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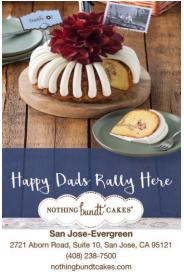


**Dr. Emy Flores** 

#### **Evergreen School District Board** appoints Dr. Emy Flores **new Superintendent**

he Evergreen School

#### District Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Emy Flores to the position of Superintendent of Evergreen School District. Dr. Flores' position is subject to ratification of the employment agreement at the June 13, 2019 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Bonnie Mace, Board President, stated "Evergreen School District is excited to have Dr. Emy Flores as our new Superintendent. She has See AMY FLORES, page 12



## Rishik Gandharsi is co-champion in marathon **National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.**

**By William Bellou** Publisher

ishik Gandhasri, a seventh grader from Evergreen Valley, was the first declared co-winner at the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. on May 31.

After correctly spelling the word "auslaut," Rishik, who attends Chaboya middle school, cheerfully raised both hands in the air in victo-

Rishik said he was happy his dream finally came true. "I felt very happy; it was surreal like a dream."

For the first time in its 94-year history, Rishik, was one of eight co-champions, octochamps, when the last of the eight surviving finalists, Rohan Raja, spelled his word correctly, the ballroom shook and confetti rained down on the stage.

The competition has never hosted such a large group of spellers who could not be defeated. The eight co-champions closed out the bee by spelling 47 consecutive words correctly.

Rishik successfully spelled the following words correctly: crambo, invincible, Yiddishkeit, hendiadys, Aufgabe, hinalea, keriah, frailejon, myctophid, bottarga, coryphee, chelydroid, Nyaya, fravashi, tjaele, rhathymia, See SPELLING BEE, page 12



Rishik Gandhasri of Evergreen Valley won the \$50,000 prize and the trophy at the National Spelling Bee final competition, which was broadcast on ESPN. Rishik is pictured with his co-champions. Photo by Mark Bowen/Scripps National Spelling Bee

## Rose Herrera launches campaign for Santa Clara County Supervisor

ormer San Jose Vice Mayor ■ Rose Herrera announced her campaign for Santa Clara County Supervisor. The longtime community leader is running to replace termed-out District 3 Supervisor Dave Cortese. She is widely expected to be an immediate front-runner in the race.

Herrera served eight years on the San Jose City Council representing District 8 - Evergreen Valley and two years as Vice Mayor.

"I've watched the transformation of Santa Clara County and what I'm concerned about is making sure we have a Santa Clara County that works for all of us —



not just a few of us. Whether we are talking about affordable housing, affordable long term care for seniors, health care, transporta-

tion, or a sustainable environment, these are issues that impact the quality of life for all of us."

Since leaving office, Herrera has served as a consultant to bring affordable housing for Veterans to the Millbrae BART station. She is also president and founder of the neighborhood group Involved Evergreen, and serves on various veterans organizations. "My involvement in this community runs deep and covers most of my life," Herrera said.

Herrera, an Air Force veteran, got her start in Santa Clara County government as a staffer for the Human Relations Commission working on gang prevention efforts and programs for at risk youth. "Running for County Supervisor is like coming 'full circle,'" she said. "I'm ready to give 200 percent commitment to serving the residents of District 3 and the County as a

While serving on the San Jose City Council, Herrera's proposal to bring back veteran police officers helped to resolve pension reform lawsuits and implement measures to help recruit and retain police of-

During her tenure in San Jose, Herrera developed a reputation See HERRERA, page 3

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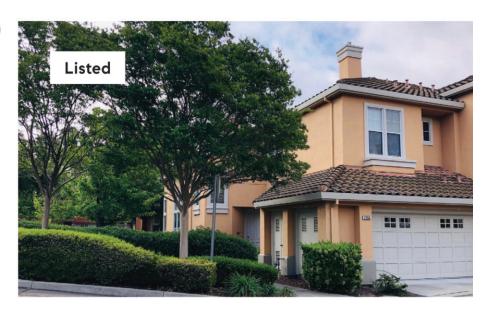
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#### **Times Local News**



## Homeless camp site near Evergreen Valley College shut down

A homeless camp not far from the Park Estates Way neighborhood near the creek on Yerba Buena road hs been shut down by San Jose police.

A resident noticed the tent set up in the bushes about 20 yards up the creek on the college side. He called the San Jose City Homeless Concern office; they took a report, and suggested calling the SJPD. Four officers arrived at the scene in the afternoon on May 28 and spoke with the Camper, and he was told he was trespassing and needed to leave. He packed up and moved on Wednesday, May 29.



#### Herrera

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for getting things done. She led city-wide economic development efforts and worked to revitalize the business climate in Evergreen, bolster women and veterans rights, create recreational spaces including a long-awaited citywide youth sports complex, led an effort to save the Lake Cunningham Skate park, fought to prevent the sale of Muni Water, and served eight years on the VTA fighting for improved public transit. Herrera recently joined other past and present lawmakers to push to prioritize

funding light rail to East Side residents.

Herrera said she'd love to see Santa Clara County explore public-private partnership opportunities with tech companies to provide training for displaced workers, job opportunities and address Silicon Valley's housing crisis.

Herrera joins a race that includes Assemblymember Kansen Chu, San Jose Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, San Jose Planning Commissioner John Leyba and former Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee.

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## Final concert of music director Steven Barnhill attended by nearly 1,000

early 1000 concertgoers came to see Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Music Director Steven Barnhill's last concert at the California Theatre on May 21.

Barnhill, who conducted the EVHS Advanced Strings and the Wind Ensemble to a standing ovation at the concert, is retiring after 35 years in the East Side Union High School District. He taught four concert bands and the Advanced Strings every day and strived for excellence in their performances.

For Barnhill, it was an emotional concert where he selected a combination of pieces that meant a lot to him. "This music is what I've always wanted to do, or that has meant a great deal to me in the past," Barnhill said. "I wanted to offer the best performance possible with the music that I selected. The experience was a walk down memory lane."

Barnhill started his teaching career at William Overfelt High School in the fall of 1984 and spent 22 years there, and he spent the last 13 years teaching at EVHS. He taught approximately 6,300 school days and an additional 4,000 after school rehearsals, and hundreds of concerts. He held his students and colleagues to a very high standard.

"For all that Overfelt High School meant to me, these past 13 years at Evergreen Valley High School have been truly life changing," Barnhill said. "I brought over the kick-butt attitude from Overfelt and raised the stakes. Not only has the new equipment and facilities



Steven Barnhill (center) receives an Evergreen Valley High School hockey jersey at his retirement luau party.

to the music program been a blessing, but also the love and support the parents have given to the program and me have made a huge difference. Having the opportunity to take our music students to Carnegie Hall on four separate occasions has provided memories that will last a lifetime."

After the concert, Barnhill said good bye in the lobby with hundreds of students and parents surrounding him who wanted to express their appreciation to him for the many years of dedication to excellence as a music teacher for both Overfelt High School and Evergreen Valley High School.

#### Hawaiian Luau

To celebrate Barnhill's retirement, a special

Hawaiian Luau retirement party was held on May 25 at the EVHS cafeteria.

More than a hundred students, parent volunteers and well-wishers attended the event which included a video presentation highlighting Barnhill's 35-year teaching career.

Barnhill told those attending the Luau to be patient with their musical experience, saying we all achieve our greatest success when we reach the age of 40. "Be patient, gather all the skills you can, and make all the friendships you can," Barnhill said. "For those who will be here when I leave here, it's your responsibility to make sure the music program is better than when I was here!"

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#### **Times Community News**

## **Career Day motivates kids to reach for greatness**

**By Frank Shortt** Times Staff Writer

xcited voices of students could be heard as different employees from the community converged on Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District on May 30 for the Annual Career's Day assemblies.

One of the assemblies that made the children especially joyous was due to a new addition to the annual activities; a visit from Mrs. Kameelah Green's First Grade Teacher at Windmill Springs, Jeanette Kaliska, representing Canine Companions for Independence. Mrs. Green is presently the Principal at Laurelwood Elementary.

This assembly was very encouraging to students as Mrs. Kaliska gave her presentation about service dogs. In the words of Mrs. Green; "Not only was it informative, but also inspirational as Mrs. Kaliska ended with the message: You can do anything!" Mrs. Kaliska herself, though she has muscular dystrophy, and is in a wheelchair, was a teacher, has been all over the world, and has even been sky diving. Mrs. Green was very excited to be reunited with her teacher who ignited a passion for learning in her so many years ago.

There was a video during the assembly showing all that the training dogs have to encounter before becoming a certified Companion Dog. There were also demonstrations of all the commands a dog must

learn. They must be able to open doors, refrigerators, cabinets, bring objects to their master, as well as, be able to handle wanting to be petted by every child they encounter. Mrs. Kaliska explained very carefully how children must approach the master to gain permission to pet the particular animal. These animals must also be trained to actually approach a check stand and pay for articles that the owner purchased.

After the Canine Companion assembly, all presenters moved on to their perspective rooms to greet several classes from different grades to talk about their particular career.

There was Michael Moore from KRTY Radio, Several reps from the San Jose Fire Department, Master Mark, Karate Instructor, Debbie Koelbl, Bakery/Business Owner, James Cruz from AT&T, Dr. Freeman, Orthodontist, Lila Gemellos, Painter, Rochelle Toletti, TESLA Lawyer, Kevin Cortez, Veterinarian, Nathan Wright, CPA, Charles Arconi, Architect, Scott Jaffa, National Aerospace Solutions, and a representative from our own *Evergreen Times* Newspaper.

Thanks to all the children who became guides to the perspective presenters showing them to their rooms and helping to set up for the presentations. One young lady, Mila, could be seen carrying a desk for the presenter that she was assigned to.

Bobbi Majors, teacher at Laurelwood and author in her own rite, set up the popular



Career Day provides information and ideas for future employment.

program. For the past several years she has been faithful to arrange all the details for Career's Day.

"Career Day has always been a special day at Laurelwood Elementary School, said Majors. "For the past 22 years that I have been part of this amazing community, Career Day has always been one of my favorite days. For many years I watched the facilitators organize and put together this special day. I have been fortunate enough to have facilitated this event for the past seven years. Every single year it is meaningful and enriching for our students and our staff."

Majors continued, "Career Day provides our students with information and ideas about their future goals and employment opportunities. A student starting in kindergarten and ending in 6th grade could hear 21 presentations from Career Day speakers. This makes a lasting impression on them. Also, I enjoy bringing our wonderful Evergreen/San Jose community to our campus. Laurelwood Elementary School is a special school. It is nice when the community gets to witness this first hand."



A Canine Companion demonstrates how he would help make a store purchase. Below: the Canine Companion team.





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Pictured above: Reporter Frank Shortt represents the power of the press at Career Day.

Times Community News

## **Silver Creek Academy hosts 7th Annual Speech Contest**

alt Disney once said, "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them."

What is one dream that you hope to accomplish? What steps will you have to take to achieve your dream?

Evergreen students were answering these questions at Silver Creek Academy's Seventh Annual Speech Contest held at James Franklin Smith Elementary on May 15th.

"The speech contest was a great success! We had over 50 participants and we met our goal to offer the students an opportunity to challenge themselves, step outside of their comfort zone, and practice their speaking skills in a positive environment," said Silver Creek Academy founder and teacher Shelley Swircek.

Earning the top awards for their outstanding communication skills were the following students:

Grade 1 & 2 Division: 1st Samarth Krishnan, 2nd Avni Nayak, 3rd Deetya Agarwal

Grade 3 & 4 Division: 1st Sanvi Kanagala, 2nd Nathan Francis, 3rd Sneha Dev

Grade 5 & 6 Division: 1st Ayetra Sarkar, 2nd: Laya Krishnan, 3rd: Chloe Zhong

The speech competition is just one of the many free events Silver Creek Academy of-

fers throughout the year allowing students the opportunity to improve their academic and communication skills.

Founded in 2007, the Academy offers a wide variety of small-group academic courses including writing and grammar, reading comprehension, math, public speaking & debate, and HSPT, ISEE, and SSAT preparation.

For more information about Silver Creek Academy's academic programs and free events, call (408) 839-5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.





Some winners and participants from the Silver Creek Academy Speech Contest held May 15.







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**Times Community** 

#### **Councilmember supports neighborhood safety**

**District 8** 

Report

By Sylvia Arenas

Special to the Times

Dear Evergreen Neighbors,

As your Councilmember, I've made improving public safety a top priority – and I've been proud to support the hiring of hundreds of new police officers, bringing back the burglary unit, and returning to police response to all home alarm systems in the city.

In District 8, I have been working to support neighborhood safety by organizing crime prevention meetings, public safety trainings, business district safety meetings, and community meetings. It's deeply important that we work together to address neighborhood-specific concerns, and to connect neighbors to officers.

When I ran for office, I promised that I would always put our families first. As a mom of two little ones, making our city family

friendly is a challenge that I have experience with – which is why I've worked to get the City to adopt a Family Friendly Initiative. The initiative has included expanding access to affordable childcare, making sure all new parents can access paid family leave, and adding changing tables to city facilities that are supposed to be accessible to families.

There's one place where these two issues (Public Safety and Families) come together: crimes against women and children.

While San Jose is one of the safest major cities in the country, there has recently been an alarming increase in the number of sexual assaults in our city – with the number of rapes having almost tripled in the last ten years.

The causes for that uptick aren't fully known. Some believe it's an increase in women coming forward to report, while others believe there's an increase due to factors like overcrowding in homes. I believe it's some combination of the aforementioned and other factors.

But the response is still the same: with almost three times as many cases in need of investigation, it's vital that the San Jose Police Department invest more resources in solving these crimes. The Police Department must increase its focus and improve its systems for investigating sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

That's why I was so proud to lead my fe-

male council colleagues in calling for our Police Department to bring forward a plan that is as bold as the crisis is big. We're also calling on the City Administration to schedule a series of public hearings on the subject and to set up formal coordination with Santa Clara County.

There are now five women on the City Council – half of the districts have women representing them. I was so pleased to have each of them join me in this effort. This is especially true for our senior female colleague: Coun-

cilmember Magdalena Carrasco, a leader on combatting domestic violence against women and now joining us are Councilmembers Dev Davis, Maya Esparza, and Pam Foley.

Working together, we have a true opportunity to move the needle on this stubborn and tragic issue. It will not be easy and as the nation grapples with unacceptable sexual conduct our city has an opportunity to have a breakthrough on the successful prosecutions of those who harm mostly young women and children.

With that in mind, I've requested the Mayor include a reserve in the budget to fund implementing the Police Department's plan, as well as new trainings for our officers. I hope you'll join me and my colleagues in urging swift action.

Your Councilwoman,

Sylvia Arenas

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact my office at 408-535-4908 or District8@sanjose ca.gov.



#### **Times Feature**



#### 'Thank You America' monument to honor the camaraderie between South Vietnam and American soldiers

Santa Clara County Supervisors Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese and San Jose Council Member Maya Esparza held a community meeting on the status and progress of the Thank You America monument honoring the bond and camaraderie between South Vietnamese and American soldiers who often fought alongside one another during the Vietnam War.

Many former South Vietnamese soldiers and their families now live in Santa Clara

County after the Republic of Vietnam fell to communist North Vietnam on April 30, 1975. The monument is expected to be placed in San Jose's Vietnamese Heritage Garden.

After the monument is built, it will eventually be positioned so community members can reflect and pay tribute to the sacrifices of the South Vietnamese and American soldiers.

The statue was proposed by a group of Vietnamese-Americans seeking to raise \$300,000 to erect and maintain the monument, which would include a bronze statue of two soldiers, with flags of the United States and the former nation of South Vietnam as well as a circular black granite bench.

It would be in the corner area beside the District Attorney's Office.



Evergreen Teachers Association awarded seven scholarships to former students who will be attending college in the fall of 2019. Back row pictured left to right: **Armin Montaseri** (Evergreen Valley High School), **Abhinav Vempati** (Evergreen Valley High School), **Alexa Othon** (Silver Creek High School), and **Chad McCormick** (Lincoln High School). Front row pictured left to right: **Marcus Chavez** (Evergreen Valley High School), and **Kristalyn Mendoza** (Evergreen Valley High School).

## **Seven scholarships awarded by Evergreen Teachers Association**

Evergreen Teachers Association awarded seven scholarships to former students who will be attending college in the fall of 2019  $\,$ 

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#### **Times Community**



The spelling bee participants celebrate the naming of the winner and co-champions. Photo by Mark Bowen/Scripps National Spelling Bee

### **Spelling Bee**

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murrain, anthocyanin, and the final winning word, Auslaut.

After the 17th round, close to midnight, EST, Jacques Bailly, the event's pronouncer, announced that any of the eight remaining contestants who made it through three more words would share in the prize.

In a group interview on CNN, the eight champions agreed that once the possibility of a tie was announced, they each hoped that all of them would answer their words correctly.

The competition normally offers a \$50,000 prize to the champion. Instead of splitting it eight ways, all eight contestants will receive \$50,000 and their own trophy.

The competition began Monday, May 27 in Oxon Hill, Maryland, with 562 spellers ages 7 to 15. After the field was narrowed to 16, the competition took a break. On Thursday afternoon, May 30, Gandharsi correctly spelled crambo, invincible, Yiddishkeit, hendiadys, Aufgabe, hinalea and keriah, before

heading into the final televised prime-time finals which narrowed the field to the final eight co-champions.

Bailly called the winners "the most phenomenal assemblage of spellers in the history of this storied competition."

More than 11 million spellers started a journey more than eight months ago in class-rooms across America. They shared one dream: make it to the National Spelling Bee.

"This is a night to celebrate the remarkable academic achievement of a group of the world's most talented spellers," said Paige Kimble, executive director of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. "These spellers have conquered the dictionary unequivocally with their ability, skill and command of the English language. It's an incredible achievement, and we salute all the years of hard work and dedicated study that brought these intelligent young people to the world stage. We congratulate them all."

Every year, students from all walks of life have the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, one of the nation's oldest and most iconic competitions.

#### **Emy Flores**

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the skills and experience to build on our successes and carry us forward in collaboration with all of our stakeholders."

Dr. Flores has been an educator since 1993. She has served as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, principal, director, and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services with a strong background in professional development, instructional technology, bilingual education and the Arts.

As Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the last four years with Fullerton School District, Dr. Flores has developed and implemented multiple award-winning programs including Dual Immersion, Visual and Performing Arts, Speech & Debate, STEAM, Middle College, and Computer Science. She has been recognized for her leadership at the local, state, and national level. She is the 2019 STEAM Educator of the Year for California 29th Senate District, 2017 and 2015 Woman of Distinction for the California State Assembly 65, 2007 Woman of the Year for

California Assembly District 57, and an Apple Distinguished Educator.

Dr. Flores holds a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California (2015) as well as a Masters of Arts degree in Multicultural Education from California State University Dominguez Hills (1996). She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Society from the University of California Santa Barbara (1993).

"I am honored to become a member of the Evergreen learning community and am eager to collaborate with our School Board, teachers, support staff, parents, students, and community partners in designing exemplary learning experiences that maximize each student's potential," said Dr. Flores.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees extended their appreciation to Eric Andrew and Fred Van Leuven of Leadership Associates for their services in assisting and facilitating the superintendent search. The Board of Trustees also extended their appreciation to Bob Nuñez for his services as Interim Superintendent during the transition.

**Times Community** 

## The Flame of Liberty Memorial honoring America's heroes set to be unveiled on Saturday, June 15

o paraphrase a quote from John F. Kennedy, "A nation reveals itself not only by the individuals it produces but also by the people it honors, the individuals it remembers.

Very seldom does one have the opportunity to create history and be part of a legacy that will continue to live on in Silicon Valley.

Saturday, June 15th will be the capstone of a seven-year journey for the Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation. The event will be held at the Los Gatos Civic Center, 110 East Main Street, Los Gatos, CA from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On that day, the Foundation will unveil The Flame of Liberty Memorial. The memorial is intended to deliver honor, respect, gratitude and healing to America's military service members and veterans, first responders and two 9/11 heroes aboard United Flight 93, who prevented the terrorists from completing its intended mission which targeted the U.S. Capitol Building. For some, their heroic contributions were their last act of devotion.

Since breaking ground on January 4th of this year, the Foundation has been busy sharing the Foundation's mission with patrons in support of its capital campaign. Anyone passing the Los Gatos Civic Center undoubtedly has noticed the fencing and construction vehicles from Devcon Con-



The Flame of Liberty Memorial. Inset, right: The Soldiers Cross within it sends the message that "The sacrifices of a few deliver the liberty enjoyed by many. For some, their contribution to America was their last act of devotion.

struction who is building the memorial.

The Foundation invites you to be its guest to celebrate and pay respect to all those who have given so much to America. The day's events will include a military concert, guest speakers, dignitaries, military vehicles and the unveiling of The Flame of Liberty Memorial. And following the program, the Los Gatos Lions Club, Los Gatos Meats & Smokehouse and the Summit Sisters band will sponsor a celebratory barbeque with entertainment.

Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster U.S.

tional Security Advisor to the United States is the event's keynote speaker. Prominent guest speakers also include the parents of Local 9/11 heroes Todd Beamer and Mark Bingham, David Beamer and Alice Hoagland respectively, and memorial artist and Master Designer for the U.S. Mint, Frank Kocian Morris.

Foundation President Major General Kent Hillhouse U.S. Army, Ret., the Honorable Francis J. Harvey - 19th Secretary of the U.S. Army, the Honorable William E. Peacock - Former Assistant Secretary of the Army, Retired who served as the 26th Na- | U.S. Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and Marine Corps Reserve Colonel, Ret., Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Senator Jim Beall, Assembly Member Evan Low, Mayor Steve Leonardis and Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman, will also be at the nodium.

#### **Event Details**

Los Gatos Civic Center, 110 East Main Street, Los Gatos, CA. Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

10:30 AM - Military Concert

11:00 AM - Dedication Program

1:30 PM - Celebratory BBQ & Entertainment

3:30 PM - Close

Keynote Speaker: General H.R. McMaster, 26th National Security Advisor to the United States

Also hear from the Parents of 9/11 Heroes, Mark Bingham and Todd Beamer and Memorial Artist & Master Designer for the U.S. Mint Frank Kocian Morris.

To RSVP or learn more about The Flame of Liberty Memorial Dedication and the mission of the Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation please visit: www.honorAvet.org and view their Flip Book at https://simplebooklet.com/the flameoflibertymemorial



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Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club: A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at 1(408) 717-5552 weekdays or 1(408) 238-4580

District 8 Community Roundtable: 1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square" library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization: Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@ sbcglob-

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees: Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org East San Jose Kiwanis Club:

The Kiwanis meet regularly every4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lob-

ster (12:00 noon). Formore informa-

tion, please contact: President of Kiwanis EastSan Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

The Evergreen Business Assn is a networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at www.ebagroup.org.

**Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting:** Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at New Seasons 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd San Jose Ca 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000

**Evergreen School District Board of Trustees:** Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

**Evergreen Valley Garden Club** Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIV-ING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd. Wednesday of the month, from 3:15-4:15 EVGC (No meetings in July or August) Membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or (408)532-6602

**Evergreen Valley High School Athletic** Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council: Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

**Evergreen Valley Rotary Club** 

We are a local service club dedicated to improving our neighborhood and the world. Local business leaders and active community members may visit us every Monday at 12:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse at the Villages Golf & Country Club in Evergreen.

**Evergreen Valley Service Organiza**tion: For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

#### Falls Creek Neighborhood Assn:

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/fallscreekneighbors or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanioseca.gov/ prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

#### Friends of Evergreen Library

meet on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October from 5:30p.m.-7p.m. in the Community Room of the Evergreen Branch Library located at 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. For more information call 408-808-3060.

#### LeyVa Community Action Team Assn:

This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

#### Lions Club - San Jose East Valley This local Lions group meets at the Red

Lobster restaurant on Capitol at Aborn on the second and fourth Tuesday of

the month. Dinner and fellowship start at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Since we often meet at other places, attendees should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

The Norwood Neighborhood Associa-tion serves the neighborhoods fromNorwood Avenue to Tully Road between White and Ruby. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at East Valley Church located at 2827 Flint Avenue. Please visit Next Door Norwood for more information

Reid - Hillview Airport Assn: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Drying Shed Restaurant, 402 Toyon Ave., San Jose. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association: Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

#### San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose, Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney @sbcglobal.net for further information, or check

out the website at http://www.sanpedrosquares. freetoasthost.org.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Assn: Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830.

Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Parent Center.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership:

The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). New meeting schedule will be posted

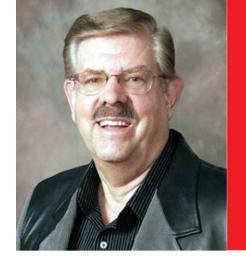
Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Assn: 1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley -Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Assn: This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue, Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and cosponsored locally by the San Jose Police Dept.

More than 38 million people across the country are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

Evergreen Valley neighborhoods are invited to participate with many other neighborhoods throughout San Jose in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6.

National Night Out is designed to:

- · Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts

Registration is now open and available online by visiting www.sjpd.org, online registration with the San Jose Police Department will close on Wednesday, July 24.

On Tuesday, August 6, neighborhoods participating in National Night Out events throughout San Jose are asked to join in a city-wide effort to strengthen their community by planning an event with their neighbors. Light up your street by turning on outside lights and spending the evening with your community and local police department.

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, games, contests, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day to beautify a common area, discuss neighborhood issues or set neighborhood goals, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

Register your neighborhood for this year's event today! You do not have to be a current Neighborhood Watch group to participate. National Night Out is for everyone. Registration is free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

Please visit www.sjpd.org for details about registration and other National Night Out event information.

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Ministry Co-Directors -Alyssa Friend and Kristen Pearson. We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, email info@eastvalleychurch.com. We are associated with Converge Worldwide www.convergeworldwide.org

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#### **Times Feature**

## Summer dangers for pets, part 2

By Dr. Raj Singh

Special to the Times
ummer has begun—the season
meant for fun, sun, and spending
time outdoors with pets. When

the temperature heats up, the dangers to pets increase, too. To keep your dog and cat safe make sure you are prepared.

#### 1. Fleas and Ticks

With all the time your pet will be spending outdoors, one of the biggest dangers is fleas/ ticks. During the summer you should check your pet for ticks at least once a day and check your pet thoroughly after walks or trips through wooded areas. Ticks can be harder to find on thicker coat dogs. Ticks carry a number of

diseases, including Lyme disease, but symptoms are often hard to spot. Dogs may be tired or feverish or become lame. Also talk to your vet ahead of time about effective tick medication, and only use products that are made for your type of pet.

#### 2. Dehydration and Heatstroke

Dehydration and heatstroke are very real threats. Animals should always have fresh, clean water available, whether it's summer or the dead of winter. Carry portable water bowls when traveling anywhere. Dogs that have shorter noses, such as Boston terriers or pugs, cannot cool themselves as efficiently as other breeds. Dogs that are always playing outside, Labrador retrievers for example, can become so focused on what they're doing that they don't stop to cool down.

Watch out for these symptoms:

- Excessive lethargy
- Decreased urination
- Dry gums
- Refusal to eat
- Sunken eves
- Decreased skin elasticity (Gently pinch your pet's skin near the shoulder up into the shape of a tent. If the skin is slow to snap back, your pet may be dehydrated.)

Don't worry if your dog pants. That's how they cool themselves off. The hotter they are, the more they'll pant. Other ways to cool your pup include fans, ice packs, frozen treats, ice cubes, kiddie pools and sprinklers. Your kids and dog will have a blast. If they seem weak or off-balance, cool them with a hose or wet towels and get them to a veterinarian as quickly as possible.

#### 3. Pools and Water

Not all dogs have mastered the doggie paddle. Some may not like water, and certain breeds like pugs and terriers, may have trouble swimming. So before you bring your dog to the beach or pool, buy a flotation device to keep your pup safe. If you are plan-

ning a boating adventure with your dog this summer, make sure he doesn't jump overboard, which can be dangerous for animals. And never try to force your pet into the water.

If you luck out and your pet enjoys splashing around, always rinse off after a swim. The chlorine, salt and bacteria in pools and lakes can be harmful. Animals should also have a shady area nearby where they can cool off and have access to fresh water, as drinking salt water and pool water

can cause health problems.

#### 4. Cars

Just as with children, leaving a pet in the car for even a few minutes can cause it to have heat stroke. Even on a 70-degree day, a car in direct sunlight can heat up to 100 degrees within minutes.

#### 5. Snakes

Many snakes are harmless, but some are poisonous. Protect your pet (and

the rest of your family) by keeping your yard tidy. Snakes love to hide, and tall grass and piles of junk are perfect spots.

If your dog is inclined to chase wild animals, get them into the house until the animal goes away. If your cat is allowed to go outside, do a quick check of your yard beforehand to make sure the coast is clear. If a pet is bitten by a snake, its face and head will become swollen and you should call your vet right away.

#### 6. Bee Stings

Bee stings and spider bites, are common in dogs. Check around your home (inside and out) for beehives, wasp nests, and other hazards your family and pets may encounter. Don't forget to also check garages and storage sheds. So what should you do? If there is a lot of swelling, call your vet, who can suggest an office visit or prescribe an over-the-counter medicine. Some OTCs are harmful to pets, though, so never dispense them on your own. And watch how your pet responds to any swelling. If they are very irritated, they may scratch the stung area, pulling out the fur. These "hot spots" make your pet look bald. Bring your pet to the vet right away if you notice this behavior or these spots.

#### 7. Sidewalks

Things like black pavement (or asphalt) can get very hot and can harm your pets' paws. A good gauge is:

"If you wouldn't like walking on it with bare feet, try to limit your dog's time on it, too."

Try to schedule walks during cooler times of the day

These dangers may sound scary, but a little preparation and a watchful eye is all you need to take the heat off your summer.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be director to Dr. Singh's email address: forpetvet@ yahoo.com; or call (4080 270-4600. Aborn Pet Clinic is located at 3286 So. White Rd., San Jose, CA 95148.



Your Pet and You By Dr. Raj Singh Veterinarian

Times **Feature** 

## **Dance Theatre International** wins prestigious awards

Publisher

ance Theatre International (DTI), located at Evergreen Village Square, has won several prestigious awards.

DTI has won the Youth America Grand Prix's Outstanding Teacher Awards, World Ballet Competition award, as well as YAGP's Youth Grand Prix student award.

In addition to attracting students internationally, DTI brings a wealth of experience to Evergreen and Silver Creek. It is the place for dance instruction and professional ballet and has been for the past 25 years.

#### Professional ballerina shares skills and creates vibrant organi-

Maggie Parungao-Ferla, DTI's founder has more than 40 years of experience in dance and theatre performance. She was a professional ballerina with San Francisco Ballet, Bejart Ballet in Switzerland and the Hamburg Ballet in Germany, to name a few. Maggie's contemporary piece "Falling Angels" received the Best Choreography award at the Spotlight competition and her students were invited to the Youth America Grand Prix Finals in New York City.

"I believe that students and educators should begin with the intent to give their best," said Maggie. "I'm thankful to have the opportunity to mentor and coach students who have become dance professionals nationally and internationally with San Francisco Ballet, Oregon Ballet, and Munich Staatsoper, to name a few. I am equally proud of my students who are university graduates from Stanford, and current students at Harvard and Berkley. I hope that sharing my knowledge inspires the next generation of thriving young adults and artists. DTI's offers dance for all with the mission to empower through Dance and Theatre."

Xavier Ferla, a Swiss native, is a renowned artist Dance Theatre International's Principal Ballet teacher, who has co-mentored successful DTI students. Since the age of four he has been dancing with professional dance companies all over the world: Geneva, Paris, Hamburg, In 1985, he won the prestigious Prix de Lausanne world ballet competitions in New York which enabled him to finish his studies with a Rolex Company scholarship. Most recently, he was awarded the Youth America Grand Prix's Outstanding Teacher award.

Maggie engages top level instructors to join her team. Olga Lakovlevskaya, Classical Ballet teacher from St. Petersburg, Russia, brings her talent and love of ballet to Europe, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and the USA. She was also awarded with a diploma and "The Best Teacher Award" medal in

recognition of outstanding technical and artistic merit at the 2018 World Ballet Competition Finals. Judy Milner, Modern Dance instructor, former professional with Alvin Ailey, New York, Bachelor of Dance and

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#### **Ballerinas** set the stage

Dance Theatre International students are: Top row (left to right) Zoe Ferla, Ketrina Lam, and Ella Siruno. Bottom row (left to right) Charlize Hardwick and Adrina





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side the store it was difficult finding a grocery cart.

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#### **Times Community**



## A 'Wax Museum' Extravaganza

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

hat do Elvis, Ben Franklin, Jules Verne, Rosa Parks, Anne Frank, Princess Diana, Mohammed Ali, Julia Child, Jeff Kinney, Brook Shields, and Amelia Earhart have in common with San Jose Councilmember, Sylvia Arenas who represents District 8 in Evergreen?

They were all present at the third annual Wax Museum at Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District on Tuesday, May 28. Arenas took time from a busy schedule to support the fourth and fifth grade students as they worked very hard to present 'living book reports' by portraying the characters they have read and studied about during the school year.

The air is filled with history and nostal-gia! Pope Francis, Steve Jobs, Former president, Barack Obama, Bill Gates, Helen Keller, Betsy Ross, Queen Elizabeth, Frieda Kahlo, George Lucas, Spiderman, Sally Ride, Stephen Breyer, Walt Disney, Stevie Wonder, Maria Tallchief, J.K. Rowling, Abraham Lincoln, and Mahatma Gandhi, all came alive in a unique program. This is what education is all about; co-operation, participation, and preparing children for their future.

The living history "Wax Museum" tells us that any famous character in history could have been from any ethnic or economic background if given the opportunity. Abe Lincoln was raised in a log cabin in the backwoods and eventually became President of the United States giving his life for the freedom of many.

Beckie Kemling and Jamie Calderon, the two Laurelwood teachers in charge of the Wax Museum, came through this year with an outstanding program for parents and students alike.

In the words of Principal, Kameelah Green, "I'm so very proud of these 4th & 5th grade students for their hard work. It was the best wax museum I've ever seen! The students demonstrated poise, eye contact, creativity and skill as they embodied the autobiographical experience. The sense of pride from students, parents and teachers that inhabited the room was moving. This project, led by Beckie Kemling and Jaime Calderon, is one of those that students look forward to as they get closer to 4th grade."



**Anne Frank** 



Ben Franklin



Abraham Lincoln

#### **Times Community**



**Zoe Ferla** was awarded the coveted Youth Grand Prix.

#### **Dance**

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Education, and Elizabeth Insalaco, Musical Theatre instruction for 25 years, BA in Cinema and a Minor in Dance. She has television and Film experience including the television shows Half and Half, Designing Women, According to Jim, and Saving Grace.

DTI is the official school of the San Jose Youth Ballet (SJYB). SJYB produces their popular annual production of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker every holiday season.

DTI's new Academy is a professional intensive study program for selected gifted ballet students, focused on serious ballet education and preparing their students for a professional career based on individual plan.

#### **Awards**

Zoe Ferla was awarded the coveted Youth Grand Prix for her Classical and Contemporary pieces and an invitation to the New York City Finals. She placed Top 12 at the World Ballet Competitions.

Charlize Hardwick received a special invitation to the Youth America Grand Prix New York Finals for her Contemporary piece as well as placing as a Bronze medalist at the World Ballet Competitions.

Adrina Hsieh received Top 12 at the Youth America Grand Prix for Contemporary. She placed Top 12 at the World Ballet Competitions for her Classical Ballet and Contemporary. Ketrina Lam received Honorable Mention for Classical Ballet and Contemporary at the California Dance Classics. Ella Siruno received Honorable Mention in Contemporary at the California Dance Classics.

#### Professionalism and passionate commitment to dance

"Our consummate professionalism and passionate commitment to dance, undeniable talent, multiplied by experience and deep knowledge in the field of culture and ballet history, are focused and aimed at creating one of the best professional curricula, explained Maggie. "We strive to bring the best. Dance Theatre International offers ballet, contemporary, hip hop, and tap classes for youth ages 3+ as well as a Ballet Program for ages 6+ focused on en pointe training. DTI offers an Exclusive Classical Ballet and Contemporary Summer Intensive from July 15 to August 9, 2019 as well as other full day Summer Dance Camps and Programs for all ages and genres."

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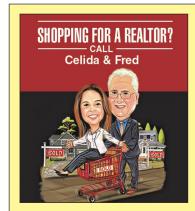
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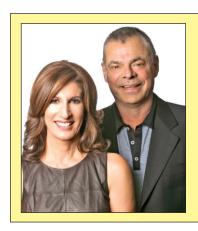
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#### Santa Clara County seeks community input on Voter's Choice Act

There are changes coming to Santa Clara County elections in 2020 with the implementation of the Voter's Choice Act and the Registrar of Voter's Office is seeking community input on ways the model can better serve voters.

Two advisory panels are being created: The Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). A third panel, the Voter Education and Outreach Coalition (VEOC) will focus on general outreach.

All of the feedback received from these committees will help to develop the Election Administration Plan. Community input is also sought on the creation of the draft Election Administration Plan (EAP) through consultation meetings. Find more information on our Press Release available at https://bit.ly/317KyXe. Online applications for the LAAC can be found at https://bit.ly/2WbJ1Mb. For the VAAC, go to https://bit.ly/2IhtFAT. For places and times, or for more information on the Voter's Choice Act go to www.sccvote.org/voterschoice or email: voterschoice@rov.sccgov.org.

#### 7th Annual Silicon Valley Modern Home Tour returns on June 8

On Saturday, June 8th, the Modern Architecture and the Design Society returns to Silicon Valley for the 2019 Modern Home Tour.

The annual event celebrates regional architects, designers, and home builders, and gives them the opportunity to showcase their work to the community in which they work. In turn, the self-guided tour gives the community a rare chance to ask questions and engage the minds behind the designs, as they explore some of Silicon Valley's modern homes up close, inside and out.

Some tour-goers search for an architect or home builder to work with on their next project; others hope to find a little inspiration; whatever the reasons may be, all tour-goers come to see a curated selection of Silicon Valley homes that embody the California's unique modern architecture and design aesthetic.

"The Silicon Valley Modern Home Tour is one of our long-running California tours, and it's one we always look forward to," says MA+DS founder and president, James Leasure. "The Valley is one of the birthplaces of the midcentury modern movement. We are so lucky each year to be able to showcase modern homes from today's architects, as well as a couple homes that exhibit the iconic mid-century

Participating homes for the 7th annual Silicon Valley Modern Home Tour include:

- A modern renovation by Ogawa Fisher Architects and Starburst Construction Company of a 1955 home in Mountain View
- A sustainable modern home built in 2012, designed by Tobin Dougherty Architects, located in Portola Valley
- A modern home in the Los Altos Hills, designed by Camargo and Associates and built by Mason-Hammer Builders
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Participating homes in the 8th annual Silicon Valley Modern Home Tour will open their doors for viewing from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th. Ages 10 & Up are invited to attend. Tickets to see all homes are \$40 in advance online; \$50 on the day of the tour. Details on participants can be found on the 2019 Silicon Valley Modern Home Tour event page: www.siliconvalleymodernhometour.com.

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3211 Whiterose Drive	\$1,120,000	4	2   0	1,531	4.491 Lot SaFt
9065 Village View Loop	\$1,100,000	3	2   0	2,025	435 Lot SqFt
2818 Pendleton Drive	\$1,060,000	3	2   0	1,503	6,000 Lot SqFt
2818 Pendleton Dr	\$1,060,000	3	2   0	1,503	6,000 Lot SqFt
3275 Shiraz Place	\$1,048,410	3	2   1	1,626	1,144 Lot SqFt
3183 Whiteleaf Court	\$1,020,000	3	3   0	1,322	5,040 Lot SqFt
3004 Pitner Court	\$1,010,000	4	3   0	1.647	7.051 Lot SaFt
2362 Reno Drive	\$1,010,000	4	3   0	2,184	12,015 Lot SqFt
8732 Mccarty Ranch Drive	\$990,000	2	2 1	2,305	2,412 Lot SqFt
2050 Hayworth Drive	\$952,000	4	2   1	1,693	6,601 Lot SqFt
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#### **SILVER CREEK AND SURROUNDING AREA**

5962 Country Club Parkway	\$2,825,000	5	4   1	5,502	15,282 Lot SqFt
5415 Vicenza Way	\$2,775,000	5	4   1	5,008	11,761 Lot SqFt
<b>5227</b> Nice Court	\$2,260,000	5	4   1	3,880	9,147 Lot SqFt
5501 Livorno Court	\$2,025,000	5	4   1	3,991	9,760 Lot SqFt
<b>5226 Apennines Circle</b>	\$1,770,000	4	3   0	3,112	10,466 Lot SqFt
<b>5289 Roxburghe Court</b>	\$1,448,000	3	2   1	1,938	3,923 Lot SqFt
<b>5285</b> Manderston Drive	\$1,400,000	3	2   1	1,817	4,080 Lot SqFt
1200 Thornbury Lane	\$1,380,000	4	3   1	2,612	4,252 Lot SqFt
857 Schoolhouse Road	\$1,235,000	5	3   0	2,535	4,758 Lot SqFt
1366 Trailside Court	\$1,140,000	3	2   1	2,084	4,293 Lot SqFt
5391 Silver Vista Wav	\$1,100,000	2	2   0	1.793	Lot SaFt
5337 Silver Point Way	\$950,000	2	2   0	1,590	435 Lot SqFt
5780 Barnswell Wav	\$950,000	4	2   1	2,077	5,600 Lot SqFt
459 Birkhaven Place	\$939,000	3	2   1	1,457	3,722 Lot SqFt
2143 Silver Vale Court	\$935,000	2	2   0	1,590	435 Lot SaFt
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