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St. Francis of Assisi Evergreen Blood Drive: February 1

St. Francis of Assisi Evergreen and Stanford Blood Center is sponsoring a blood drive in Evergreen.

The blood drive will be held on Saturday, February 1st from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Community Center, 5111 San Felipe Rd.

The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by Saturday and become a blood donor.

Donors are encouraged to sign-up in advance to minimize waiting times.

To set your appointment, call (408) 476-6104 or visit, sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/7969

Proposed Buddhist temple in Evergreen neighborhood met with backlash



Around 150 Evergreen residents attend a District 8 Community Round Table meeting to hear proposed plans for a Buddhist temple on Jan. 9. *Photo by Katie Lauer*

Residents concerned with size and underground parking

By Katie Lauer

*Article courtesy of
San José Spotlight*

A proposed Buddhist temple in an Evergreen neighborhood sparked a contentious, nearly two-hour meeting at the Village Square Branch Library on Jan 9.

Around 150 residents gathered at a monthly District 8 Community Roundtable meeting to hear presentations and

ask questions about the Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom temple, planned to be developed on 1.86 acres at 2740 Ruby Ave. Dozens from the community took turns heatedly voicing their concerns.

The traditional Cambodian Buddhist Temple would serve its Khmer Krom members, a population from the ethnic *See TEMPLE, page 2*

D8 Community Round Table Candidate Forum Jan. 25

District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) will host a Candidate Forum which will include District 8 candidates for San Jose City Council and District 15 State Senate on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 3-5:30 p.m. at Grace Church in Evergreen. The Senate forum will start at 3 p.m. and the City Council forum will begin at 4:15.

"The District 8 Community Roundtable is proud to create a space where voters can come and listen to the candidates on important issues that impact their daily lives," said Jeremy Barousse, D8CRT President.

Candidates will answer a number of questions on important issues impacting Evergreen, the County and the State.

Candidates for San Jose City Council District 8 include San Jose City Councilmember **Sylvia Arenas** and challenger **Jim Zito**, Evergreen School District Trustee.



Sylvia Arenas

Candidates for District 15 California State Senate vying for the Senate office currently being served by soon to be termed out Democratic Senator Jim Beall are: Anthony Macias, California Republican Party Delegate and candidate for the same office in 2016; Nora Campos, former state assemblywoman for California's 23rd State Assembly district (2010-2012) and California's 27th State Assembly district (2012-2016) and candidate for California's 15th State Senate district in 2016; Dave Cortese, Santa Clara County supervisor; Tim Gildersleeve, candidate for U.S. Senate in 2016 and 2018; Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Councilmember; and Ann Ravel, former chair of Federal Election Commission.

Grace Church is located at 2650 Aborn Road.

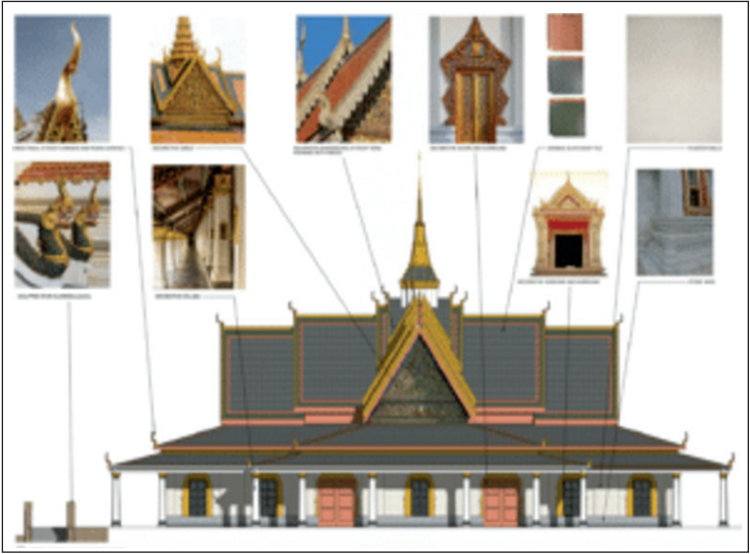


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The proposed Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom temple would be located at 2740 Ruby Ave. in San Jose. *Drawing courtesy of Siegel & Strain Architects and Andrew Mann Architecture*

Temple

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Cambodian region of Southern Vietnam, many of whom fled and sought asylum in the U.S. after the Vietnam War and Cambodian Genocide. They currently worship in a small home not far from the Ruby Avenue location.

Lyna Lam, Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom founder and executive director, envisions the temple to be a peaceful and reflective place with lots of open space and gardens. She said plans were designed to fit within the surrounding community.

“I think we’ve struck a balance to create a beautiful temple that the neighborhood can be proud of,” Lam said. “We want to be proud of the neighborhood as well; we want to coexist with the neighbors.”

But opponents say the scale of the project is too large for the suburban community, increased traffic will impede on the neighborhood’s quality of life and elements such as the project’s underground parking garage are incompatible with the surrounding area.

While still in the early stages of planning, its construction currently features a sanctuary for worship, community hall, food preparation kitchen and a residence for eight monks who will live on the property, according to documents submitted to the city of San Jose earlier this week.

Lam said the temple site is centrally located to many of its roughly 300 families, including many elderly members who do not drive. “Some adjustments have already been made to the plan due to feedback from previous community meetings, including reducing the size of the kitchen and lowering the number of parking stalls to 83. While an underground parking garage was in initial proposals, documents from San Jose’s Planning Department show there were originally 121 stalls listed.”

Representatives of the project – Jennifer Johnson from Canyon Snow Consulting, Susi Marzuola from Siegel & Strain Architects and Andrew Mann of Andrew Mann Architecture – explained that while the surrounding area is primarily zoned for single-family housing, San Jose allows religious institutions to be built in these areas. Additionally, the application is consistent with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan which calls for supporting community pil-

lars, such as religious institutions.
The five one-story buildings will only reach a height of 35 feet, while the temple’s spire will extend to 66 feet. Although 22 trees will be removed, an open, expansive garden is planned to assist in Theravada Buddhism’s guided meditation.

The site currently has an abandoned single-family home and a barn on the property.

After the half-hour presentation, members of the Ruby Norwood Core Group – a neighborhood group opposed to the project – voiced opposition to the plan.

Tom Paramo and Janet Holt said their biggest concern is the size and intensity of the temple’s use.

Despite the project’s plans, they believe the building’s overall size, underground parking lot and height of the buildings will not fit in the suburban neighborhood.

Ron Kubacki, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1983, is worried that each room of the complex will reach its allowed maximum capacity of 300, which he said is too many people. This was despite the library’s meeting room hosting 40 people over its maximum capacity of 107 during the presentations of the project.

The plans estimate no more than 30 people will use the temple’s 17,749 sq. ft. during weekdays, with increased traffic possible during services and special events, similar to churches, synagogues and mosques.

For comparison, the nearby Evergreen Islamic Center at 2486 Ruby Ave. occupies 27,900 square-feet on 94,873 square-feet of land, while the Light of the World Church is a 15,000 sq. ft. building at 3777 Quimby Rd., a 217,800 square-foot lot, according to data provided by Canyon Snow.

“Once you open that door, you can’t put the cow back in the barn,” said Kubacki, mentioning he doesn’t want this kind of increased traffic –especially for weddings and funerals – to be the precedent of future construction in Evergreen. “Sometimes the trend carries over.”

However, Lam said Khmer Krom weddings and funerals are traditionally performed at members’ homes, not a temple. Kubacki also inquired about the noise impact of the temple’s bells, but the proposed temple won’t have any.

Jerry Jeska, a resident of the community for more than 30 years, expressed concerns that this temple is coming into a neighborhood that’s so vocally against the project.

“The temple wants to move in and be welcomed. It’s a religious institution – which is better than a bar – however, a religious institution would be concerned about the people who live in the area,” Jeska said. “What kind of a religious institution would do that to other human beings?”

Only one temple member spoke in favor of the plan.

Lam said her group appreciates the feedback, but they are working to convey accurate information about their culture, religion and life.

“From the beginning, they are afraid of what they don’t know. They think we celebrate with fireworks and things like that,” Lam said. “At the end of the day, the neighbors will probably fight until the end, but I feel like we have done a good amount of work trying to get out our plans and agenda.”

Now that the application has been submitted, the San Jose Planning Commission will review the project for compliancy and recommend next steps.

To view the video of the meeting go to Youtube.com and type in D8CRT Temple.

Contact Katie Lauer at klauer77@gmail.com or follow @katielauer on Twitter.

Owners of illegally built 'granny units' can get a fine-free permit in new two-year pilot program

San Jose residents, who bypassed building regulations and illegally built accessory dwelling units (ADU), built or converted garages and sheds have been given a free pass. Residents can use their penalty-free pathway to turn their illegal dwellings into safe, legal dwellings with a fine-free permit during a two-year pilot program which goes into effect on Jan. 21.

A new amnesty program approved unanimously by the San Jose City Council on Jan. 7 gives owners of illegal ADU’s, also known as “granny units,” the opportunity to bring them up to code without paying the typical fees and fines for violating the permit process.

Councilmember Pam Foley said during the meeting. “It’s an easy opportunity for us to build additional housing and for folks to create housing opportunities for people aging in place, for millennials who need a cheaper place to live and for giving a homeowner the ability to earn an additional source of income.”

The city will overlook some violations found by inspectors, however, if violations pose safety or health concerns, they will

be required to report those to the city, and homeowners may be cited and forced to make the necessary repairs before obtaining a permit.

City officials say homeowners who take part in the program will benefit from increased property values, better insurance coverage and added legitimacy when it comes to finding tenants for their units. City officials estimate that homeowners will save nearly \$6,000 in costs for plan reviews and permit fees.

District 8 San Jose City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas stressed that sending a concise message out to residents about the city’s enforcement tactics is vital to the program’s success.

“I can see someone not coming forward because the rules are not clear,” Arenas said. “So I just think we should be very blunt about the rules.”

Homeowners will not be required to pay a business tax, permit or impact fees for any unit requiring legal permits if the unit rents for no more than \$2,000. The average rent for a South Bay ADU is about \$1,850 per month. A one bedroom apartment in San Jose currently rents for nearly \$2700.



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LETTERS

Temple plans called an 'uphill battle'

Dear Editor,

Evergreen residents are literally fighting an uphill battle with City Hall and the Kampuchea Buddhist Temple Group over its plans to convert a 1.9 acre residential corner lot into a 60,000 sq. ft. temple compound with a 90-plus car underground garage. The Temple Group and representatives are filing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) this week with the city's Planning Department. Unfortunately, the application has not taken into account the concerns and issues local residents have voiced regarding the size, capacity, and intensity of activities associated with the Temple Compound. The surrounding neighborhood is comprised of R-1 zoned single-homes. There are a number of churches and temples in the Evergreen District but these projects moved forward with community input and cooperation. This project, with its application filed, appears to have not taken seriously the concerns of the residents.

Contrary to comments made by the Temple Project representatives and lobbyists, the project has ignored residents' concerns on traffic / pedestrian safety, traffic flow issues, and size of compound on a corner lot designated for single-homes.

Concerns and issues of neighborhood:

1. Original CUP application started with 1-4 major events per year. Has increased to 8-15 yearly major events.
2. Will use artificial turf

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Hollister's first active adult community new home models kickoff Feb. 1

Super Bowl-themed refreshments to be served

Twin Oaks, Hollister's first Active Adult community is celebrating the opening of their new models with a kickoff event, open to the public, on Saturday February 1, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the new models, chat with the Lifestyle Expert, enjoy Super Bowl-themed refreshments and discover all the planned resort-style amenities that make this thoughtfully-designed community the best place for people over 55 to purchase their next home.

"Twin Oaks is a legacy project 20 years in the making, and there's nothing else like it in Hollister," explains Founder Marty Miller.

"Our vision has always been to create a beautiful community specifically designed for adults who are looking for a place to pursue their passions, make new friends, learn new things, and really enjoy the next stage of their lives, while living in close proximity to town, good restaurants and activities. I believe we have achieved all of that – and more."

Working closely with WHA Architects, MHG Builders and Blue Star Resort & Golf, the Twin Oaks gated community, conveniently situated just off Airline Highway, blends convenience, style and design. Twin Oaks was named after the two heritage oaks that will anchor the future clubhouse named The Cannery Club in honor of the many fruit and vegetable packing



"Our residents will be able to be as active or relaxed as they'd like," founder Marty Miller explains. There will be something for everyone."

firms that form the historic backbone of Hollister.

The clubhouse will feature a resort-style pool, demonstration kitchen, and indoor and outdoor fitness areas. "Our residents will be able to be as active or relaxed as they'd like," Marty explains. There will be something for everyone."

Marty will be at the event, along with his son Jeff and daughter Amy, both of whom are also very involved with the project. "This event is a celebration which welcomes the Hollister and surrounding San Benito communities to come check out Twin Oaks," said Mar-

ty. "For over a year, people passing by have seen a lot of construction, including a perimeter wall going up, and have been curious as to what it's all about. Now is their chance to discover all we have to offer."

The community consists of just 168 single-story thoughtfully-designed homes ranging from 1,579 to 2,011 square feet. Twin Oaks offers five floor plans each with three or four distinct elevations featuring such special amenities as an outdoor covered loggia, pantries, and gourmet kitchens, to name a few.

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LETTERS

Do community concerns fall on deaf ears?

Dear Editor,

Watt Kampuchea Krom has filed Conditional Use Permit last week. As we looked through the documents, it is clear that so far community concerns fall on deaf ears.

They cut the size of infamous 2,369 sq. ft. kitchen to 900 sq. ft., but intensity of buildings uses escalated. They add thousands of sq. ft. on underground parking plan, from 38,750 sq.ft. to 42,410 sq. ft., despite knowing well that residents have been against this particular structure since early on, at the first meeting in October 2018.

Even though the Foundation has engaged

the neighbors for the last 15 months, they only presented limited factual details and never addressed genuine concerns shared by the neighbors. Following a series of data points demonstrate the disingenuous nature of neighborhood engagement:

1. When the very first engagement happened during Fall of 2018, neighbors expressed concerns on the size of the temple. Since then the size has increased from 15k to 17K sq. ft. in the first revision and further revised to 19K thereafter.
2. In the same fall 2018 meetings, neighbors pushed back on the underground parking garage with concerns around increased intensity and safety issues around large excavation around their houses that were already 40-50yrs old. Since then the size has increased from 37K to 42K sq. ft. to accommodate more classrooms and offices.
3. The hours of operation and holidays celebrated shared with us is changing every meeting. Originally it was from 6 am-10 pm changed to 7 am-10 pm to currently from 4

am-10 pm. Originally it was only 4 days in a year, now it's up to 15 days. At least on two holidays, the celebrations are going to be a 3-days straight special events.. Hard to believe a temple that has been operating for 23+ years has trouble presenting some basic facts.

4. We understand the current temple is about 1300 sq. ft. with about 60 worshippers. Like any other place of worship, we understand the need to plan future growth in terms of capacity. But do they have to scale the temple 15 times from the current size which has supported them for the past 23 years? In any meeting we had, Watt Kampuchea Krom never says that their membership is outgrowing their current temple capacity.
5. On last year two meetings, we were unambiguously told by Executive Director of the Foundation and the Monks that there will not be any weddings, funerals and private functions at the temple. Now we see in the CUP, they would be allowing all the above events in the temple.

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Visitors to the community's leasing center, located just off of Branham Lane, can browse floor plans and discuss specific care needs.

Atria Almaden is pre-leasing for fall 2020 grand opening

Atria Senior Living has announced pre-leasing at Atria Almaden. The new senior living community will include 200 apartments and offers independent living, assisted living and memory care services. Atria Almaden is operated by Atria Senior Living, a leading provider of senior housing throughout California for more than 20 years.

Atria Almaden is located at 4610 Almaden Expressway. The community's new leasing center is now open, with their grand opening slated for fall 2020. Visitors to the community's leasing center, located just off of Branham Lane, can browse floor plans and discuss specific care needs.

The building will feature outdoor amenities including a pool, walking path along the Guadalupe River, fire pits, kitchen and shuffleboard court. Other amenities will include a fitness center, yoga studio, golf simulator, art studio, technology center, salon and spa, movie theater, and billiards

room. There will be three on-site dining venues: a modern, full-service restaurant, sky lounge and bistro. Residents will also enjoy concierge service, chauffeured town car service, a calendar of curated events, discreet care, housekeeping service and underground parking.

"We are excited to grow our presence in San Jose and to add Atria Almaden to our portfolio," said Mike Mejia, Senior Vice President at Atria Senior Living. "Residents of Atria Almaden will enjoy the best senior living has to offer — all-inclusive amenities, engaging programs and a sustainable design — all delivered with the quality that has made Atria one of California's most trusted senior living providers."

For more information about Atria Almaden, contact Executive Director Paul Shepodd at 669.200.1475 or visit their website: www.atriaseniorliving.com/retirement-communities/atria-almaden-san-jose-ca



San Jose firefighters on Saturday unveiled a new ALS fire truck that can be used to fight disastrous blazes across the state. *Photo by Fernanda De Velasco*

San Jose firefighters unveil new life-saving truck

By **Fernanda De Velasco**

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

After several years of destructive wildfires in California, San Jose firefighters on Jan. 4 unveiled a new fire engine that costs close to \$1 million but could travel the state to help extinguish disastrous blazes.

"We build it from the ground up to make sure we get all the equipment we want and need in there," said San Jose Fire Chief Robert Sapient.

The new fire engine, which was on display at Fire Station 14 at 1201 San Tomas Aquino Rd., also has the ability to save lives here at home because of its advanced medical equipment. Nearly 100 people gathered at the station Saturday to catch a glimpse of the new Advanced Life Support (ALS) engine, tour the station and learn hands-free CPR.

According to fire officials, the new engine operates more efficiently and offers a

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District 8 to implement new policy priorities in 2020

By Sylvia Arenas
Special to the Times

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends! We had a big year in 2019 and made a lot of important improvements to city services, including: launching a city-wide comprehensive street repair and re-pavement program, introducing a Family Friendly City Initiative, and obtaining increased funding to address the rise of sexual assaults in San Jose.

I'm excited to share my vision for 2020 and continue to build on our work to improve public safety in District 8, create a more economically vibrant Evergreen, and increase opportunity for all of our San Jose families.

Our work at City Hall is made possible with engaged residents like you who help amplify the needs of our community. As you read the work we'll be focusing on throughout the year, consider partnering with us in a way that's meaningful to you – volunteering, speaking at a City Council meeting, or even joining with neighbors to start a neighborhood association.

Policy Priorities in 2020

1. IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN DISTRICT 8

- We're continuing our public safety series that covers several topics to help you have the tools to keep you and your family safe. The next workshop on January 22, 2019 covers Small Business safety and will take place at the Evergreen Library at 2635

Aborn. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CouncilWoman-SylviaArenas to see other workshops happening near you.

- I'm committed to continue advocating for the funding and creation of a San José Police Department Special Victims Unit, specializing in addressing the growing rates of sexual violent crimes.

- I'll continue to support the growth of our police department to increase the quick response to resident calls.

2. INCREASE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

- I will continue expanding access to services for families and children in District 8, including access to afterschool programs at Evergreen Schools, the new Teen Center at Eastridge Mall, and expanding the new services I've added at the District 8 community centers that were shuttered during the recession.

- I am committed to leading policy to ad-

dress the housing crisis in San José for our families in dire need by specifically looking at improving our response for homeless families and children that are not as visible.

- I plan to keep pursuing changes to increase access to services that improve the quality of life for our residents, such as bringing more library services to our neighborhoods.

3. ENHANCE THE VITALITY OF EVERGREEN

- I am deeply committed to protecting what is unique about our district, like open space.

- I will continue to work to eliminate blight in our neighborhoods by filling empty storefronts; I plan to engage more amenities for our community through the San Jose City Wide Retail Initiative.

As we embark on this new year, my team and I will continue to spearhead policies that strengthens all families and improves the quality of life for our community. I hope you connect with my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov to join us in this work to help us create the best District 8 we can, together.



District 8 Report

By Sylvia Arenas
City Councilmember

Just 8% of Americans keep their resolutions

With only around 8 percent of Americans keeping their New Year's resolutions – "spend less and save more" is among both the most popular and most commonly broken – the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2020's Best & Worst Cities for Keeping Your New Year's Resolutions.

To help Americans stick to their 2020 goals, WalletHub compared more than 180 U.S. cities across 57 key metrics. The data set ranges from adult obesity to income growth to employment outlook.

Keeping Your New Year's Resolutions in San Jose (1=Best; 91=Avg.)

- 6th – % of Obese Adults
- 24th – Gyms per Capita
- 10th – % of Delinquent Debtors
- 85th – Job Opportunities
- 1st – Income Growth
- 1st – Smoking Rate
- 18th – Binge- & Heavy Drinking

For the full report, please visit: wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-new-years-resolutions/28749

Twin Oaks

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"The homes are designed to be low maintenance to make people's lives easier," explained Marty. "Which means the time you currently spend on housework can be spent relaxing among friends and neigh-

bors."

The Models Opening Kickoff event is at the Welcome Center at 2701 Red Oak Drive, Hollister, CA 95023. Visitors are asked to RSVP in advance at TwinOaksHollister.com/Kickoff.

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New mini videos explain school consolidation/closure process for Evergreen School District

In less than ten days, children at two elementary schools in the Evergreen School District will be told their school is closing at the end of this school year.

The Evergreen School District has created short videos to explain and answer questions about the School Consolidation/Closure Process.

Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores has skillfully created ‘School Consolidation Chats’ on brief videos to visually and conversationally explain some of the frequently asked questions about schools selected for closure as well as other processes including new attendance boundaries. School Board Member Leila Welch and committee members voice their views about parts of the process. The videos can be viewed by going to

eesd.org and navigating to the School Consolidation page.

A committee has been meeting to create recommendations to the school board in suggesting closure of two elementary schools at end of this school year and the creation of new boundaries for attendance.

School closure committee to announce two elementary schools for closure on January 22, 2020

January 16, 2020

Community Information Meeting (Open to the public), 6 p.m., Quimby Oak Gym, 3190 Quimby Rd., San Jose

January 22, 2020

Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee Meeting: Public Input Session 4-4:30 p.m., ESD Board Room (Educational Services Bldg.), 3188

Quimby Rd., San Jose (general public can speak for 3 minutes to committee at podium) Committee Meeting (meeting closed) 4:30-6 p.m., Quimby Oak Middle School Library, 3190 Quimby Rd., San Jose. At this meeting, the Committee will determine which specific school closures/consolidations to recommend to the superintendent. Employees, parents, families and community-at-large will be notified following the committee meeting.

January 23 and 24, 2020: (students in schools will be told of their school being selected for closure at the end of the school year) Superintendent and district office administrators will meet with the staff, community, and families in the morning and evening at affected schools to answer questions

and discuss transition plans.

January 27, 2020: School Board Meeting: Board of Trustees Public Hearing, Quimby Oak Middle School Gymnasium, 6 p.m., 3190 Quimby Rd. San Jose.

February 3, 2020: School Board Meeting: Board of Trustees Public Hearing, Quimby Oak Middle School Gymnasium, 6 p.m., Quimby Oak Middle School Gymnasium 3190 Quimby Road. San Jose.

February 13, 2020: Board of Trustees to take action on school closures/consolidations recommended by the Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee, 6 p.m. Board Room, 3188 Quimby Road, San Jose. Trustee Corpus will be out of town and will be calling in to take action on the school consolidation agenda item. This will also be noted on

the Board of Trustees' agenda

February 25, 2020: Community Information Meeting, 6 p.m., Quimby Oak Middle School Library, 3190 Quimby Rd., San Jose

Editor's note: Extensive information can be found by going to the School Consolidation webpage at eesd.org

Truck

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smoother ride. In connection with the Cancer Initiative, which outlines decontamination protocols to help prevent cancer, the new engine comes with extra space where firefighters can store their air bottles to limit exposure to hot gases.

The San Jose Fire Department currently has a total of 45 ALS apparatus, but costs for such equipment has gone up in recent years due to the rising cost of steel.

“This new engine focuses more on medical aid and fire, and around 75 percent of our calls are for medical aid,” said San Jose fire captain Aaron Freyler.

On Saturday, local firefighters assisted children in going inside the engine and ringing its bell as others tried out the new water hose.

“I still get the same feeling as if I was a kid walking around the station,” said Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, whose district includes Fire Station 14. “I get excited to see and learn about all the equipment.”

Firefighters on Saturday also displayed other life-saving equipment at the San Jose station, including the LUCAS Device, a machine that provides CPR and isn't available at every station. Freyler said these devices can save lives by doing CPR while firefighters tackle other tasks.


Jones said the device has improved survival rates for cardiac arrest patients in San Jose by 10 percent. “I see the LUCAS device as motivation to raise funding for new equipment around the area,” he said.


San Jose resident Aurora Allen brought her grandkids to the event Saturday to show them the inside of a fire engine but said the event provided an important opportunity for them to meet and interact with first responders.

“I want to teach the kids that emergency people aren't someone to be afraid of,” Allen said.

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Times **Features**

Shorty Joe in World War II

**IN MEMORY**

Joseph (Giuseppi) 'Shorty Joe' Quartuccio Jr.

Feb. 10, 1928 - Dec. 22, 2019

Owned apricot ranch near Villages Golf and Country Club

Joseph (Giuseppi) Quartuccio Jr. also known as "Shorty Joe," passed away peacefully on December 22, 2019 at the age of 95 with his daughter, son-in-law and family by his side at the VA Hospital in Martinez, CA.

Shorty Joe Quartuccio led a remarkable life. Besides years as a country music disc jockey, singer, songwriter, and band leader, he worked with many test pilots and astronauts as part of his work with N.A.S.A. and its predecessor N.A.C.A.

Shorty Joe and his wife Jennie were "prune picker" sweethearts and were inseparable since the ages of 11 and 12. During their long, happy lives, they traveled the world and owned an apricot ranch in Evergreen Valley. After the sale of the ranch, they moved to the Villages Golf and Country Club.

At the age of 17, Shorty Joe joined the Navy and worked as an aircraft mechanic during World War II. Upon his discharge, he worked at NASA for 30 years where he developed new aircraft and trained future



KLOK radio San Jose publicity photo of Shorty Joe.

astronauts.

Shorty Joe always had a passion for country music. He formed his first band in 1941, but World War II interrupted his plan. After the war, Shorty Joe became the first disc jockey for Radio KEEN in San Jose.

In the mid-1950s, Joe moved over to the more powerful KLOK, hosting a daily program there, while still maintaining a regular schedule of live performances with his band.

The revived "Shorty Joe and the Red Rock Canyon Cowboys" could be found all over Santa Clara Valley from recording for Bella and Golden West record labels to hosting dances at Tracy Gardens.

A book has been published about the life of Shorty Joe by Steve Hathaway, Hathaway Publishing: www.sjhpub.com

Both the rosary and the funeral services were held on Jan. 3 at Lima Family Erickson Memorial Chapel, with a burial following the services at Oak Hill Memorial Park.



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SOS AUTO REPAIR'S 'Quick Tip'

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Vehicles come standard with a specific type of headlight. Common types include halogen, LED, and Xenon (or HID). Most vehicles come standard with halogen headlights. Here are the differences between them:

- **Halogen:** Halogen headlights use a tungsten-halogen filament mixed with halogen gas to generate a much brighter light than conventional headlights.

- **LED:** LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) have an advantage over halogen in that they draw less power to operate, run cooler than halogen lights, and last longer. That said, they will cost you more.

- **Xenon/HID:** Instead of using a heated filament, Xenon lights or HID (high-intensity discharge) headlights use gas. Xenon lights are brighter, have a lower operating temperature, and last longer. But replacing HID headlights will set you back a pretty penny compared to other options and may require professional installation.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TYPE OF HEADLIGHTS ARE RIGHT FOR MY VEHICLE?

Check your owner's manual if you aren't certain which type of headlight

your vehicle uses. You can always stop by and we'd be more than happy to assist you. The three main factors in selecting new headlights are:

- Brightness
- Whiteness (or color temperature)
- Price

Halogen light bulbs come standard on most vehicles, but increasingly carmakers are turning to Xenon and LED bulbs for improved visibility. Consult your owner's manual for the specific type of replacement bulbs you can use for your vehicle. Then select the bulbs that will give you the best visibility and value for your needs.

WHAT TO DO WHEN REPLACING YOUR HEADLIGHTS ISN'T ENOUGH

If your headlight lenses are cloudy or dirty, the fanciest headlight bulbs in the world won't make a difference. You'll need to remove the film and grime on your lenses that occurs naturally over time or if that doesn't help replacing the entire assembly may be required. Either way, cleaning your headlights could save you from hazardous nighttime driving or

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Evergreen School District is excited to offer a **Spanish Dual Language program** for incoming TK and Kindergarten students in fall 2020 at **Holly Oak Elementary School**! We invite you to learn more about the importance of bilingual education, Evergreen's program and next steps should you wish to enroll your child. Our program will be available to all Evergreen families as a program of choice. **All families are welcome!**

¡El Distrito Escolar Evergreen se complace en ofrecer un programa de doble inmersión en español e inglés para los nuevos estudiantes de TK y Kindergarten en el otoño de 2020 en la Escuela Primaria Holly Oak! Los invitamos a conocer más sobre la importancia de la educación bilingüe, el programa de Evergreen y los próximos pasos si desea inscribir a su hijo. Nuestro programa estará disponible para todas las familias en Evergreen como un programa de elección. **¡Todas las familias son bienvenidas!**



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Tuesday January 21, Thursday February 6

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Wednesday March 4, Tuesday March 31, Monday May 4



Evergreen School District

From strong roots grow bright futures

Times **Community News**

Mother of slain San Jose police officer joins fight for Laura's Law

By Katie Lauer
Article courtesy of
San José Spotlight

It's been nearly five years since Katherine Decker's son was shot to death by a suicidal man during a routine police call in East San Jose. Now, Decker is joining a political fight with Silicon Valley lawmakers and advocates to push for a controversial law that allows authorities to order psychiatric treatment for people with serious mental illness.

"The night he was killed, I had a house full of politicians, and I said, 'I'm on a mission, it's got to stop,'" Decker said. "How many more people have to die because a mentally ill person is not getting treatment? This mental health system has to get fixed."

Decker's son, San Jose Police officer Michael Johnson, was shot and killed while on duty in March 2015 by a man with a history of mental illness. The man exited his apartment onto a second-floor balcony and fired multiple rounds, killing Johnson.

Mental illness hits close to home for Decker. Growing up, she helped her stepfather find successful mental health treatment in Stockton, became a nurse at 17 and is now a Calaveras County behavioral health nurse.

But the 63-year-old's latest effort to fix the system is advocating for the adoption of Laura's Law in Santa Clara County. Decker signed a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors from local lawmakers and community leaders late last year.

"As community leaders, we recognize that Santa Clara County has a mental health crisis," the letter read. "Of the homeless in our county, 42 percent reported mental illness, yet current efforts in the county to address this issue are tragically lacking. It is imperative that we consider the benefits of Laura's Law and strengthened conservatorship in Santa Clara County."

If approved locally, Laura's Law



Photo courtesy of Katherine Decker

would allow a court to order assisted outpatient treatment services for a specific group of people who are mentally unstable or refuse treatment, have been hospitalized or incarcerated because of their mental illness or have tried or threatened to harm themselves or others.

The California Legislature passed Laura's Law in 2002, but counties must opt in and authorize the law's application. Bay Area counties that have already adopted Laura's Law include Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and San Francisco.

This isn't the first time Decker has gotten politically involved in mental health reform. She shared her testimony on the Assembly floor just months after her son's death, supporting Senate Bills 11 and 29, which state Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, introduced and which advocated for continued mental health training for officers.

San Jose Councilmember and vocal Laura's Law proponent Johnny Khamis said he started researching this legislation after Decker's son died almost five years ago.

"When I found out that he died, she said to me, 'Can we do something about this?' I promised her I would, and that's what I did," Khamis said. "The fact that she's an expert — a nurse who deals with

the mentally ill — I think it gives credence to the acceptability by professionals in the medical arena. And second, I know she knows that this would not have helped her son ... but if we can help others, her whole goal is to help people in general."

He's right — Decker doesn't think Laura's Law would have saved her son's life, given that the shooter would not have met the necessary

requirements for this type of assisted outpatient treatment. She does, however, think the law should be part of a larger solution, contributing to a "village" of help.

"I do truly believe if that's going to help them, go for it. I use the motto: 'We are your village.' All of us helping you out are your village," she said. "I think it is necessary because if they're not forced into something, they're not going to do it."

Decker sees gaps of access and treatment especially for vulnerable populations, such as homeless resi-

dents, if they don't know about available programs, can't wait for slow health care approval processes or aren't taken seriously.

But some lawmakers, including Supervisors Joe Simitian and Susan Ellenberg, remain hesitant. They want to ensure focus is first placed on increasing existing county resources before any additional law is approved, especially because some homeless advocates are concerned the legislation would diminish people's civil rights and trust in the health care system.

Before voting on enacting Laura's Law in the county, the Board of Supervisors will hear another report Jan. 28 on mental health services and resources already available for support. The lawmakers also requested a detailed plan of how the law would be implemented physically, given the intended population's lack of stable shelter or support.

Contact Katie Lauer at klauer77@gmail.com or follow @_katielauer on Twitter.



San Jose Police officer **Michael Johnson**. Photo courtesy of San Jose Police Department.



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Times Feature



Sean Kiernan's 1968 "Bullitt" Mustang was featured in one of the most famous movie chase scenes ever filmed. Photo courtesy of Mecum Auctions, Inc.

AUTOS

The most valuable Ford Mustang in the world has a new owner

Iconic car sells for \$3.7 million at annual Mecum collector car auction

The most valuable Ford Mustang in the world, the 1968 Ford Mustang GT driven by Steve McQueen in the movie "Bullitt," has a new owner.

The dusty Green Mustang, which had some surface rust and holes cut in the trunk used to mount a movie camera, sold for \$3.7 million, including auction fees, at the annual Mecum collector car auction in Kissimmee, Florida on Friday Jan. 10.

The previous record was held by a 1967 Shelby GT500 that sold

for \$2.2 million at Mecum's Kissimmee auction last year.

There's a good chance you've seen the movie "Bullitt" or clips from its famous chase scene. It features the Highland Green Mustang with black wheels and McQueen clearly in the driver's seat in many shots.

The owner, Sean Kiernan, whose late father Robert Kiernan purchased the car for \$3,500 in 1974, said he was happy with the result. He explained that the sale didn't have anything to do with money, "It had to do with breaking records, and we did that."

Mecum Auctions has declined to identify the buyer.

Headlights

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changing out your headlights is a way to ensure a safer driving experience.

WHICH SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

The best way to determine if LED lights are worth the upgrade may be to assess your particular driving needs. Are you often out driving at night, or are you generally home before the sun goes down? Do you spend a lot of time driving in low-light or rainy conditions? If you don't drive a lot and seldom drive at night, then the added cost of LED lights may not be worth it.

Like all options and accessories, do some research and see if the option is worth the price.

For buyers of pre-owned luxury cars where the technology is standard, consider asking how much the part will cost should it fail when the vehicle is out of warranty. That may save some surprises down the road.

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Times **Feature****OP ED****Potential highway and streets funding diversion – and how I'm fighting it!**By **Johnny Khamis***San Jose City Councilmember*

We have an important vote coming up at City Council at our last meeting of the month, Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 1:30 PM, when we will vote on a memo I authored, along with my colleagues, Vice Mayor Jones and Councilmembers Davis and Foley. We are calling on VTA to keep their commitment to the voters who approved 2016's Measure B by making it clear that they will not divert

funds intended to reduce traffic congestion or repair local streets.

As you may recall, Measure B was approved in November 2016 with 71.74 percent of the vote. The ballot text explicitly committed a portion of the measure's revenue to "repair[ing] streets, fix[ing] pot-holes [and]... reliev[ing] traffic on all nine expressways and key highway interchanges."

Unfortunately, with the New Year it appears that there is a new (and disastrous) idea gaining traction at the VTA Board of Directors that has the potential to repurpose the highway & streets funding that we were promised.

During public comment at the December 5th VTA Board of Directors meeting, activists were very vocal in seeking to divert desperately-needed highway funding in favor of the Measure's other transit priorities. In reaction to this public comment, Supervisor Cortese, a member of the VTA Board, directed VTA staff to come back to the

Board on January 9th with a declaration of a Climate Emergency. It has since been determined that the resolution will instead be presented to the Board at the February 6th meeting. If the talk of creating and passing this Climate Emergency resolution becomes a reality, a total of \$2 billion in highway improvements and street repairs could be diverted. Measure B already programs over \$1 billion for Caltrain improvements, and \$500 million for expanded and improved transit operations – namely bus and paratransit service to senior, disabled, transit-dependent, and other vulnerable populations.

Let me be clear: Mass transit options and carbon emissions reductions are important regional priorities. Therefore, we must commit to delivering transportation projects as described in the clear language of Measure B. A Climate Emergency declaration must not be used to change these voter-approved priorities. After all, public

transit, especially busses, rely on quality streets and efficient highways to fulfill their function in getting cars off the street and reducing carbon emissions.

VTA isn't just a transit agency – it's also the county's congestion management agency. VTA already struggles to adequately address congestion; diverting funds from our congested highways will only exacerbate the issue.

As an elected official, I have committed my tenure in office to promoting transparent and honest government. It is my hope that Supervisor Cortese and the entirety of the board share my convictions and see to it that the Measure B promises are kept. I call upon all county taxpayers to show their support for our highways and roads at VTA's upcoming Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 6th. Without healthy roads and highways, you and I won't be getting anywhere on time, by transit or by car.

San Jose Police Officers endorse Sylvia Arenas for city council

San Jose Police Officers are supporting Sylvia Arenas for another term on the San Jose City Council, citing the councilwoman's rock solid commitment to public safety.

"Re-electing Councilwoman Arenas will continue the progress of restoring our police department and allow Councilmember Arenas to build on the restoration of the

burglary unit, returning the SJPd to responding to alarm calls and strengthening police and community relations," said San Jose Police Officers' Association President Sgt. Paul Kelly. "Councilwoman Arenas is the obvious choice for safe Evergreen neighborhoods and is our choice for San Jose City Council."

"As the sister of a police officer, I know all

too well the sacrifices that officers and their families make. They put themselves in harm's way every day to keep us all safe," Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas said. "It's vital that we support our San Jose officers and that our City Council works to rebuild our police force, so we can improve response times and the safety of our neighborhoods."

Since 2017, when Arenas was sworn into

office, the number of officers serving in the San Jose Police Department has increased by more than 200, allowing for the Burglary Unit to be restored and for officers on patrol to return to responding to every burglary alarm. Arenas has been leading an effort at City Hall to improve the City's ability to investigate sexual assaults and other violent crime.

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Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'The Red Violin', Jan. 24 – 26; Film to be presented with orchestra full score

Symphony Silicon Valley presents The Red Violin (Film with Full Score, Live On Stage) January 24 – 26, 2020 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose.

"What do you do when the thing you most wanted, so perfect, just comes?"

From Schirmer Theatrical and Rhombus Media, experience Academy Award®-winning director François Girard's 1998 film, screened live as Symphony Silicon Valley performs John Corigliano's timeless, Oscar-winning score.

The Symphony will play John Corigliano's musical score conducted by Shih-Hung Young to accompany the eventful bio-pic of a legendary violin, following it from 17th century Italy to the present day. Violinist Lara St. John will perform the solo passages 'in what amounts to a virtuosic concerto.

Starring Jason Fleming, Greta Scacchi, Don McKellar, Sylvia Chang and Samuel L. Jackson, The Red Violin follows the intricate history of a mysterious antique violin from its creation by a legendary luthier in 1681 Cremona, Italy, to an auction house in modern-day Montreal where it draws the

eye of an expert appraiser. Follow the violin's journey as it travels through five different countries over the course of four centuries, mysteriously impacting all who play it. The performance version of the film score was meticulously reconstructed with the assistance and approval of composer John Corigliano himself.

"There is a kind of ideal beauty that reduces us all to yearning for perfection. The Red Violin is about that yearning." — Roger Ebert

Performances are scheduled for Friday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 25 at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 - \$98; Box Office (408) 286.2600 or www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

Or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre. Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.



Creating The Red Violin - a screen shot from the film. Photo courtesy of Symphony Silicon Valley

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Energy storage, typically in the form of a battery in the garage, will also get a boost from the new 2020 standards. For the first time, the addition of energy storage devices in the home will generate a credit toward meeting minimum building efficiency standards.

The California Public Utilities Commission recently proposed expanding rebates for consumers to add a battery to their home, whether for new or existing homes, with a great emphasis on disadvantaged communities facing the threat of blackouts. Solar and storage advocates applaud the availability of rebates and urge the state to make them available to all consumers to help drive down the cost of batteries and reach the state's clean energy goals.

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NET PRICE AFTER DEALER DISCOUNT AND REBATES

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3 AT THIS NET PRICE #K46193, K46122, K46124

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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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7 AT THIS PRICE #475039, 475044, 475045, 475015, 475001, 475024, 475076

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4 AT THIS NET PRICE #731294, 731296, 727610, 669893

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DODGE CA 2019 BONUS CASH***: -\$2,800

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5 AT THIS NET PRICE #738665, 738712, 738676, 738690, 738682

2019 DODGE CHARGER HELLCAT

GILROY DEALER DISCOUNT: \$7,000
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH: -\$7,070

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DEALER DISCOUNT AND REBATES

\$14,070

4 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #742756, 742759, 742757, 742761, 726586

NEW 2019 RAM 2500 4-DOOR

GILROY DEALER DISCOUNT: -\$5,000
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*: -\$1,000
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2019 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT UPFIT**: -\$500
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NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DEALER DISCOUNT AND REBATES

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1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #685236

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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**: -\$750
CA CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2019 BONUS CASH**: -\$500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2019 BONUS CASH***: -\$1,000
RAM BONUS CASH COUPONS (8): -\$2,000
CA 2019 RETAIL BONUS CASH***: -\$750
CA 2019 BONUS CASH***: -\$2,500

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DEALER DISCOUNT AND REBATES

\$16,000

3 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #615909, 615910, 615911

2019 RAM 1500 CLASSIC 4-DOOR

GILROY SALE PRICE: \$28,499
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*: -\$2,000
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**: -\$750
CA CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2019 BONUS CASH**: -\$1,000
RAM BONUS CASH COUPONS (8): -\$2,000
CA 2019 RETAIL BONUS CASH***: -\$750
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NET PRICE AFTER DEALER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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Americans polled: Good time to buy and sell home, NAR survey says

More than half of Americans recently polled believe that now is a good time to make a home purchase, according to the latest consumer findings from the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

The 2019 fourth quarter survey revealed that 63% of people believe now is a good time to buy a home, with 33% saying they strongly believe now is a good time to buy. Moreover, as to selling, 74% of those polled believe that now is a good time to sell.

Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist, said these positive sentiments can be linked to the strong job market and favorable economic conditions. "The mobility rate has been very low as many have opted to stay put for longer," said Yun. "However, this latest boost – Americans saying now is a good time to move – is good news. With mortgage rates low, the timing is indeed ideal for those who want to enter into homeownership and for those looking to move on to their next home."

Respondents from the silent generation (those born between 1925 and 1945) were most likely to state that now is a good time to buy (73%), while younger boomers (those born between 1955 and 1964) also overwhelmingly viewed the market favorably in terms of now being a

good time to purchase (70%).

NAR's fourth quarter Housing Opportunities and Market Experience (HOME) survey found that 82% of those who earn \$100,000 or more said now is a good time to sell a home, with 81% of those in the West region agreeing.

"The Western region has seen home prices increase to the point that costs have outpaced income," said Yun. "So, it is no wonder that those living in the West would think that now is a perfect time to place a home on the market. California especially is seeing some of the highest prices ever."

The NAR study concurrently asked about home prices over the past year. Sixty-four percent of those polled said they believe prices have increased within their communities within the last 12 months. Thirty percent answered that they believe prices have remained about the same, while only 6% believe prices have decreased over that period.

Respondents were asked to share expectations of community home prices over the next six months. Forty-one percent predicted that prices will remain the same in their communities during that period, while 48% said they believe prices will rise and 11% said they expect prices

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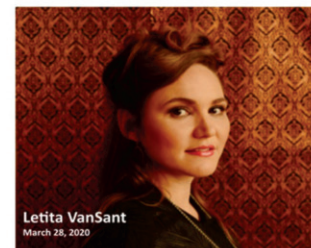
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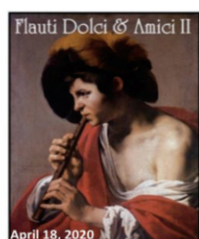
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Times **Feature**

Wi-Fi thermostats offer convenience, cost savings

Among the many features that smart thermostats offer, their cost savings and ease of use often surprises most customers.

Programmable thermostats are far superior to traditional thermostats by saving money, and offer homeowners more features than their predecessors. Consumers are pleased with the features and benefits of remote control.

The great thing about smart thermostats is that they learn about your heating and cooling preferences then they adjust the settings automatically that can result in dramatically reducing energy costs.

Touchscreen models are easy to use and generally work with all types of furnaces and central air conditioning systems, including heat-pumps. Even if a home's internet is offline, Wi-Fi thermostats will still work properly and offer simple programmability.

Most Wi-Fi products available can learn from your habits and usage to provide a cost saving schedule that keeps the home comfortable. Other Wi-Fi products have functionality built in that can email you regular reports showing how much electricity you've used and where you may want to consider making moneysaving adjustments.

A smart thermostat offers major convenience, since it allows for the HVAC System to respond automatically with certain events. For example, a smart thermostat can be "taught" to turn off the HVAC system when a user leaves their house because they set their security system to arm away. That way, the HVAC system turns off at exactly the right moment. If the HVAC is turned off while a homeowner is away, the system can be remotely turned on hours or minutes before arriving back home.

Proactive approach

One of the favorite features, by far, is the Wi-Fi thermostats' ability to notify homeowners when there is a problem with the furnace or air conditioner," said Patrick Martinez, West Coast Mechanical. "There is no substitute for preventative maintenance and repair which is much less expensive to address than an untimely emergency repair."

Modern thermostats are truly a game changer. Heating and cooling systems are extremely complicated machines and smart thermostats offer a convenient way to control and maintain them. The control, money savings, and convenience of the Wi-Fi thermostat offer plenty for us to rave about. The handsome looks and touch screen ease of use offer a nice bonus as well.

Wi-Fi compatibility allows the user to control heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems from across the room or across town. Remote control offers homeowners the ability to ensure that the home is always at a comfortable temperature when needed. It also allows for the option

to change the home's temperature when not at home.

Touch screens and simple programming

Programming your thermostat has never been easier using Wi-Fi control that turns your smart phone or tablet into a large, interactive thermostat. Moreover, the actual thermostat that hangs on your wall is attractive as well as intuitive.

"While programmable thermostats are paramount to energy efficient HVAC systems, Wi-Fi thermostats and Wi-Fi integrated heating and cooling systems offer distinct advantages," Martinez said. "Every homeowner can take advantage of Wi-Fi control for their heating and cooling system; even those who do not have Wi-Fi can appreciate the many features and money saving benefits that these advanced thermostats provide."

Zone Control and Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi access allows for control of multiple heating and cooling 'zones' as well. Multiple units can be conveniently programmed at home, or from across town, simply by using a smartphone or an internet connected tablet.

The idea behind a smart thermostat is that it will allow a home's HVAC system to run only when it is needed. The HVAC system is typically the largest contributor to one's energy bill. With a traditional analogue thermostat, a user has to choose between running the HVAC system all the time (expensive) or coming home to a house where the HVAC system hasn't been running all day (uncomfortable).

Another of the newest and nicest features about them is that they have room sensors that can be put in the house in case you have a heating system that can support it. The sensors can pick up on hot spots or cold spots in the home and adjust it as necessary to ensure your comfort.

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PremierOne Credit Union gives back during the holidays

PremierOne Credit Union staff spread some cheer by participating in several local events this past holiday season.

Activities included collecting coats and toys to taking part in an annual Shop with a Cop shopping spree, to assisting at an event for local children who have been stricken with cancer.

It all began with PremierOne CU employees helping at the annual Fill the Boot fundraiser to support the San Jose Firefighters Burn Foundation, Valley Medical Center Burn Unit, and the Burn Survivor Community which netted more than \$13,800 for the organizations.

Credit union staff then participated in the annual "Shop with a Cop—Heroes and Helpers Holiday Shopping Spree" for underserved youth. They began with a breakfast followed by a convoy to the Target store on Coleman Avenue in San Jose. This year marked the 12th annual event for Shop with a Cop Silicon Valley, which spends every year fundraising and motivating students in under-served communities in the South Bay. More than 200 elementary school students—rewarded for improving their reading skills over the past fall—received a \$150 Target gift card to buy gifts for themselves or family.

The credit union also collected more than 200 coats as well as other warm clothing items and more than 100 toys to support two local organizations: LifeMoves of San



PremierOne CU Marketing Officers **Chris Reyes** and **Mark Mendez** were among those participating in the credit union's Warm Coat & Toy Drive. The credit union collected more than 200 coats as well as other warm clothing items as well as more than 100 toys to support LifeMoves of San Jose and Los Bomberos of Northern California. Center: PremierOne CU Member Service Administrator **Laura Stiavetti** was among the many credit union employees helping at the annual Fill the Boot fundraiser, which netted more than \$13,800 for the organizations. Right: **Santa** dropped by in support of the holiday event.

Jose and Los Bomberos of Northern California. LifeMoves is a non-profit committed to ending the cycle of homelessness in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. It provides interim housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals. Los Bomberos is a non-profit organization that works closely with the San Jose Fire Department and Fire Fighters and the City of San José to collaborate on the annual toy drive, which assists hundreds of families during the holiday season. From Nov. 1 through Dec. 20, PremierOne collected lightly used coats, toys, and other warm clothing items. Donation bins were placed at all five of the credit union's branches.



Both staff and members donated to the Warm Coat & Toy Drive.

"We're proud to support these two wonderful organizations," said PremierOne Credit Union Vice President of Marketing Janice Johnson. "Giving back to the community gives us a greater sense of purpose as we look forward to each time we affect positive change on people, we have been able to help."

In addition to collecting items for Los Bomberos, PremierOne Credit Union employees volunteered to help gift wrap thousands of toys. The wrapped toys and gifts went to children of families in need living in our local community.

"I'm so proud of our wonderful employees who donate their time for these great organizations," said PremierOne Credit Union CEO Andrea Brewer, "It's heartwarming to know we have staff who are so generous during the holiday season."

Staff also assisted with the 16th Annual Fantasy Flight for Bay Area children stricken with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses hosted by the Cops Care Cancer Foundation. Police agencies and volunteers from all over the Bay Area assist and contribute to the event. This year, more than 50 families were invited to the event. There were approximately 200 children, plus

more than 300 family members in attendance, and more than 200 police/fire and volunteers helped.

"We're proud to contribute to such a wonderful cause," Brewer said. "We enjoy coming together and working to make the community a better place."

For more information, go to www.premieronecu.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, or Twitter.

Cindy Chavez unanimously elected president of Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors today unanimously elected Supervisor Cindy Chavez as president.

Her one-year term begins today with Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman elected as vice president.

Outgoing Board President Joe Simitian, who served as president for the past two years and will continue to serve on the board, was presented with the traditional honorary gavel by Chavez.

"2020 is going to be a very productive and important year for Santa Clara County with a new Voter's Choice voting system, the Census 2020 count, a robust women's agenda, additional county hospitals and improvements in public safety," said Supervisor Chavez who represents Central, East and South San Jose. "We're the safety net for hundreds of thousands of people in Santa Clara County and moving forward on providing improved and critical services for our children, large immigrant population and Seniors."

Board President Chavez will give the State of the County address on January 29 Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the board chambers outlining much of the agenda in the next year.

Chavez was first elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2013 in a special election and will be up for re-election in 2020.

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Temple

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instead of natural grass.

3. Will cut down 22 large trees from neighborhood tree canopy. No word if they will be replaced.

4. Temple Project and representatives are merely going through the motions. Are not taking concerns of residents and not incorporating any solutions to ease those concerns. Appear to be just checking off the boxes of process in order to file as quickly as possible.

5. No intention to really accommodate residents. The “Ace” up their sleeve is Federal Law. It supercedes our Envision 2040 Plan.

RLUIPA: Federal Law overrides state and local code enforcement. Will play this card if any community or city council pushback. The law states “RUILPA prohibits the implementation of any land use regulation that imposes a “substantial burden” on the religious exercise of a person or religious assembly or institution except where justified by a “compelling governmental interest that the government pursues in the least restrictive way possible.

6. If the Temple Project is allowed, it will set precedent for building subterranean underground parking garages in single home neighborhoods. While underground parking garages are ideal for high-density housing, apartments, and urban villages, there are no such things in San Jose nor anywhere else. The Temple plans to build a single entrance underground parking garage for 90 cars.

7. Finally, the Temple Project is back by Carl and Leslee Guardino. Carl is the former CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group and personal friend of

Mayor Sam Liccardo. That’s the “Uphill Battle” part of this.

Tom Paramo
Evergreen Valley
Member EV Ruby/Norwood Core Group

Zito has impressive experience

Dear editor,

I've been a resident of Evergreen over 20 years and worked with Jim Zito the past 5 years on Evergreen Valley College land use of the 27 acres and 2018 San Jose Measures B and C. I've seen him in action working through the Evergreen School board budget stabilization efforts. I've been impressed with his experience and depth of knowledge of all issues.

Jim's record reaches back to being chairperson of the 2002-2010 SJ Planning Commission, Trustee on the Evergreen School board, and past president of the District 8 Community Round Table. In short, Jim knows the "pulse" of District 8 because he's worked in all areas of our community. He has the rigor and intellect to fight for our best interests.

I fully support Jim because he has the right mix of intelligence, experience, and commitment to serve our district. Currently, San Jose faces difficult issues on Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Land-use encroachments in Evergreen, and financial stewardship of our city's resources.

I believe Jim Zito is the best person to face these challenges and "has our back" to serve us well.

Wesley Lee
Evergreen resident

Homes

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to fall in the next six months.

Millennials at 47% were most likely to believe prices will increase in their communities. Out of the four major regions, the South had the highest number of residents who said home prices would climb over six months.

Finally, the NAR survey found that 52% of those polled believe the U.S. economy is improving. This is consistent with the third quarter of 2019. For the fourth quarter, optimism is highest among individuals who earn \$100,000 compared to other income levels, as well as for those who reside in rural areas compared to other locations. Forty-seven percent of millennials said they believe the economy is improving, the lowest of all age groups. Forty-one percent of those in urban areas said they believe the economy is improving, compared to 66% in rural areas.

Yun took note of the contrasts of viewpoints. “Whether it is a reflection of politics or true economic conditions, there is a dif-



ference of views between rural and urban areas,” he said.

About NAR’s HOME Survey

From October through December, a sample of U.S. households was surveyed via a random-digit-dial, including a mix of cell phones and landlines. The survey was conducted by an established survey research firm, Techno-Metrica Market Intelligence. Each month approximately 900 qualified households responded to the survey. The data was compiled for this report representing a total of 2,707 household responses.

The National Association of Realtors® is America’s largest trade association, representing more than 1.4 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

EvergreenAreaMeetings

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 (408) 717-5552 weekdays or (408) 238-4580 weekends.

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@sbcglobal.net.

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

San Jose East / Evergreen Kiwanis Club The Kiwanis meet regularly 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:15pm at The Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA 95138. For 2nd Saturday community projects and 4th Thursday evening socials, consult www.rotarysjee.org

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 Market-ing 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 LIVING 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 Organization: For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Assn: Home-

owners 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.sanjoseca.gov/prms. 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

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McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Ass-soc. 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 Meadow-fair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

The Norwood Neighborhood Association serves the neighborhoods from Norwood Avenue to Tully Road between White and Ruby. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm 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.free-toasthost.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 soon.

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.

Email your meeting times and locations: editorial@timesmediainc.com

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Concerns*Continued from page 4*

6. We were told that the main temple would be compatible to surrounding neighborhood houses with a 1 story building, as tall as 35ft tall with a 5 ft spire. It was corrected to 7 ft. by Architect on Jan 9, 2020. However, as stated in CUP looks like the spire is going to be 66ft.

7. Neighbors expressed concern on the 2300 sq. ft. kitchen. Despite property owners and their PR Firm (Snow Canyon) assurance that there would be no private events/ building rentals, we suspected otherwise. We're right. So, even though temple decreased the size to 900 sq. ft., the use of adjoining room, the 5, 000 SF gathering hall, escalated.

8. In other news media, owner talked about many elderly members don't drive, If that is really a fact, then the temple should be on an arterial road like Capitol Expressway so that they can access public transport since they mostly live close to Mayfair/ Alum Rock neighborhoods. Nearest public transport is 2 miles away from proposed site.

We would appreciate if Temple Founders can participate in community discussions, similar to past meeting sponsored by D8CRT, so that they can directly alleviate concerns from the community by providing factual information, instead of peddling a false narrative on news media. This action will further increase the divide. It is counterproductive to the entire process.

To reiterate, we are not against a temple being built on the lot. It's the scale, intent to force an urban form of a structure in R1-5 residential area, namely underground parking, and unreasonable capacity/intensity of uses that make Temple Foundation and residents far apart on a consensus. If temple foundation is committed to co-exist with neighbors, by building a right sized project that is compatible with surrounding neighborhood (not a Convention Center) then please engage us in an honest dialogue.

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4147 Voltaire Street	\$1,500,000	4	3 1	2,730	4,730 Lot SqFt
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3617 Pleasant Knoll Drive	\$1,445,000	5	3 1	3,649	8,822 Lot SqFt
3550 Rollingside Drive	\$1,370,000	4	3 0	2,106	9,092 Lot SqFt
3156 Markwood Court	\$1,285,000	3	2 1	2,458	10,357 Lot SqFt
3362 Norwood Avenue	\$1,225,000	3	2 1	1,902	6,936 Lot SqFt
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5617 Snowdon Place	\$2,100,000	4	3 1	3,429	7,128 Lot SqFt
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6056 Whitehaven Court	\$2,005,000	4	5 0	3,453	6,547 Lot SqFt
5647 Snowdon Place	\$1,994,000	4	3 0	2,833	8,446 Lot SqFt
4700 Silver Ranch Place	\$1,550,000	3	2 0	2,093	6,327 Lot SqFt
1439 Trestlewood Drive	\$1,410,000	4	2 1	2,459	4,801 Lot SqFt
6624 Gravina Loop	\$1,346,000	4	2 1	2,567	15,893 Lot SqFt
1333 Trailside Court	\$1,262,000	4	3 1	2,538	3,661 Lot SqFt
6113 Country Club Parkway	\$1,235,000	3	2 0	2,332	2,750 Lot SqFt
724 Sirica Way	\$1,235,000	5	3 1	2,753	11,000 Lot SqFt
1262 Thornbury Lane	\$1,190,000	3	3 0	2,234	5,162 Lot SqFt
2313 Silver Breeze Court	\$1,020,000	2	2 0	2,154	3,276 Lot SqFt
6139 Country Club Parkway	\$989,000	2	2 0	1,590	2,709 Lot SqFt
5857 Marshwell Way	\$900,000	4	2 0	1,355	5,774 Lot SqFt

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