

Social News

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Matthew Musselman, son of Wendy and Dave Bauer, and a graduate of Monte Vista High School, will be attending the University of San Diego in the fall.



Births

Marcia and Bobby Field are delighted to share the news of the birth of grandson Luca James Palazzo, born on June 14, and weighing eight pounds and 11 ounces to daughter Cami Field and son-in-law Marc Palazzo.

Cheyenne and Brian Haines announce with joy the birth of Elle Iver Haines, born on June 16, and weighing eight pounds and 14 ounces.

Shelley and Bill Hilton say they are visiting Berkeley often now with the birth of their first grandchild, Harrison David, to son Ryan and daughter-in-law Mollie Hilton on April 24.

Anne and Tom Sauer have a third grandson now with the March 1 birth of Turner Maxwell, weighing seven pounds and 14 ounces, to daughter Katie and son-in-law Max Warne.

Deborah and Rob Scharnell share the very glad tidings of the birth of Jack Garcin Eldridge born on July 6 to daughter Kendra and son-in-law Keaton Eldridge and weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces.

M'Lu and John Wilhelmy are overjoyed with the birth of their

first grandchild, Cameron Buckley Wilhelmy, born on July 5 and weighing in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces to son Christopher and daughter in law Lisa Wilhelmy.



Wedding Banns

Alec Bakos, son of Lisa and Steve Bakos, will marry Danville resident Adrienne Steele in September, 2019. Adrienne works in accounting and Alec is an Intelligence Analyst for the United States Air Force. The two currently reside in Rocklin, CA.

Jeff and Sheila Langon are thrilled to announce the marriage of their daughter Chloe Alexandra to Lafayette native Alexander Devon McArthur. The July wedding in Carmel was officiated by Chloe's brother, Luke. The newlyweds have made their home in San Francisco.

Marcy and Tom Parker are pleased to report the upcoming November wedding in Plymouth, Michigan of son Thomas Parker to Bianca Pomponio. The newlyweds will reside in Walnut Creek.

ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

New residents are an important part of our Diablo community.

If you have recently moved to Diablo, or know of a new neighbor to Diablo, DPOA would like to hear from you! Please contact Julie Negedly at 925-361-7449 or

jwnspoon@aol.com

DPOA has a welcoming gift and information about the Diablo community for you. We are thrilled you are here and welcome you to Diablo!!!

Need to Reach Us?

Here's How:

Diablo Property Owners' Association

The DPOA meets every other month on the first Tuesday at 7:30 at the Diablo Country Club PO Box 215, Diablo, CA 94528. Please check the schedule posted at the Post Office.

Volunteer Board Phone Contacts:

Dana Pingatore, President	415-601-9274
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Jeff Mini	925-743-3710
Ruhli Alikhan	925-361-7449
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Diablo Community Services District

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Diablo Country Club

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DCSD Website: <http://www.diablocsd.org>

Login to get meeting agendas, minutes, financials and DCSD history; organization history; community events and alerts; and information on both the Diablo Municipal Advisory Council and the Diablo Advisory Committee.

Diablo Advisory Committee

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Historic Preservation Committee

Co-Chairmen

Dee Geisler	837-4670
Tony Geisler	

Meeting Place: On an as-needed basis

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DIABLO PROPERTY OWNERS' MESSAGE



Take a Moment to Honor A Life Lost on Diablo Scenic

Mayaan Jones, a cyclist from Novato, tragically lost his life in our community on the evening of June 26, after he collided head-on with an SUV on Diablo Scenic. Jones' three young children and his widow Valentina came to a short, commemorative ride organized by Mt Diablo Cyclists on the eve of July 11th. A white "ghost bike" has been set up on the side of the road to serve as a somber memorial and reminder we all need to slow down and savor our time here.

David Mackesey & Leslie Keane Honored as Citizens of Year 2018-19

Since 1971, the DPOA has been recognizing residents who make Diablo a better place by honoring them as Citizen of the Year. With great pleasure, we've made 2 additions to our list... David Mackesey for passionately sharing his deep knowledge of the history of

Diablo. And Leslie Keane for her creative event planning (Historic Walking Tours, Holiday Light Golf Cart Parade) and the whimsical, seasonal planting at the

Alameda Diablo and Avenida Nueva entrances.

End of Summer Fiesta Sunday August 18th

In lieu of the annual summer ice cream social, we are planning a "Fiesta Diablo" social on Sunday August 18. Melissa Ovadia is putting together delicious food, drinks and fun for kids and adults alike. This event is made possible by contributions to the property owners' association. All residents are invited to attend.

New Residents - Welcome to Diablo

One of our focus areas is welcoming new residents to Diablo. Shirley Osmer, Julie Nejedly, Julie Wallunus and Jill Denis are delivering welcome packages with information about our community. If you have recently moved to Diablo, and

not yet received a welcome package, please reach out to us by emailing Membership@diablopoo.org.

Seeking Helpers for 9/11 Flag Display

Thank you to Jeff & Christine Mini, John & Shirley Osmer, Ron Bredehof, Caitlyn and Harper Congo, Charlie and Vaughn Rodvien, and Tessa Pingatore for coming out to help with the flag displays Memorial Day and 4th of July. We're in need of more volunteers to assist put up/take down for the next display on 9/11. It takes about an hour and all ages can help. Watch for announcement on NextDoor.

Jeff Mini has also graciously offered to produce another round of custom flags - to be delivered in the fall. Visit www.diablopoo.org to contribute.

To reap the benefits of community, we must actively participate in its creation.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Dana Pingatore
President, Property Owners' Assoc.



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Diablo Country Club Expansion & Golf Course Renovation



Diablo Country Club is embarking upon a \$31 million improvement project that includes a complete restoration of the golf course and the addition of a new state-of-the-art Family Activity & Wellness Center.

The golf course project, which begins on April 1, includes new bunkers, greens, tees, grading, complete re-grassing, tree removal, and a modern dual irrigation system that accommodates recycled and potable water. The improvements are de-

signed to significantly reduce the water usage and footprint, as well as make the course more enjoyable for players of all levels. It will also bring back some of the historical design characteristics of the course, which was designed over 100 years ago by two icons of course architecture, Jack Neville & William Watson. Neville's second project after completing Diablo CC was the Pebble Beach Golf Links, which will host the 2019 US Open.

The new Family Activity & Wellness Center will be nestled into the hillside, adjacent to the pool and tennis courts. While still in the early design phase, the new building will blend the styling of the club's historic past with modern amenities. It is slated to include a full service fitness facility, fitness classes, massage, childcare, teen center, general store, casual restaurant with indoor outdoor bar and pizza oven, and new bocce courts.

Magee Ranch Update

Dear Diablo Neighbors:

For the protection and betterment of the Danville area community and the preservation of one of its most important and precious few remaining open spaces, Danville Open Space Committee began a REFERENDUM PETITION DRIVE on Wednesday, July 17th to legally require the Town of Danville to put the Magee ranch 69+ home "Preserve" project's discretionary rezoning to a public Town of Danville vote for approval or disapproval.

The signatures of 3000 Town of Danville registered voters on the REFERENDUM PETITION are necessary (4500 to be sure of enough valid ones) and need to be obtained by Tuesday, August 13th at the latest. Then the Danville Town

Council will have to schedule a public vote.

Signature gatherers will be at various Danville public locations such as Lucky's, Smart and Final, Trader Joe's, and Safeway-Blackhawk, and also collecting within neighborhoods.

Please ask your friends that are registered Town of Danville voters to sign the petition. Signing only means the discretionary rezoning will require a public vote of approval.

Unfortunately, Diablo residents may not sign the petition. But Diablo residents can still help! Here is how:

1. If you are a registered voter anywhere within the state of CA, and can help get signatures, please email me at Maryann.Cella@gmail.com. Also, please let me know if you can get per-

mission to place a sign about the petition in a good Danville location, or can help arrange a signature-gathering event within a Danville neighborhood.

2. Please donate (\$250 suggested) addressed to and payable to Danville Open Space Committee, P. O. Box 295, Diablo, CA 94528. Or donate on the Danville Open Space Committee donate button on the www.sosdanville-group.com website.

Donations are not tax deductible, and like all contributions to ballot measure campaigns, they are subject to public disclosure under CA elections law.

The Town Council and staff fully admit that the Magee "Preserve" proj-

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Magee Ranch (Continued)

ect they just approved under its new misleading name is essentially the same Magee "Ranches" project strongly opposed by the public but nonetheless approved by the Town Council in 2013.

In its abject failure to respond to any of the public's legitimate, fact-based concerns about the project raised continuously since 2010, we believe that the Danville Town Council has violated the public trust. Town officials should have spent the last nine years improving the project to address the public's legitimate concerns about its environmental impacts and its location on Measure S protected open space. Instead, Town officials and staff have spent the time cultivating political allies to help it put an acceptable public face on the project, misleading the public about the loss of protected open space, and further papering over but not fairly and squarely addressing the project's environmental problems.

Town of Danville resident registered voters will have the final say on whether the project goes forward "as is" when we secure the Measure S public vote that the Council continues to deny is required. We believe that Town of Danville voters will disapprove the discretionary rezoning.

Thank you to all the many Diablo residents that have assisted in this effort to obtain a fair result on Magee Ranch since 2010! Your community activism for the betterment of all of us is truly appreciated!

Respectfully,
Maryann Cella
SOS-Danville Group
Danville Open Space Committee

DCSD NEWS

by Kathy Urbelis

Tiernan et al vs. DCSD: Settlement Reached

Judgment has been entered in the civil action, Robert Tiernan et al. v. Diablo Community Services District, et al.

The Judgment provides: (1) the District has no authority to prevent the general public, including bicyclists, vehicles and pedestrians, from using Calle Arroyo in Diablo; (2) Calle Arroyo is a private road owned by the homeowners on that road and the Diablo Country Club and Calle Arroyo are not subject to any general easement of public use and there is no express or implied dedication of easement on Calle Arroyo for public use; (3) the remaining claims in the action were dismissed. A copy of the Judgment will be available on our website (www.diablocsd.org) within 10 days.

Resolution to Continue Services on Calle Arroyo

During the June meeting, the Board passed a resolution, 3 to 2, finding that services can continue to be provided to Calle Arroyo because doing so serves a primarily public purpose.

Vegetation Abatement

Please check to ensure that your landscaping does not encroach on our roads, that your bushes do not hide all or portions of road signs and that tree branches over roads are at least 13 feet above the road. The Board is in the process of doing a vegetation review and has noticed that many properties require some minor cut back/pruning. Be a good neighbor and walk your property asap so that we do not have to contact you directly. Thank you!

SOCIAL NEWS

Graduate Degrees

Julia Birka-White, daughter of Elizabeth and David Birka-White, received a Master's Degree in Modern and Contemporary Art History at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in May, 2019. Julia will focus on continued exhibitions at her gallery on West Chicago Avenue, as well as work as an Artist Liaison and Art Advisor.

Chloe Langon, daughter of Jeff and Sheila Langon, earned her Graduate

Degree in May, 2019 from the University of the Pacific while teaching full time. Chloe plans to utilize her Master of Educational Leadership, combined with an Administrative Services Credential, to take her to a School Principal position in the East Bay.

Michael Musselman, son of Wendy and Dave Bauer, earned his Masters of Communications from the University of Nevada, Reno. He is now on the coaching staff for the University of Arkansas Razorback basketball program.

Eryn Parker Strong, daughter of Marcy and Tom Parker, graduated in May, 2018 from City, University of London with a Master's Degree in Culture, Policy and Management. She works now at the University of London as a Research Assistant studying the impact of technology on societies.

Jillian Bakos, daughter of Lisa and Steve Bakos, graduated with honors from the University of Southern California with degrees in Graphic Design and Animation. She will begin her career as the Marketing Art Manager for a mobile gaming company in Los Angeles.



High School Graduates

Matthew Bauer, son of Wendy and Dave Bauer, graduated with honors from Monte Vista High School. He will be attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. His first semester will be abroad at Franklin University in Switzerland.

Lauren Arlene Cervantes, daughter of Colleen and Winston Cervantes, and a graduate of Monte Vista, will pursue college at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Grant Challinor, son of Andrea and Bob Challinor and a graduate of Monte Vista, will be attending The University of Arizona in the Fall.

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SPRING STROLL DOWN ALAMEDA DIABLO

On Sunday, May 5th, the DPOA and Diablo Historic Preservation Committee sponsored A SPING STROLL DOWN ALAMEDA DIABLO. Narrated by David Mackesey, Historian for Diablo Country Club, approximately eighty people joined in, beginning at Oakwood, the original Diablo home built in 1876. The Harney family generously hosted a reception at Oakwood, and the tour began in their very own backyard.

Twelve homes were featured during the day, finishing at Villa Valparaiso, located at the entrance of Alameda Diablo and Diablo Road. Built in 1916, it is now the Mehran family home. Lunch was hosted amongst the buildings and pasture of the Mehran's property, with a sincere thank you offered to them for opening up their homestead to the community for this special day.



RECAP: Envision Diablo 2040 Community Town Hall

On June 18th, planners from Contra Costa County came to Diablo to learn more about our history as well as what we envision for the next 20 years. Working together to plan the event, representatives from the DPOA, DHPC, DCSD and DMAC joined the planners for a mini Diablo history tour, led by our resident historian David Mackesey.

At 6 pm, over 60 residents arrived to participate in the Community Town Hall. All enjoyed appetizers and drinks hosted by the Diablo Property Owners' Association during the facilitated session to capture the comments and concerns of residents. Varying opinions were voiced on how our Historic District designation affects properties. While most seem to agree that less County intervention is better, those more supportive of the Historic District designation also valued the County's authority to stop demolition or significant alteration of historic buildings.

Some themes captured from the conversations included:

- Preserve the individualism and country character of the community.

- Support Diablo's historic character, country club, and post office.

- Generally, leave the community as is and minimize government regulations.

- Consider a local role in decision making processes, especially related to historic designations and regulations.

- Address issues with traffic and speeding along Diablo Road and bicycle cut-through traffic on private streets.

- Prepare an evacuation/emergency plan for fires and earthquakes, underground PG&E powerlines.

More information can be found at www.envisioncontra-costa2040.org.

