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CAMPBELL'S MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND FUTURE PLANS!

The Campbell Multimodal Transportation Plan is a **2-year community-driven planning effort**, funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant. This is the City's first-ever plan to create a safe and connected sustainable transportation network for people walking, taking transit, or riding a bike or scooter. The Campbell Multimodal Transportation Plan will help the City secure future grant funding while making sure investments directly address the needs, challenges, and values of the community.

The plan will create a community-prioritized list of **projects, policies and programs** to improve mobility for everyone in Campbell. This list will act as a roadmap for the City of Campbell's investments over the next **5-10 years**. Improvements could include but not be limited to the following:

- Better sidewalks, new crosswalks, and intersection safety upgrades
- New trails, separated bike-ways, and more parking for bikes
- Bus stop improvements and better access to transit
- Landscaping and pedestrian-scale lighting

The Campbell Multimodal Transportation Plan builds upon previous plans in Campbell and Santa Clara County, ensuring strong connections to neighboring cities. As well

as proactive preparation for a future where people have a wide range of options for getting around easily, safely, and comfortably.

Ways to get involved...

There are a number of events where community members can participate and provide feedback – this includes participating in a walk and bike audit, a virtual workshop and at pop up events at the Farmer's Market and Sports Basement.

There will be multiple events in September and October where you can share you input on top destinations in Campbell, things you'd like to see in the community, and barriers to walking, biking, and taking transit. Join us at the following events:

Campbell Farmer's Market - Sunday, September 7 and September 14, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Community Walk-and-Roll Audit - Friday, September 19, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. You must RSVP for this event. We will be meeting at the Station Platform at the corner of Orchard City Dr. and Railway Ave. near the VTA sign. The walking route is approximately one mile.

Community Bike Audit - Friday, October 3, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You must RSVP for this event. We will be meet-

ing at the Campbell Community Center sign on the lawn in front of the Heritage Center (corner of W. Campbell Ave. and Community Center Dr.). The biking route is approximately 5 miles.

Virtual Workshop - Thursday, October 16, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. You must register for this event.

Pop-Up at Sports Basement - More details to come

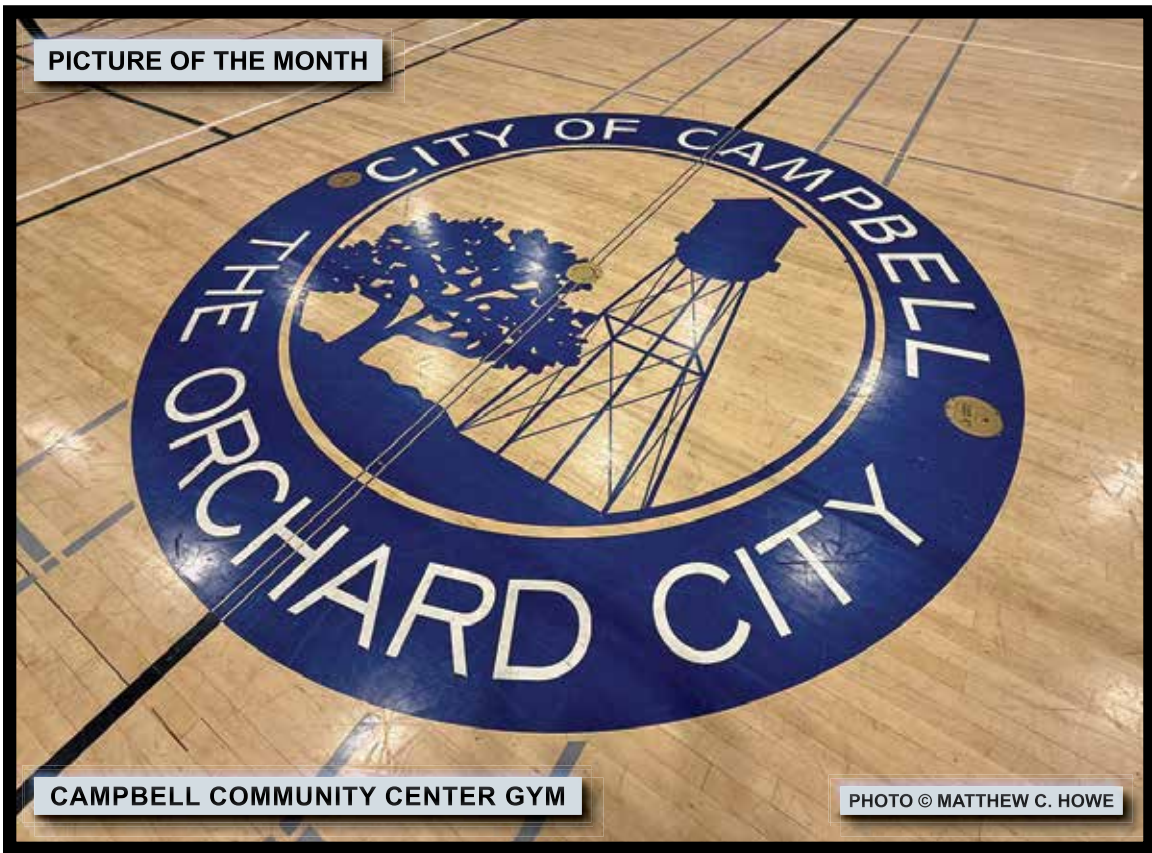
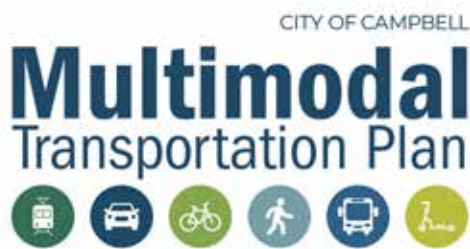
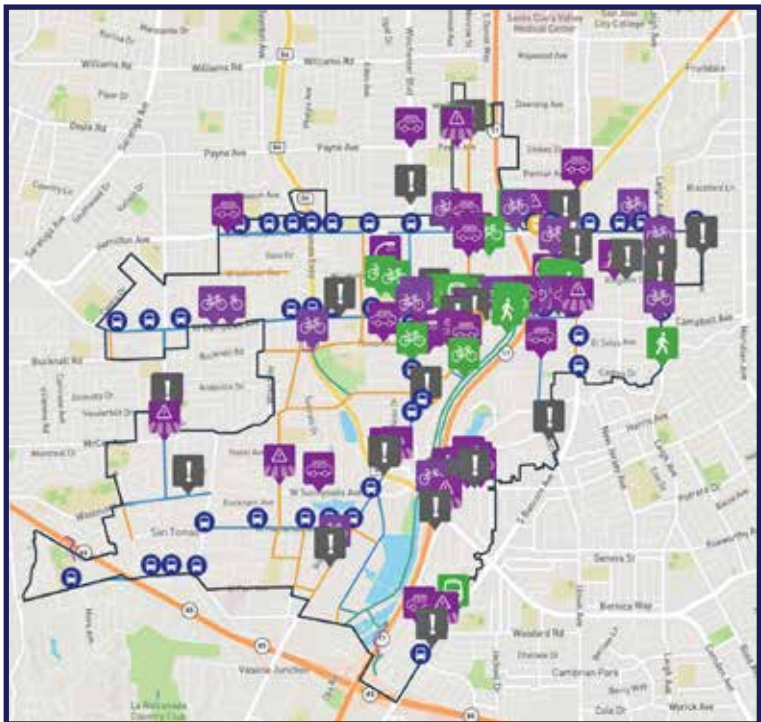
In addition, the City has created an online map at <https://campbellca.gov/1557/Interactive-Map> where anyone can provide feedback on transportation issues or ideas for the Campbell Community – screenshots below:

There's also an opportunity to provide feedback through a survey at https://qualtricsxm1-22whq9qz.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ronJN65UmhU95s

Project Schedule

Key Dates

- June 2025 - Project Research Starts
- September and October 2025 - Public Outreach Phase 1
- January 2026 - Project Recommendations
- March 2026 - Public Outreach Phase 2
- June 2026 - Concept Plans
- October 2026 - Draft Plan
- January 2027 - Final Plan



PICTURE OF THE MONTH

CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

The August mystery photo was taken of one of the unique, solid wood brackets that support the extended overhangs that shade the front porch of this house. The house is located at 227 Alice Ave and is a designated landmark. This California Bungalow is an excellent example of the style with thick porch posts, wooden shingles and tripartite windows.

The home was built in 1917 for Ralph Henry and Maud L. Hyde, the son and daughter-in-law of George E. and Alice Hill Hyde, owners of the Hyde packing Company and Cannery in Campbell. Ralph and Maud owned and operated the Campbell Water Company for many years. Their son Homer H.



Hyde became owner of the Campbell Water Company and was at one time Mayor of Campbell.

Here is the mystery photo for September. Figure out what it is and where it is located.

Happy Autumn!



WORD OF THE MONTH

"COSMOPOLITAN"

[Cahs-mo-paul-ih-tuhn]

ADJECTIVE

Yes, it's a drink. Yes, it's a magazine. But it also describes a person who is comfortable with many countries and their cultures.

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HAPPENINGS

Museum Happenings September 2025

Volunteer Spotlight: A Summer of Dedication

This summer, our Campbell Museum volunteers have gone above and beyond! For eight Thursdays, our summer concert crew worked tirelessly in the heat—grilling, making nachos, taking orders, pouring drinks, and setting up—all with incredible energy and smiles. Behind the scenes, countless additional hours made it all possible.

Our Farmers' Market volunteers showed up to spread the word about the Museums, hand out swag, and share all the exciting things we're doing with the community. Meanwhile, our amazing Gala Committee has been hard at work planning, organizing, and preparing to deliver a spectacular celebration of the Ainsley House's 100th anniversary.

Equally essential are our collection volunteers, the unsung heroes who dedicate hours to researching, cataloging, archiving, and preserving artifacts. There is so much that goes into caring for a museum collection, and their meticulous work ensures Campbell's history is protected and accessible for generations to come.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated docents, greeters, Campbell Museum Foundation volunteers, and our tireless Tuesday Garden Group. Whether welcoming visitors, tending the grounds, or preserving and promoting Campbell's heritage, each volunteer's time and heart help keep our mission alive.

♥ To all of our volunteers—thank you for making this summer extraordinary!

VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT ONGOING

The Campbell Museums is actively recruiting for a variety of volunteer positions.

If you love History, want to meet new people, and be a part of the community, then joining the museum volunteer group is a great opportunity!

If interested, contact Museum Supervisor, Kerry Perkins, kerry@campbellca.gov (408) 866-2718, or more information can be found on the Campbell Museums <https://www.campbellmuseums.com/volunteer>.

FIELD TRIP RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN!

Hands-on History at the Campbell Historical Museum

A new school year means new adventures—and what better way to bring history to life than with a field trip to the **Campbell Historical Museum**?

Our long-running **Hands-on History** program is designed especially for **2nd and 3rd-grade students**, offering an immersive, interactive journey into the past through play, role-playing, and exploration.

Field Trips run Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
\$8 per student | Teachers & chaperones are FREE

Students will step back in time to discover what life was like in early 20th-century Campbell—from working in a general store to trying out old-fashioned chores and schoolwork.

Spots fill quickly—reserve your visit today! Make History the subject of the year!

👉 Learn more and book your field trip at:

<https://www.campbellmuseums.com/education>

HISTORY HAPPY HOUR AT THE AINSLEY HOUSE

Discover our History Happy Hour events, where history enthusiasts, our vibrant community, and eager learners

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HERE'S HOWE



So great to be back in town just in time to have been able to attend the Campbell Union High School all-class reunion at the Community Center. Always great to catch up with old friends from days gone by. This will be next month's feature story with lots of pictures. It was a sold-out event and good fun for all those who were able to attend. Unfortunately, I was told several alumni were turned away at the door due to it being sold out. A 1975 fifty year reunion was held at 6pm following the all-class reunion in the Redwood Room (old band room) and was also a great success! More on this in our next issue.

One of Campbell's largest retail centers, The San Tomas Plaza, (located on San Tomas Aquino and Campbell Ave.) has recently been listed for sale. With over 121,317 square feet of retail space, this 9.2 acre site should attract major investors and could once again change the landscape of what we have all been accustomed to for many years.

City of Campbell is facing a lawsuit over a sales tax measure passed last November. The Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association, is suing Campbell over Measure K, for a half-cent sales tax approved by 72% of the voters. This raises the city's sales tax from 9.375% to 9.875%, which is the highest in Santa Clara County. It's going into effect April 1st (not kidding!) and will raise approximately \$7

million annually to help ease some of the city's deficit.

Campbell Police department has just introduced new AI body cameras with a real-time translation feature to improve communication during traffic stops and community events.

The City Council is reviewing various new proposals for increasing production of affordable and market-rate housing in our area. Many of the ideas stemmed from a developers roundtable held in August. This has been a need for some time, and the city is behind schedule to make this come to fruition. Half of Campbell's population are renters and nearly 5000 residents are paying more than they can afford. Nearly 1500 are spending more than half their income to stay in the community and keep a roof over their heads. This is not what we want for our residents and action must be taken now to increase affordable places to live.

On a less serious note, Mountain Mike's Pizza on Hamilton Ave. has been holding comedy open mic night events at 6:30pm on Monday for some time now. As I waited for my pizza's to go, I enjoyed some very funny comedians doing their standup routines held in the private room there. I highly recommend this form of entertainment, especially on a Monday night! Please support the arts in our neighborhood and this is a great way to do it. Enjoy!

THEN AND NOW



Photo: The Campbell Express



Photo: © Matthew C. Howe

This 2003 image of the Heritage Theater (that was once the Campbell High School auditorium) shows an early restoration phase when the walls and floors were being reconstructed and redesigned before it opened to rave reviews in 2004. Since that time, the Heritage has been host to many great acts and continues to be a destination for many artists. The second image shows several CUHS alumni who recently experiencing a tour of the theatre for the first time since graduating from their alma mater.



THE POWER OF MOTIVATION

Fuel Your Life. Transform Your Future.

1. IGNITE YOUR DRIVE

Every great achievement begins with one spark—motivation. It is the driving force that transforms ideas into action and goals into reality. Without motivation, dreams remain distant. With it, you open doors to opportunities that once felt out of reach.

2. OVERCOME OBSTACLES

Life will always present challenges—setbacks, detours, and unexpected struggles. Motivation is what keeps you pushing forward when the path feels heavy. It provides resilience, reminding you that failure is not the end, but a steppingstone toward growth and progress.

3. BUILD CONFIDENCE

Confidence doesn't arrive overnight; it's built through consistent motivation and effort. When you stay committed to your goals and see progress—no matter how

small—your self-belief strengthens. Motivation tells you, "You can do this," even when doubt tries to speak louder.

4. INSPIRE OTHERS

True motivation extends beyond yourself. Your drive, determination, and passion become an example for others. When people see you rise above difficulties and continue forward, they too are inspired to believe in their own abilities. Motivation spreads—it creates leaders, uplifts communities, and changes lives.

5. CREATE LASTING IMPACT


Motivation is more than just a daily boost of energy—it's a lifestyle. It fuels personal success and contributes to the collective growth of workplaces, families, and communities. One motivated person can create ripples of change that last for generations. The

power of motivation is not just about today—it's about building a better tomorrow.

✨ *Stay motivated.*
Stay unstoppable. ✨

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PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney



September in Campbell!

The Campbell Press has been busy all summer, and we're not slowing down as we head into fall!

On the front page, you'll find details about **Campbell's ambitious multi-modal transportation plan** for the future of our city, as well as opportunities for residents to participate in upcoming community events related to this important project.

October kicks off with Campbell's Citywide Garage Sale, the first weekend of the month. You'll find a full map of participating homes, along with descriptions of what's for sale, on our back page.

Happy treasure hunting!

September is a big month for the Campbell Museum. The **100-Year Gala will be held on September 27 at the Ainsley House**. Celebrating a century of Campbell history. The Campbell Chamber and Merrill Gardens recently hosted 100-year-old birthday celebrations to honor the City's and the Chamber's centennial anniversaries.

Speaking of the **Chamber, Oktoberfest returns the third week-end of October!** Volunteers and vendors are needed, so if you'd like to be part of this annual tradition, visit www.campbellchamber.net for details.

Mayor Sergio Lopez shares highlights from his August **State of the City Address** on page 7. If you missed the event, this is your chance to catch up on Campbell's priorities and upcoming projects.

Our Arts and Entertainment coverage is packed this month!

- **Movie columnist Sam Wilson** invites you to look for a new movie this month and in October for

his Halloween movie picks and holiday previews.

- **Cuinin Huber** recaps the Orchard City Green summer concert series on page 10.

- Learn more about the nonprofit **Bridge the Gap** and their partnership with **Hunger at Home** to support the homeless — also on page 10.

- **Radio personality Chris Jackson (KFOX)** takes you behind the music with a fun story about **Huey Lewis & the News'** hit "Working for a Living."

In our lifestyle section, **Dig It by SAM** covers the benefits of planting cover crops, and our **West Coast Chef** shares a perfect late-summer recipe (page 11).

On page 12, **Gene Hunt** explores why your water heater may no longer meet legal requirements, and **Susan Lola** offers travel tips for anyone considering an Alaskan cruise.

Of course, no issue would be complete without our popular **Crime Report from Carol Gerwitz** (page 14).

Thank you to our readers, subscribers, and advertisers — your support is greatly appreciated and keeps The Campbell Press thriving!

September is full of events, and we hope to see you out in the community — **especially at Oktoberfest. Be sure to look for our two-page program in the next issue!**

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Capri Drive	\$3,080,000	5/3	30	6120	2944
McBain Avenue	\$2,500,000	3/1	74	9750	1187
Hardy Avenue	\$2,311,000	5/3	75	9375	2870
Monica Lane	\$2,150,000	3/2	68	8775	1499
Jim Elder Drive	\$2,150,000	4/2	52	6050	1730
Hoffman Lane	\$2,050,000	3/2	82	10944	1706
Kenneth Avenue	\$1,910,000	4/2	75	9825	1800
Central Park Drive	\$1,880,000	4/2	64	7169	1700
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES					
Duncanville Court	\$1,210,000	2/2.5	47	1102	1727
Monte Villa Court	\$950,000	2/2.5	41	716	1188
W. Sunnyoaks Avenue	\$910,000	2/1.5	37	692	1248
Michael Drive	\$905,000	2/2.5	45		1332
Watson Drive	\$700,000	2/1	54		810
N. 1st Street	\$680,000	2/1	54		810
Gomes Court	\$663,000	2/1	54		798



Museum Happenings
September 2025

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unite! Join us for these upcoming sessions:

- Friday, September 12: **“The History of Wine Making in the Santa Clara Valley,”** with Bonnie Bamburg from the Friends of the Wine Makers.
- Friday, October 10: **“Genetic Genealogy, DNA Testing to Solve Old Crimes,”** with Cordelia Willis, Criminalist & Forensic Scientist from the Santa Clara County Crime Lab
- Friday, November 14, **“Of Christmases Long, Long Ago,”** with Author Brian Earl

Immerse yourself in historic tales and personal narratives of pivotal moments. Save the dates and join us for these enlightening and engaging events! Reservations are required. Tickets are \$25/person. Reservations are required.

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE
AINSLEY HOUSE

From the Archives: Revitalizing History — Transforming the Sleeping Porch at the Ainsley House

Launching in September 2025, the sleeping porch will reopen as From the Archives—a brand-new exhibit featuring rarely

seen artifacts, personal stories, and a closer look at the legacy of the Ainsley Packing Company. This exciting renovation is made possible by the Campbell Museum Foundation

AINSLEY HOUSE GARDEN
CONCERTS

Garden Grooves at the Ainsley House presents Ren Geisick

Ren, a Los Gatos native with a degree in Jazz Vocal Performance from Cal-State Long Beach, blends jazz, Americana, and soul in her music. Her upcoming 2025 album, recorded with her band, showcases heartfelt songs of out-laws, heartache, and mercy.

Sunday, October 12, at 1:30-3:30
Tickets on Sale Now <https://www.campbellmuseums.com/events-main>

FALL GALA AT THE
AINSLEY

The Ainsley House Turns 100! Swing, Celebrate, and Support: A 1920s Ainsley House Gala

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets to our Ainsley House Gala. Our event is sold out, and we are thrilled by the showing of support. We are so thankful to our community spon-

sors who, through their generous donations, have contributed to making this event a success.

CALL FOR ARTISTS:
CAMPBELL MUSEUMS’
2026 ART SHOW

The Campbell Museums’ Art Show is a biennial event, and 2026 will mark our fourth show! The theme this year is “Home”, open to each artist’s unique interpretation. Artists are encouraged to create new works inspired by the theme, though existing pieces may also be submitted.

Submit Your Art and share your vision of “Home” with our community!

For more information, check out the 2026 Public Art page.

Support Local History at the
Campbell Museum Founda-
tion’s Garage Sale!

Mark your calendars!

The **Garage Sale** is happening:

Friday, October 4
In the parking lot of the
Historical Museum

Have items to donate? Drop them off at the Historical Museum on:

**Friday, September 13 |
Friday, September 20
11 am - 3 pm.**

✨ The Love Yourself Challenge ✨

I challenge you to:

- 1 Say YES to yourself.
- 2 Practice self-love daily.
- 3 Open your heart to guidance, wisdom, and unconditional love from others.

4 Accept blessings without fear or doubt.

5 The next time love is offered—say YES. ❤️

Are you ready to take the challenge? 🙌

Your journey begins with saying YES to you. When you do, you’ll have the strength to say YES to love from others too. ✨



Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation

The CVMF will host an elegant and fun **Champagne Breakfast** on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Orchard City Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Come one, come all.

Supported by the *Kiwanis Club of Campbell* and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), this exciting start to a grand Saturday will feature a sumptuous breakfast repast to include hot scrambled eggs, luscious bacon and sausage, crispy hash browns, and fluffy pancakes accompanied by delicious coffees, teas, and juices.

Of course, it wouldn’t be a champagne breakfast without

having champagne. So be ready to enliven your morning with a few sips of California bubbly. Stay tuned for ticket prices, guest speakers, and fun program details.

In keeping with our full-scale schedule this year, CVMF is also raising a stein and inviting you to swing by our booth at **Campbell’s Oktoberfest on October 18th and 19th.** We’ll be in the middle of all the action - right where the bratwurst sizzles, the sauerkraut tangs, and the beer flows like a golden river of happiness. Between bites of pretzels the size of

steering wheels and mugs of frothy Bavarian cheer, stop in and say hello to your favorite veterans’ foundation. We’ll share updates about our mission, our scholarships for student veterans, and how you can help us continue to serve those who served. It’s the perfect excuse to pause between wine refills and learn about something meaningful.

Of course, please highlight Tuesday, 11/11, on your calendars since CVMF will host its annual **Veterans Day Celebration** at City Hall. Remember to remember!



By Margaret Schieck, Co-President

September brings us many reasons to celebrate and be grateful. Labor Day kicks off the month on September 1st this year, so don’t forget to thank those whose work makes your life easier!

September 2nd marks the 80th anniversary of V J Day and the end of WWII. Grandparents Day is on September 7th. The first day of autumn, September 22nd coincides with Rosh Hashanah. There is a lot to commemorate.

In August, our Chapter was enlightened by a presentation from Marti Goddard, Co-Chair of the Access Advisors to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. She introduced us to many special aspects of the

DeYoung and Legion of Honor Museums available to Seniors and people with disabilities, such as Low Vision tours, American Sign Language tours, Mobility accommodations and PTSD groups for Veterans. Marti generated a lot of interest in the programs.

In September, our speaker will be Fran Rushing, an art historian, who will speak about an artist who revolutionized painting, Caravaggio, the “bad boy” of the Baroque. Her talk should be fascinating.

In early September, we will also participate in the glasses sorting and cleaning day held at the VISTA Center on North Bascom Ave. This is our 4th year of volunteer service to the Lions Club Invision program. It is a rewarding volunteer experience.

The Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the



3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in room Q 80 of the Campbell Community Center. Coffee and “browsing” time at our used book table and Treasure Chest table are available at 9:15. One does not need to be a Campbell resident to join this group. Guests are welcome to come and “check us out”. See you there.

Campbell Forest Hill
Ribbon Cutting



Campbell Union School District board members (Richard Nguyen, William Slade, Danielle Cohen, and Don Thorvund) cut the ribbon on Forest Hill Elementary School’s new Multi-use Room.



Katie Berg, Forest Hill Elementary School principal, welcomes families to tour the Multi-use Room.



Local artist Sonya Paz and Campbell Union School District Superintendent Shelly Viramontez unveil the new artwork that will adorn the Forest Hill Elementary School Multi-use Room.



Families and board members had the opportunity to tour the new kitchen in the Forest Hill Elementary School Multi-Use Room and then participate in a tasting of the scratch cooking provided by the Campbell Union School District’s Child Nutrition Services.



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Campbell Chamber of Commerce

A Bavarian Bash in the Silicon Valley: The 60th Annual Campbell Oktoberfest



Get ready to Oktoberfest on **Saturday, October 18, 2025 (10AM–6PM) and Sunday, October 19 (10AM–5PM)** in Downtown Campbell along East Campbell Avenue. Admission is **free**.

Campbell Oktoberfest has been voted the **South Bay's Best Festival multiple years running** by Silicon Valley Metro readers, and it attracts **60,000+ attendees**, including visitors from out-of-state and as far away as Australia and Germany!

Authentic German Fare & Gordon Biersch on Tap

Come hungry! The festival offers a dazzling array of eats — from soft pretzels, bratwursts, schnitzel, sauerkraut, German potato salad, to sweet treats like apple strudel and Beehive German cake. With numerous food vendors, the menu spans classic German dishes alongside global flavors. Gordon Biersch beers and ales are available throughout the festival and in the Biersch Garden.

Artisan & Business Booth Bonanza

What's a festival without shopping? Stroll the festival streets lined with **100+ artisan and business booths**, offering unique crafts, clothing, jewelry, artwork, and local products. And be sure to visit the unique boutiques and shops in Downtown Campbell.

Oktoberfest Entertainment

There's no shortage of things to do:

- **Zicke Zacke Band** plays live German music all weekend in the Biersch Garden.
- Get your German groove on with local bands on the East and First Street Stages. Neverland Band, 10Til2, First Call, The Factory, Lavender Fields, and Anthony Arya are among the musical line up.
- **DJ Central** was such a hit at Boogie, we're bringing this electrifying musical addition Oktoberfest!
- **Community Stage** features dance troupes, youth bands, martial arts demos, and more local talent.
- **California Repercussions Band** will be marching up and down East Campbell Avenue on Saturday, bringing musical energy

and excitement on the first day of the festival.

Biersch Garten Contests

The Biersch Garden is the heart of Oktoberfest. Crowds gather beneath a huge tent, eating, drinking, and enjoying all Oktoberfest has to offer, including these crowd favorites:

- **Stein-Holding Contest** — test your arm strength by holding a full stein at arm's length; held at 2 PM both days. The women's competition is held first, with the men's following. Entry is \$30.
- **Best-Dressed Costume Contest** — don your finest lederhosen or dirndl and compete; held both days at 3 PM. The Best Dressed men and women receive a medal to celebrate their winning Bavarian attire.
- **Braumeister Home-Brewing Competition** — amateur brewers submit their best Oktoberfest-style Märzen for judging by Master Brewer, Dan Gordon. The top three winners walk away with bragging rights and medals to prove their beer-making prowess. Winners will be announced in the Biersch Garden Saturday at 2 PM. Applications are still being accepted!

Family Fun

- **KidsZone** (Kinderplatz) is a haven for younger guests with climbing walls, inflatables, crafts, face painting, and more.
- **Oktoberfest Fun Run/Walk:** Kick off your weekend on **Saturday at 9 AM**

with a 10K, 5K, or Kids' Dash along the scenic Los Gatos Creek Trail. Hosted by the City of Campbell, it's a family-friendly way to get into the Oktoberfest spirit.

More Ways to Oktoberfest

- **Merch Booth** offers official Oktoberfest swag — everything from steins to stickers to hats to pins.
- **Take a selfie with The Dude**, Campbell's Water Tower mascot.
- **OktoberFAST Pass:** New this year! Buy a wristband for fast-track access at Beer Booth lines — available online or at Ticket Booths.
- **Tickets:** Drink tickets, festival glassware, and KidsZone wristbands are sold online or on-site at Ticket Booths.
- **Free Bike Valet & Free Parking** available at public garages — such as behind Aquil Cal Mex or near the Water Tower. Public transit is also encouraged.
- **Free Admission**, though IDs and wristbands are required for alcohol

Mark your calendars for **October 18th & 19th, 2025** — and bring the whole family to downtown Campbell for savory sausages, flowing Biersch brews, toe-tapping music, contests, and non-stop Bavarian joy. With free entry, delicious treats, and every kind of entertainment imaginable, Oktoberfest is the South Bay's can't-miss fall tradition.

Learn more about entertainment, food, or purchase tickets and Fast Passes at CampbellOktoberfest.com

Money Empowerment *by Jill*



Giving on a Budget: Making a Big Impact with Small Resources

Giving feels good. Whether it's offering someone a helping hand or seeing your efforts light up someone's day, the act of giving nurtures gratitude, compassion, and connection on both sides. And, guess what? You don't need deep pockets to make a meaningful difference.

Often, we associate giving with financial donations. Of course, money can absolutely help. But giving is so much more than financial. In fact, some of the most impactful and heartfelt contributions don't cost a dime. Whether you're a student, on a tight budget, or simply looking to make a difference in your community without stretching your wallet, there are countless ways to give that are just as powerful.

Here are some Budget-Friendly ways to Give Back

1. Donate Your Time

Time is one of the most generous gifts you can offer. Many nonprofits and community groups rely on volunteers to function. Whether it's helping out at a food bank, assisting with a fundraiser, or mentoring youth, your time and presence can make a lasting impact.

2. Share Your Skills

Are you a great graphic designer, writer, photographer, cook, or mechanic? Whatever your talents, there's likely a nonprofit or community group that could use your expertise. Pro bono work or skill-sharing is a fantastic way to support causes you care about and don't require spending money.

3. Give Gently Used Items

Before tossing those clothes, books, furniture, or kitchenware, consider donating them. Shelters, thrift stores, and mutual aid groups are often in need of gently used items. One person's clutter could be another's treasure.

4. Participate in Donation Drives

Keep an eye out for local drives collecting non-perishables, school supplies, hygiene

products, or warm clothing. These efforts add up.

5. Use Loyalty Points for Good Got unused credit card points, airline miles, or store rewards? Many programs now allow you to convert them into donations for charitable organizations. It's an easy and cost-free way to give back.

6. Support Local Small Businesses

Shopping local can also be an act of giving. Small businesses are often the backbone of communities and are more likely to give back themselves. Every dollar you spend with a local vendor has ripple effects that support your neighbors.

7. Advocate for a Cause

Sometimes, your voice is your most powerful tool. Raising awareness for causes you care about can influence others and generate support in big ways.

Giving Within Your Means, Giving With Your Heart

A few hours of your time, a bag of donated clothes, a kind word or thoughtful actions are all powerful gifts.

When we give within our means, we help build stronger communities and foster a deeper sense of connection. You don't need a large bank account to be generous. You just need a big heart and the willingness to act.

Looking to Get Involved?

If you're in the Campbell area and looking for local organizations to support, check out Great Nonprofits in Campbell for a list of impactful groups in need of volunteers and resources. You can also explore the Rotary Club of Campbell to learn about community events and ways to participate.

Giving is contagious. Your small act might just inspire someone else to do the same.

If you know of any local groups that could use a helping hand, feel free to reach out.

All the best,
Jill

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CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

State of the City Address

On September 20th Mayor Sergio Lopez gave his State of the City Address at Orchard City Banquet Hall. What follows is a condensed transcript of the 25-minute speech, here focusing on updates on housing, with a special announcement.

As long as I can remember I've been engaged in the act of storytelling, of asking questions, of figuring out, what's my story? What's the story of us? What's the story of our community? And where are we going? And that is the single biggest thing that I carry with me each and every day as mayor of this beautiful city that I'm proud and honored to call my home. And I'm going to try to tell a story of where I think we are today. It's a story that is dynamic and exciting and shows how we're stepping in the future, and honoring our history and our past and our heritage by not being afraid of that change and not being afraid to step boldly and lead into the future.

I'm incredibly proud and excited about the approach that we've taken on housing. A big part of the approach has been cutting red tape. The vast majority of housing projects in the City of Campbell, I'm proud to report, now are ministerial or go up to the planning commission level or go up to the staff level [rather than all going to City Council]. What would have formerly taken up to three different hearings before three different bodies are now just one hearing before the City Council. So that

is, I think, an unprecedented amount of streamlining. [showing] we're not afraid to step up in the future and to try new things.

We're even experimenting now with self-certification for solar panels, where a resident of Campbell — and we've had roughly about 50 people make use of this — can actually go online and self-certify and get the permits that they need.

Another example that I want to point to is in the area of ADUs [also known as "granny flats" or "in-law units" or "backyard cottages"]. We actually have a site that you can go to now and review to get pre-approved designs [for ADUs]. You can get approved for an ADU in as little as four days — one of the fastest times in the county.

We're also moving forward with projects for 100% affordable housing, the first from the Santa Clara Methodist Foundation. I'm proud that we engaged early on and had discussions about how we can best serve the needs of those who want to build 100% affordable projects, getting ideas that staff could eventually turn into citywide strategies. I'm also proud to share that VTA [Valley Transportation Authority] is working on a 100% affordable housing project on Winchester. And so we've gone from having, in just about the past two decades, no new 100% affordable housing projects, to now having two in the pipeline and having

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Hunger at Home

Bridge the Gap Gala 2025: Hunger at Home's Signature Evening to End Hunger in Silicon Valley

On Friday, September 26, 2025, Hunger at Home will host its highly anticipated Bridge the Gap Gala at the Corinthian Grand Ballroom in San José—a vibrant, club-style celebration in support of one of the region's most essential causes - ending hunger in Silicon Valley. Tickets are on sale now and sell out each year.

Designed to honor both the community served and the partners who make the work possible, the gala will feature a dozen chef-curated tasting stations, premium wine, champagne and signature cocktails, a silent and live auction, and a packed house of supporters. This year introduces a special late-night culinary addition called "Streets and Sweets," a tasting experience inspired by street food and dessert pop-ups, which will follow the main program.

"The Bridge the Gap Gala is more than just a night of celebration—it's a lifeline for the thousands of individuals and families we serve throughout Silicon Valley," says Ewell Sterner, CEO and Founder of Hunger at Home. "The funds we raise directly support our food recovery and repurpose programs that help close the gap between abundance and need. Every sponsorship and ticket purchased brings us one step closer to a community where no one goes hungry."

The gala also shines a spotlight on live music, and this year's entertainment lineup is headlined by Pearl Alley, a powerhouse blues-rock band

led by Suzanne St. John-Crane who will also serve as the evening's emcee. Additional local acts will perform throughout the venue, setting the mood for a fun and festive evening.

Since its founding in San José, Hunger at Home has become a critical connector between surplus food and those in need. By recovering food from hotels, stadiums, convention centers, and other businesses, the nonprofit

Sponsorship opportunities are now available at multiple levels and include VIP access, brand recognition, and premier table placement. Proceeds from the evening fund Hunger at Home's core food recovery and distribution efforts, which continue to expand to meet growing demand across Silicon Valley.

The Bridge the Gap Gala is more than a fundraiser—it's a high-impact, high-energy



it distributes meals through a vast network of local nonprofits, a weekly drive-through distribution, and meal programs targeting seniors and college students. In a region where 1 in 4 residents face food insecurity, the organization has delivered more than 14 million meals since 2015 - a milestone made possible in large part by community support driven through events like this one.

evening that reflects the organization's deep roots in the community and its unwavering commitment to fighting hunger. Between the elegant setting, heartfelt mission, and crowd-pleasing food and entertainment, 2025's event promises to be the most dynamic yet.

For tickets and sponsorship information, visit hungerathome.org/bridge-the-gap-event-page/.

City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

The City of Campbell is taking stock of our housing programs. Some readers may remember Campbell's Plan for Housing, approved in 2023, which is our attempt to meet the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which is an attempt to project the future need for housing in Campbell, filtered through the Association of Bay Area Governments and then through our local government. We produced a dizzying array of maps and policies, but the bottom line was that we were going to make it much easier to build housing in Campbell, and so produce roughly three

thousand new homes over the following eight years.

We are a quarter of the way through that process, and like nearly every city in California, our efforts have not met the challenge. At the current rate, we'll reach less than a quarter of our goal. Macroeconomic trends, rising interest rates, and tariffs have all impeded building in the city. We've had some policy successes, including streamlining our business permits, developing a new form-based code, and rewriting the entire municipal code (currently in progress), but this has not resulted in greater construction.

To the city's credit, staff has brought a clear-eyed description of the problem to both the Planning Commission (on May 27) and the City Council (on August 19). Despite our policies and programs, since the passage of our plan, the median price of a house has risen by thirty percent, to \$2.2 million, and the average rent by about seventeen percent, to nearly three thousand dollars a month.

Staff has proposed some ideas like temporarily waiving park fees for subsidized housing only or extending approval timelines. But if we want to get fundamentally different res-

ults, we may need to fundamentally rethink some of our approaches. For example, the plan expects most development to happen in a few high-density sites, like the former Fry's, but that's currently a thriving pickleball facility, and without that, we've lost a sixth of our capacity. We could address this by more broadly increasing density across the entire city.

Perhaps most contentiously, the city exacts both a park impact fee (i.e., cash) and has an unfunded inclusionary zoning mandate (which requires developers to essentially donate some units). These are

effectively taxes on new housing, and are politically popular because they don't affect existing residents. But they do make it so a project which barely penciled out, now doesn't at all. We may need to reconsider these fees and exactions, as even a generous slice of nothing is still nothing.

Adam Buchbinder is a member of the Campbell Planning Commission. Opinions expressed here are his alone, not those of the Commission or the City. Contact the Campbell Planning Department at planning@campbellca.gov.



Music Legend Joins Campbell's own Robert Berry for a rare appearance

When I heard legendary musician, writer, DJ, manager and producer Peter Asher was coming to Morgan Hill and Pacifica, I just knew I had to put out my music column and let the community know about these special appearances. The name Peter Asher may not be a household name to everyone, but those who know who he is know how special and historic this show will be. Peter Asher: Songs and Stories will include a live performance of songs and stories that have endeared Peter to generations of fans through his music with Peter and Gordon, the music he has produced, his radio show on SiriusXM Beatles channel ("From Me To You"), first hand Beatles stories and some discussion of his book "The Beatles from A to Zed".

Peter grew up in Middlesex England and we first came to know him from the smash hit "World Without Love" with his British invasion duo Peter and Gordon in the early 1960's. The group had ten Top 40 Hits in those early years cementing them in our collective consciousness. But Peter became a legend in the entertainment world as well as an award winning A & R executive for the Beatles Apple Records producing

artists including James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Roger Waters and others. Also very recently co-producing Barbra Streisand's June 2025 release The Secret of Life: Partner's Volume 2 working in the studio with James Taylor, Sting, Paul McCartney, Mariah Carey, Ariana Grande, Laufey, Sam Smith and others. It is also worth mentioning that Peter is one of the many



Photo by Mike Weintrob

members of the Ringo Starr Allstar Band. Two interesting facts, Mike Myers created his character Austin Powers in the likeness of Peter Asher. Peter's sister Jane Asher had a five year relationship with Paul McCartney and he wrote a number of songs about her including "And I Love Her" and "We Can Work It Out".

The live music portion of the show will feature a trio led by Peter on vocals, guitar and bajolele (Banjo

ukulele). Campbell's own multi-instrumentalist/producer (Soundtec Studios) musician Robert Berry (Hush, Greg Kihn Band, 3 with Keith Emerson and Carl Palmer, Ambrosia, Sammy Hagar Six By Six and December People just to name a few) on vocals, piano and bass. And Robert Aubrey from Americana ensemble Mustangs of the West on vocals, mandolin and violin. This is Peter's

first time visiting Morgan Hill making it not only a historic event for the South County but an unforgettable evening with a living legend.

Fortickets in Morgan Hill on 9/12 google: Peter Asher: Songs and Stories Tickets. Fri. Sep 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite.

For tickets in Pacifica on 9/14 google: Peter Asher: Songs and Stories Tickets, Sun, Sep 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite.

SEPTEMBER MOVIES

By Sam Wilson



Weapons – B+

Rising writer-director Zach Cregger's (Barbarian) sophomore feature is an enthralling horror mystery expertly crafted with humor sprinkled in providing levity. A community is left reeling with questions after all but one student mysteriously disappear at exactly the same time. Possesses a unique "Magnolia" and "Pulp Fiction"-inspired structure dividing the story into character chapters. The capable ensemble has Josh Brolin (Deadpool 2), Julia Garner (Wolf Man), Alden Ehrenreich (Cocaine Bear), Benedict Wong (Avengers: Endgame), and Austin Abrams (Wolfs).

The Naked Gun – B-

Leslie Nielsen's classic '80s parody gets a hit-or-miss reboot with enough sight gags and deadpan humor to deliver laughs. The irreverent quasi remake-sequel follows the Police Squad leader attempting to save the world. Liam Neeson (Taken) is excellent as the son of Nielsen's original lead while Pamela Anderson (The Last Showgirl), Paul Walter Hauser (Cruella), Danny Huston (Wonder Woman), and Kevin Durand (Abigail) round out the experienced cast.

Freakier Friday – C+

Disney's family comedy remake gets an inferior yet passable sequel 22 years later. Anna (Lindsey Lohan, "Mean Girls") and Tess (Jaime Lee Curtis, "Halloween") again face a body swap crisis except this time including Anna's daughter (Julia Butters, "The Fablemans") and soon-to-be stepdaughter. Relies heavily on callbacks with many supporting actors from the 2003 hit returning, including Chad Michael Murray (A Cinderella Story), Mark Harmon (CBS's "NCIS"), and Stephen Tobolowsky (Groundhog Day).

Caught Stealing – B-

Disappointingly ordinary throwback dark comedy considering A-list director Darren Aronofsky's (Black Swan, Mother!) impressive resume. An ex-baseball player (Austin Butler, "Elvis") becomes embroiled with

criminals and forced to navigate the criminal underworld to survive. Matt Smith (Mebius) makes an impression while Zoe Kravitz (The Batman), Regina King (Ray), and Liev Schreiber (X-Men Origins: Wolverine) appear in the violent Guy Ritchie-style crime thriller.

Nobody 2 – C

The surprisingly successful 2021 action romp gets a forgettably repetitive follow-up going through the motions like a typical uninspired sequel. Bob Odenkirk's (AMC's "Better Call Saul") former assassin vacations in a small town only to come into conflict with a crooked sheriff (Colin Hanks, "King Kong") and a ruthless crime boss (Sharon Stone, "Casino"). The R-rated "John Wick"-wannabe shoot-em-up is so tedious, stale and lifeless that even the actors appear bored.

The Toxic Avenger – B

Gloriously gory and bloody amusing superhero satire living up to its B-movie splatter film roots. A down-on-his-luck janitor (Peter Dinklage, HBO's "Game of Thrones") transforms into a mutant hero after an accident following a run-in with criminals. The modern reimagining of the cheesy cult '80s franchise is endearing, balls to the wall, over the top and full of personality but is an acquired taste not for everyone. Boasts a surprisingly legit cast with Kevin Bacon (Tremors), Elijah Wood (Sin City), and Jacob Tremblay (The Life of Chuck).

Honey Don't – C

Underwhelming modern day noir with a lackluster plot that goes nowhere. A small-town private investigator (Margaret Qualley, "The Substance") delves into a series of deaths tied to a mysterious church. Writer-director Ethan Coen's (Drive-Away Dolls) second solo outing falls far short of the standard Coen Brothers (Fargo, No Country for Old Men) masterpiece. Qualley shines in the quirky and stylishly campy dark comedy drawing

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Fruits & Nuts

by Thomas J. Espinosa

Do you guys like haunted houses and ghost towns? Yes! Not me, I prefer museums and homes with history.

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Is it haunted? No. But we can feel the spirits during the live music and dancing!

In the Cocktail Lounge! I'm in!

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SEPTEMBER MOVIES

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heavily from pulpy detective films. Cast includes Aubrey Plaza (Funny People), Chris Evans (Materialists), and Charlie Day (Horrible Bosses).

Eden – B-
Oscar-winning director Ron Howard's (A Beautiful Mind, Rush) passion project is a solid yet unspectacular post WWII yarn with shades of "Lord of the Flies" and "The Beach". Based on a true story following a group of outsiders in the 1930s settling on a remote island abandoning modern society only to become threats to each other. Jude Law (Sherlock Holmes) and Ana de Armas (Knives Out) are exceptional while Vanessa Kirby (The Fantastic Four: First Steps), Daniel Bruhl (Inglourious Basterds), and Sydney Sweeney (Immaculate) co-star.

CITY NEWS

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conversations about how we can continue the progress.

And so, that brings me to a very special announcement that I'm excited to make tonight. You've heard what we've done, what we've got in the works, what's coming next. And so I want to leave you with one very exciting announcement — that Campbell is now Pro-Housing Certified by the State of California [Housing and Community Development Department].

And what this means is that the State of California has seen that we put in the work, that we have the strategies, that we're committed to housing. And there are actual dollars that come attached to this. This gives us a preference, extra points in the competition for limited and scarce funds. And so this is going to be a game-changer for the City of Campbell and for our residents.

And to paraphrase Ben Franklin, we have a housing designation, if you can keep it — the state actually requires us to continue the work and the progress [to keep our pro-housing designation].

So this story is not finished. We're on the horizon of seeing where we can go from this, to say we're going to do our part to address the housing crisis. So I just want to end tonight with the story that we're telling. It's certainly not one that's finished. I thank and honor each and every one of you for being a part of my story.



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7:30pm **Kurt, Johnny and Jim Bruno**

Thursday, September 18
6:00pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, September 19
7:30pm **Seven Shades of Grey**

Saturday, September 20
3:00pm **Ruth Gerson Student Show**
7:30pm **Little Black Book**

Monday, September 24
5:00pm **Ryan & Ryan**

Wednesday, September 25
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Thursday, September 26
7:30pm **Kaye Bohler**

Friday, September 27
7:30pm **Sound Advice**

Wednesday, October 1
6:00pm **Ghosts of Calico**

Thursday, October 2
6:00pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, October 3
7:30pm **Iconics**

Saturday, October 4
7:30pm **Cadillac Jack**

Sunday, October 5
5:00pm **HOOTENANNY**

Wednesday, October 8
7:00pm **First Call**

Thursday, October 9
6:00pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, October 10
7:30pm **Kaye Bohler**

Saturday, October 11
7:30pm **East Side Funk**

Wednesday, October 15
6:00pm **Blue House**

Thursday, October 16
6:00pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, October 17
7:00pm **Joint Chiefs**

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Longest summer concert series finishes strong

By Cuinn Huber

The August concerts of the Thursday night summer concert series proved to be some of the liveliest yet, bringing the town together with a strong mix of music, dance and sing alongs that transcended generations. With standout performances from Maneck, Misspent Youth, Soul Kiss, and The Houserockers, the month offered a diverse set of bands that kept audiences coming back each week.

One of the evenings opened with a burst of energy as a Zumba group crew took the stage before the music began, inviting audience members to join in their upbeat routine. The crowd, warmed up and smiling, was ready when Maneck stepped onto the stage for their set. They showcased their versatility covering songs from bands such as Chicago and Bob Marley. Their performance was well received by attendees with a full dance floor the entire show.

Another highlight of the month was Misspent Youth, a band formed just three years ago according to guitarist Phil Keegan. Their dynamic performances and setlists have made a name for themselves locally in a short

space of time. “We span different eras,” Keegan explained. “With a female lead vocalist, we like to keep things diverse and throw in songs for everyone. We usually start with dance songs to get the crowd moving and finish with in-your-face rock and roll.” True to his words their set delivered high energy from start to finish blending classics with modern hits in a way that kept the audience engaged throughout.

The series also welcomes Soul Kiss, a band with a much longer history founded in 2004 originally with three members, Soul Kiss has been entertaining audiences for more than two decades. Known as a true “variety band” they pride themselves on tailoring each show to the crowd. That’s my biggest thing—to pertain to the whole audience,” lead singer Sara Denice said. Their August performance struck that balance perfectly, combining old favorites with newer songs in a cozy and welcoming atmosphere as Denice put it “everyone was just there to enjoy the music.”

The series concluded with a rousing finale from The

Houserockers, who had the crowd dancing from the moment they began their set at 6:30. Their set crossed decades of popular music from the funk of *Let’s Groove* by Earth, Wind & Fire to the timeless drama of Phil Collins’ *In the Air Tonight*. They even mixed in modern hits like *Lil Boo Thang* by Paul Russell, keeping the energy fresh.

“This is the longest series we have ever had, with eight shows,” noted organizer Iseth Rae. “This audience is very encouraging—even with kids back in school.” That encouragement reached its peak when The Houserockers performed Sweet Caroline, turning the crowd into a massive several hundred strong sing along.

Together, the August performances of Maneck, Misspent Youth, Soul Kiss, and The House Rockers reflected the true spirit of the summer concert series, a strong sense of community paired with the joy of live music ranging from classics to modern hits. The concerts reminded everyone why this series is such a cherished tradition.

Before the Song: “Workin’ for a Livin’” by Huey Lewis and the News

By Chris Jackson
“Mayor of Silicon Valley”

A fun song to listen to on Labor Day Weekend is “Workin’ for a Livin’” by Huey Lewis and the News, part of our awesome Bay Area band history. Huey has truly worked for a living at jobs many of us can relate to: bus boy, bartender, and truck driver. He wrote “Workin’ for a Livin’” during his time working as a truck driver.

Huey is originally from once spelled his name, “Hughie Louis.” He also went by “Huey Harp,” and “Bluesy Huey Lewis.” By the time he settled on “Huey Lewis,” He’d been working as hard as

anyone in the business, and it paid off.

You might remember Huey Lewis and the News from their shows at Mountain Winery in Saratoga. The funny thing is, if you left the show early to beat traffic down the hill because you needed to get up early for work, you actually missed the song, “Workin’ for a Livin’”—it was his last song of the night! I suppose Huey, of all people, can give you a pass on that. ☺

Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX The South Bay’s Classic Rock, weekdays 6am-9am



The Summer Concert Series started with Smokin’ Slice of Mojo!



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By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

COVER CROPS

Summer is winding down and I must say, I am looking forward to cooler days and nights and all that fall brings. Leafless trees showing off their bones and bright colored bark. The sound of kids going back to school. Life kind of slows down, awaiting the holidays and time with family and friends.

As we move forward, we should realize that our gardens too, need to rest. Planting winter crops is much easier this time of year and weeds seem to take a break.

My vegetables didn't do well this year and I am grateful for our local farmers markets for keeping me in fresh local produce, nuts and other essentials. Getting food to market will no doubt become an issue this winter

so I have to work hard to put up as much as I can when I could. Looking forward to peach cobbler in January for certain.

Our soil will rest comfortably with a blanket of cover crops. Whether you choose clovers, vetch or other standards, just remember, plant early and let Mother Nature water as needed. These cover crops will be worked into my soil in the early spring.

Ideally, this is a great time to start putting in those cover crops. I plan to put some fava beans in the ground this month in hopes of a early harvest in February. I chose fava for their ability to inoculate my soil with nitrogen, provide greens (yes the tops and flowers go great in a

salad) and beans for family meals.

I also like to plant crimson clover. It provides a great food source for bees, inoculates my soil with nitrogen and looks nice. It is also easy to manage and does not seem to reseed as some plants do. Borage will come up on its own. I let it thrive, feed the bees and put pretty blue flowers in salads.

Planting carrots this time of year is pretty much a success story waiting to happen. I like to scatter seeds on top of the ground, uncovered, and wait. When the rains come, they will take over the task of keeping the seedlings uniformly wet. Carrots will last a long time in the ground, so there is no rush to harvest all at once.

This is also a good time to take an inventory of the status of your summer garden. What worked and what was not up to your standards. The green leafy, spinach, lettuce, chard will thrive during the fall. The soil now is still warm enough for seeds to germinate quickly and establish before it gets too cold. Pests are slowing down as well.

It always surprises me how summer vegetables seem to take turns producing good crops. One year, everything bursts so I plan to cut down on plants for next year. Then next year comes with less than stellar production and I am left to my own devices: as I said before, thank goodness for farmers markets.

You will know when it is time to turn that green cover crop material into your soil when their flowers start to look spindly and before any seeds forms. Once the plant decides to make flowers, it will start to steal its nitrogen from its roots and put it where the fruit is. I whack the greens back to nearly ground level, let it all rest a few days, then incorporate it into my soil. So while the roots have provided much needed nitrogen, the green material will provide rich organic material to enrich the tilth of my soil.

So, take some time to enjoy the slow down. Harvest what you can. And remember, those central valley farmers are producing food twelve months a year. Enjoy!

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SEGUE INTO INDIAN SUMMER



By Bill Peil

Being a native West Coast California dude, I always marvel about our seasons. While we don't have the extremes of the other parts of our country, I can still wear shorts 10 months out of the year. We always comment during a beautiful day, "This is why we live here and pay the big bucks". With this comes an extended bounty of fruits, vegetables, and great, fresh, local seafood. Pretty soon the weather will chill, and with that comes slow braises that fill the with intoxicating aromas, and fill the soul with lingering, memorable flavors.

Our extended Indian summer brings forth the end of an abundance of fresh vegetables. Fresh tomatoes, squash, corn, beans, and many others are still thriving. I love end of the summer vegetable stews. We have previously done spring stew with baby artichokes, asparagus, favas, spring peas, and fava beans. Last year, we did Calabacitas, a Mexican stew of lots of squash, tomatoes, garlic, spring onion, and cheese.

This recipe is a very old rancho style cauldron of fresh summer vegetables in the peak of their season. Back in the days of the ranchers and cow-punchers, this is about the only vegetable dish they

were known to eat with their BBQ steaks and chops. As with all old recipes, there are countless variations, but my family has been making it in a very similar fashion for quite a few years. Some of you may want to omit the bacon fat, and use a combination of butter and olive oil. For historical purposes, I have given you the original, as rumor has it, there was not much olive oil on the range. I use a combo of bacon fat, and finish the dish with a good drizzle of high quality olive oil. This is a meal in itself, with or without the bread and salad.

COLACHE: A VERY OLD CALIFORNIA VEGETABLE STEW...

4 cups diced zucchini, and or, summer squash
¼ cup olive oil
2 Tbsp. bacon fat
1 large white or yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves fresh chopped garlic
1 chopped small green bell pepper
1 chopped poblano or pasilla pepper



3 chopped tomatoes
½ pound green beans, coarsely chopped
4 ears corn, stripped, or use frozen
½ cup white wine or water
Small handful of chopped herbs. In this, rosemary, marjoram, thyme, oregano are best.
½ pound cubed Monterey Jack cheese

Cut squash into cubes. Saute' in olive oil, or with bacon fat. Saute' for 5 minutes, then add onions, garlic, peppers, tomatoes, beans, and corn scraped from the ears. Add liquid, season with salt and pepper, and cook till tender. Add herbs toward the end, and put cubed cheese on top, cover off the heat to melt. This is a resplendent dish to bid summer adieu. Cheers, and happy cooking, Billy.....



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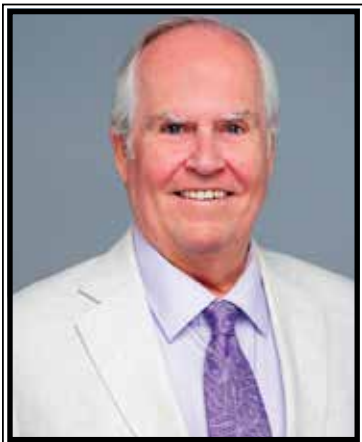
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Millions of homes are about to be affected by a rule that has the power of law which was passed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). That rule goes into effect on 1 January 2027 and will make the purchase and installation of a gas water heater illegal. But that's not all, there's a similar rule affect-

ing gas furnaces which goes into effect on 1 January 2029.

You might ask; how did these rule come into being, and, who is the BAAQMD? Simply the BAAQMD is a regional governmental entity with about 25 Board of Directors. Those Directors are appointed by the Cities and Counties within their jurisdiction, i.e. the 9 Bay Area counties. In 2022 they decided to pass these rules. Enforcement is likely to be done through the building departments with jurisdiction over your property.

The BAAQMD has significant authority in the Bay Area.

They determine when we can have a fire in our fireplaces or when there's an air quality alert. The Board of Directors are relatively unknown in their roles. In fact, when passing these rules, one well-known San Jose City Council member was quoted as saying she could make this though she's no longer on either the BOD or City Council, you may still be affected by her vote.

The cost of converting to electric water heaters and furnaces vary depending on the age of the home, the scope of the work, the electrical grid providing

service and other factors. The cost could get to be very high. One property owner in Almaden Valley was told that PG&E had an 18 month waiting list before they'd be ready to work on her home. Time and money will affect everyone who is forced to convert.

You can do something about it. There's a coalition forming to fight this and you can find out more by going to and registering at www.TooCostlyBayArea.com. Join with the more than 2500 tax groups, apartment associations, concerned property owners, Realtors and others committed to protecting your rights. Sign-in and get the word out.

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TRAVEL ALASKA

By Susan Lola

ALASKA – THE 49TH STATE

Alaska is an awe-inspiring place. Picture high mountains, arctic plains, crystal blue waters for miles, and miles, of majestic glaciers. Alaska is all you can envision and more. Prepare to take in glorious sights. The massive glaciers, misty fjords, tranquil waterways, immense mountains, thriving rainforests and rugged tundra landscapes are home to scores of wildlife... all accessible from your cruise ship from May to September, or via exciting onshore excursions via rail or motorcoach. Or you can do both on a Cruisetour with land before your cruise or after.

MISTY FJORDS

Sail past mammoth cliffs that rise out of the water and be awed by their sheer scenic beauty. Those who visit Misty Fjords feel closer than ever before to the untouched serenity of the natural world as they are surrounded by blue glacial lakes, tall waterfalls and snowcapped peaks. Keep a watchful eye out for bald eagles soaring overhead, black and brown bears foraging along the shore, Dall's porpoises riding the bow wave of the ship and harbor seals sunning themselves along the rocky ledges.

ANCHORAGE

Alaska's largest city is a vibrant, eclectic metropolis with modern luxuries, natural wonders and a frontier spirit. The diversity of the city's residents means there are always a multitude of arts and cultural activities, dining options and events. Summer brings sunny days - and sunny nights - and mild temperatures. Savvy travelers know that Anchorage is the key to finding the best of Alaska, all in one place.

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SITKA

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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

Sunkist Way (V) reported that (S) showed up to his house, making nonsensical statements and threatened him. (S) is at large.

Sunnyside Ave/S. 1st St. (V) was seen on the sidewalk, found to be intoxicated and with injuries. (V) stated he was robbed at knifepoint after being beaten. Transported to the hospital. (S)s are at large.

Hacienda Ave. Approximately 4-5 (S)s forced entry or attempted to on approximately 10 vehicles. The (S)'s all fled in a silver or white vehicle.

Lenor Way Unknown (S) obtained an \$18,000 check that (V) mailed and cashed it.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S1) and (S2) stole four trees from garden section of store without paying and fled in a truck; remain at large.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was contacted as he matched the description provided of a male possibly stealing from a

female. (S) was determined to be on active probation, in possession of drug paraphernalia, and under the influence of a controlled substance. Booked.

Los Gatos Creek Trail (S) was contacted on the trail after a disturbance was reported. (S) was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia with an outstanding warrant. (S) was issued a new court date/notice to appear; cited and released.

E. Latimer Ave. Two (S)s attempted to break into the mail boxes. The driver of the vehicle had a felony warrant, and both (S)s had burglary tools in the vehicle as well as a power tool. Booked.

S. Bascom Ave./Campisi Way (S) stole a stuffed animal, placed the toy on a vehicle and lit it on fire, causing damage to the vehicle. (S) then walked across the street and lit a newspaper stand on fire before fleeing the area.

Winslow Ct. (S) brandished what appeared to be a hand-

gun in a threatening manner towards (V). Booked.

Orchard City Dr. An unidentified (S) stole (V)'s cellphone from his pocket while at the bar.

Rose Ct. (S) broke down the back gate to (V)'s yard and attempted to gain access into the apartment. (S) was contacted walking away and was determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Booked.

Redding Rd./White Oaks Rd. (S) was stopped for a CVC violation. (S) failed to yield and took off on the wrong side of the road while running a red light. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was placed under arrest and booked for indecent exposure and the discovery of her outstanding \$20,000 misdemeanor warrant.

S. Bascom Ave. Officers respond to a shoplifting in progress. (S) was contacted shoplifting from the store. (S), on both probation and PRCS for theft-related offenses, was

positively identified as the suspect in six prior shoplifting incidents this year. (S) was in possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and was determined to be under the influence of a CNS stimulant. Booked.

S. Bascom Ave. (S1), (S2), and (S3) arrived in the parking lot wearing ski masks for the purposes of attacking (V1) as he got off work. All (S)s attacked (V1), who sustained moderate injuries. (V2) arrived and joined in the fight seeking to protect (V1). During the altercation, (S3) entered (V2)'s vehicle and drove it in the covered parking area, striking a cement pillar and hitting (V2) with the car. (V2) sustained minor injuries. (S1) and (S2) booked; (S3) was issued a Juvenile Contact Report and released.

Phoenix Dr./W. Hamilton Ave. (S) was contacted for riding her bike on the sidewalk and not having a front facing light. (S) was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and suspected narcotics. (S) gave someone else's info when officers

tried to identify her. (S) was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance with an outstanding felony warrant. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (V) was asleep and (S) grabbed her left buttock. (S) later fled the scene and remains at large.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S1) stole merchandise, left the store and entered a vehicle being driven by (S2.) (S1) was identified and is at large; (S2) is unknown and at large.

S. Bascom Ave. (V) stated (S) grabbed a cup out of his hand, threw napkins at him, and lunged at him.

Echo Ave. LASD called to request that CPD attempt to locate (S1) and (S2), wanted for parental abduction. CPD officers attempted to make contact with them for several hours but they refused to exit. (S2) was eventually contacted and CPD negotiated with her until she exited the residence with the missing children. (S1) and (S2) were taken into custody.

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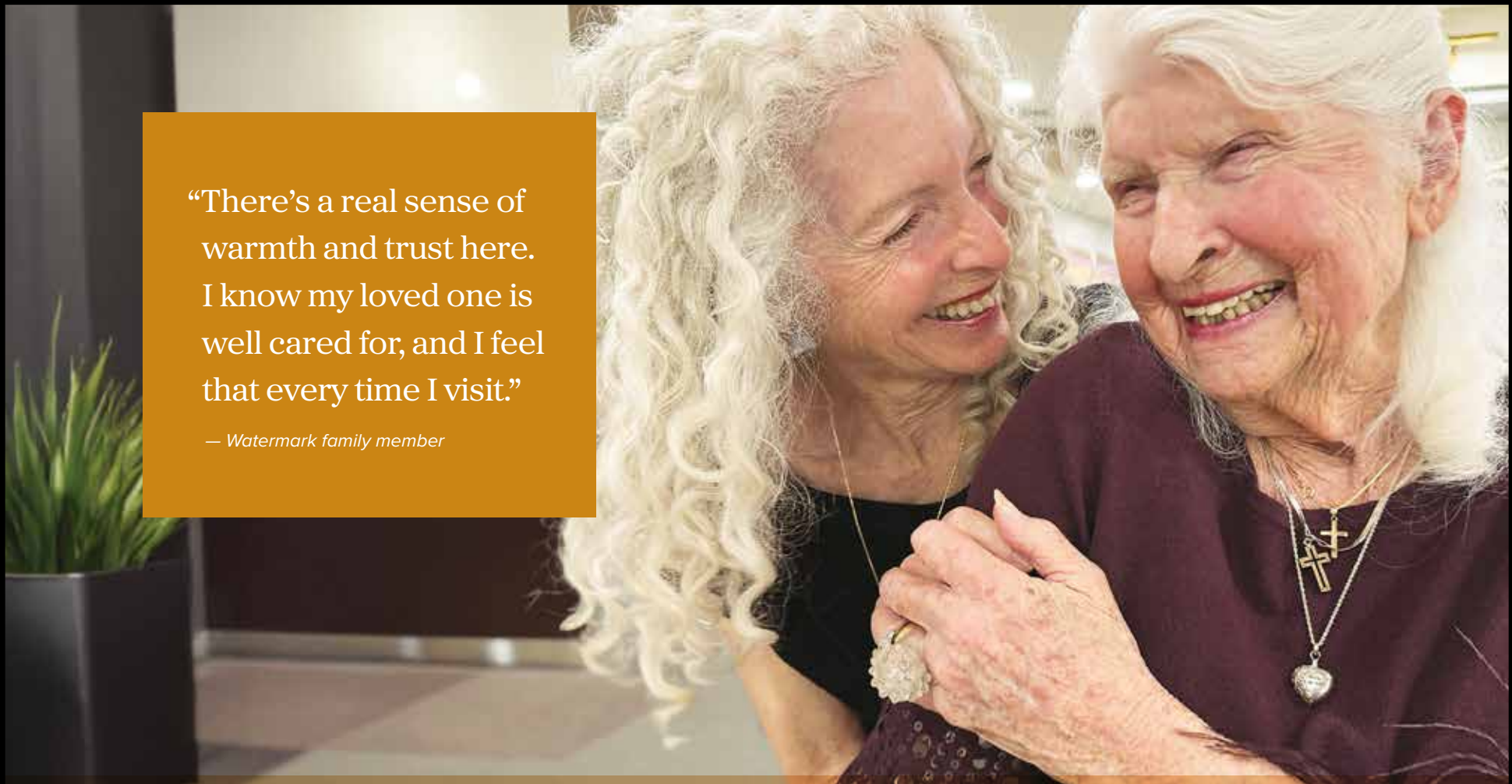
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1	287 Watson Drive						X		X	X	X				N
2	858 Apricot Ave, #C					X	X			X	X			luggage, lamps, vintage bar glasses,xmas décor, vinyl records, stuffed animals, wall art and more	Y
3	2811 Leigh Ave, San Jose						X							plants	N
4	956 Salerno Drive	X			X	X	X			X	X		X		Y
5	160 Victor Ave	X				X	X			X	X			watches and collectible lighters	N
6	217 N Milton Ave		X		X	X	X		X		X			x	Y
7	1454 Cronwell Dr	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		Y
8	641 Waldo Rd					X	X				X		X		Y
9	1038 Springfield Dr		X		X	X	X			X	X		X		Y
10	1255 Chamberlin Ct						X				X				N
11	1385 McBain Ave						X	X		X					Y
12	311 N First Street, Apt 1						X				X		X	hand craft hats	Y
13	2101 Abbey Lane			X			X				X		X	baby furniture tools	Y
14	250 S First Street, Apt 6		X			X	X	X	X		X			arts and crafts supplies, camping, multi family sale	N
15	1664 Sheffield Ave, SJ									X					N
16	1211 E Campbell Ave					X	X							x	Y
17	936 Steinway Ave		X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X		N
18	693 Crockett Ave			X		X	X			X	X		X		Y
19	2278 Cervantes Way				X		X	X			X	X			N
20	721 Crockett Ave			X		X	X			X	X		X		N
21	900 N Central Ave	X	X			X	X			X	X	X			Y
22	110 Christopher Ave		X			X	X				X		X	car seats	Y
23	843 West Rincon Ave							X			X		X	3D printers, RTX 3000 series, GPU, DVDs, collectibles	N
24	915 N Harrison Ave						X				X			christmas stuff	Y
25	156 El Caminito Ave				X	X	X						X		N
26	630 W Latimer Ave		X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		N
27	1195 Paula Dr					X					X			holiday décor	Y
28	1315 Patio Dr						X				X			designer handbags, pet supplies	N
29	371 Carlyn	X	X			X	X	X		X	X		X	garden miscellaneous	Y
30	910 Linda Dr					X	X		X	X	X		X		N
31	294 Wren Way	X				X	X	X	X		X		X		Y
32	872 N Central Ave	X	X		X		X		X		X		X		Y
33	1381 Hoffman Lane			X		X	X			X			X	sewing machine, bags, shoes, kids scooters, kids furniture,	N
34	3759 Xavier Ct						X				X		X	baby items, linens	N
35	1439 Ridgeley Dr		X				X				X			skis	N
36	271 Budd Ave						X				X				N
37	914 Harrison Ave				X	X	X			X	X			shoes, hand bags, costume jewelry, house plants, halloween and christsams decorations	Y
38	752 Craig Ave					X	X			X	X		X		Y
39	260 Dallas Dr			X	X	X	X		X				X	x	Y
40	170 El Caminito Ave	X				X	X	X			X			tools	N
41	955 Robin Ln					X	X			X	X				N
42	2112 Surrey Place			X		X	X		X	X	X		X		N
43	1101 W Hamilton Ave		X				X				X		X		N
44	350 N 1st Street, #3														N
45	1840 Ensenada Dr					X	X			X	X			tools	N
46	1190 Peggy Ave					X	X			X	X		X		N
47	1332 Munro Ave							X						craft items: cross stitch kits, embroidery, childrens' crafts, holiday crafts cross stitch books and patterns. Free patterns (limit amount) collectable hallmark, glitter art kit, wire art kit, embossing supplies	N
48	27 Jim Elder Dr						X				X			lots of plants, pots for plants, bread maker, Cuisinart, dishes, cook books, dog kennels	N
49	901 Harrison Ave	X					X			X	X			estate sale	N
50	1445 Theresa Ave		X			X	X		X		X		X		Y
51	51 LaVonne Dr		X			X	X	X		X	X	X		bldg materials, windows plywood	Y

