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Editor's Note

I don't know about your household, but in mine all the Holiday decorations come down between Christmas and New Year's. Ready for a fresh start. January is the month where I go through my house and remove clothing and household items – anything I am comfortable parting with, and pass it along. This month happens to be a great time to do that as the new Thrift Store at the Grange Hall is opening! Please support them with your gently used and in-good-condition donations and by shopping there also. Drop by and see how many hard-working hands have dramatically transformed the space.

I find that everyone wants to be helpful and generous during the Holidays. Let's extend that all year around by supporting our many non-profits in our community. They can all use our help whether it is financial or by volunteering our time. Our strong community is a result of all of us taking responsibility to assist each other.

Wishing you a wonderful New Year full of hope and surprises!

Dana



You don't need a **Compass** to find **Erik Terreri** – you'll find him where the fun is, reading *Cloverdale Connect*



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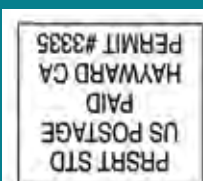
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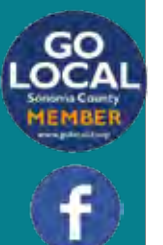
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Cloverdale Unified School District is proud to recognize Graciela Quezada as our Employee of the Month—an exceptional team member whose dedication, warmth, and commitment have made a lasting impact across our campuses.

Graciela's journey with CUSD began in 2008, when she first joined the district working several part-time positions, including Yard Duty and Teacher Assistant. Her passion for supporting students quickly became evident. In 2010, she stepped into a new role as a Teacher Assistant in the Special Education Department. Since then, Graciela has continued to serve in a variety of roles throughout CUSD, embracing each position with a caring heart, strong work ethic, and a genuine love for the students she supports.

Born in Mexico City and raised in Cloverdale, she graduated from Cloverdale High School. Her deep roots in the community make her work all the more meaningful, and her connection with students and families shines through in everything she does.

Outside of school, Graciela's greatest joy is her family—especially her beloved grandkids. Whether she's cheering at her son's sports events, traveling with loved ones, or enjoying a magical day at Disneyland, she cherishes every moment she gets to spend with them.

Graciela's kindness, reliability, and dedication make her a treasured member of our CUSD family. We are truly grateful for her many years of service and the positive impact she makes every single day. Congratulations, Graciela, and thank you for all you do for CUSD!

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We are thankful for the guidance God provides to us every day. We are thankful for family, friends and our community. We are thankful

for our home, health and all the necessities that keep us comfortable on this earth.


This Thanksgiving, we went to Fort Bragg and put a Memorial lock for Courtney on the Trestle Bridge at Pudding Creek. We gave Thanks for this sweet girl and for the time we had with her.

We will be planting a beautiful Rosebud tree in Courtney's memory at the Cloverdale River Park on Jan.5, 2026. The Rosebud was donated by the wonderful folks at the Cloverdale Home & Garden - Ashley, Scott, Gary and Starlight. Hope to see you out there.

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Whisker Talk ~ Brigid Wasson

The New Year is upon us with all its possibilities. Social media is filled with pictures of adorable pets in need of a new home. We are drawn in by the sad rescue stories, or by our desire to play with baby creatures, but first we must ask ... Should I get another pet?

Is your home empty of furry friends? Maybe your previous dog or cat has died and you are ready for a new companion. In this case, it is most important to get the house ready and to have realistic expectations. I can't tell you how many times I've heard, "My other dog never did this!" But of course they did. You don't remember because it was 15 years ago.

If you have other pets, they must be considered. Cats can get along in groups, but sometimes they don't. One bully can cause stress for everyone. An old cat may not be amused with a pesky kitten.

As pack animals, dogs want company, but their social dynamics are complicated. Put some thought into the new addition so your current dog will enjoy their company. Choose breeds that fit your lifestyle and activity level for the best chance of success.





City Council Report ~ Eleanore Webster

December 10 meeting: Council adopted the 2025 CA Building and Fire regulations. The meeting primarily focused on adoption of two reports for the proposed Esmeralda Project: Water Supply Assessment (a requirement for projects with more than 500 residential units) and Water Supply Verification (a requirement for residential subdivisions). The major question was whether the City's water system is sufficient during dry and normal years to incorporate Esmeralda for the next 20 years. If supplies are insufficient, then Esmeralda must find ways to acquire additional water before moving forward. The WSA/WSV analysis relied on the City's Urban Water Management plan and updated information about the Potter Valley Project (PVP).

Brad Arnold of EKI Environment and Water, the consulting firm hired by Esmeralda, made the presentation (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26NMMnxftRs>). Property development was approved 20 years ago; this presentation was only about water availability. The City draws water from Russian River underground water flows (not the river itself) and has some of the oldest (1884) water rights in California. Water flows collect from the watershed and are sustained primarily by natural rain fall. Seniority means the City has higher priority to draw water.

The Reports conclude there is more water available than projected future needs by about 30%. Even under conservative assumptions, projected demand remains below City's entitlements. Cloverdale more than meets California water targets and Esmeralda will not change this. Our annual water use has declined by about 30% since 2005, with infrastructure upgrades and customer water use efficiency. In dry years, the City's water usage is managed through the City's water shortage contingency plan. The 2021 curtailment that everyone remembers was driven by State mandated usage limitations, not actual water shortage. The analysis considered PVP and found that supply to be a small

percentage of accumulated water. In summary, WSA/WSV analysis indicates that Cloverdale has sufficient and reliable water supplies to accommodate Esmeralda through 2045, under both drought and normal years.

Questions/comments from the Council focused on water storage (a tank is included on Esmeralda for City as well as project use), PVP impact, potential State removal of seniority water rights (Sacramento could try to void the rights), and Cloverdale cultural interests. There is a sustainability limit on population capacity, which is about 13,000 for Cloverdale. We are now at about 8,000 and Esmeralda will probably bring us to about 9,500.

Questions/comments from the public focused on alternative use of the property (which might not be as beneficial), funding/ corporate ownership theories surrounding Esmeralda, and the need for more town halls about this. There were questions about the bias of the consultants who were paid by Esmeralda, with suggestions to have a third party review of the WSA/WSV. Since a third party would have to be paid by someone, one question centered on who would be considered unbiased.

Mayor Lands stated that five different assessments have shown the water is sufficient. He also said that Cloverdale is one of the few California cities that meets the lower income housing threshold. What we are lacking is middle and higher income housing, which is a healthy provider to City income because of the higher tax base. Similar issues were raised when the Furber, Dell Web and Sonoma Family homes projects were considered. Mayor Lands supports Esmeralda, saying it would be positive for the City. The reports were accepted by Council.

New Business: After a spirited discussion about the process of selecting Mayor and Vice Mayor (the rotation method often used and Cloverdale used to use, v. merit or personal preference), Vice Mayor Brian Wheeler was selected as Mayor and Mayor Todd Lands was selected as Vice Mayor.

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Stepping Out of Our Comfort Zone Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"It's when you begin to think about going to your dream that your dream is always outside of your comfort zone. It's always beyond what you've ever done." ~ Bruce Wilkinson, American Former Football Player

Having applied many of the "Re's" from the past two months (December 2025 column), I am feeling closer to clarity to start 2026. There are still a few more appointments to follow up with where I hope to find the answers needed to make grounded and inspired decisions. A new year often calls for implementing new goals, new ideas, new inspirations. Getting there, however, does come with it – hard insights and lessons necessary to purge the worn-out thinking patterns, negative habits, and confining mores. Experiencing some pain is part of clarifying the path. Communication that is direct, simple, honest, and kind also helps the mind be more receptive. Once we are ready, making personal executive (I call them) decisions charts the course for stepping out of my/our comfort zone. That is the strong intention I have for the new year/new life/new reality. I invite YOU to do the same!

This column has been a source of community-minded musings co-created (thank you, Divine) for these past two years. Going forward, I wish to venture into bolder territory. Perhaps my contributions to this column will reach beyond boundaries to inspire action for better alignment with all things 5D Dimensional! **Let's go together!**

1. Daryl Anka, a Channeler of Bashar for the Extraterrestrials; Bashar's New Predictions for 2026, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjvTrunejlk>;
2. Tarot and Astrology with Michelle, @TarotwithMichelle. I find her readings to be especially clear-headed, directed, and totally en pointe!;
3. Kerry K. is a South African teacher who has a soft delivery of spiritual guidance, <https://kerryk.com>;
4. Dreams are the stuff we are made of! Please peek at The International Association for the Study of Dreams for ALL kinds of dreamy resources.
5. **Live L.A.R.G.E. 2026!**





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Wishing You a Secure New Year!

Will Carter

In 2026 we can expect technology to continue to change, both in our lives and in the broader world. Because of those changes, sometimes we, as users, need to change a little bit too! I have three suggestions for steps you can take to ensure you're prepared for anything that may come this year.

Get your critical accounts secure. This is first because it is the most important. Scamming and data breeches continue to victimize my clients at all tech literacy levels, and throughout 2025 it only got worse. I suggest determining which of your accounts are critical (email, banking, e-commerce, messaging services, etc.) then reviewing each for security. Ensure those passwords are unique, 2 factor authentication is enabled, and that recovery information is accurate. A simple compromised email account can allow scammers to impersonate you on social media, access any unsecured online banking, completely steal your Amazon account, and leave you permanently locked out of most accounts. Don't wait to check on those critical accounts!

Backup your data. Even without scammers, technology is still vulnerable to the traditional concerns: Loss, theft, failure, and destruction. From dropping phones in toilets, to leaving laptops in airports, anyone can experience data loss. You should be backing up any data which you want to keep! Smartphones have cloud services for your photos, messages, and app data; computers have first- and third-party cloud providers, as well as local options. Manually copying important files to an external drive is better than nothing!

Monitor your digital world. Even under the best of circumstances, things still go wrong! I am a firm believer in turning on sign-in notifications for my online accounts and for anything financial. Turn on notifications for purchases, transactions, and sign-ins. If you don't know your accounts have been accessed, you won't know to act on that information.

The good news is that more of these settings and precautions are becoming the default with many accounts! When those little messages pop up during sign ins, take a moment to read them, understand what is being offered, and enable the most advanced security options you are comfortable with.



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The survey is available in English and Spanish and can be completed in approximately 10 minutes. Responses are confidential and anonymous and will help inform the library's decisions about resources, services, programming, facilities, technology, and more.

The survey is open now and will close on January 18.

Visit <https://sonomalibrary.org/plan> for more information, or <https://ivygroup.com/SCL> to take the survey. Paper copies are also available at all Sonoma County libraries.



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- Continue to monitor weather forecasts for nighttime lows. To protect frost-tender plants use an anti-desiccant spray such as Cloud Cover or a spun fabric floating row cover when frost is actually predicted. Covering plants with sheets or lightweight blankets or burlap is another option. If you use plastic sheeting, do not allow plastic to contact foliage.
- Bareroot shrubs and trees will begin appearing in nurseries. Bareroot is a good way to plant many fruit trees, shrubs, and roses. If you can't plant the day of your purchase, submerge roots in a bucket of water up to 24 hours and plant as soon as you can.
- Roses should be pruned between New Year's and Valentine's Day. Be careful not to compact soil around plants with your feet when you prune. Prune hard, leaving 3-4 young, vigorous canes per plant.
- Clean, oil, and store tools such as shovels, hoes, and pruners. Use light machine oil on metal parts to prevent rust.
- Begin to cut back deciduous ornamental grasses, pruning within a couple of inches from the ground. Wait until February or March if you like the existing structure. Winds often blow dried stems away from unpruned grasses.
- Rats favor heavy cover like overgrown ivy. If you have ivy, the best time to prune or remove it is winter when growth slows and soil is somewhat soft. If you wait until spring, ivy will quickly grow back, and roots will be harder to remove.



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| Jan 9 Fri. | 4-8pm Pick's Roadside Grand Opening |
| Jan 15 Thurs. | 12-4pm Cloverdale Fire Protection District Blood Drive, 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd |
| | 6pm Rotary Bingo, La Tequila |
| Jan 24 Sat. | 6pm Lions Crab Feed, Cloverdale Citrus Fair |
| Jan 26 Mon. | Citrus Faire Parade Entries close |
| Ongoing Events: | |
| 2nd Sat. | Blues Night, Cloverdale Arts Alliance
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John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

Literacy is a Partnership

You may have heard or read that the Sonoma County Library is working on a new five-year master plan, and with that comes a need to hear from the community. That means we want to hear from people who use the library and those who don't. Visit the webpage sonomalibrary.org/plan to take the community survey and let us know what services, programs, materials, etc. you would like to see continue or be added in the future at Cloverdale Library.

Likewise, now is a great time to reflect on our partnerships to promote literacy throughout the community. One of these partnerships is with Cloverdale Schools, and it's time to acknowledge that school literacy promotion starts with Glen Senestraro, Cloverdale Superintendent of Schools. For a while I had observed how he has occasionally accompanied school visits to the library, but I also noticed he was a frequent patron as well. So, I asked him about his thoughts about our partnerships with Cloverdale Schools and about his reading.

He said, "Each and every staff member promotes literacy at all our grades and ages. It is a core tenant to what we do at CUSD. I, personally, have read books to students when asked." When asked about the partnership with Cloverdale library, he responded, "We currently have many partnerships and programs. We love our partnership with the Cloverdale Library. Our partnership shows our commitment to literacy."

So, what kinds of books is a busy superintendent of schools reading currently? Senestraro said, "I enjoy espionage fiction books with my two favorites authors being Brad Thor and Vince Flynn. Right now, I am reading Brad Thor's Code of Conduct."

Make 2026 a time to renew your connection to the library, promote literacy, and join us by doing the library survey and taking part in the Winter Reading Challenge that runs through January 31st as well.

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When fourteen-year-old **Ventura Ruiz** arrived in Cloverdale from Michoacan, Mexico in 1980, he had three dreams: to own a house, a business and six trucks.

Ruiz, owner of **Maggie's Dad Landscape Company**, joined his dad, a vineyard worker, upon his arrival in Windsor. However, there wasn't any lodging available for the two of them, so he and his dad hit the road looking for new employment. Luckily, they crossed paths with Joe Ramazzotti, (Ramazzotti Wines) who was looking for vineyard workers. The Ramazzottis furnished the Ruizes with a small, rent-free house on their property where father and son lived and worked for the family for six years. "Joe Ramazzotti taught me how to drive on his old Ford truck, and his brother taught me how to drive a stick shift." Ventura reminisces.

Married at twenty-one, and with one year of English classes at Santa Rosa, J.C., completed, Ventura moved on in search of work to support his family. "I did janitorial work for four years, but really missed the outdoors." he says. "I found an ad in the newspaper for a gardener, so I applied for the job and got it." But when the landscaping business moved to Sacramento, Ventura quit the job. One of his customers encouraged him to create his own business. "She told me that she would tell people about me. I took her advice and within six months I had two employees!"

That same customer advised him that he needed to give his business a name and suggested he use his daughter's name, Magdalena, (Maggie) who was born in 1993. "That's how I got the name, Maggie's Dad Landscape Company." Ruiz says smiling. With a landscaping contractor's license under his belt, Ruiz's business was going strong in all of Sonoma County and parts of Marin.

In 1990, Ruiz purchased his first house. In time, he acquired six trucks and eventually bought **Sanz Nursery** located by Ace Hardware. He's thankful to Barnes Lumber and Ace Hardware for guiding him along his journey, along with all his loyal customers. "All my dreams came true." he says. "Well", he comments chuckling, "I have seven trucks!" And a beautiful grandson, Matteo.

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Community invite!

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Connect with Cloverdale High School June Schriener

Happy winter!
CHS had a busy December with finals. We also had a successful drama production, “A Night Under The Stars”. Thank you to those who showed up.

Beginning this month, many businesses in town will be hosting student interns for Cloverdale High School work experience program. Kelly Bowers, the CHS Workability and transition program coordinator said that it will be paid for by a state grant that makes it possible to provide paid work experience for students with no cost to the businesses. The goal is to aid students' transition efficiently from high school to collage.

Shout out to the following businesses that are hosting the student interns:

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The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is taking 50 students to visit San Francisco State University this month, thank you to the CARE foundation for supporting and sponsoring this field trip.

FFA will be having a busy spring semester with students taking part in leadership conferences, career and leadership development events, fundraisers, and more! Thank you to the community for supporting our students & FFA chapter!

Upcoming events:
No school 1/19
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Cloverdale Unified School District Looks Ahead in 2026 Glen Senestraro, Superintendent

As the new year begins, Cloverdale Unified School District (CUSD) remains committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities while supporting the academic and personal growth of every student. January is a time to reflect on progress and reaffirm our focus on student success.

Across the district, teachers continue to deliver rigorous, standards-aligned instruction supported by ongoing professional development. Expanded academic, career, and enrichment opportunities ensure students are prepared for college, careers, and life beyond graduation.

Beyond the classroom, winter sports are in full swing, providing students with opportunities to build teamwork, discipline, and school pride. These programs, along with student support services and positive school climates, contribute to the district’s commitment to educating the whole child.

As we look ahead, Cloverdale Unified School District will continue to prioritize thoughtful planning, strong family partnerships, and responsible use of resources. We thank our community for its continued support as we work together to build a strong future for Cloverdale’s students.

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Erma Burden



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energy. She would get up each day and get dressed to go out "just in case someone called and wanted to go somewhere". Wherever she went and whatever she was doing was always an adventure to be enjoyed. She will be so missed but we, her family and friends, are so lucky to have known and loved this one-of-a-kind very special lady. We love you Mom - thank you for giving us so many years of pure pleasure and loving care.

The family would like to thank all of you at the Cloverdale Senior Center for all your care and attention to Erma over the years. She always loved participating in your activities and made some wonderful friendships there. We have no doubt it was a contributing factor to her long life.



This message is from Judy Burden, Erma's daughter-in-law.



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Following their graduation, Officers Eubank and Dowell were officially sworn in by Chief Parker and will now begin the next chapter of their careers in our Field Training Program. Under the mentorship of our experienced Field Training Officers, they will gain invaluable hands-on experience as they work towards transitioning into their roles as solo officers.

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Officer Michael Eubank played Division I college football and also played semi-professional football in Germany and Mexico. His discipline, teamwork, and drive make him an outstanding addition to our team.

Officer Lloyd Dowell, originally from the United Kingdom, honorably served 13 years in the British Army prior to moving to the United States. His extensive military experience and strong commitment to service will be invaluable to our department and community.



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Roots of Rock KOWSfm.com ~ M.J. Girard

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Many interesting and enlightening revelations are coming to light. No one, is above the law, resources notwithstanding!

The pendulum swings from left to right, with care, we keep the "happy medium" of a centralist government satisfied with wins and losses, all aligned with care for the common good.

Let us pray for and rejoice in a democratic society that puts the welfare of all citizens ahead of the enrichment of the select few.

As I mentioned in an earlier column, my father was a renaissance man. This is one of his many poems:

A friend was once a stranger
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So when you meet a stranger
Greet him with a smile,
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By Max Girard

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No matter your preferred method, The City welcomes participation from everyone. Whatever is on your mind, there is a place for it. Reach out, share your thoughts, and help shape the future of Cloverdale.

Let's Work Together To Make 2026 A Great Year For Cloverdale!

Happy New Year to our Cloverdale Community! While 2025 had its disappointments and challenges, we can celebrate two successes: the passage of Proposition 50 and successfully gathering enough signatures to put the SMART Initiative on the June 2026 ballot.

Proposition 50 was approved by approximately 64.4% of voters statewide, 73.53% in Sonoma County, and 64.7% in Cloverdale. This measure is part of a broader national redistricting strategy in response to partisan gerrymandering. The California Secretary of State officially certified the election results on December 12, 2025. This success is the result of grassroots organizing by the Sonoma County Democrats and regional clubs like the Cloverdale Democratic Club.

While many of us were working to pass Proposition 50, we were also hard at work gathering the necessary signatures to put the renewal of the SMART sales tax on the June 2026

ballot. The Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) system is an essential component of our region's transit infrastructure—providing reliable public transportation, reducing congestion, and connecting our communities throughout the North Bay. Without raising taxes, the SMART Initiative seeks to renew SMART's public funding through a voter-led initiative, ensuring service beyond 2028, and the continued provision of safe, well-maintained, and accessible trains and pathways. SMART is currently funded through Healdsburg with expected completion in 2028. The passage of the renewal will ensure SMART can begin the planning phase of the train and pathway north to Geyserville and Cloverdale connecting residents with jobs, services, and recreation. If you would like to get involved, join us at www.clodems.com and watch for the SMART Initiative on your June 2026 ballot.

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At a moment when public conversations can feel heavy or pulled toward negativity, we believe there is a better use of our time and energy. Staying grounded, focusing on what is working, and showing up for one another is how communities stay strong.

We are thankful that our work continues to center Cloverdale and Geyserville families with care, dignity, and practical support. As we make this historic campus our home, we are learning the quirks of a 150 year old building day by day and embracing the journey.

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The Love Concert Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

Get ready to be treated with “TLC”, receive a party favor, and explore LOVE with Soft Rock music by local recording artist Paula Gilbert. You can check her out at her digital home - www.paulagilbertworld.com.

You may know Paula as local voice and piano teacher or as a music & stage director for many years here in Cloverdale. She is now RETIRED and enjoys some fun and excitement creating concerts, music, books and artwork. She also continues to run her ECO-FRIENDLY business with her husband Rick Gilbert, Will Ashlee and Rene Cardenas called “All-Green Landscape Maintenance”. Want Service? Call Will at (707) 849-3551.

THE LOVE CONCERT is especially made for VALENTINE'S DAY, and is presented by The Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, Paula Gilbert and her music friends - Colleen Shields, Mal Tornay, Carol and Lenny, Mila Torres and Jack Prescott who will be playing our Cupid MC. This is all thanks to Robert Zalenka who encouraged Paula to get involved and Jim DePriest (R.I.P.) who after hearing Paula's original songs in an open mic at The Grange Hall, said “We've gotta hear a lot more of that!!”.


Over the last several months, Paula and her music friends have created a beautiful album called 'Love is the Answer'. They will be performing all the songs from the CD during the concert. The CD will be launched on Internet Radio Stations as soon as it is completed. If people want a physical copy, they will be able to order it at Paula's website.

The Love Concert is on February 14th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the CPAC website - \$20 per person. All are welcome. Singles, Couples, Kids, LGBTQ.

All are welcome at The Love Concert.

Our show promises to be heartfelt, entertaining, fun, uplifting, and maybe even healing for you depending on your situation. We hope that you can make it to our loving kind show about Love.

“Love is the answer to all tough questions. When you need an answer, ask “What would love do?” Then listen to your heart! See you at our Concert!” – Paula Gilbert



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We warmly invite you to schedule a visit to taste our newest releases or explore our library wines — and we hope you'll continue to support Kelley & Young by stocking up on a few favorite bottles.

For questions or appointments, please reach out to Erika:
707-894-4535 | erika@kelleyandyoung.com
Thank you again for being a meaningful part of our story.
With gratitude,
The Kelley & Young Family



Bingo Is Back!

Cloverdale Rotary BINGO is back on January 15th at 6:00 PM at La Tequila Restaurant, and will continue the 3rd Thursday of each month from January through May and August through October of 2026.

Our 2026 Dates are: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, August 20, September 17, and October 15.

Please reach out to Erik Terreri, erikterreri@gmail.com, 415.519.0706 for any questions or to become a sponsor.

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How You Can Support Jennifer Molidor

Our contributing author of On The Wild Side, Jennifer Molidor, has undergone life altering surgery. Her recovery is long, and brings unwanted change. Here are ways to help:

- She needs new medical supplies, home nursing, groceries, caregiving, dog walking. And of course those pesky medical and other bills.
- Caregiving: She will need to hire quite a bit of care help, which is expensive and not covered by insurance.
- Meals: Kid-friendly dinners and she'll be on a high protein diet.
- Childcare: play dates, homework help, baths, kid friendly dinners.
- Transport: Her young son will need help to and from school.
- Daily living: tidying, bringing in the groceries, dog walking. She can't lift, sit, push, pull, bend over, twist, squat, or reach for a long time.
- Company: come walk with her, a half block at first then beyond, for safe daily walks.

Venmo: @j-molidor, email: jenmolidor@gmail.com

Gift cards: Instacart is most helpful for food or cash gift cards.



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Shout out to **Bella Moda Hair Salon and Spa**! Talk about full service! Sherry and her crew are the best. They are definitely a full-service salon; hair, nails, facials, massage, occasional counseling... I recommend them to everyone who asks, "Who does your hair?"
Deb Hall

Shout Out to **Earthworks Landscaping**! Joe Schriner's design and the work of his stellar crew transformed our boring, nothing-to-see-here yard into a dramatic space with visually-pleasing natural sculptural elements. I continue to meet neighbors who stop on their walks or in their cars to enthusiastically express their appreciation of the new look. Joe and his team are beautifying Cloverdale (even more!) one landscape at a time!!
Teal Johnson

Huge shout out to **Katie with Cat Rescue of Cloverdale**, been working with her for weeks about catching and fixing some stray kittens in my yard. Today we finally got some and they're headed to be fixed, get some shots, and check-ups. They will be released back to my yard but small steps to help them to not multiply again and again. Katie is amazing!
Crystal Nicole Dagler

Was having a craving for carrot cake and when I tell you that I got lucky today, I sure did! Called **Dahlia & Sage** and they had just baked some. First time having it and it's delicious. Perfect balance of everything sweet and savory. Craving satisfied.
Erika Nava

Run don't walk for their specials – pork belly tacos with pineapple and pickled onions, and BBQ quesadillas. So, so good at **El Milagro**.
Melody Winslow

Today was my second time eating at **Osha Thai** in Hopland. I had the chicken satay. It was delicious and so much food! I took home half for dinner \$15 for 2 meals worth of excellent food. If you haven't tried it yet, I highly recommend them.
Pamela Chiriboga

I want to share a positive experience we recently had with work done on our back deck. **Langston Custom Welding** in Cloverdale was superb. Cheyenne Langston, along with his crew, Cash and Casyn, did an outstanding job designing, fabricating, and installing the railings. The quality of their work is excellent, and just as important, so was their professionalism. Cheyenne kept us updated every step of the way. He always called ahead before coming, showed up on time, and followed through on everything he said he would do. He was friendly, respectful, and a real pleasure to work with.

In the past, we have had trouble with contractors not returning calls or showing up late, but Cheyenne Langston was the exact opposite. He made the process smooth and stress free from start to finish.

If you're looking for someone reliable and skilled, we highly recommend Langston. He is truly one of the best! Thanks, guys, for a job well done. We are very pleased.

Michelle Shenk

Just want to give a thanks to **Angela Cordova of North Bay Vehicle Registration Service** for helping me with a trailer registration/title transfer and registering an unregistered boat. It's quite the hassle at the DMV and she made it a smooth experience. Highly recommend her services!

Blake Manning

Big kudos to **Le Savko Family and Cosmetic Dentistry** that is located at 102 S Main Street, Cloverdale. I have been to many dentists in my time, but I feel so fortunate to find such excellent dentists right downtown Cloverdale. Nicole Le and John Savko also have an office in Santa Rosa. All any of us really want is to matter. At their office, I matter and their work matters. I had a tooth that was ignored for two years in Santa Cruz; my first visit with this office revealed an infected tooth that needed immediate attention. I am very grateful that it was taken care of quickly with no extenuating problems. Dr. Le and Dr. Savko are married with children; they are family doctors who can keep you and your family smiling.

Billie Lindemulder

Just have to Shout Out to **Jace Wheeler, Wheeler Electric**. Absolutely love them! Over and above expectations!

Dee Dee Robbins

Wonderful lunch at **The Beet!** We're so lucky to have Sandy and Andrew here in town!
Ricky Serbin

Cloverdale Connect Mission Statement

The mission of Cloverdale Connect is to bring the community together with respect and dignity; uplifting community members while avoiding divisiveness, opinion, and negativity.



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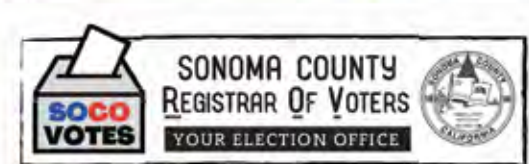
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We look forward to welcoming you at our new location—please come by and visit us!



2026/2027 Cloverdale Community Map

Tucked inside this issue of **Cloverdale Connect**, you'll find the new Community Map published in cooperation with the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce. This map is provided **FREE** to everyone on the **Cloverdale Connect** mailing list throughout Cloverdale and Geyserville. You may also pick up a copy at participating locations: **Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, MoE's Eagles Nest Deli, Cloverdale/Healdsburg Campground (formerly KOA), Thousand Trails, and the Citrus Fair office.**

Cloverdale FFA News

Thank you @cotatilargeanimalvet for showing the Cloverdale Vet science class your incredible hospital space. We learned a lot of neat things, including that the entire class weighs as much a bull when we all stand on the scale together! Dr. Harlan was inspiring and educational! Thank you so much!



Advanced Farm to Table got their hands dirty and made some homemade Italian Sausage!
Hands on Learning at its finest!



Economic Development Erik Terreri

The Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee is chaired by Erik Terreri and includes Vice Chair Steve Kawa, Executive Director Neena Hanchett, City Manager Kevin Thompson, and community members Jes Slavik, Marne Dupere, Elissa Morrash, and Board Chair Tedi Spain.

Community members with specialized skills or expertise who are interested in being considered for participation on the Economic Development Committee are encouraged to contact Erik Terreri at 415.519.0706.

The primary mission of the Economic Development Committee is to encourage investment in Cloverdale and support the revitalization of the downtown commercial core. Cloverdale faces a challenging business environment due to its geographic location and relatively small local and regional population. For local businesses to succeed, strong support from Cloverdale residents is essential. At the same time, long-term economic vitality requires attracting visitors and investment from outside the immediate area.

Cloverdale has experienced a declining population in recent years—an issue that poses a serious risk to the long-term health of any community. Declining populations are often the death knell of a town. Importantly, Cloverdale's existing water and wastewater infrastructure was built to accommodate a projected population of approximately 12,500 people. Today, the city is roughly 4,000 residents below that planned capacity. As a result, Cloverdale can readily support additional population growth using its current infrastructure and water supplies.

New development also plays a critical role in maintaining and improving the city's aging infrastructure. Sales tax revenue, property taxes, and impact fees generated by responsible development help fund necessary repairs and upgrades without placing additional burden on existing residents. Because downtown commercial-zoned properties are limited, these sites must be developed thoughtfully—prioritizing projects that generate sales tax revenue, deliver new and appropriate commercial buildings, incorporate well-designed housing, and help reverse Cloverdale's population decline.

Over the next six months, the Economic Development Committee will be conducting a series of community surveys to better understand how Cloverdale residents shop, where they work, and how they envision the future of our town. This feedback will directly inform policy discussions and economic-development strategies moving forward.

I am excited about the future of Cloverdale and confident that, with thoughtful planning, community engagement, and strategic investment, our town can continue to thrive.

Cloverdale Food Distribution Sites

Cloverdale Citrus Fair
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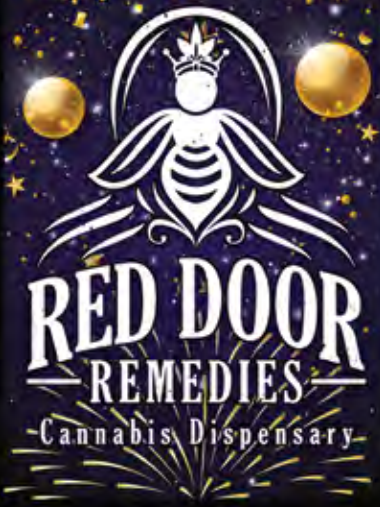
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The Transportation Security Administration is advising travelers to be on their best behavior when going through airport security checkpoints. Airport TSA electronic billboards and monitors are warning travelers that threats, verbal abuse, or other harassment of TSA security officials could come with a hefty fine of nearly \$14,000. In other TSA news, beginning Feb 1, 2026, passengers presenting themselves at security checkpoints without acceptable ID will be charged a \$45.00 fee.

Just for fun, I thought you may like to read what's offered on cruise ships now. Surfing simulators, bumper cars, laser tag arenas, sky diving simulators and ice-skating rinks on Royal Caribbean, go-karts on Norwegian, Roller coasters on Carnival, water coasters on Disney, and observation capsules on Royal Caribbean. These are glass-enclosed observation capsules that soar hundreds of feet above sea level on giant mechanical arms. Here's a pre-cruise checklist the week before you sail:

1. **Pack for Your Cruise the Week Before You Go** - It will help you catch all those last-minute items you may forget if you wait until the last minute.
2. Check In Online and Double **Check Your Documentation**
3. **Get Your House in Order** - Mail hold with the post office, inform a trusted neighbor about your vacation and ask friends or family to keep an eye on your house periodically. Set pet care arrangements, water your plants, recalibrate your thermostat.
4. **Money Matters** – Get Your Vacation Currency In Order
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Poet's Corner

Rainbows by Billie Lindemulder

The evening sun was settling behind Geyser Peak
Causing the sky to change from lavender to
blushing pink
As if it were watercolor flowing on to wet paper.

I stepped outside, drawn to the amazing palette,
When a rainbow ripped open a seam and slowly
emerged,
Peeking out behind a curtain slowly and then with
great energy
Pushing through and arching over the horizon with a
mighty heave
To gasps from the audience of one.

As if that weren't enough, the show wasn't over.
A tiny rainbow shyly poked through the pink curtain
and stood childlike
Reaching only hip high to the prima rainbow curve,
A flash of lightning split the unsettled clouds with a
downward slice
Like a conductor's baton.
The kettle drum rumble of thunder signaled a bowling
strike by little men.
So my grandma told me.
9/20/2025

Inner Vision by Howard Adler

It's easy to see in someone else
what we don't see in ourselves.
Together we see so far that we can track
the most distant star that's out in space.
Yet each of us can't see as near as our back
or focus clearly on the nose on our face.

There's no way to change this condition,
even if we squint our eyes or open them wide.
Don't try, the only important vision
is the kind we use to look inside.



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Cooking with David Maciel
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In January if you're like me I try to take off those holiday pounds. This gluten free pasta dish is low in calories and very satisfying. You can substitute any pasta and add cooked chicken or shrimp to mix it up.

Mediterranean Veggie Pasta

- 8 oz or about 2 heaping cups of your favorite gluten-free pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper use ½ - ¾ tsp if you want spicy
- 2-3 garlic cloves minced
- 2 cups grape tomatoes halved
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 10 Kalamata olives pitted and coarsely chopped
- ½ heaping cup marinated artichokes
- 3-4 tablespoon of tomato paste to the recipe.
- 4 cups baby spinach
- ¼ cup torn basil leaves

Optional: Parmesan, feta or ricotta, salt for serving

Instructions

- Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil (without salt). Add pasta; cook 8 minutes or until al dente. Reserve 1 cup pasta water then drain in a colander. Set aside.
- While pasta cooks, heat a large skillet over medium heat.
- Add oil to pan and swirl to coat. Add red pepper and garlic; sauté 30 seconds or until fragrant.
- Add tomato paste, stir over heat for about 1 minute.
- Add tomatoes, broth, salt, black pepper, artichokes and olives. Cook 5-7 minutes or until tomatoes begin to break down, stirring occasionally.
- Add pasta, and simmer 2 minutes. If needed add more liquid, reserved pasta water, hot water or more broth as desired.
- Stir in spinach and basil; cook 2 minutes or until greens wilt.
- Remove from heat and serve.
- Top with cheese if desired. Enjoy!



2025-2026 Rotary Interact Club

Rotary Interact Club Director Robert Redner, Jayko Ramirez, Samuel Fincher, Ry Squire (Treasurer), Trionna Carrillo, Elizabeth Silva, and Valerie Bishop. Bottom row (L to R) Valeria Hernandez, Victoria Hernandez, Briana Escobar, Maxine Lamaster (President), Avery Wike (Vice President), Lauren Orozco, and Alexis Silva. Not pictured is Milez Valverde, Audrey Quiroz, Alana Clemmer (Secretary) and Abril Natalie Cordova Villavicencio.

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