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43rd Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival: Bringing community together

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

Featuring local artisans, wineries, and community, the 43rd annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is just around the corner. Beautiful Alma-den Lake Park will be the setting for this highly anticipated event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

"People love having an open space where they can walk along with their wine glasses and tour the artists' booths while listening to music, all outdoors and close to home," says Jenny Teixeira, Festival Entertainment Chair. "It's a whole experience only an outdoor festival can provide."

An Almaden Valley tradition since 1976, the festival features a

wide variety of entertainment.

Team M Taekwondo, Aerial Tumbling, and Acrogymnastics, Leland High School Dance Team, Almaden Spirit Athletics, and Willow Glen High School Spirit Squad will be performing on the Main Stage, in addition to popular, local bands.

To encourage the audience to sit awhile and enjoy the show, a large shade structure has been extended from the stage into the food area, and tables with umbrellas will be provided. Boutique wines from Northern California vineyards will be available, including rose wines from Guglielmo Winery and Ironstone Vineyards. A variety of food offerings include gourmet food trucks, and new this year, Indian cuisine and snow cones.

Having grown up in Almaden



A LOOK BACK – The Almaden Art & Wine Festival has been bringing the community together for generations. Here is a photograph of the exciting event taken by Don DeBold in 2008, with the same playful spirit that the festival maintains to date. (Photo: Don DeBold - CC2.0)

Valley, Teixeira has been attending the festival since she was a child and appreciates being a part of it now. "I always try to take a

moment to walk down the center and watch people enjoying themselves," she says. She also loves seeing the proud faces of parents

watching their kids perform.

"We start out with cheer teams, tumbling, and taekwondo," says

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The Second Street Studios affordable housing project grand opening attracted a large crowd.

Second Street Studios affordable housing project grand opening

Second Street Studios, an affordable housing project for 150 homeless individuals in San Jose, had its grand opening on August 23. This is the first of 19 similar developments scheduled for San Jose.

Second Street Studios marks the first new construction of permanent, supportive housing in San Jose and reflects the unique partnerships that formed between nonprofits, local government and the tech sector to help address the homelessness crisis.

Located at the corner of South Second Street and Keyes Street, the four-floor Second Street Studios building features

135 energy-efficient studio and one-bedroom apartments. These new apartments have a community-centered wellness design that incorporates a landscaped podium courtyard with laundry facility, on-site property management, extensive social service coordination, full time nurse, computer lab, multipurpose room, and smaller group social spaces. Since its inception in 1986, First Community Housing has developed housing for over 1500 households, with another 800 units in the pipeline.

"The day I handed the keys to our first
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Festival

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Festival Chair Lisa Boissier. "These are our community's kids. It shows how vibrant and active members of our community are. Families, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles come to see their kids perform and enjoy the art, food and wine, and Kid's Fun Zone. It gives it a real community feel. It's what we're all here for; our friends, neighbors and kids. We have a lot of talented kids, musicians, artists, and wine-makers."

The festival's Kid's Fun Zone includes a rock-climbing wall, fly-high jumpers, giant slide, bounce houses, face painting, art projects, and a Children's Stage. Leland Robotics, Little Gym, and Shaolin Kungfu Martial Arts will be performing and SJ Sharkie will be making an appearance.

"We're hoping to bring out the community and make it a nice day to reconnect after summer," says Teixeira. "With its pumpkins, sunflowers, and candles, it's always been a great way to kick off the fall."

For Almaden Valley Women's Club members, watching people enjoy themselves is the highlight of their day, making all of their hard work worthwhile. "It's such a rewarding experience, we sign up to do it again and again," says Teixeira. "Some of us have done it for 15 or 20 years. Our motto is, 'Friendship through Service,' and it's really the case. We work side by side to accomplish something great together."

In addition to planning and hosting the festival, members attend social events and meetings with guest speakers. "We have a great time coming together and we also bring friends into it," says Teixeira. Those who live and/or work in the 95118, 95120, and 95123 ZIP codes are eligible to join the Women's Club.

All of the festival's proceeds go back into the community. Money from the very first festival went towards purchasing the jaws of life for the Almaden fire station, which was used to rescue a teenager from a car accident on Almaden Expressway.

The Almaden Art and Wine Festival is the signature fundraiser of the Almaden Valley Woman's Club. Half of the festival's proceeds benefit community non-profits, and the other half provides merit-based scholarships to deserving students. Kaitlyn Barbaccia, Sergio Camacho, Bhargavi Gabriella,

Housing

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resident at Second Street Studios was one of the best days of my professional life," said Geoffrey Morgan, President and CEO at First Community Housing. "All of us at FCH are grateful to be able to serve over 150 formerly homeless in this historic first 100 percent permanent supportive housing project and the first modular construction affordable housing in San Jose. None of this would have been possible without the steadfast support of all our partners, including Silicon Valley Bank and Tech CU."

"Second Street Studios was a challenging project to finance and build, but all of us involved felt the urgency and responsibility to make sure that



Geoff Morgan, CEO of First Community Housing

the project is successful," said Fiona Hsu, Managing Director of Community Development Finance at Silicon Valley Bank. "Improving the homelessness crisis in Silicon Valley requires a collective response by every stakeholder in



Some of the new residents are introduced by Geoff Morgan, CEO of First Community Housing.

this region. SVB will continue to do our part and support impactful projects like Second Street Studios. We look forward to partnering with Tech CU again on more transformative projects in the future."

Capriana Jiang, Tushar Lakshminarayanan, and Megan Shieh are this year's scholarship award winners.

About 25 community organizations received grants last year, ranging from counseling services to women's shelters and local schools. Some recipients include: Almaden Valley Counseling Services, Castillero Middle School, Jake's Wish Dog Rescue, Leland High School, Live Oak Adult Day Services, Loaves & Fishes, Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, Pioneer High School, Respite and Research for Alzheimers, and Stroke Awareness.

"Giving back is the most rewarding part," says Teixeira. "The Women's Club is a great support group and a lot of fun."

"Every single person in the club is dedicated to the community," says Boissier. "It takes hard work and lots of time from each member... to put on one of the best festivals in San Jose. We put this on as a team. It's challenging, but when it all comes together, it's joyful. There's just this great sense of satisfaction that we're doing something productive and helpful for the community. It's gratifying."

The festival, which costs \$100,000 to run, wouldn't be possible without sponsor-

ship. Last year, the festival received corporate sponsorship of \$54,000 and in-kind donations valued at \$50,000. About \$50,000 was raised from the festival, largely from wine and beer sales, as well as artists and vendors fees. "We try to minimize costs and maximize donations," says Boissier. "We're very grateful for the bands that donate their time."

Each year, the Women's Club must reapply for a grant from the City of San Jose's Office of Cultural Affairs. This year, they were fortunate to receive a grant of \$20,000 from the City. Other platinum sponsors include: Jackie Jones/Coldwell Banker, Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers, Almaden Times, San Jose Giants, KLIV 1590, KRTY 95.3, Del Grande Dealer Group, and Bloomster's. Many other sponsors reflect community-based businesses, such as: Almaden Valley Nursery, Amato's Pizzeria, Ana's Bakery, and Posh Bagels.

"We could not put on the festival without the support of our Corporate Sponsors and a generous grant from the City of San Jose Cultural Affairs," says Boissier. "We have many Corporate Sponsors that come back year after year to support us, such as Jackie Jones, Skip's Tires, and Amato's Pizzeria,

who are all sponsors for our commemorative glasses."

Each year, local students submit logo designs to the Women's Club, which also decorate souvenir glasses and promote the festival. This year's chosen design, created by Spencer Dyson, features an "A" and a "V" for Almaden Valley, paint brushes, wine grapes, and Mt. Umunhum. The four finalists are: Kyle Lai, Rebecca Lofis, Heeju Nam, and Megan Pham. The winner is awarded \$200, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$100, 4th place \$75, and 5th place \$50.

Bloomster's, known for distributing its iconic sunflowers from its booth, also decorates the VIP area and corporate sponsor booths. The first year Boissier and her family attended the festival, her daughter, then elementary-school age, was delighted to receive a sunflower. She never forgot that and today, a photo she took at age 14 of a sunflower set against a blue sky decorates the festival ads and posters.

"Just being able to sit in the park from any vantage point and look over at the lake or at Mt. Um-unhum... it's gorgeous," says Boissier. "It's such a beautiful setting and in our own backyard. I can't think of a better place for our festival. It's a great celebration. I hope it will be a lot of fun."

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Symphony Silicon Valley presents Romeo & Juliet & Sibelius on Saturday, October 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 355 South First Street, San Jose.

Internationally renowned Maestra **JoAnn Falletta (inset)** makes her first appearance



on the Symphony's podium with a program that puts the orchestra on full display. Barber's sparkling overture introduces the concert, followed by Falletta's own selections from Prokofiev's passionate masterpiece.

The concert ends with Sibelius's popular Fifth Symphony, one of the greatest works of the 20th century - powerful, poignant, ardently traditional and filled with melody.

The reserved composer himself stated: "God opens his door for a moment and his orchestra plays the Fifth Symphony."

The Program:

- Samuel Barber: The School for Scandal Overture
- Sergei Prokofiev: Suite No. 1 from Romeo and Juliet, Op. 64bis
- Jean Sibelius: Symphony No. 5 in E-flat major, Op. 82

Tickets: \$50 - \$94 may be purchased by calling (408) 286.2600; or visit: www.symphonysiliconvalley.org.

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Airplanes and classic cars highlight Hot San Jose Nights 2019 at Reid-Hillview: Sept 7

The 11th annual Hot San Jose Nights 2019, a huge family fun classic car show and airplane show which will be held on September 7, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Reid-Hillview Airport.

On display will be a wide variety of new and vintage aircraft and the car show features an incredible array of vintage custom hot rods, muscle cars, sleek sports cars, survivors, new special interest cars.

RC Air Show

Baylands RC Group will be putting on "The Greatest Little Air Show in the World" with all radio control planes with commentary which starts at 12:30 p.m. They will have three simulators for the public to try out, but first, don't miss the show.

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Also featured at this year's event is S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation & Math) Festival for the kids with fun hands on things for them to do at various booths throughout the day, including robotics demonstrations.

Music

Lyn' I's returns this year to Hot San Jose Nights! This fabulous Eagles tribute band is sure to entertain everyone! The San Jose Metropolitan Band will be appearing again this year. The SJMB will be playing in the Trade Winds Aviation hangar from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

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Brenda Paz, Marilyn model from Purple Creations, poses at a previous year's "Hot San Jose Nights" event. Photos by Ken Ta



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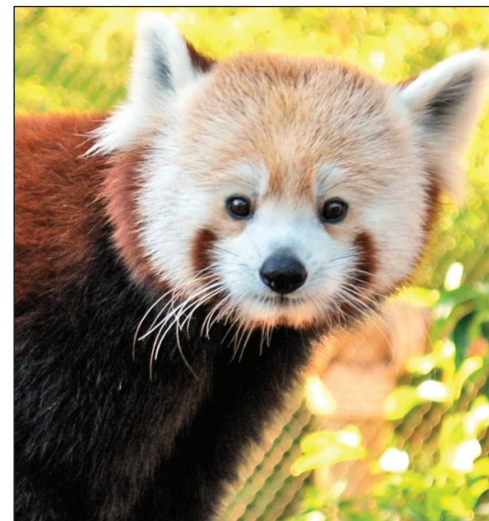
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San Francisco 49er defensive player **Ian Williams**, Director of Libraries for city of San Jose **Jill Bourne** and 49er Mascot **Sourdough Sam** introduce the new San Francisco 49er library card.

The first-ever 49ers Library Card available at SJ Libraries

San Jose Public Library members will have access to a new and exclusive 49ers library card design.

The first-ever 49ers library card design was officially introduced and made available to the public on Tuesday, August 27.

To celebrate their partnership, the San Jose Public Library (SJPL) and the San Francisco 49ers invited more than 50 students from Grant Elementary School to join them for a special storytime presented by former 49ers defensive lineman, Ian Williams, and mascot, Sourdough Sam. The 49ers and SJPL also pro-

vided giveaways for these students to enjoy.

The public is invited to visit any of SJPL's 25-locations to pick up a free 49ers card by becoming a member of their San Jose Public Library, or replacing their current design with the new card.

Partnering with organizations, such as the 49ers, allows the San Jose Public Library to further boost awareness, connect and engage with community members to ensure library programs, services and resources are being accessed by people of all ages and backgrounds.

San Jose celebrates a record-setting street paving program

The City of San Jose, Valley Transportation Authority, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group celebrated San Jose's 2019 Pavement Maintenance Program on Monday, August 19.

San Jose will repave and repair nearly 300 miles of major and residential streets during the 2019 pavement maintenance season.

Since 2012, budget shortfalls forced the City to focus its pavement maintenance efforts only on major roadways. Local and residential streets were maintained only through pothole repair, rather than full repaving.

"San Joseans will start spotting road repaving crews throughout our city, as we pave nearly 300 miles of deteriorating streets – more than we've repaired in two decades," said Mayor Liccardo. "Thanks to our collective efforts to pass 2016 Measure B and 2018 Measure T, and to defeat 2018 Prop 6, we have finally secured the stable funding we need to repave every local and neighborhood street over the next decade."

"The Silicon Valley Leadership Group and our members were proud to lead 2016's Yes on Measure B campaign and play a role in the statewide strategy to pro-

tect SB 1 funding. We are thrilled that right now voters can see positive transit changes and improvements that provide smoother commutes and safer travels for the residents of San Jose," said Carl Guardino, President, and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

With these new funds, San Jose's Department of Transportation has set an ambitious goal of repaving and repairing 200 miles of the smaller streets, while also improving 88 miles of major streets, in 2019. Over the next nine years, 1400 miles of local and neighborhood streets will receive upgrades. In less than a decade, the condition of San

José's streets will be upgraded at least four points, to the highest end of the "fair" range, according to the pavement condition index (PCI).

"A pavement maintenance program of this scale is a long time coming for San Jose," said Transportation Director John Ristow. "Our team has been preparing for two years and is excited to get these local and neighborhood streets back into the kind of condition our residents expect and deserve."



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"Blinded by the Light" (Photo: Bend It Networks)

MOVIE REVIEW

Blinded by the Light

By Joshua Kim
Special to the Times

In the past couple of years we have seen a trend of movies that have incorporated the music of classic artists including Queen (*Bohemian Rhapsody*), Elton John (*Rocketman*), and The Beatles (*Yesterday*).

Blinded by the Light, features the music of Bruce Springsteen and it is the latest in this trend. The story is generally enjoyable. It doesn't fly to cinematic heights; but is still compelling, heartfelt and a pleasure to watch.

Blinded by the Light is based off a true story and tells the story of teenaged Javad Khan, who is the son of Pakistani immigrants living in Britain in the 1980's. Javad has a passion for writing, but is discouraged by his father from pursuing his passion, who fears that writing is not a career that makes money and that he will never gain recognition as a writer in British society as a Pakistani. While a discouraged Khan is ready to give up his writing, he discovers the music of Bruce Springsteen, which motivates him to continue pursuing his dream and helps him navigate the hardships of life including the loss of his father's job and the rising

racism perpetuated by the white nationalist group, The National Front.

What I liked most about *Blinded by the Light* was its portrayal of Thatcherite Britain during the 1980's. Everything from the fashion styles, music, and prevalence of portable cassette tapes seems to be meticulously crafted to capture the aesthetic in this era of Britain. The politics of the era also loom largely over the movie, with various references to the effects of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's policies on Britain, the rise of white nationalist groups such as The National Front, and the devastating unemployment crisis. We experience the visceral and heartbreaking effects of this crisis through the eyes of our protagonist Javad, who is forced to take rare and odd jobs to support his family after his father loses his job as a factory worker.

Ironically, the part of this film that I least enjoyed was the incorporation of the Bruce Springsteen's music. I found Springsteen's music to be sloppily included in the film, sometimes to the point of sometimes seeming forced. And while the protagonist's love of Springsteen is a major plot point in the movie, I found the other aspects of the film such as the family relationships and political portrayals much more compelling and interesting.

Overall, *Blinded by the Light* is an enjoyable, but somewhat messy film. While it doesn't always succeed in the incorporation of Springsteen's music, it makes up for it with its period portrayal and its heartfelt family relationship dynamics.

Score: 7/10

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Largest antique auto show in the west to be presented on Sept. 22 at History Park

The 19th annual Antique Autos in History Park will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The living history day event is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 635 Phelan Ave., San Jose, CA) with period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles.

The featured vehicles this year are Durant Motors Inc. (1921 -1932), Star, Durant, Flint and Locomobile. In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association, displays of early crafts and antique collectibles, a Dixieland band, singers, dancers, barbershop quartet, blacksmith shop demos, trolley rides, History San Jose Open Houses, kids activities, food and more.

An added attraction this year will be the History San Jose Warehouse Sale. The sale features an assortment of vintage textiles, furnishings and other treasures. Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment and fun.

Admission to the event is \$5 (3 yrs +) and free for participants and HSJ members. For more information, contact Peder Jorgensen at peder-jorgensen51@gmail.com or call (408) 358-3398 or contact Allan Greenberg at allang@pacbell.net or call (408) 997-0879.

Best of the Box Event to be held at The Thrift Box

The Thrift Box, an upscale resale store located in Willow Glen, is hosting its exciting Fall Best of the Box event on September 20 - 21.

This special event will feature high-end, designer merchandise that we carefully select from their donations.

Specialty items will include the following: Art, Books, Collectibles, Crystal, China, Designer Clothes, Dolls, Jewelry, Linens, Purses, Handbags, and Treasures. The store is operated by the San Jose Auxiliary for Children, an all-volunteer organization, and the proceeds from this event are donated to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford for uncompensated care.

On Monday, September 16, and Tuesday, September 17, ALL store items are marked HALF PRICE. Wednesday, September 18, is the BAG DAY when shoppers can fill a grocery-size bag of store items for \$6.

On Thursday, September 19, the store is closed as we stock the floor with high-end items, collectibles and treasures for this special event; the community generously donates all the items that are sold.

Best of the Box, a two-day event, will be held on Friday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Leading up to this event, The Thrift Box is having a special schedule to allow it to completely empty the store and stock with special event merchandise.

The Thrift Box is a community effort; its all-volunteer membership accepts donations from community members, processes all merchandise for sale, stocks the store, and assists customers. The proceeds from each sale support care for all children at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

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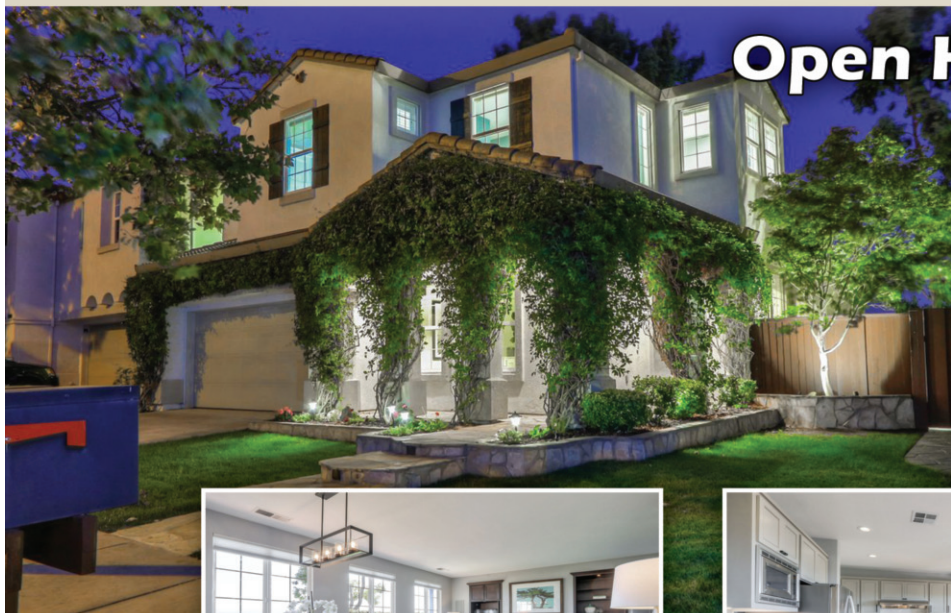
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