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Editor's Note In any community there are proposals, policies and changes and not everyone agrees. We created our feature "Express Yourself" in **Cloverdale Connect** as a place to voice those concerns. After feedback from the community, we are making changes to how submissions will be considered for publication. See page 8 for details.

September is filled with great events and community spirit. Don't miss the 32nd Annual Car Show and be sure to enjoy the Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center that morning. The Connection is Prevention event, supporting mental health and well-being, occurs at the downtown plaza. If you love our river, you may want to sign up for the Russian River watershed cleanup. And be sure to go by and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cloverdale Saw & Mower. More details on all events on page 7.

If you crave Chef Ray Pesce's delicious pasta, everyone will have the opportunity to order take out at the Senior Center on two special nights during October. See page 3 for details.

See you around town!

Dana



Gene Marcinkowski takes a break from managing the Vet's Hall to read **Cloverdale Connect**



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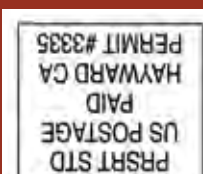
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Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital earned the Stroke Gold Plus, Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll awards. Healdsburg Hospital received the Rural Stroke Gold award, while Petaluma Valley Hospital earned the Stroke Gold Plus, Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll awards.

Stroke remains a leading cause of serious disability and death in the United States. It occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted by a blocked or ruptured blood vessel, depriving brain tissue of oxygen and nutrients. Because brain cells begin to die within minutes, rapid recognition, diagnosis and treatment are critical to reducing long-term complications and improving recovery.

“Providence is committed to continuously advancing the quality of care we provide to our communities,” said Scott Ciesielski, chief administrative officer for Providence Sonoma County. “These awards recognize the extraordinary teamwork of our physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers, who work every day to deliver exceptional stroke care and help patients achieve the best possible outcomes.”

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CUSD Employee of the Month Janel Morris Sponsored by Dahlia & Sage Community Market



We are excited to announce that **Janel Morris** as the Cloverdale Unified School District Employee of the Month! Janel has worked for CUSD in numerous grades at Washington and Jefferson for more than 20 years. This year, Janel decided to switch things up and took on the role of Theater Arts teacher at Washington and Cloverdale High School. With this change, Janel is tasked with helping to create a new CTE pathway at CHS and develop a continuum of theater arts education from 7th through 12th grade.

Janel is known for being creative and passionate about her teaching. She encourages her students to think outside the box and always has high expectations. Janel works tirelessly to bring learning to life and provide students with amazing experiences. As a 6th grade teacher Janel was passionate about Caveman Day

and Percy Jackson Day, and she has already brought the same enthusiasm into her new role.

This summer Janel could have been found at Washington or CHS setting up two classrooms that will continue to serve our theater classes. Her dedication to creating this new opportunity for Cloverdale students, along with her continued dedication to CUSD is why Janel has been selected. We can't wait to see what Ms. Morris and the students of WMS and CHS are able to create together. And, we can't wait to be invited to attend one of their shows this year! Janel, thank you for all you do for CUSD!

The next time you see Janel around town, please join us in thanking her for her hard work and dedication she brings to our schools and community.

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Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson



Dry, wet, freeze-dried, raw. Today there are so many different kinds of pet food to choose from. Which is the best? As with so many things in life, the answer is: it depends. Here is a brief comparison of these different kinds of pet food.

Dry food/kibble is convenient and economical. It is easy to store and measure, and it is for the most part a complete diet. Quality greatly varies based on ingredients, and what works for one pet may not work for another.

Wet/canned food is more palatable and contains moisture. This is especially important for cats at risk of urinary crystals. It can be used as a complete diet or a supplement. As with kibble, quality varies.

Freeze-dried is more palatable than most kibble, but has the convenience of easy storage and shelf life. It can be a complete diet or a topper for picky eaters.

Raw food is popular with owners who want their pets to have the most natural, minimally processed, wholesome food. You can prepare it yourself or buy it frozen. This food has the most risk for pathogens if not stored properly.

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Joe Anello's Legacy Of Volunteerism ~ Mary Jo Winter

Every life tells a story, and by the time Joseph P. Anello died in 2002, he had packed a full lifetime of unselfish volunteerism into his 81 years.

A native of Palermo, Italy, Joe owned and published a number of small newspapers over the years, including the Cloverdale Sentinel and the Middletown Times Star. After moving to Cloverdale in 1963, he served on the Election Board every year until 2000.

The traditional Sicilian St. Joseph's Day meals he prepared at the Senior Center were a much anticipated event, and his bright orange jumpsuit made him easy to spot all over town.

The distinct, savory aroma of garlic greeted visitors to his home on Washington St. where he grew and harvested three different varieties – Chinese, Yugoslavian and Sicilian Red – from bulbs he brought back from Sicily.

Having served in the U.S. Army during WWII, Joe had a soft spot in his heart for veterans. At various times he held memberships in the Disabled American Veterans, William Russell Ledford Post 293 of the American Legion, and American Legion Post 111 of Healdsburg.

Past President of the Windsor Chamber and a member of the 40/8 Club of Santa Rose, Joe was also a member of the Loyal Order of Trench Rats, a group founded by a WWI veteran to raise money for Veterans Affairs hospitals and support disabled veterans, their widows, and orphans.

Special Olympics also benefited from his generosity. For many years he collected cans and donated double the proceeds to them. In turn, they honored him at many of their events for his efforts.

In retirement, he worked as a school Crossing Guard in town and as a Greeter in the Garden Department at the Walmart in Windsor.

The early morning hours of his last day best encapsulate the unselfish spirit of Joseph Anello. Around 6:30 a.m., he and his wife took coffee and donuts to the Day Workers gathered at Healdsburg Plaza and then made a similar visit to Fulton.

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Are We Paying Attention? Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"Knowledge is being aware of what you can do. Knowledge is knowing when not to do it." (Anonymous)

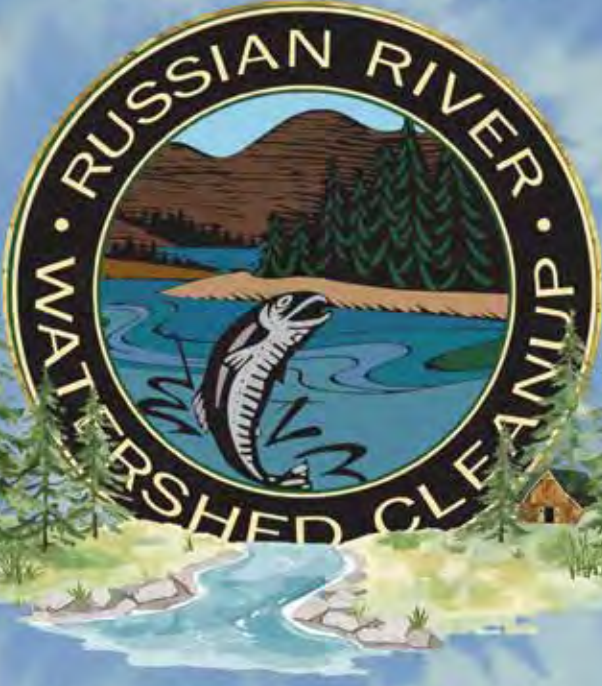
We walk around in our daily lives not realizing that answers to our questions are right at our fingertips. If we cultivate a sense of what I call "light-being awareness," solutions can arise in the most subtle ways. Dream snippets are defined as fragments in the form of a singular sentence, a phrase or image that carry both expansion and depth. They help to reveal an explanation for a waking life inquiry. These can happen in a light sleep or hypnogogic state "relating to the transitional state of consciousness just before falling asleep, or something that induces drowsiness." Oppositely, a dream snippet can take place in a hypnopompic state, i.e., "the threshold state waking up from sleep." (Merriam-Webster) Recently, I dreamt of a new housing situation. My previous landlord was offering his opinion on a rental. I flatly said "no." The dream ended. The straightforward interpretation I had (at this moment) was a clear resolve that his proposal would not be in my best interest and for me to trust the dream fragment. These dream snippets have meanings that change and metamorphosize over time if additional material surfaces while asleep. If not, it usually means the predicament has resolved itself.

Another example connected to relocating was I wanted to let go of a very comfortable rocking chair that I owned. Originating from my conscious mind, the thought was integrated into my subconscious mind. By the next morning (hypnopompic state), the face of our beloved Melanie Hall, Cloverdale's Senior Center director, appeared! I instantly knew to approach her in waking life. I took the next dream action step and visited Melanie at work. I offered her the chair, and she said YES!

Fleeting dreams are just as powerful and useful as robust ones...the insights can be life altering.

RUSSIAN RIVERKEEPER

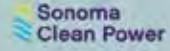
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Off The Shelf
Susan Erkel Ryan
A Greek Tragedy

by Jeanne Carstensen

Long ago and far away, I worked for the Point Foundation, creators of CoEvoluiton Quarterly, Whole Earth Review and all of the Whole Earth Catalogs. It was a transformative, wonderful experience. In 1985, fresh out of college, Jeanne Carstensen took on the role of managing editor for the Essential Whole Earth Catalog. Talented, passionate, possessing a gigantic, caring heart, she was

ready to take on the world and do good. And that is what her career as a journalist has done one word at a time.

Tragedies bring out the best and the worst of us humans. This stark duality of humanity was never more evident than on October 28, 2015. A boat meant for only a few dozen passengers, capsized off the coast of the Greek island of Lesbos tossing 300 to 400 refugees into a raging sea. Refugees/migrants/asylum seekers are nameless, faceless humans who through horrific circumstances, not of their own making, are pushed to risk everything. Jeanne spent ten years gathering facts to give a face and a voice to some of the passengers on that doomed October 28th voyage. We meet Okbar Bader, a psychologist and school counselor from Syria; Rezwana Sekandar, 13, the eldest child of Fatima and Naser Sekandari, a video journalist from Afghanistan; and Hedyayt Habibyar, a bank loan officer from Kabul, who is married to the love of his life and has two young sons. This powerful narrative pulls you into their daily lives. You share in rich stories of intelligent, caring people with deep roots, big dreams, and distinct cultures. Fearing for their safety and desperate to find a place to thrive they became refugees. Governments can act with cold self-interest, forcing migrants to make perilous, often deadly choices.

This gripping forensic narrative exposes that harsh reality. Jeanne delivers an unforgettable, life-affirming, page-turning thriller that is filled with kindness, heroic deeds, xenophobia, cruelty and ultimately deep human hope. It is a vital, eye-opening, gripping read. I could not put it down.



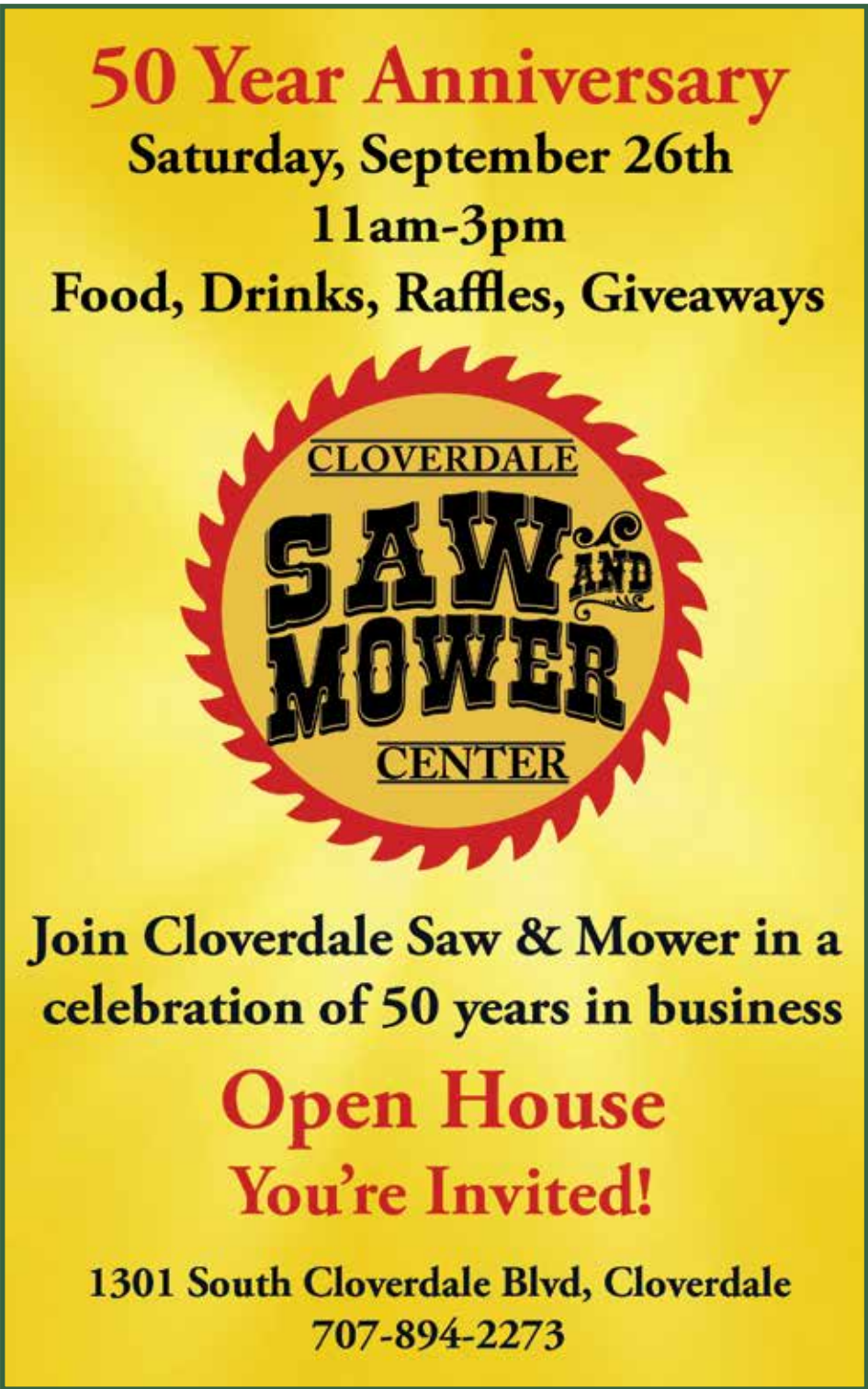
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 Availability: Fall and/or Spring

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City Council Report

Eleanore Webster

At the July 22 meeting, City Manager Thompson presented the oath of office to new Police Chief Sean Jones. There were many comments about the new Chief's experience, and enthusiasm for his new role in Cloverdale. Council also recognized retiring Police Chief Chris Parker, awarding him July's recipient of the Cloverdale Citizen Recognition Program. Council proclaimed July as Disability Pride Month and also proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the new Cloverdale district boundaries for district-based elections. This public hearing is the first of five, to give the public an opportunity to provide input on the new boundaries. After the second hearing, there will be an opportunity for the public to participate by reviewing and commenting on draft maps. The boundaries need to be somewhat equal in size, geographically contiguous, maintain neighborhoods and areas of shared interests, and have understandable boundaries (like a river or a road). In 2028, the City will start the process of electing representatives by district. By 2030, all five Council members will be elected by district. Another option for consideration is changing to a directly-elected mayor instead of the current process of Council members selecting the mayor. Information is available with the agenda and in the meeting video.

Council considered issuing a comment letter regarding the proposed Alexander Valley Water District, and authorizing Councilmember Marquez to advocate on behalf of the City's position. Council members expressed concern about insuring Cloverdale's water rights.

At the August 12 Meeting, Council recognized the success of National Night Out on August 4th. Sergeant Beau Gastineau and the Police staff were commended for the event. Feedback from the community was positive.

There was a presentation on Measure DD Street Rehab Program. The priority is based on the condition of the streets. Council members discussed priority and asked for a timeline on the repair work. One member of the public requested that the list be posted on the City website, so people could see the progress.

A public hearing was held on district boundaries for district-based elections. The City's demographer walked through the demographic software. One option is to directly elect the mayor, with four additional council members and four districts in the City instead of five. The City's website has more information with links to the online tool showing the proposed maps and instructions on how to use the interactive process of drawing maps. The next public hearing is September 9. If you want to submit maps, the deadline is August 31. Council members mentioned that this move is due to State regulations and pending litigation. No city has won litigation fighting this. Council doesn't like this, believing Cloverdale is too small to need districts. The City will send a letter of opposition to the State, at the same time committing to proceeding. See agenda to view the presentation, about 75 minutes in. Consensus of the Council was a separate at-large mayor and a four-year term, with four other districts.

25th Anniversary of 9-11

Remembrance Ceremony



The public is invited to attend a remembrance ceremony to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin at 8:46am at the fire station at 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd. on Friday, September 11, 2026. The ceremony will begin at 8:46am (ET), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center. A remembrance ceremony has been held every year at the fire station since 9-11-2001 in a vow to "Never Forget".

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- September is a good time to tour local gardens such as Sonoma Botanical Garden, Mendocino Botanical Garden, or Luther Burbank Gardens to observe their foliage displays.
- Fall is also the right time for planting California natives. Native plant sales offer numerous species, such as Arctostaphylos, Ceanothus, and Rhamnus for structure; Ribes sanguineum, native Salvia, Epilobium, Penstemon, and Eriogonum for color and to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects.
- Spring-flowering bulbs begin appearing in nurseries and garden centers. It is generally easier to wait until after the first rains to plant them.
- Continue to build your checklist of fall chores, including plants that need to be moved or divided during shorter days and cooler, moister weather. With a few exceptions, fall-blooming plants should be divided in spring, spring-bloomers just after flowering, and summer-bloomers in fall. Share your divisions with garden friends.

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Express Yourself

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All submissions from individuals for this feature are charged at the rate of \$1.00 per word, **with the first 25 words FREE.**

There is no tolerance for belligerence, name-calling, hate-speech, or other derogatory comments. No anonymous content will be accepted for publication. All submissions

will be reviewed by and included in the publication at the discretion of the Editor. We will continue to evaluate this feature, and consider additional changes, with our Mission Statement in mind.

Businesses are excluded from submitting content for **Express Yourself**, and are billed according to our current commercial rate card for any advertising/marketing message(s) contracted for elsewhere in the paper.

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

Saw and Mower - 50 Years Strong Michele Armanino



Braden Moffett, Daniel Neustadt, Nina Sibert, John Turner, Darren Sibert

Saw and Mower has been on the cutting edge in Cloverdale since 1976, when Darren Sibert's dad, Chuck, bought the place from Johnny Long. This year they are celebrating 50 years of built-to-last quality products and expert repair services.

Nina Sibert, who co-owns the business, located at 1301 S. Cloverdale Blvd., with her husband, Darren, fondly shared that when Darren was a kid, the school bus would drop him off at the shop to help out his dad. Thirty years later, the school bus and the very same bus driver, dropped their two children off at the shop where they would do their homework and putter around the store. "This store has been part of our whole life," Nina says, warmly.



Darren & Chuck Sibert

The store continues to thrive as it carries all the main, professional brands that the big box stores don't supply. Darren's whole life has been fixing and maintaining equipment. "We don't have a slow season," he laughed. "Nobody is doing this type of work anymore, so they come here for quality products, expert maintenance, advice and repair."

"We'd like to thank the community for staying local," says Nina and Darren. "We have customers who have been coming in for the last fifty years!" The loyal Cloverdale community is what enables the Saw and Mower story to continue.

2026 City Council Candidates 9 candidates – 3 seats open

(Listed in order nomination papers filed)

Chris Parker

Retired Police Chief

Andrés Marquez

Appointed Incumbent

Steve Kawa

Small Business Owner

Marjorie A. Morgenstern

Incumbent

Will Carter

Cloverdale business owner

Kelly Spagnola

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Jenn Neylon

Chief Business Officer

Kimberly Kern

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Colleen Shields

Massage Therapist/Bookkeeper

Important Message for City Council Candidates

In the October issue of **Cloverdale Connect**, we will provide a FREE feature entitled "Meet Your Cloverdale City Council Candidates" with space for a short bio/ statement/article for each candidate plus a photo.

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As summer begins to winds and families begin a new school year, many of us are returning to familiar routines - earlier mornings, packed lunches, school drop-offs, homework, practices, appointments, and full calendars.

For some families, that return to routine brings a sense of comfort. For others, it can make the pressures they are carrying even more visible.

Back-to-school season comes with real expenses and responsibilities. Families may be navigating the cost of school supplies, clothing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare, or simply trying to make everything work from one week to the next. Sometimes what looks like a small challenge from the outside can feel overwhelming when several needs arrive at once.

That is why I want our community to know that La Familia Sana is here. Our doors are open to families who need help finding resources, understanding where to turn, or simply having someone walk alongside them as they figure out the next step. Whether the need is food, healthcare, legal support, family resources, or another challenge, our team is here to listen and help connect people with support.

As we move into this new season, I hope we can all remember that strong communities are built when people know they do not have to navigate difficult moments alone.

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New Community Garden Update

Eric Sanders
Assistant City Manager, City of Cloverdale

Community Garden Meeting Thursday, October 1, 2026, 12:30pm, Furber Park

I'm excited to share another update on the Cloverdale Community Garden. Work at the garden site in Furber Park is progressing, and it's great to see the project continuing to move forward.

As we get closer to opening the garden, I'd like to bring everyone together for our first community garden meeting. This will give those who have expressed interest in an opportunity to meet one another and begin discussing how we would like the garden to operate.

Some of the topics we hope to discuss include:

- How garden plots will be assigned and rented
- Garden rules, policies, and expectations
- Shared maintenance and volunteer responsibilities
- Ideas for organizing and managing the garden
- Identifying community members interested in serving as garden leaders or organizers



While the City is helping get the garden established, an important part of making it successful will be having gardeners take an active role in shaping and supporting the garden community. This first meeting will be a chance to hear everyone's ideas and

identify people who may be interested in helping take on those leadership roles.

This is an exciting next step for the Cloverdale Community Garden, and I'm looking forward to getting everyone together and beginning the conversation about how we can make the garden a welcoming, well-organized, and successful community space.

Thank you again for your continued interest and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

Avian Almanac

Robert Bauer
The Eurasian Collared Dove



In 1970, a pet shop in the Bahamas was burglarized, and during that burglary several Eurasian Collared Doves (EUCD) escaped. Subsequently, the shop owner decided to release the others. A second introduction occurred from the Caribbean island of Guadalupe, where a domestic flock was released before an impending volcanic eruption. From these two events the doves made their way to Florida around 1984 and subsequently spread across the United States in one of the fastest distributions of an invasive species ever recorded. Fortunately, from a conservationist point of view, the EUCD offers little to no threat to native species and their environments and has over the last 56 years become a beloved backyard visitor in towns and cities across the country.

Announcing their arrival in your yard with loud chirping and frantic wing flapping, they forage on the ground for grain and seeds below a backyard feeder and are one of the few birds that will chase off those belligerent Scrub Jays. You will see them resting on a fence or high atop a streetlamp serenading the neighborhood with their mournful koo-KOO-koo call. These calls, along with flight displays, are used by males to attract a mate. Once the monogamous pair has formed, the male will select a nesting spot in a tree, and present twigs, grasses, roots and other material to his mate, which she will use to build a very simple nest. The couple breeds all year long, and may raise up to six broods every year, sometimes building a new nest and laying a new clutch, while still caring for young in the previous nest. Doves have a unique method of providing food to their hatchlings through the production of a protein and fat enriched crop milk; a whitish fluid produced by the inner lining of the crop and esophagus, moving on to seeds and grains as the nestlings mature. Attracting these beautiful birds to your backyard is easy, using seeds and cereal grain such as millet, sunflower, milo, wheat, and corn that can be purchased in mixtures at our very own Ace Hardware.



80th Anniversary

Grocery Outlet recently celebrated their 80th Anniversary. Thank you, Jesse and Ruthann, for being a part of our community and supporting both the Cloverdale Food Pantry and the Little Free Food Pantry.



“Big Shout Out to Grocery Outlet and Ace Hardware for their incredible fundraising efforts over the summer that supported the Cloverdale Food Pantry as it continues to serve the community. And many thanks to all the generous customers who rounded up their purchases at Ace and donated at Grocery Outlet, helping the Food Pantry fulfill its mission and stock the shelves. A little goes a long way!”

Cloverdale Food Pantry

What Esmeralda Can Do for Cloverdale

Hi there! I'm Devon, founder of the Esmeralda project.

We propose to transform the long-neglected 261-acre site in the southeast of town (part of which was once a lumber mill and wood processing plant) into a **vibrant, walkable, family-oriented neighborhood** with a hotel, homes, performance spaces, sports fields, trails, and riverfront park.

Updating Existing Approvals

The site is already approved for development, and the City's General Plan has anticipated this project for over 20 years.

The State Water Board has formally confirmed that it's safe for redevelopment, and the City certified an EIR and approved a plan with a resort-hotel, golf course, and residences by three different City Councils — in 2009, 2016, & 2018.

Rather than simply building what is already approved, **we updated the plan to better serve Cloverdale**. For example, compared to the previously-approved plan, our plan will:

- Enhance habitat, improve walkability, and increase housing options.
- Build and dedicate a new 4.75-acre Public Sports Park to the City.
- Replace the golf course with a publicly-accessible park that will open the riverfront to all Cloverdadians.

These updates were based on input from hundreds of Cloverdadians, extensive design work, detailed studies (transportation, biology, environmental, geotech habitat, and beyond), and 2.5+ years of public outreach.

To learn more and get involved: esmeralda.org



Big Benefits for Cloverdale

The neighborhood, which will be built out in phases over the next 7-10 years, will also provide major public benefits to Cloverdale. At completion, the project will:

- **FUND LOCAL SCHOOLS:**
The project will generate revenues of \$5.6 million/year for public education in Sonoma County, with **\$3.9 million/year directly for Cloverdale Unified**; this represents a nearly 20% increase in CUSD's annual budget of \$22 million. In addition, the project will contribute ~ \$4.5 million in one-time impact fees to CUSD.
- **IMPROVE WATER RESILIENCY & FIRE SAFETY:**
The project will build a **1 million gallon public water storage system** to help pressurize the City's system & increase fire safety; fund a **new water supply well for the City**; and build out sitewide "Green Infrastructure" that enhances native habitat and captures storm water to help **replenish the Russian River aquifer**.
- **GROW ANNUAL CITY TAX REVENUES:**
Cloverdale has run a structural deficit for years; this year, it is a \$2.1 million deficit. If this continues, the City will need to cut services or raise

taxes (such as the recent Measure DD sales tax). Esmeralda is projected to generate a **\$2+ million annual net fiscal surplus** for Cloverdale (i.e. after accounting for added public expenses).

GROW JOBS & DOWNTOWN CUSTOMERS:

The neighborhood and hotel will expand the customer base for existing businesses, and Esmeralda is projected to create **455 permanent on-site jobs**, offering employment opportunities for young people to stay in Cloverdale.

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The previously-approved project included a golf course. ELC is replacing this with over 160 acres of new sports fields, playgrounds, trails, performance spaces, and a riverfront park — and we will pay for ongoing maintenance, **not** the City.

The City is **paying nothing** to secure these significant public benefits. ELC carries all financial risk. For example, all of the City's independent 3rd party consultant expenses for reviewing ELC's applications and studies are fully reimbursed by ELC.

20+ Years of Repeated Environmental Review

Because the site has been subject to multiple development proposals over the past two decades, it has undergone **repeated** environmental review: the first Draft EIR was published in 2004, a Final EIR was certified in 2009, a first Addendum was approved in 2016, and a second Addendum was approved in 2018.

Some are now requesting the City prepare a "new EIR", because they assume that the EIR is out-of-date. This is incorrect for several reasons:

1. **The EIR's extensive technical studies were all updated over the past year**, including Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources, Water Supply, Transportation, and Noise. The EIR is **not** "stale".
2. **The content of a new EIR would be identical to the Addendum**. The Addendum covers the same topics, using current information. When you add the 628 pages of new technical studies, the combined EIR & Addendum are thousands of pages.
3. **CEQA mandates an addendum be prepared** when a modified project satisfies specific legal criteria, which this project does. (CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act)
4. **The Project will be subject to CEQA Mitigation Measures (MMs) to protect public health and the environment**. For example, MM 4.6-3 requires preparation of Soil Management Plans during excavation, grading, and construction, including dust control and handling protocols if any potentially contaminated soil is encountered.

To learn more: esmeralda.org/blog/environmental-workshop-recording

The City's General Plan has planned for this new neighborhood for over 20 years. At the same time, we understand the sentiment to keep Cloverdale's small-town charm.

That's why we have done 2.5+ years of outreach — far, far more than is typical — to make sure that that growth serves Cloverdadians, strengthens the local economy, and builds upon what makes Cloverdale special.

If you have questions, I invite you to read esmeralda.org/FAQ – and I'm always excited to spend time with Cloverdadians in person!

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

September Song, the change from the heat of summer to the cooling days of autumn. This part of California is blessed with four distinct climates. Unlike the perpetual tropical environment of the Hawaiian archipelago, or the chilly Alaskan permafrost, we are blessed in so many ways. The air is awash with fragrances of the harvest of fresh fruit from the vineyards and orchards. Breathe deeply the colors of autumn.



Soon the thoughts will drift to the upcoming holidays and families getting together to celebrate sharing of their favorite memories and experiences. Family is everything!

The greater Cloverdale area is particularly blessed, home of the state's first community get together, the Citrus Fair, showing friends and neighbors our very best community efforts. Our neighbors in Asti, once the number one attraction in the state before Disneyland took that honor, of Italian Swiss Colony, home grown wine made with love and many feet! So much history here on the North Coast of the Golden State. We truly are blessed.

We here at KOWSfm.com wish all the very best for this upcoming holiday season, and thank our supporters, underwriters and especially our listeners for their generous wishes and words of encouragement. We are community radio, with numerous local hosts sharing their stories and experiences 24/7/365.

The Roots of Rock will be featuring the Music of your Life popular this time of year throughout the past decades. Thanks for your requests too.

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Jonie Sciaini

It is with sadness that the family of Jonie Sciaini announces her passing on August 11, 2026, at Hidden Valley Lake. Jonie was born to Robert and Janice Sciaini of Cloverdale on April 10, 1958. She was welcomed to the family by her sisters, Cathy, Barbara and Mary Ann.



Jonie lived in Cloverdale all her life and made many lifelong friends. She attended Cloverdale schools and spent much of her childhood riding horses. Her love of horses led her, in later life, to create a business she called Jonie's Ponies, where she offered birthday parties for children and gave them horseback rides around her ranch.

Jonie raised two daughters, Christie and Kaysha, on her River Road property outside of Cloverdale.

During her life, Jonie owned and operated Jonie's Upholstery in Cloverdale for over 25 years. She also managed the Grapevine Bar and bartended at the Dante for many years. For several years after she retired from the upholstery business, she worked at River Rock Casino where she made many lasting friends.

Later in her life she owned, managed and worked a vineyard on River Road. She taught herself how to care for the vines, hire employees and negotiate contracts with wineries.

A hard worker, Jonie was a strong woman, physically and mentally, and made the best of any situation. Loyal and straightforward, she was always there to help and support her friends and family. She was multi-talented, inventive and faced her challenges head on. When she found out that she had cancer, she fought it for nearly two years with the strength she had shown throughout her life. In the end she lost that final battle.

Jonie is survived by her two loving daughters, Christie and husband James Derenia, and Kaysha and partner Jared Zucker. She also is survived by four grandchildren, Wyatt and Logan Derenia and Pierce and Kya Zucker and her sisters Cathy Sciaini, Barbara Holmes and Mary Ann Hoffman, stepsister Denaire and husband Mike Nixon and her stepmother Sydney Sciaini.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Jonie's life at the Cloverdale City Park on September 26 from 11 am to 3 pm.

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When do you know that your house no longer fits your life?
Elissa Morrash

Your house has been your castle. Your whole life is tied up in this wonderful place. Family pictures on the walls, grandkids' graduation certificates and cards on the dresser, clothes from another era in the closet. Cabinets filled with Thanksgiving china. You look around, and you see your life. But if you are being honest, it's not working the same way anymore. Climbing the stairs to your second-floor bedroom has become hard, and sometimes you consider just sleeping on the couch. That large yard needs tending, but, well, you'd rather sit in the garden than tend it. Your over-sized kitchen with the prized All-Clad cooking pans is starting to look like a lot of work. What in

heaven's name is going on?
The house that worked for you at 45 may not be working at 70. You're different. Some changes are for the best, others not so much. The decision to sell and move is never an easy one. You look around and you see memories, happy times, some regrets. A life well-lived. If you feel this way, listen.
"So I'll close the door behind me,
And turn around once more.
For forty years this house held us—
Now someone else will open the door.
I'm not leaving who I was here,
I'm just changing where I am.
A home is more than walls and rooms,
It's the life we carry on."

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Let's Travel Craig Clark

How to Avoid Travel Insurance Claim Denials

The biggest reason travel insurance claims get delayed—or denied—isn't the emergency itself. It's the paperwork.

Whether you're seeking reimbursement for a canceled flight, lost luggage, or unexpected medical expenses, your claim is only as strong as the evidence you provide. The good news? Collecting that evidence is easier than ever with the smartphone already in your pocket.

Before you leave home, create a folder labeled with your trip name and save every booking confirmation, receipt, itinerary, and travel document in one place. If you use Gmail, a simple filter can automatically send travel-related emails to that folder, making them easy to find later.

Once your trip begins, think like a detective. Keep your phone handy and photograph everything. Snap a picture of every receipt the moment you get it, especially if you pay cash. Screenshot flight confirmations, delay notices, and messages from airlines or hotels. Before checking your luggage, photograph your bags—including the baggage tag and barcode. Renting a car? Record a quick video before you drive away and another when you return it. Those time-stamped photos and videos create objective evidence that's far more convincing than memory alone.

If you end up in a dispute over a refund or reimbursement, document every conversation. Recent iPhone updates now allow users to record calls, with recordings stored directly in Apple Notes alongside photos and other documents, creating a single, organized record. (Always comply with local laws regarding call recording.)

Spending just five minutes each evening organizing photos, receipts, and emails can save hours of frustration later. When it's time to file a claim, you'll have a complete, time-stamped record of what happened, what you spent, and who you spoke with—giving your insurer exactly what they need to process your claim quickly and reducing the chances of an expensive denial.



Barn Fire Ron Martorana



Just this last June, I was lying in bed at 8pm in Pacifica. I was planning to go to my farm near Cloverdale the next day. I have Ring cameras to check situations like wind, people, etc. What I didn't expect was to see a fire truck in front of my barn and the barn completely on fire.

I rushed to Cloverdale to see the destruction. On my way to the farm, I wondered why, how, and what was the cause? Arson? Electrical? In the end, no cause was determined by the arson investigators.

I was greeted by the Battalion Chief and firefighters asking questions about the fire. Forty years of equipment and tools and a tractor destroyed. The tragedy was setting in, and depression hit hard.

The next day, I was trying to put things in perspective on what to tackle first. While I was leaving my front door, a man was walking toward me and I asked "May I help you?" He replied, "I don't know if you're going to be happy or sad. Did you want a new house? I phoned the fire department". I hugged him and thanked him for his quick response to this disaster. Ryan Smith lives a canyon away and was washing his dishes looking out the window the day of the fire. He noticed smoke, then flames. If Ryan did nothing, there would be nothing left of my house which was untouched by the fire.

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Rotary Scholarships Awarded



Rotarian Robert Redner presented over \$10,000 in scholarship awards to Cloverdale High School seniors Isabel Ramirez, Kaloni Brown, Lilly Doung, Abigail Davidson, and Jose Garcia. (Not shown is Paula Guizar). Congratulations to all the recipients. They exemplify the Rotary motto "Service above Self."

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Windows 10 Again & Again (& Again?)

Will Carter

Last September I shared an article entitled "To ESU, or not to ESU, that is the question" which shared that Microsoft had opened a path to continued support for Windows 10, past the intended End of Life (October 14th, 2025). At that time, Microsoft's Extended Security Update (ESU) program was made available to the public for the first time. This provided anyone with a Microsoft account access to additional security updates through October 13th of this year. In a quiet announcement this summer, Microsoft extended this offering for another year, October 12th, 2027, being the new supposed end of the free public offering. So, how should you react to this change if you are still using Windows 10?

The first thing to do is to ensure you are enrolled in the ESU program! You can do this by visiting the Windows Updates page in Settings and looking for the notice in the upper right-hand corner. If you are not yet enrolled, do so immediately as your system is currently vulnerable; once you are enrolled, be sure to install all updates and restart your system.

So, should we expect another announcement further delaying the inevitable end of Microsoft's most popular operating system ever? In my opinion, probably one last time for these three reasons:

- Apple's MacOS and gaming focused versions of Linux are rapidly growing their market share, standing as ready alternatives to a new Windows 11 computer.
- Windows computers are struggling to compete on price with Apple's MacBook Neo and Mac Mini. Memory and storage shortages caused by AI build outs create a better market for vertically integrated brands like Apple, which already has turned the historic Apple = Expensive expectation on its head.
- The ESU product has been offered to businesses, schools, non-profits, and governments since Windows 7. This has always been available for exactly three years. I expect Microsoft will extend the free offer to consumers for the duration of the Windows 10 ESU program.

My parting advice is the same as last year: If you're on Windows 10, make a plan to replace your computer by October of next year, just in case!

CUSD News

Glen Senestraro

Welcome Back, Eagles! CUSD Soars Into an Inspiring Fall Semester

Good morning, Cloverdale! There is a fresh spark of energy in the air as local students settle into the 2026–27 school year. Following a smooth August 13 launch, classrooms down North Cloverdale Boulevard and South Washington Street are filled with enthusiastic learners, dedicated educators, and community pride.

Behind the scenes, CUSD educators are equally focused on their own growth. This fall, district teachers and staff are engaging in targeted professional development focused on social-emotional learning (SEL). By equipping teachers with updated tools to foster emotional resilience, self-regulation, and strong interpersonal skills in the classroom, CUSD is ensuring every student feels safe, understood, and supported as they achieve academic success.

Here is a look at what is happening across our four Cloverdale Unified School District campuses this September:

Our youngest students at Jefferson have kicked off the semester with a strong focus on literacy and positive school culture. Teachers have introduced interactive early-reading circles and hands-on math tools across grades TK–4. Principal and staff are placing special emphasis on campus community, recognizing students who show kindness, respect, and readiness to learn on the playground and in the classroom.

Washington Middle School classrooms are buzzing with collaborative STEM projects and hands-on science experiments. Outside the classroom, fall athletics are in full gear. WMS student-athletes are bringing great energy and sportsmanship to early-season cross-country training and volleyball practices as they prepare for regional competition.

Eagle pride is soaring high at CHS! High schoolers turned out in strong numbers for the annual Club Fair, filling the ranks for student government, service clubs, and FFA leadership initiatives. On the athletic side, our volleyball and cross-country teams are off to an active start. While the Eagles spent August on the road for football, student spirit remains sky-high across campus as upperclassmen prepare for fall CTE career pathways and upcoming college readiness workshops.

At Johanna Echols-Hansen Continuation High, personalized growth and career readiness take center stage. Educators are focused on flexible learning pathways, tailored goal-setting, and direct mentorship. This month, JEH students welcomed local guest speakers from regional trades and industries, providing upperclassmen with clear, practical insights into post-graduation vocational tracks and workforce opportunities.



SMART Geyserville Station Approved



The Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) Board of Directors have approved a resolution adopting the proposed Geyserville station into SMART's program and approving the project, marking a significant step toward restoring passenger rail access to the Geyserville community for the first time in nearly 70 years.

The Board's action follows a community outreach process that demonstrated overwhelming support for a Geyserville station, including strong participation and positive feedback through meetings with the Geyserville Planning Committee and the Municipal Advisory Council (GAVMAC), an online survey and community public meetings.

For more information on the meeting: sonomamarintrain.org/geyserville

Tune Up Your Tastebuds
Tim Boccia

“Healdsburg Bar & Grill”

It's been a while since I ate at Healdsburg Bar & Grill, which I've always enjoyed. Indoor and outdoor seating - killer patio. A very reasonably priced, full-service restaurant. I was overdue for a visit since Charlie Palmer (of Dry Creek Kitchen and Folia fame) took an ownership interest. The menu has been freshened up and the indoor and outdoor spaces are sharp.



I went with two friends so we could try many items. They've always had a great burger and still do. Juicy, juicyburger. Looksand tastes like a higher end burger - angus beef (likely ground in-house), cheese, special sauce, bacon marmalade (yum) on a brioche bun. We shared and all agreed it was a rocking burger.

I had to try the fried chicken sandwich - savory and crispy are my middle names. Feel free to call me one or the other next time you see me in town! Umami (savory) is my favorite of the five taste senses we all have.

With Wolf House's (Cloverdale) chicken sandwich on my mind, I wanted to like it. Which I did. First, a huge chicken breast - overhanging the bun. Yes, I'm more of a savory guy than sweet. Things that are supposed to be crispy, should be. I'm happy to say it had a great crispity crunchness (I know - my words)! Topped with pepper jack, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and chipotle aioli - it does not disappoint! The fries and onion rings were d+licious (one of my other words). They also have fried chicken, which looks very good.

Finally, we had nachos - which were delicious - but not hard to make yummy. Ours had smoked chicken. All very generous in size and we took home parts of two of our entrees. Tune-up your taste buds and go get some good grub!

Cloverdale Library Community Connection
John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

It's back-to-school time, and with that the beginning of our fall programming at the Cloverdale Library. This fall there are programs that touch toddlers, tweens, teens, adults and seniors.

Here's a brief sample of what's happening in September
Children: Storytimes continue on Thursdays at 10:30 – 11:00 am and on 9/1 at 10:30 -11:00 we have the return of the monthly Spanish Music & Movement, on 9/14 at 10:30 am Sensory Storytime with a limited registration, and finally Sensory Craft & Create: Kindness Rocks from 11:00 am – 12 pm.

Teens: Universal Yums on 9/9/2026 at 4:00 pm, CPR Instruction & Certification on 9/16/2026 at 3:30 pm, and How to Draw K-Pop Demon Hunters on 9/30/2026 at 4:00 pm.

Adults: Let's Play Chinese Mahjong! on 9/13 & 9/20 at 2:00 – 4:00 pm, A Musical Journey Through Latin America on 9/27 at 2:00-3:00 pm, and that's followed by a puzzle swap at 3:30 4:30 pm on the same day.

The Friends of the Cloverdale Library support the Library by raising funds through used book and magazine sales, membership dues and donations. Funds generated by the Friends support library programs such as author visits (with writers such as Natasha Yim and Lucky Diaz), the Young Authors Project, musician programs, Book Buddies Program, and the purchase of book club books for the library/school partnerships, and additional new books for the library.

The Friends accept donations of gently used books and paperbacks, magazines, CDs, DVDs and puzzles. Please do limit your donations to 2 bags/boxes per week due to limited space. Stop by and check out our excellent selection of materials for all ages and very low prices. Get something for yourself and help the Friends support the Library.

If you are interested in volunteering and being a part of this dynamic group, stop by the library and fill out a membership application. The Friends look forward to hearing from you!



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Cloverdale Kiwanis Is 3 Clubs Not 1 ~ Julie Carter

The Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale is known for its literacy projects, See's Candy, Vineyard Races and Crab Feed. However, many people do not know that our town actually has three very active Kiwanis Family Clubs.

Key Club based at Cloverdale High School has been working to make an impact on our community for many years. Student led this organization works on a variety of projects ranging from face painting at the Steel Head Festival at Lake Sonoma to raising funds for Pediatric Trauma Prevention (PTP). PTP is a California, Nevada and Hawaii (CNH) district project that funds safety programs for young children and parents as well as funding hospital trauma units. Currently there are more than 25,000 Key Club members in CNH. The Key Club meets during lunch on Mondays.

Washington School has its own Kiwanis service club, the Builders Club, which is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Focused on building leadership skills and introducing community service, the Builders Club meets twice a month

on alternate Wednesdays during lunch. The weeks the club doesn't meet, they have a short hands-on service project after school. These projects have included making blankets for kids in foster care, supporting Trick or Treat for UNICEF and raising funds for Save the Rain. There are approximately 2,000 Builders Club members in CNH.

Both of these youth clubs work hand in hand on Kiwanis projects throughout Cloverdale. Many have seen them serving meals on July 4th, the Crab Feed or Senior Center Breakfast during the car show. When Kiwanis manages the food pantry they are there behind the scenes having collected and sorted food. When the Grange Thrift Store opened this year our students jumped in to help organize the clothes. The support of these young service leaders is vital to everything the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale does.

Kiwanis meets on most Thursdays at 7:00 am. Visitors are welcome. For additional information about any of our three clubs, please contact: julie@juliecarter.org

New Police Chief Welcomed

The City has welcomed Sean Jones as Cloverdale's new Police Chief. Chief Sean Jones was born and raised in Marin County and developed an interest in law enforcement at an early age. He began pursuing that interest as a Police Explorer with the Novato Police Department and later served as a Police Cadet with the Santa Rosa Junior College Police Department.

After graduating from the Santa Rosa Junior College Police Academy in 2004, Sean began his law enforcement career with the University of California, San Francisco Police Department. In 2006, he joined the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, where he served for nearly 20 years.

During his career with the Sheriff's Office, Chief Jones



held numerous leadership and specialized assignments, including:

- o Canine Handler
- o Detective
- o Patrol Sergeant
- o Internal Affairs Investigator
- o Special Operations Unit Commander
- o Professional Standards Unit Manager

Chief Jones brings extensive experience in patrol operations, criminal investigations, leadership and supervision, training, and organizational accountability.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and is committed to professional policing, ethical leadership, and strong community partnerships.

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Honey on the Farm

Traci Honey-Spain



My name is Miss Honey. All my life I have wanted to move out to a farm and open a farm school. Everyone who knows me knows this lifelong passion of mine. My persistence finally paid off and in June we moved Honeybee's Pre-School out to the farm on the edge of town and re-named it "Honeybee's Farm School". In a few short months we acquired 11 chickens, 3 ducks, a rabbit, 2 goats and a horse (to join our dog and 2 cats). I put in a garden and set up a Farmstand.

We began with chicken eggs, baked goodies and garden veggies. When I was a little girl, I watched my mom harvest and sell "Honey's Honey". I had to do it! (Well, being Honeybee's Farm School and all!) I had no idea how to get started on this venture until we took the Little Farmers to a Honeybee Show at the library. That's where we met Uncle Jerr and the dream became a reality. I invited him to visit our Farm School and, although he didn't commonly do that, he was so excited about my enthusiasm, he accepted. I purchased two hives from him, ordered beekeeping items and did a ton of googling.

Last week we harvested our first batch of honey - forty pounds of liquid gold. We ordered jars and labels and sold out in the first few days in our Farm Stand. I have orders coming in for more honey and am so excited to serve our community with fresh LOCAL raw and natural honey. Honeycomb, and wax candles are coming soon too. Thank you to all who supported and believed in us, and I look forward to bringing honey and honey products to our community.



Little Free Food Pantry

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Cloverdale is proud to have our Little Free Food Pantry used so frequently. We do our best to keep it stocked, but sometimes demand is higher than anticipated. It is great that the community has a place to grab something to eat in an emergency, or after regular food pantry or food bank distribution hours.

However, even though it is a very kind gesture, please do not leave any clothing or household goods at the door. We are not a thrift store; we are not a donation site for any thrift store; and it creates unnecessary work for our volunteers to dispose of the items. Thank you for understanding.

Financial donations for food items may be mailed to PO Box 337 Cloverdale 95425. Thank you, **Grocery Outlet**, for your generous support.



Cloverdale Senior Center Endowment Program

Please give generously to the Community Endowment Program supporting the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center (CSMC) at Redwood Credit Union. Your donation provides for future generations to enjoy the benefits and programs available at the Senior Center.

Choose a one-time, weekly, or monthly contribution to the CSMC Endowment Fund at RCU. Consider including CSMC in your estate planning as part of your will or trust.



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Wow! **The Supper Club** was absolutely incredible! Drew may be young but is food tastes like that of a seasoned chef! All 7 of us loved everything! Perfection! We feel so grateful that we have such a nice place in our little town! We can't recommend it enough! *Savannah Delcampo-Snyde*

I would like to share my appreciation for the exceptional work done by **Eagle Tech Auto Body and Paint**. After a recent fender bender, we specifically requested our insurance company to have our repairs handled by your shop, as your work has always been excellent. Years ago, you repainted an old pickup truck for me, and the results were outstanding. More recently, the work on our newer car was top-notch; it truly looked beautiful. In fact, it looked better when we picked it up from your shop than it did when we first bought it from the dealership. We are incredibly happy with the results and will continue to bring all of our future business to Eagle Tech. *Julie and Jack Martin*

Just wanted to share my appreciation for the staff at **Pick's Roadside**. I have celiac diseases and every time I come, they make sure to safely prepare my food and talk me through what they did to ensure the security of it. I know that it's not easy to accommodate me so I appreciate their efforts all the more. I usually get a strawberry milkshake and a Pick's mini-burger with a gluten free bun! *Kaitlin Hoffschneider*

I was at **Bella Moda Hair Salon** today and as always **Sherry** was lovely and my hair looks fabulous! But even more than that - when I moved to Cloverdale last year, I was introduced to Sherry by Erik Terreri. When I went to her website to learn about her and make a booking, I noted that I had to wait until the next day to call to book. So, I did and in my first appointment, I mentioned that it would really be nice to be able to book online that way if it is nighttime and I decide I need a pedicure or a haircut I could do it instantly.

Today when I was there, she shared that she heard my feedback and now has live bookings! Now I, or anyone can book instantly on her website, or Facebook. It is just another example of how Sherry listens to her customers, really cares about them and is always improving her business and what she does and offers. So, shout out to Sherry! *Gina Paladini*

When you have a craving for nachos and tacos, you go to one of your favorite places, **Taqueria El Molcajete!**

Connie Anderson

A humongous shout out to **Cloverdale Police Department Officers Eubank & Burt, Eagle Tech Collision & a Good Samaritan Larry**. Our car was involved in a hit & run accident. It was parked on 1st Street at N. Cloverdale Blvd by Chase Bank. The quick action of Good Samaritan Larry who witnessed the accident was quick enough to get clear identifiable pictures of the car.

He gave us a summary of everything he heard & saw. This guy was a lifesaver. Officers Eubanks & Burt took the police report and made that part stress free. Eagle Tech handled the repairs and car rental, and dealt with the insurance part. We were good as new in less than a week's time. Thank you to all above. I'm sure you don't get to hear that nearly enough. *David Maciel*

We want to give a shoutout to **Francisco Santillan**, a local tile craftsman who just did some outstanding work for us remodeling our bathrooms. He also fabricated and installed two quartz countertops with undermount sinks, and did a wonderful job. He is an excellent communicator, does what he says he will do (and VERY WELL!) and charges reasonable prices for his jobs. He returns calls in a timely manner, and shows up when he says he will be there. So, if you want someone local for your tile/quartz remodel projects, he can be reached at 707-328-6657. *Matt & Margie Wallace*

My Shout Out is to **Wayne Sager of Economy Tree Service**. His ad is in *Cloverdale Connect*. Fire insurance was hard to come by when I moved here two years ago. California Fair Plan was the only game in town. In addition to my \$4000 premium, I recently received a notice of an additional \$800 fine for egregious tree limbs too near my house. This is where Wayne comes into the picture. He came over that evening to discuss my problem. I was distraught, but his calm demeanor, kindness and consideration of the deadline consequences calmed me. Wayne took care of business quickly and efficiently with no trace that he had ever been there. Bring on your inspectors, California Fair Plan. No trees to see here. *Billie Lindemulder*

I want to give a shout out to **Curly Doodle Dog Grooming** for doing an amazing job handling my special little girl who (as this face shows) loves seeing the groomer/vet/people who are not her core pack. When I say special, I do not mean medically fragile, I mean special as in “my toddler was given caffeine and has an attitude issue, but she is our perfect little princess” special. If you need a nail trim, grooming, or more, book your appointment with a wonderful local business who will respect your special perfect pup! *Merwyn Welch*

Happy Donuts has the best bagels and cream cheese (jalapeno & cheddar)! I wouldn't have known because I'm not a big donut person, but my mom got me one there a while back and I've been hooked ever since. Loved their iced coffee as well! *Michele Lee Bee*

Shout Out to the guys at **O'Reilly's Auto Parts!** Excellent customer service! Thank you. *Chrissy Hart*

Public Notice

Brian Gleghorn is planning to submit a Modified Timber Management Plan (MTHP) in the Icaria Creek watershed including Crocker Creek and multiple unnamed tributaries. The MTHP is approximately 1.7 air miles northeast of Asti, CA. The MTHP is located in Sections 22,23,26,27 T11N, R10W, MDBM. If you have any knowledge of the source of any domestic water supplies in the above referenced watercourse of any that may be affected by the proposed operation, please contact the following person within 10 days of the date of this notice.

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Bike Team Visits Cloverdale
Maaike Niekerk

On August 6th, the 2026 Illini 4000 Bike America Team rolled through Cloverdale, CA, staying overnight at the Veteran's Center after a long day of cycling. The bike team was on day 75 of 77 on their cross-country trip, which ended in San Francisco on August 8th.



Illini 4000 is a non-profit organization made up of college students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Every September, university students can apply to join the team, which trains throughout the school year before embarking on a 4000+ mile bike trip from New York City to San Francisco for cancer research and patient support services. Before participating in the ride, riders must each fundraise \$4,000 for the cause. Fundraised money goes to four beneficiaries: Cancer Center at Illinois, the Prairie Dragon Paddlers, the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation and the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation. The team continues to fundraise throughout the ride, raise awareness for cancer and conduct "Portrait" interviews with cancer survivors and caregivers.

This year's team consisted of 13 riders from all over the country and beyond. While many riders call the Chicago area home, some came to the university from the East coast, West coast, India or Iran. The team saw wonderful sights throughout the summer, including Yellowstone and Grand Tetons national parks, Mt. Shasta, the Rocky Mountains and more. We have endless gratitude for the amazing Cloverdale community and would like to thank Gene Marcinkowski of the Veteran's Center and the Cloverdale Pool for their wonderful hospitality.



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