Sour Dough, Ray's Food Place, Crystabelle Fine Minerals, The Bolt Fabric Store, and Lopez Family Vineyards.

Bingo Cards are \$10 each and good for a full evening of 10 games. People under 18 are not allowed. Proceeds support Cloverdale Rotary.



CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES 2024

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Cloverdale Christmas Giving

Names and donations are now being taken for the Cloverdale Christmas Giving program for local families. If you or someone you know needs a little extra help from Santa this year to give their child/children a gift, please reach out.

If you are interested in donating or sponsoring a family, please contact Angela Cordova 707-479-8089. You may donate by check, cash or Venmo.

Contributions can be a tax write off as well. If you would like to mail your contributions, please do so to the following address:

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Glen Senestraro, CUSD Superintendent

The success of our district does not reach its full potential without continual improvements to our facilities. This requires ample projects to be coordinated throughout the year. Shout out to Michael Garrity, district maintenance, operations and transportation (MOT) director, and his team for their work in keeping us on track.

One such project is the Washington School bus turnout. The lot used to build the project was purchased from the city. It will be operational once the Washington Street extension to Healdsburg Avenue is complete. The total project created a bus turnout, seven additional parking spaces, and new landscaping. The work was completed before the expected deadline.

This project was funded by Measure H. Measure H was passed by the district's voters on November 6, 2018. The community support for Cloverdale Unified School District is amazing and much appreciated.

We have submitted two other projects to the different agencies tasked with approval for school projects: eight new classrooms for Jefferson TK/K students and Washington Gym locker room line of sight corrections. We are hopeful to complete these two projects this school year.

I am proud and honored to serve the greater Cloverdale community and its students as is our Board of Trustees. Regular board meetings are 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.

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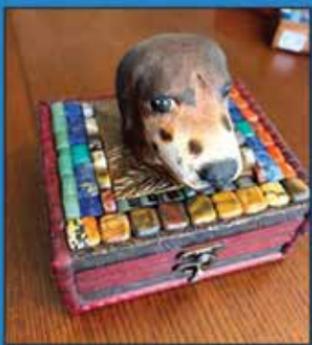
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A Slice of Thanksgiving Nicole Ryan

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City Council Report ~ Eleanore Webster

At the September 25th meeting, a proclamation was read declaring September 15th to October 15th as Latino Heritage Month. Several members of the Cloverdale Parks Division were present to accept the recognition. Council members thanked them for their work and their contribution to the City.

The Consent Calendar was approved. It covered, in part, funding agreements with Ferguson Waterworks and Sonoma County Transportation.

Council then received a request on an update of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO). This request reviews how in-lieu fees are calculated when contractors choose to pay a fee rather than provide low-income housing. An IHO is an ordinance in the zoning code that impacts affordable housing: developers can pay a fee or create new units. They are supposed to set aside 15% of the units as affordable. \$25,000 has been budgeted to study policy updates and Staff is asking the Council to approve moving forward with consideration on how to update the Ordinance. The IHO applies to projects with five or more housing units. Several Council members expressed a preference for building requirements over the fee option, since the contractors are in

the business of building housing and can do a more efficient job than the City.

Council also passed a resolution regarding the FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant Funding Agreement. This involves the lights on the runway. Council accepted the funding and the design. This is another step in an existing improvement project. The grant covers 90% of the cost. Council commented on the importance of the airport to the community, especially in emergency situations.

The Council adopted a resolution on an MOU with the Cloverdale Police Officer's Association and authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU.

Letters of interest were submitted to the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association for Measure O, Citizens Oversight Committee Appointments. The Association has two open seats, and they received letters of interest from four people. Council was asked to provide direction to the Mayor and they made recommendations on the nominees. Letters are attached to the agenda, which can be found at <https://www.cloverdale.net/agendacenter>. The October 9th meeting was cancelled.



The CloDems say...

November has a most consequential election and a holiday tradition of giving thanks. For our country, be thankful we have a diversity of information and perspectives -- freedom of the press -- the very first amendment to the US Constitution! Thankful we can give voice about reproductive and civil freedoms, voting rights -- how we want to be governed.

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**Elissa Morrash, Executive Director
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This is your History Museum, Cloverdale!

We hope you are enjoying the fall weather and the beauty of our small town. As we go about our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the rich tapestry of the history that surrounds us. Our town has a fascinating past shaped by the industriousness of the lumber industry, the vitality of agriculture and the Latino community and the enduring heritage of the ancient Pomo people. These stories are not just part of our past; they are integral to who we are today.

We want to remind you the Cloverdale Museum of History in downtown Cloverdale is a treasure trove of these local narratives. It belongs to all of us, newcomers and long-standing families alike.

The museum is a space where we can gather, learn and celebrate our shared heritage.

We are launching a 2025 Member Drive with some wonderful benefits that will create opportunities for you and your family to visit and use the museum, the historic house and garden in new ways for 2025. We hope you will consider joining the museum; hope to see you soon! Membership information is available at www.cloverdalehistory.org, or on Facebook. This is your History Museum, Cloverdale!

Alexander Valley Healthcare's (AVH) Medical Team Growing

In October, AVH welcomed four new providers to their medical team:

All of these practitioners are in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Degree Program at UC Davis and are caring for AVH patients in their clinical rotations under the supervision of our CMO, Dr. Jing Zhao.

Mahreen Jaffri, AGNP is an Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner serving patients over 60.

Harshpreet Khroud, PMHNP is a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner serving patients seeking mental health assessments/screenings or diagnosed with a mental health condition, and will be managing mental health prescriptions.

Nathalie Pena, FNP is a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking Family Nurse Practitioner serving patients of all ages and health conditions

Emilee Person, FNP is Family Nurse Practitioner serving patients of all ages and health conditions

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AVH is starting now to build our care team in preparation for our move into the new Health and Wellness Center. More news on our progress will come in next month's **Cloverdale Connect**.



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Goodbye Windows 10

Will Carter

In September of 2022, I wrote my first article for the Cloverdale Connect titled "What is Windows 11?" In this article I touched on the future of Windows 10, which is still the most popular desktop operating system in the world today. However, Windows 10 isn't forever, and Microsoft will be ending all support for Windows 10 on October 14th, 2025. Anyone still using Windows 10 should be looking at upgrading before that date. If you're still using Windows 10, read on to learn your options!

In the best-case scenario, you might have already been prompted to upgrade to Windows 11. If you've seen an offer to upgrade through Windows Update, go ahead and accept it! Windows 11 is a stable and reliable operating system, which is very easy to learn if you're accustomed to 10. This upgrade may take as much as a few hours, during which your system will restart, prompt you to make some choices, then drop you into a brand-new version of Windows!

Sometimes Windows Update won't immediately offer you Windows 11 but will ask to check if your system is compatible. If you get a prompt like this, you can use Microsoft's PC Health Check app to find out if your system is eligible for an upgrade. Most systems with an Intel 8th generation or newer processor should be compatible with Windows 11, so if your system is less than seven years old, chances are it will work!

Under many circumstances, a computer might be capable of running Windows 11, but a configuration or settings issue will prevent the upgrade from going through. If you bought your system since 2017, an expert could easily let you know if your system is compatible with the latest version of Windows. Whether your current system is ready for Windows 11, you need to buy a new PC, or you're uncertain, consider reaching out to a trusted technology provider to get any questions you have answered!

Peggy Eleanor Gunter (Lile)



Peggy Eleanor Gunter (Lile), a native of Cloverdale, CA, succumbed to Alzheimer's disease on September 29.

Peggy was born on December 4, 1954 and grew up on the family's ranch outside of Cloverdale. She graduated from Cloverdale High School, attended Sonoma State University, and received her teaching credential from Dominican University of California.

She had a love of horses and participated in several gymkhanas as a teenager in Cloverdale. Teaching was also another passion, and she taught elementary grades in the Sebastopol school system. Peggy was known for her big smile and quick laugh. In 1974, Peggy married David Gunter, also of Cloverdale, and they raised three sons, horses, turkeys, rabbits, dogs, and cats on their property in Sebastopol.

Peggy is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, David Gunter; her children Seth Gunter (Chris), Daniel Gunter (Allison) and Evan Gunter (Michelle); seven grandchildren; sister Wendy Harrison (Bruce) and brother Gene Lile (Polly). She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lile, and father, Vernon Lile.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held on November 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hessel Church, located at 5060 Hessel Avenue, Sebastopol.



The "Miracle" Restaurant Michele Armanino

When you combine three lifelong best friends with some secret family recipes and a passion for Mexican cooking, you come up with a winner - El Milagro Mexican restaurant. Marco Zamora, Alan Valverde and Julio Vazquez opened their dream restaurant at 485 South Cloverdale Blvd., in January of 2020. "It was a miracle that we found this place." says Marco. "That's why we named it El Milagro, which means 'the miracle' in Spanish."

Marco explains that their restaurant, recently named by Sonoma Magazine as one of the best Mexican restaurants in Sonoma County, is very cosmopolitan. It is similar to restaurants in Mexico City where people come from all over Mexico to enjoy a variety of regional dishes. "We always have daily specials", says Marco, "with recipes from Yucatan, Chihuahua, Monterey, Puebla and more."

One of their most popular menu selections is 'Mole Verde Pipian', braised chicken breasts cooked in house-made green pumpkin seed mole sauce. A tasty clam chowder is added to the menu during the winter months and one die-hard chowder customer drives weekly from Rio Nido just to pick up his order! The restaurant's sought-after desserts, Flan, Pastel de Limon and Tres Leches cake are all secret family recipes.

"Times are hard right now for families," Marco comments. The partners offer a daily, \$55.00, take-out-only, Family Meal. This includes a choice of tacos, enchiladas, fajitas, chicken and shrimp combo, served with rice, beans, salad and dessert.

The owners are thrilled to have recently opened a second El Milagro Restaurant, at 14 Matheson in Healdsburg. "You will still see the Cloverdale owl featured in our Healdsburg restaurant," says Marco with a smile.

"We want to thank all our loyal customers for their support," Marco says, as he looks around the bustling room. "You make us feel special with all your positive comments about our food. Come try our restaurants because, as we say in Spanish, 'no te arrepentiras' - you won't regret it!"

Cloverdale's Honorary Firehouse Mom ~ Mary Jo Winter

Born March 15, 1894, in San Francisco, Nellie (Pinkerton) Lechler met and married a construction worker by the name of Charlie Lechler in 1929. They moved to Cloverdale in 1950 to run the Preston Store.

After Charlie's death in 1967, Nellie moved into a little house at 118 Broad St., right next door to the new firehouse that would open in 1972. It didn't take long for her and the firemen to come the best of friends.

Once, after being out of town for a few days, she thought she had returned to the wrong address. To her amazement, she discovered the fire crew had completely repainted the exterior of her home in her absence.

Nellie was an adopted mom to the crew she always referred to as "my boys." In 1976, she was honored by the City of Cloverdale and given the title of Honorary Fireman. Her picture was even hung on the firehouse wall.

She was a member of the Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary and a frequent visitor at the firehouse. She regularly brought over homemade cakes and cookies and consistently volunteered to sell tickets for fire department fundraisers and activities.

When Cloverdale hosted the 1986 Fireman's Muster, Nellie was the parade Grand Marshal, complete with a red hat and riding in a horse-pulled surrey. Despite her advanced age, she didn't miss a single day of the festivities. The weekend was filled with her beaming smile and constant encouragement to her "boys."

Nellie's other accolades over the years included being chosen Grand Marshal of the Citrus Fair Parade, named Rebekah Lodge's Woman of the Year, and even being named an honorary resident of Kings Valley.

When Nellie died on July 28, 1987, her fireman friends placed a small flag at half-mast amongst the flowers in her garden next door.



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- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped rosemary, (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ cup walnuts or pecans
- ½ cup dried cranberries

Instructions

Add the Brussels sprouts, carrots, red onions, olive oil, maple syrup, rosemary, salt, pepper, and cinnamon. Toss well to combine.

Spread the veggies evenly over the two prepared baking sheets. Roast for 20 - 25 minutes, stirring halfway through until the veggies are fork-tender and beginning to brown. Sprinkle over the walnuts and dried cranberries and continue to bake another 5 - 10 minutes until the veggies are cooked and the nuts are lightly roasted.

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Sculpture Spotlight - Diego Harris

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Diego Harris is an artist based in Upper Lake and was the first-place winner this year for his piece, *The Portal*. It wasn't on the corner of Cloverdale Blvd and Second streets long before it sold and left for its new home at a winery. It was quickly replaced with an equally beautiful piece called *Heart of the Desert*.



Harris's work focuses on form, constructing larger than life whimsical sculptures primarily made of corten steel, which is known for its ability to age and weather due to its copper, chromium and nickel content. When left untreated, the steel quickly begins to create an organic rust patina that will not cause deep pitting as is the case with traditional milled steel. Recycled car parts are also incorporated at times when appropriate to the piece, and exposed rivets, wide lap welds and sturdy bolts add to its aesthetic, while at the same time creating balance and structure to withstand the elements.

Harris was born in Baja into an artist family and has experimented with many art mediums, but he found his true passion in 2007 when he learned to weld. His inspiration comes from the effortless shapes of perfect symmetry, as well as perfect asymmetry in nature. Harris sees his work as monuments to wild plant and animal life but says, "My sculptures are abstract, so people can read into it what they like. They can be open to new and unique inspirations that have not yet been thought of. I think that is the best thing about abstract art".

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