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Water District to release environmental impact report on Almaden Lake

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is expected to release the draft of its Environmental Impact Report for public review for the Almaden Lake Improvement Project in the fourth quarter of 2018.

In early 2019, the Water District will present the report to the district's board of directors for approval. Project construction could begin in summer 2021 pending the board's approval, funding availability, and permit acquisitions.

The Almaden Lake Improvement Project is a creek and lake separation project that will address the lake's mercury-related water quality issues and separate Alamitos Creek from Almaden Lake, which will also improve access for fish spawning within the Guadalupe Watershed.

Planning for the project began in 2012, with the water district conducting extensive hands-on outreach over two years to the community, holding public meetings and providing presentations to neighborhood associations, service organizations, and the City of San Jose to garner input on the project's design.

"Community involvement made for a better plan during the design concept phase - with design concepts 6 and 7 being put forward by members of the community," said Johnny See REPORT, page 8

42nd Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival: Not to be missed!

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

The joyful sounds of children's laughter, clinking wine glasses and melodious music wash over the crowd, bringing smiles to people's faces.

Holding glorious sunflowers, residents stroll past white tents displaying artisans' wares set against the backdrop of Almaden Lake Park. This experience is all part of the annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival.

Voted one of the best festivals in San Jose, it is an event not to be missed. Presented by the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC), this festival is not only incredibly fun and a chance to catch up with friends, but also a fundraiser for local non-profits ranging from teen programs and animal shelters to shelters for abused women, which all make a real difference in the community.





Voted one of the best festivals in San Jose, the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is an event not to be missed.

Held at Almaden Lake Park on Sunday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the festival brings the community together while highlighting local entertainment, vineyards, vendors and schools. "Our mission is to make sure we're reaching the community in all the things we do," says AVWC President Rebecca Stene, "from suppliers to artists and entertainment, the whole purpose is to involve and raise funds for the community. Basically, we put on a party for 25,000 people."

The festival features a diverse selection of local artisans, boutique wines from Northern See FESTIVAL, page 19



The first SJVRC race was a huge success, and team members and families visited a children's hospital, an elementary school, a remote mountain village, and four orphanages throughout Vietnam.

2nd annual SJVRC 5k/10k Charity race slated Sept. 30 at Almaden Lake Park

'For Charity, For Fun, We Run'

The race welcomes everyone from casual beginning runners to active elite runners with different fitness levels and running backgrounds.

There are just four weeks left until the San Jose Vietnamese Running Club SJVRC 2nd Annual "OneMile4OneChild" 10k/5k Charity Race at Almaden Lake Park on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

It's all for a good cause and now is the time to sign up and recruit your family, friends, co-workers, and people in your network to tackle your favorite distance 5K or 10K!

Our first charity mission was a huge success. From August 1st through 12th more

than 20 of our volunteer team members and families visited a children's hospital, an elementary school, a remote mountain village, and four orphanages throughout Ha Noi, Hue, and Da Nang, Vietnam.

We donated dried food, school supplies, and new farming machines to help the orphanages, village and schools with much needed supplies.

Please support our charitable cause and make a difference, for Every Mile You Run You Help a Child! Spread the love of this race and register today with the link below!

SJVRC's primary goals are to encourage and foster physical health, expand community support, networking, and most importantly *See RACE, page 8*



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6th Graders at Dartmouth Middle School get hands-on experience with STEM

By Jadelynn Dao Special to the Times

T school year began, 50 sixth graders in the Almaden Valley area excitedly went to Dartmouth Middle School, eager to learn while attending STEM Camp.

STEM Camp is an annual program to give incoming middle schoolers a taste of the engineering curriculum at Dartmouth and to get them excited about science and technology. STEM is a new acronym used in schools in which each letter stands for, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Stem education is an approach where academic concepts are connected and joined with real world lessons.

Taking place in a new, stateof-the-art STEM building, these kids got to brainstorm, tinker, and experiment throughout their week of camp. On day one of camp, students learned about computer science and the engineering design process. First, the kids learned how to code in JavaScript, a programming language used by many professional software engineers.

As an analogy to a computer program, the 6th graders made sandwich recipes. Not long into the activity, they realized that their recipes did not contain enough information for someone else, much less a computer, to use to make a sandwich. However, when the recipe turned out right, it was a tasty reward! Next, kids learned about the engineering design process, learning the key, defining terms in any project: the criteria, how to brainstorm, the prototyping phase, and more. They then planned a day at the beach for a particular client, facing many challenges along the way, like dead-



ly waves and crocodile-infested waters.

On the second day of camp, the 6th graders were given an introductory course on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and learned about renewable energy. They first learned about how and why AI works. The kids also got a chance to play games against the AI, including a brain teaser and a Pictionary-like game created by Google. They also learned about fossil fuels and its effects, as well as better energy alternatives, like solar and wind power. Then, the 6th graders were able to design, build, and test their wind turbines to lift washers off the ground.

Finally, on the last day of camp, the Dartmouth STEM department invited teachers, engineers, and alumni to put on a mini "Makerspace." Makerspace is one of the biggest afterschool clubs at DMS, boasting with around 100 members. It is like a playground where kids learn with hands-on projects. Kids can choose the kinds of activities that interest them the most, whether it is graphic arts, computer programming, 3D modeling, woodworking, even jewelry making. Volunteers come by to share their skills with interested students. At the STEM camp, the incoming 6th graders were able to choose from a wide range of workshops, including topics like website building, woodworking, and graphic design.

Throughout the whole week, these kids learned so much and got a jumpstart to Dartmouth's STEM curriculum. Not only did they learn about engineering and design principles but they also got the chance to meet new friends and learn leadership skills before school started. The camp was transforming for many kids, showing them a more interactive and engaging way to learn.

Judging by all their smiles, we can say it was a BLAST!





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Firefighters from Firehouse 22 with Safety Faire Co-Chairs Micelle DeOcampo, Raylene Fedor and Tony DeOcampo.

Back to School Safety Faire a success

By Denelle Fedor Special to the Times The first Back to School Neighborhood Safety Faire hosted by the District 10 Leadership Coalition was a great success.

Numerous government agencies, nonprofit groups and local businesses provided valuable information, tips and hands on self defense demonstrations for the 200 plus attendees.

Feedback was positive and a few vendors have already signed up to come again next year. "With all the fires in the state and our close proximity to hillsides, I wanted to learn more about fire prevention for my family. I received the information I was looking for and much more," shared Mark Johnson, father of three elementary school children.

Vice Chair, Raylene Fedor and incoming board member Michelle DeOcampo of the District 10 Leadership Coalition served as Co-Chairs organizing the event. Raylene Fedor led the efforts to secure a BeautifySJ grant for the District 10 Coalition which included funding for a neighborhood safety faire. "Drawing from my work with the Sheriff's office in the mid-west, I wanted to create a neighborhood event that brings our local safety providers together to meet the community," shared Raylene.

Neighborhood firehouse 22 brought their fire truck and Santa Clara County EMS brought an ambulance where kids and adults were able to learn more about how the equipment works. Park Ranger Mat Mendriski, educated children regarding local trails, waterways and how to stay safe outdoors.

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputy, Albert Valdivia provided a plethora of items including games, stickers, and educational aids, and invited the touring of his squad car. Almaden Taekwondo provided individual self-defense lessons and Almaden Parent Preschool hosted a story and music time for the younger children. The kids enjoyed receiving a pinwheel, face painting (provided by Poppy's Facepainting), ice cream from Scoop's Ice Cream, and of course, this event would not have been complete without Sharkie with San Jose's own Sharks National hockey League Team!

The District 10 Coalition adopted the Pinwheel as its symbol for this year's faire which is in support of child abuse prevention. The pinwheel connotes whimsy and childlike notions reminding us of the great childhoods we want for our children. To learn more about child abuse prevention go to preventchildabuse.org.

Special thanks to the following people and organizations: Linda Wilson, NJ and Bill Olson, District 10 Youth Commissioner Dheerj Jasuja, Tony DeOcampo, Cheyanne Segura, Matthew Campbell Warburton, Matt Mahan, Sahana Venkatesh and Ready Proof Design. San Jose Sharks-Sharkie! Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, San Jose Fire Department, District 10, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, San Jose Park Rangers, San Jose Police Department, Santa Clara County EMS, Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers, PG&E, San Jose Crime Prevention, MADD, SJ RACES, Civil Air Patrol, Santa Clara County Water District, Scoops Ice Cream Truck, Poppy's FacePainting, Almaden Parent Preschool and Almaden TaekwonDo.

Plans are already in the works for next year's faire as some of this year's vendors have already said they want to attend next year too.

For more information, visit www. SJleadership.org.



Councilmember Johnny Khamis and Almaden Taekwondo.



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- Ground noor bedroom with window box seat and access to full bath is perfectly suited for guests or in-law quarters
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 Formal dining room with built in hutch with pass-through to the kitchen, original fireplace, hardwood floors and French doors to front porch
- original fireplace, hardwood floors and French doors to front porch
 Kitchen with casual eating area features granite slab counters and full backsplash, stainless appliances, Viking gas range and oven, Viking hood, Knotty Alder cabinetry, multi-color inlaid linoleum floors and built-in hutch with microwave and granite counter
 Oversize bath with free standing marble vanity, clawfoot tub, stained glass window, mosaic hexagon tile floors and extensive wainscoting
 Laundry room is equipped with dual oversized quartz folding counters and storage with large window and door to patio
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Race

Continued from page 1 raising funds to support orphanages through the One Mile 4 One Child Charity fund.

Awards will be presented to the top three 10K and 5K male and female runners.

All participants receive a timing bib, tech T-shirt and finisher's medal designed by the local artists.

Runners' route

Participants will begin running the course from Lake Almaden Park and traverse along the scenic Los Alamitos Creek trail, then turn around and finish at the Arroyo picnic area.

Activities at the Lake include delicious post-race treats and live music hosted the Def Con and Singer Victoria Thuy Vi Mc-Dowell. Councilmember Johnny Khamis and State Assemblyman Ash Kalra are both expected to participate in the event.

SJVRC was founded by Luong Le in 2016 with just four members. Today, there are more than 600 members. "I founded the running club as a great way for everyone to have fun and to achieve healthy results and also contribute to charity," said Le. All proceeds go to One-



Child4OneMile charity fund, 501(c)(3). The SJVRC, a nonprofit organization was established in September 2016 and consists of compassionate volunteers that raise funds for the unprivileged children throughout Vietnam and promote running within the Vietnamese community and beyond.

To register for the 15K and 10K Charity Race at Almaden Lake Park, visit sjvrc.org and click on event. Due to the safety of all runners, dogs and strollers are not allowed.

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Khamis, San Jose City Councilmember, District 10. "These concepts eventually becoming the key elements of the final design proposal. I am looking forward to robust community input at the environmental review stage, like was experienced during the concept phase."

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is committed to protect-

ing the environment and improving water quality in local water bodies and remains focused on improving conditions at the 32acre Almaden Lake.

For more information, contact Capital Engineering Manager Rechelle Blank at 408-630-2615 or visit the Water District web site at: http://www.valleywater.org/project-updates/creek-riverprojects/fish-habitat-passageimprovement

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Big Mike & the HartBeats

Angelique Lucero

Lady & the Tramps

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Main Stage Entertainment:

10:00 am	Welcome to Festival – Patty Barbaccia Star Spangled Banner – Katie Stahl
10:10 am	Team-M Taekwondo
10:25 am	Leland High School Dance Team
10:35 am	Almaden Spirit Athletics
10:45 am	Aerial Tumbling & Acro Gymnastics
11:00 am	Euro Trash
11:40 pm	Kat Caisley



Angelique Lucero



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12:10 pm AVWC & District 10

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10:45 am	Katie Stahl
11:05 pm	Vortex Drifters
11:45 pm	Little Gym (tumbling)
12:15 pm	Primetime Martial Arts
12:50 pm	Dakota Tyson
12:55 pm	Brian Ward
1:40 pm	Dakota Tyson
1:45 pm	Miss Ooh Lala Pageant
2:05 pm	Youth Focus Performing Arts
3:35 pm	Euro Trash
4:35 pm	Angelique Lucero

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Our Mission:

The Almaden Valley Women's Club was founded in 1965. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to stimulate, by the active participation of each member, interest in the social, civic, and cultural improvement of our community.

If you are interested in joining this group of devoted and fun loving women who make a real difference in our community, please go to **www.almadenwomen.org** for more info.

2018 Festival Glasses

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is celebrating the 42nd Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival with unique wine and beer glasses that feature the 2018 Festival Logo. We thank our generous sponsors, **Amato Pizzeria, Jackie Jones/Coldwell Banker, Skips' Tire and Auto Centers**, for this year's wine and beer glasses. The AVWC appreciates their continuous support year after year.

Community Raffle & Silent Auction

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2018 Festival Art – **Josh Kimball** Born and raised in Almaden Valley, Josh Kimball began shooting images of anything and everything back in high school while enrolled in photography class at Leland. After graduating from UCSB in 2001, what began as a hobby soon became a career as dozens of magazines, books, calendars and websites published hundreds of his images.

Please view Josh's full portfolio and online store at **www.joshkimball.com**.



Welcome to the 42nd Annual Almaden Valley Women's Club Art & Wine Festival!

A dedicated and hardworking team of women started planning for the 42nd Almaden Art & Wine Festival in January of this year. We have all come so far together in creating what we believe to be a spectacular festival for our wonderful community of Almaden. The support and friendship each one of these ladies has put forth toward

the betterment of our club is beyond amazing. We pride ourselves as being named one of the longest running festivals in California, which developed from humble beginnings in 1977 into the outstanding program we present today. Our festival would not be possible without our new and returning corporate sponsors, our silent auction donations, participating artists, entertainers, food and beverage vendors and our gracious community who has supported our Art & Wine Festival for 42 years.

Thank you to the City of San Jose and the Almaden Lake Park Staff for partnering with us to make the Festival a success. Also, we would like to give a personal thank you to the City of San Jose Cultural Affairs Department for their generous grant.

It has been an honor to chair the 42nd Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival this year. All proceeds of the festival are donated to non-profit organizations, schools in our community and also support merit based scholarships that are presented to deserving senior high school students. It takes hard work deriving from each member of the Almaden Valley Women's Club to put on one of the best festivals in San Jose. I thank each of these wonderful

ladies for their support and dedication.

Cheers! Patty Barbaccia, 2018 Festival Chair





Pictured left to right:

Dawn Clarkson	Beverages
Donna Fivecoat	Silent Auction
Sandy Seaman	Glasses
Andreana Popovich	Information & Logo
Anne Samuel	Volunteers
Krystal Woodworth	Food
Rebecca Stene	Treasurer
Carina Beal	Equipment
Joy Bender	Scheduling
Lisa Boissier	Entertainment

Michelle Stanley	Kids Zone
Patty Barbaccia	Festival Chair &
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Jenny Texiera	After Festival Dinner
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Aletha Mann	Artists
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The 2018 Scholarship Award Winners: (Left to right)

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My Hoang

Evan Leung

Yanet Wossenseged Sabrina Tian Thanh – Thuy Nguyen



The 2018 Logo Design Winners:(Left to right)Camila CervantesAlex ChenSejal Ki

Shane Tarkington

Emily Gui Sejal Kini *(Winner)*

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Basnet joins District 10 Office; responsible for policy issues

hivani Basnet has joined the City Council District 10 office which represents Almaden Valley.

Shivani's responsibilities include policy issues related to streets, transportation, the environment, immigration, and education.

Councilman Johnny Khamis says Shivani cares deeply about women empowerment, economic development, and public safety.

Basnet previously served as an intern at the office of Congressman John Garamendi and at Morgan Stanley. Prior to joining the District 10 staff, Shivani worked as a finance assistant for Congressman Mike Honda's 2016 reelection campaign, as the Development

and Communications Officer for Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence (a non-profit group), and, more recently, as a Policy Aide for District 9 Councilmember Don Rocha.

Shivani received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Davis.

Shivani immigrated with her family to Santa Clara from Nepal in 2010. She speaks several languages in addition to English - Nepali, Hindi, and Punjabi.

Shivani likes to explore new restaurants in the San Jose-San Francisco Bay Area, read fiction novels and enjoys hiking.

You may contact her at shivani.basnet@sanjoseca.gov or at 408-535-4982.





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Festival

Continued from page 1 California vineyards, souvenir wine and beer glasses, gourmet food trucks, two stages of entertainment and a Kids Zone with crafts, carnival games, climbing walls and bounce houses.

With Aerial Tumbling and Acrogymnastics, Leland High School Dance Team and Rapid Rewind performing on the Main Stage and The Little Gym, Primetime Martial Arts and Willow Glen High School Spirit Squad showcasing their talent on the Children's Stage, there will be no lack of entertainment throughout the day.

"We've kept the quality and involved local schools, martial arts, dance and art studios," says Stene. She is also proud that AVWC continues to support students' creative and academic talents in more substantial ways. "I love that the glass logo design is done each year by local students," she says, "and that funds raised at the festival go towards merit-based scholarships to deserving students."

This year, the Women's Club has created an innovative spin on their silent auction and community raffle with local vendors donating items and groupings by theme. One highlight is a "Hot Dinner and Movie" at Fire Station 22. The winner can request a Ladies' Night or children's party with a tour of the fire station. If they're not called away, the fire station will also provide a fire truck at the festi-



val for children to explore. "It will be fun for the kids to be able to see a fire engine up close," says Stene. Also included in the Silent Auction will be limited edition works of art from painting to sculpture and photography.

Among the grouping of raffle items are a "Relaxing Day of Wine & Cheese Tasting" at Testarossa Winery with dessert from Icing on the Cake and "Almaden Family Fun" with gift certificates for Almaden Valley Athletic Club, Planet Granite and La Forêt. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. "We're making it affordable and people can bid for things they're actually interested in," says Stene.

A free bike check-in service will be provided by Trailhead Cyclery at the festival. They'll also have electric bikes available for people to test drive. "Last year over 100 people checked their bikes," says Stene, "so this year, we thought we'd pair the cycling community with a

cycling store. If people get a flat or need a tune-up, they can help."

In addition to the beautiful setting, Stene says she hopes that residents enjoy the entertainment, sample the enticing cuisine, purchase some beer or wine and just have a really fun day.

Art and Wine Festival making a difference in the community

Enjoy beautiful art, excellent wines while giving back to the community

Each year the Almaden Valley Women's Club works tirelessly to bring the annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival to the Almaden community. This allvolunteer group manages all aspects of the Festival – from securing entertainers, to procuring wines and beers to sell, searching out diverse cuisine to offer to Festival patrons, to identifying top artists and vendors to show their wares.

This isn't just a small commitment on the part of the volunteers. Festival organizational meetings start back in January and even prior to that some members are working with the City of San Jose on next year's event.

So – why do it? Why put in all of these hours? The answer is simple: The annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival supports more than 20 local organizations each year with grants – money earned from the festival. In addition the Almaden Valley Women's Club awards several scholarships to local area high school students and gives an opportunity to a local high school artist to create the logo for each year's festival.

"The Art & Wine Festival isn't just about enjoying wine, food and great entertainment," says AVWC President, Rebecca Stene. "It's about giving back to the community. We bring the community together for this annual party, and everyone can have a great time while supporting area organizations."

Gifts for Teens is one of the organizations which benefits from the Festival each year. "The Festival has helped us for 10 years now," says Elaine Benoit, who started the organization. Gifts for Teens provides duffel bags filled with clothing, toiletries, gift cards and more for teenagers who are in transitional housing, homeless, or otherwise in need.

It was 21 years ago and Elaine was helping Sacred Heart sort through holiday gifts when she saw a major discrepancy. "There were a thousand teens on the list but only 12 gifts appropriate for them." She and a group of women started Gifts for Teens thinking that they would quickly resolve the problem. What she uncovered instead was a large number of teens and young adults in group homes and foster homes with very low income. "It's no fault of anybody's – it is just the reality," she says.

Each year the group puts together over a 1000 duffel bags which are distributed through Sacred Heart Community Services, Bill Wilson Center, Unity Care Group and HomeFirst – all serving downtown San Jose needy teens and families. The bags, valued at around \$250-\$300 each, contain some clothing, toiletry items, makeup for girls, socks, etc. When the teens pick up the bags they are able to immediately connect with agencies who can offer help with job training, health care, etc. These agencies are providing help but first have to get them in the door. The bags are motivating teens love them. One teen said of the bags, "What a wonderful duffel bag. You have no idea how much it means during this time of year to know that people care. Thank you for uplifting my spirits!"

Elaine is a member of the Almaden community and helps at the Festival each year along with other members of the Gifts for Teens organization. You'll find them at the event pouring drinks or working the ticket booths. She notes that the grant money that Gifts for Teens receives from the Festival enables them to purchase sweat shirts for the duffel bags. "This is probably the most expensive item that we offer and we are able to purchase them at a great bargain," she says.

Another organization to receive funds from the Art & Wine Festival is Project Access. Project Access provides on-site health, education and employment services to lowincome families, children and seniors. Their mission statement reads "Our goal is to give low income families the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty, become healthier, further educated and financially stable."

Nextdoor Solutions is another organization that benefits from the Festival each year. Jordan Dancer, Grant Manager for Nextdoor traces the Festival's involvement back for at least 7 seven years. Nextdoor Solutions is an organization that offers solutions for those in a domestic violence situation. The team offers programs and services free of charge. These programs are designed to create paths for survivors taking them from crisis to safety, stability and self-sufficiency.

The festival helps each year with specific areas of need that fall outside of the standard programs offered at Nextdoor. "We look for areas of specific help," says Dancer. "Areas not covered under regular programming." She gave examples such as changing the locks on a home, assisting with transportation and other expenses. "We offer support to keep victims safe and stable," she says.

As with many other organizations, some of the Nextdoor Solutions team will be volunteering at the Festival this year.

In addition to funds donated to local organizations, Festival organizers are also excited to receive community involvement from our local fire department. San Jose Fire Department, Station 22, is directly involved in this year's Community Raffle. One of the prizes in the raffle will be a "hot" dinner provided by firefighters from Station 22. The dinner will be cooked and served by Station 22's firefighters.

The firefighters will also be on site at the Festival to draw attention to the raffle. The raffle tent will be located at the festival right next to the Silent Auction tent close to the main stage. In addition to the dinner, other raffle prizes include a Pasta Power cooking class from Cucina Bambini, a Pampering Package from AVA, a 4day stay in Oregon and many more fabulous prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Festival-goers can purchase tickets in the raffle tent at the Festival. "Don't forget to ask about the stretch promotion!" says Donna Fivecoat, Festival Silent Auction & Raffle chair.

"It's great to know that you can enjoy this annual party that we produce for the community and it's all for charity," says Rebecca Stene. "Don't miss this year's event!"









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4bd/4.5ba, 5,018+/-sf, Almaden Valley home set on a hill with spectacular views! 12,319+/-sf lot. Wood, marble, granite and lots of windows for natural light throughout. High ceilings on *both* levels. Each bedroom with its own bath. Large living spaces and bedrooms. Den/library with custom built-ins. Graystone Elementary School, Bret Harte Middle School and Leland High School. **Offered at \$2,469,000**

SALE PENDING! 7089 ROYAL RIDGE DRIVE

This stunning Almaden Valley Country Club home backs up to Almaden Quicksilver County Park providing easy access to hiking and biking. Panoramic views of the Santa Clara Valley. Meticulously maintained home with soaring windows bringing the outside in, gleaming hardwood flooring, high ceilings, granite slab kitchen counters and custom cabinetry. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2,851+/- sf with a large 16,814+/-sf lot. **Offered at \$2,288,000**





COMING SOON! 6637 Hampton Drive 19460 Graystone Lane 1129 Almaden Oaks Lane

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