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Pioneer student runs food drive for refugees

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

"Refugees in our community need your emergency food help!" reads a flyer attached to a green food collection barrel in front of Almaden Market. To help those in need, Pioneer High School student Leo Michels is running a food drive in partnership with Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley (JFS SV).

Robert Nazari, owner of Almaden Market, supports Leo's efforts because he knows what it means to need a helping hand. The night he arrived in the United States from Iran in 1979, he was robbed. He lost everything. It took him three years to prove his identity and that he had entered the country legally. "I went through a lot of hardships," he says. "I wish there had been someone there to help me. Now I'm in a position that I can help others. All of us in Almaden Valley are foreigners, even if not the first generation. I



Leo Michels

think we should help."

"Each year, refugees come to the United States fleeing dire and often violent circumstances in countries such as: Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, the former Soviet Union and countries throughout

Africa," says the flyer. "They have often experienced persecution due to their religion, ethnicity, political expression or sexual orientation. JFS SV serves 200 vulnerable refugees each year and distributes food to benefit these hard working families in our community who are facing food insecurity."

"We were all refugees at one time, seeking the outstretched hand, asking for a new beginning," says JFS SV President Rich Namm, "whether our grandparents, great-grandparents or a more distant ancestor came to the US from another country. Our forefathers and mothers landed in the US by boat with a deep mixture of fear and hope. They had connections to branches of their family tree, but arrived with few worldly possessions into an alien culture with a new language and way of life. It happens every day to people facing comparable obstacles."

"There are a lot of refugees who

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One possible reason that there's a large group of tents along the entrance to highway 85 off the Almaden Expressway is that the land there may be under the jurisdiction of CalTrans.

The forest and highways hide the secrets of 'houseless' people near Almaden Valley

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

People live near creeks, overpasses, retreating at dusk and reappearing at dawn.

It's all secret, unnoticed by many and perhaps un-retained in our thinking. We may see but not take in the information.

In November we experienced time with our relatives during Thanksgiving, Christmas came and went and gave us time to reflect on the positive things in the world around us. During that time

it is stated that Jesus and his family had no place to stay. So perhaps along with his disciples all were without places to stay?

As we went through January and into February it is seen that there is a serious homeless crisis in areas just outside Almaden Valley.

If you view any tree you may be unaware of the birds and the nest they weaved that contains their hidden home. The same is true on occasion near creeks chain link fence areas and especially

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Environmental impact report on Almaden Lake cleanup almost ready

The Santa Clara Valley Water District will soon release its draft environmental impact report on the Almaden Lake cleanup project.

Almaden Lake has been closed to the public for swimming for several years due to mercury contamination.

Once the draft is approved by the water district board, it should take staff about three months to get a recommendation to the board for final approval.

District officials had hoped the report would have been completed by last summer to reestablish and



sustain steelhead trout, but additional public comments forced them to go back and do more research.

With the recent rains, it is possible that the contamination levels have dropped in the lake. Almaden Lake utilizes solar-powered water circulation machines to help prevent mercury from building up on its bottom.

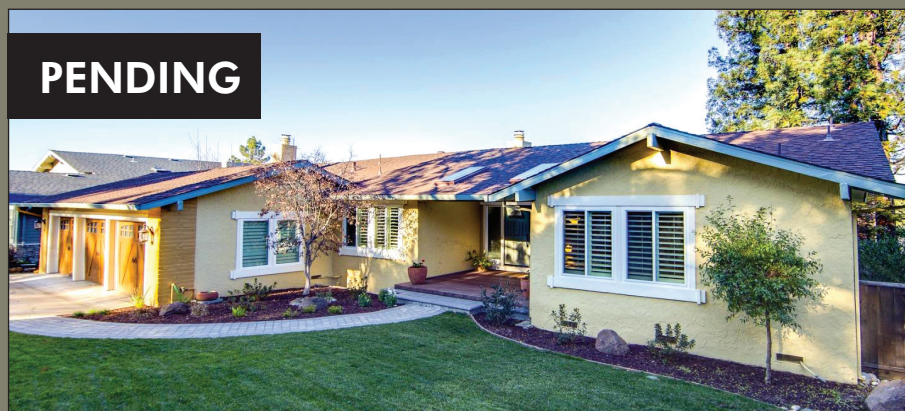
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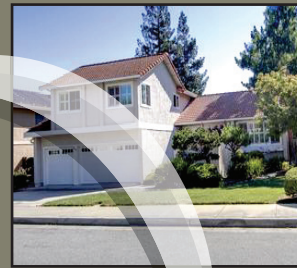


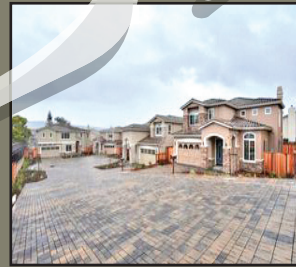

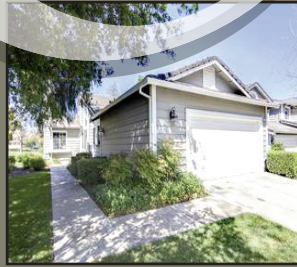





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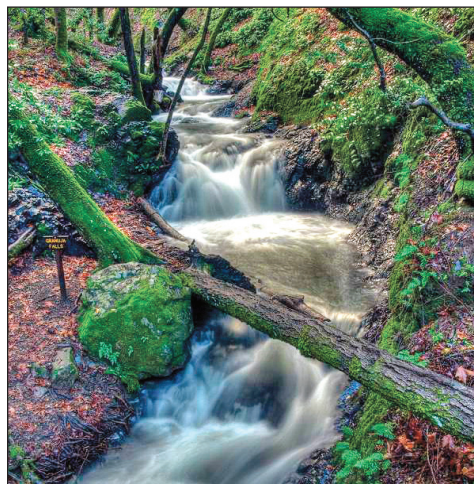
New weekend reservations policy at Uvas Canyon County Park

This season's heavy storms have created a visual spectacle at Santa Clara County's Uvas Canyon County Park.

The heavy rainfall has brought the waterfalls within the park to peak flow drawing the interest of hundreds of spectators exceeding the parking capacity of the park and creating traffic congestion along Uvas and Croy Roads and through the community of Sveadal.

To help ease the parking and traffic situation, the Parks Department will be implementing a weekend and holiday parking reservation system.

Visitors will now have to book a parking spot in advance for a six-dollar vehicle entry fee. Visitors who have purchased annual passes can call in and have the six-dollar parking fee waived



after their pass has been verified.

The new reservation process will be effective now through June or as long as visitation remains high. This new process will not impact park campers or their vehicles included with their campsite reservation.

There will be two parking time slots to choose from; 70 spaces will be available from 8 a.m. 12 p.m. There will be 55 spaces available for the second window from 1 p.m. to closing time.

All parking requests must be completed before 8 p.m. on the evening prior to the visit. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Editor's note: Parking reservations will be available for booking online at www.gooutsideandplay.org or by calling the reservation line during business hours at 408.355.2201.

Castillero Middle School wins Boys Basketball Championship

Castillero Middle School's 8th Grade Boys Basketball team was crowned champions of the San Jose Unified Middle School League.

Castillero beat Bret Harte Middle School in the finals with the final score of 44-38. Overall, Castillero had a perfect win record for the season, beating all seven middle schools in the league during the regular season.

The team is coached by Britt Wright, a Castillero staff member and experienced basketball coach, who has coached both middle school and high school basketball teams.

This year's championship Castillero team is comprised of 8th graders Aaron Chun, Jared Coelho, Jordan Collins, Nathanael Dessu, Josh Franciotti, Nate Gonzales, Josh Kendra, Brian Lim, Joseph Mayer, Justice Owens, Diego Rocha, Jack Sauret, Azhar Sherief, Benjamin Swapp, Christian Ventura, Jordan Welch, and Josh Wolf-Bloom, and Ben Swapp (Team Manager).

Castillero's sixth and seventh grade Boys Basketball team also placed first in the San Jose Unified League, with an undefeated season.

The sixth and seventh grade team is coached



The eighth grade Castillero Boys Basketball team.

by Dan Rosckes, a Castillero dad who has coached middle school and recreational teams. Team members include Rex Denker, Grayden Eister, Noy Fisher, Brian Mathis, Sidd

Moohadra, Danny Rocha, Ethan Schweizer, Anthony Stoopenkoff, Aidan Subala, Anish Talluri, William Weber, and Derrian Wright.

Castillero Middle School offers students an extensive line-up of quality athletic programs for all of its students. Castillero athletics is committed to emphasizing fundamentals, teamwork and fair play in all of its competitive and intramural programs. Programs are made possible through the support of the Castillero Athletic Booster Club. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/castilleroathleticboosterclub/>.

Castillero Boys Basketball 2016-17 Castillero Middle School is home to 1,200 students and a staff of more than 60 teachers. The school has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a California Distinguished School, as well as receiving honors for outstanding parent involvement and the Caring School Climate Award from Project Cornerstone.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

County officials attack water system

Editor,

The residents of Twin Creeks are under attack by county officials who claim their water system doesn't meet county standards. The ordeal has caused a lot of stress for the small community, including one tenant who had a stroke on Monday 2/6/17. A notice to vacate

was posed by the Department of Planning and Development last month giving the tenants until Feb 18th to find a new home. The notice is not court ordered, and no official eviction notice has been posted by the Sheriff's dept. The dept. of planning says that anyone occupying their homes after Feb 18th will be charged with a misdemeanor. Residents are hesitant to leave and have started an online petition asking County Supervisor, Mike Wasserman and Development Services Manager, Michael Harrison to cancel the notice to vacate.

Bryan E. West
 Almaden Valley

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Food drive

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need help," says Leo Michels. "Where we live is expensive. I'm fortunate to live in a house, have food and travel, but I'm aware that there are a lot of people in the community that are less fortunate, so helping them get necessities is rewarding."

Leo Michels asks that you help by filling the bin in front of Almaden Market with non-perishable food. You may also make a tax-deductible donation with a check made out to: Jewish Family Services Silicon Valley or online at: www.jfssv.org.

"I hope to see all the barrels overflow and all the bags full so I can make a large contribution," he says. So far, he has three barrels located at Almaden Market, Temple Emanu-El and his home. The last collection day for the barrels is Feb. 26, but he is collecting until March 4 from doorsteps. Please email him at: leosfood-drive@gmail.com to arrange for a pickup.

Leo Michels chose to provide essential food to those in need for his Pioneer High School sophomore year community service project. As one of the top Service Learning schools in the nation, Pioneer requires students to address a world problem (i.e.: homelessness, water pollution and illiteracy) that affects at least two continents. Students gain knowledge through research, reflection (learning) and a hands-on community service experience (serving). This project asks students to think globally, while serving locally.

"All San Jose Unified School District students have to do 40 minutes of community service to graduate," says Leo Michel's mother, Debbie Michels. "The sophomore Service Learning program is a requirement and they're graded for it. It's a big deal." In addition to an essay, the students complete tri-fold poster boards, which are set up in the school library to educate others.

"They want to expose us to this early on so we can make an ongoing change," says Leo Michels. As his older brother, Noah, focused his sophomore project on childhood obesity and collected sports equipment, Leo Michels was inspired to collect items to pass on, making a tangible difference. "Like my brother, I'm taking a bigger step by doing a drive," he says. "I can get my whole community involved, putting it on a larger scale to help more people. It can also motivate others to volunteer or do a drive and help in the community."

"I'm so proud of him," says Debbie Michels. "He could easily have just volunteered his hours. It takes much more effort to learn how to run a drive. He asked Trader Joe's to donate grocery bags and asked people to fill them. It takes courage, sophistication and maturity to get over your fears and do that."

Community service is also a family value for the Michels and ranges from donating to cancer research to volunteering with Jewish Family Services. During the holidays, the Michels participate in JFS SV's Embrace-A-Family program. "It was rewarding providing donated items for those in need," says Leo Michels. "JFS SV does drives like that all the time, and it's good to do a food drive where I can do similar things aimed at helping those less fortunate. It was an easy decision choosing poverty and helping refugees who need help."

Debbie Michels has volunteered with JFS SV for years, delivering food to people in the community through Embrace-A-Family and Project NOAH (No One Abandoned Here). "Anybody who knocks on their door who's in need, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation receives services free-of-charge," she says. "Most of the people using



"I'm aware that there are a lot of people in the community that are less fortunate, so helping them get necessities is rewarding." – Leo Michels

JFS are refugees. There are so many people who need to be served and bringing awareness is great."

This year, JFS SV's funding for emergency food was reduced by \$48,000 due to the FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Board reducing their allocation to Santa Clara County. When JFS SV's group of service minded young adults learned of this need, they joined together to create the food drive for refugees.

"JFS has been running emergency food drives for hard working people who are here legally," says Debbie Michels. "JFS is working to make up that difference the best they can. JFS, which also helps with refugee resettlement, has 54 people outside the US who have family here, but can't get in the country due to the President's executive order, including two women in their 70s who had approved visas and plane tickets." JFS also offers a pro bono legal clinic for recently arrived refugees. All refugees must have gone through a vetting process by the Department of Homeland Security, HIAS and JFS and provide documentation showing family members in the US are ready to help them.

"It feels even more urgent to help people now," says Debbie Michels. "I think so many people in the community, especially in this climate, don't know what to do, and being given the opportunity to do something is really helpful."

Leo Michels plans to run his food drive for three years at high school, do community service in college through working with children, and continue to give back to the community all of his life.

"This project made me more aware of my surroundings, what's going on in the world and what people go through," he says. He recently learned that the father of one of his wrestling teammates washes cars for a living. Others don't have enough money for a used iPhone or a school dance ticket. One teammate is taking his first plane trip to visit family, while Leo Michels has traveled the world. "Not everyone is as fortunate as I am," he says, "You don't always know someone's story. It's important to always treat others with respect."

"It's very eye opening," says Debbie Michels. "You can easily take for granted what you have until you hear what others don't."

"I'm proud of him for making this effort," says Leo's father, Grant Michels. "It means a lot to our family. I hope this project can be a foundation for him to always give back to the community and realize that there may be people who don't have the same opportunities we have, but there's always something we can do to help."

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Pictured above: the Almaden Valley Women's Club board of directors.

Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Logo Design Contest announced

By Carina Johnson
Special to the Times

The Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC) is inviting students to participate in the Annual Logo Design Contest.

The winning entry will be the official logo for the 41st Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival to be held on Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Almaden Lake Park.

Students between the ages of 11 and 18 who are enrolled in a public or private school and reside in the 95118, 95120 or 95123 zip codes, are invited to participate in the logo contest.

The winning logo design will be displayed prominently on all Festival Wine and Beer

Glasses, Festival print and visual media and in local newspapers.

The winner and four finalists will be eligible for cash prizes to be awarded at the Almaden Valley Women's Club Thursday, May 4th, 2017 Scholarship and Awards presentation. All entries must be received by Friday, April 7.

For more information and guidelines for logo submissions, visit www.almadenwomen.org/events.html or contact the Logo Contest Chair at Logo@Almadenwomen.org.

Editor's note: The WVWC is seeking women who live or work in the 95118, 95120 or 95123 zip codes to join for community support, networking, education, community involvement and friendship.

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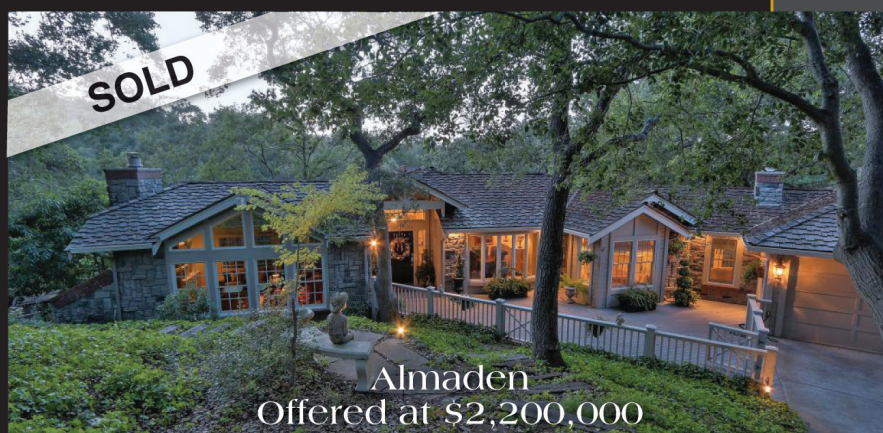
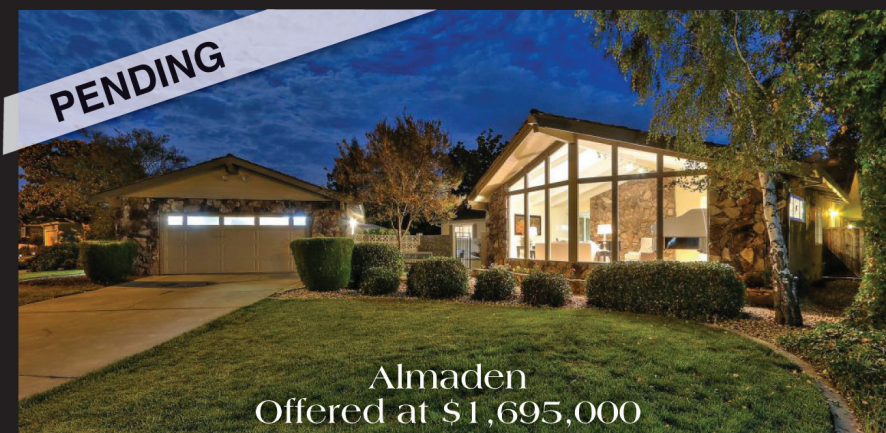
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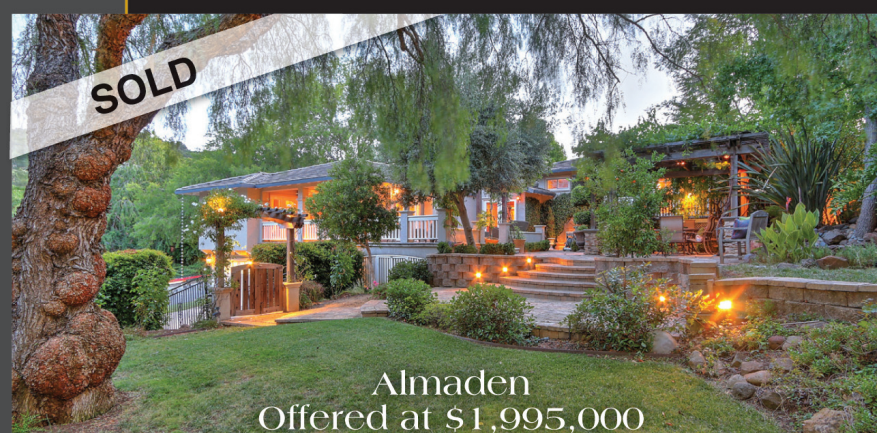


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Former San Jose Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen to lead non-profit Hunger at Home

The Board of Directors of Hunger at Home officially named former San Jose Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen as its new Executive Director.

Hunger at Home is a nonprofit corporation that focuses on addressing the hunger crisis, homelessness and malnutrition. The organization partners with homeless shelters, charitable organizations and the business community including convention centers, hotels, resorts, stadiums and entertainment venues to donate surplus food from banquets and special events and other household necessities to needy individuals and families.

Hunger at Home was founded in 2008 by Ewell Sterner and his son, Cassidy, in response to the global epidemic of hunger and homelessness in San Diego. In 2015, Hunger at Home chose San Jose as its new home.

In 2016, Hunger at Home successfully partnered with The Salvation Army and Martha's Kitchen to host a gala. The Bridge the Gap Gala raised more than \$1 million in cash and in-kind revenue with about 1,000 guests in attendance. The success of the event sent a strong and urgent message to the Board that Hunger at Home is much needed in Santa Clara County. Hence, the Board began a search to find an Executive Director to lead the organization.

"We are beyond excited to have

Ms. Nguyen join our team. With more than a decade of civic experience coupled with her education and expansive network in Silicon Valley, she's a game changer for our organization, said Sterner. "Our mission is to build and expand this



Madison Nguyen (via Twitter)

model across the globe to eventually end homelessness and she will help us lead this effort."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work and lead an organization that focuses on some of the most pressing issues of our time. While we see an abundance of first world wealth in this region, we also have families and children who are living in conditions that rival the third world countries. While we cannot solve the issue of homelessness and hunger overnight, we can certainly provide nutritious meals, clothing and other necessities to those in need immediately," said Nguyen.

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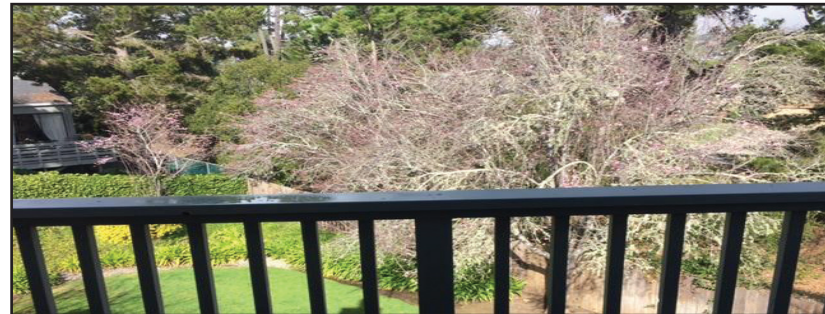
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'HomeFirst' hits home run in helping less fortunate

“We believe in ending homelessness so it is referred as a temporary situation,” says Stephanie Demos, Chief Development Officer of Home First a nonprofit organization.

HomeFirst is a leading provider of services, shelter, and housing opportunities to those at risk of temporary homeless situations in Santa Clara County.

“It is suggested that word 'homeless' not be used with the word “the” in front of it because that term is considered pejorative (disapproved) by many,” said Demos.

Thus, when the word “homeless” is used, it is considered better to use the word in front of the meaning that describes the group or person and it is thus considered a temporary situation. For example it is considered appropriate to say these descriptions: “a homeless family, a homeless veteran, a homeless adult, or a homeless teen.

However it is not considered kind or polite to say “the homeless,” for that describes an entire mass of people and can be interpreted as meaning that is how they live their lives day in and day out.

Some are now using the word “houseless” instead of the word “homeless,” for the word “houseless” seems not be negatively charged and again, seems to point out that the situation is just temporary. Always however, in organizations and government the word homeless is used in a universal manner in literature and communication.

How it all began

In 1980 there was an effort to house nine families that were without a place to stay. Originally known as the Emergency Housing Consortium, this grass roots organization became a 501-c non profit and began to expand services to those in need. Today, HomeFirst organization serves more than 4,000 adults, veterans, families, and youth each year at seven locations. This is a 365 day a year effort for some of the centers are open every day of the year. There are three main “buckets” of services that are focused upon by this important organization.

Emergency Shelters

The arc or continuum of services works so that a person can get out of the cold and be

safe. Then, efforts are made to find a program that will provide supportive services so that the individuals can work on a concrete plan to get housed.

Supportive Services

This organization is highly connected to help enlighten individuals about agencies that are there to support all. Sometimes a person may need intensive care with therapy and case managers are there to begin to help out the situation with planning and care.

Transition to permanent housing services

This is a goal of the HomeFirst organization. Many locations are used to allow both individuals and families to get established so that, “they can build a support network and stay housed in the future.”

The T.A.Y. (transitional age youth) program also focuses on a specific group which includes those who come out of the foster care system. These young adults may be somewhat self-sufficient yet need additional support services to build skills.

Warming Centers

These centers open up during cold snaps or inclement weather episodes. When activated, the centers open up at about 9pm and all exit at about 8am in the morning. The City of San Jose calls the days (episodes) that a warming center will open and clean mats and blankets are provided along with safe places to sleep with warm beverages and snacks.

Ten speeds, caps and hoodies

The Baccardo Shelter is open 365 days a year. It is located past the Santa Clara fairgrounds, over Monterey Road and on a street just before the highway 85 overpass. There is always a door open to answer questions to any person who needs help. Issues of possible down-trodden-ness are met with expert staff which have exuberant personalities. Some staff also are measured in how they speak and this too is welcomed by those who have faced many challenges and communicate in simple straightforward ways. Here is some general information to give to those in need.

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Class of Housing: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Veteran Drop In Services

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Transitional Housing

The Transitional Housing Program for single homeless adults offers housing in 35 semi-private cubicle spaces. Participants work with case managers to develop goals to improve their job, personal and group skills which are necessary to finding and maintaining stable housing. All participants have access to an array of workshops and assistance in locating permanent housing. The transitional program enables clients to reside at the facility for up to 90 days.

Many Transitional Housing programs are subsidized and are income based. Income based transitional housing generally charges 30 percent of your income for rent when you do have income. Contact the transitional housing facility to see if this applies.

Services provided at transitional housing facilities vary from substance abuse treatment, to psychological assistance, job training, domestic violence assistance, etc. The assistance provided varies, but it is generally affordable and low cost housing. Read the descriptions of each of the transitional living locations for more detailed information. Transitional housing facilities also may or may not assist with alcohol and/or drug substance abuse treatment.

The Veteran Drop-In Service Center

The Veteran Drop-In Service Center provides a safe place for veterans to receive the services and support they need to obtain economic and social well-being. The center offers a variety of services, including case management, workshops, medical and clinical services referrals, as well as assistance to obtain permanent housing. Employment training and placement is available onsite through a partnership with Goodwill Industries of Silicon Valley.

The process is for all looking for a place to sleep is to line up at 3 p.m. in front of the Boccardo Center (these are those people who are not in a program that guarantees them a daily bed to stay). They sign in and hope to gain a bed that evening. If not, they are helped with suggestions on where to go etc. There are

blocks of beds that are reserved for groups such as veterans, job skill program clients (which offer a continuity of a bed for a length of time) and a section called "open beds."

Each person is given a plastic bag to place their belongings in and there is the security of a metal detector wand. Showers and laundry services are offered too.

Outside a clinic operates to assist those who need help. There exists a routine that is in place where those in need come and are served the best that HomeFirst can provide.

It is good that our city of San Jose has such services for those in need and that HomeFirst "confronts homelessness by cultivating people's potential to get housed and stay housed." We are all part of the family referred to as humanity.

Donations are accepted by HomeFirst and you can access their website. This year the Sobrato Family Foundation is matching all donations. Visit the website at <https://www.homefirstcc.org/abouthomefirst/>

Almaden Senior Association to host St. Patrick Celebration

The Almaden Senior Association is hosting a St. Patrick Celebration in coordination with the Senior Nutrition Program on March 17 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Almaden Community Center.

A traditional menu of corned beef and cabbage will be served. Along with the tasty meal, live music will also be presented.

Tickets are \$3 for those 60+, and \$8 for all others.

Sign-ups begin Monday, February 13 and end March 3rd at the Almaden Community Center front desk.

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The recent increase in mortgage rates moved up last month, but lenders report that loan demand stays strong with an application increase of 4 percent.

Refinance volume did move slightly up 0.2 percent seasonally adjusted. It had jumped sharply the previous week, after outgoing HUD Secretary Julian Castro announced a quarter-point drop in the FHA's annual mortgage insurance premium.

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Houseless

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along highways. Some adults have decided to make the forest their secret home and others set up places to sleep along the highways and thoroughfare.

An Almaden resident said that a possible reason that there are large groups of tents along the entrance to highway 85 off the Almaden Expressway is that the land there is perhaps under the jurisdiction of Cal Trans. Thus, perhaps the City of San Jose and the Santa Clara County workers do not enforce the removal of tents and living spaces as fast as other agencies.

A Secret Place

In Almaden it is seen that very few use the forest to sleep. Such overnights in the open sky are thought to be very discrete in their ways of camping and hard to spot. Thus in the Almaden Valley strong reporting and enforcement efforts have been very effective for there are very few if any people openly camping in forests or creeks. Also, in the Almaden area a large number of residents use the hiking and biking trails all the time. In the surrounding areas however the frequency of outside sleepers is more prevalent.

In an unnamed area one day in San Jose, while hiking along a paved road adjacent to a creek and

million dollar homes, three sounds of “woof woof, yipe yipe and arrf arrf” were all intertwined in unique octaves which emanated deep in a wooded place just below the road along the creek.

The noises occurred only as the soft leaves of the overhanging acorn trees were stepped upon. Once the author paused the sounds stopped too. Being curious, this reporter walked partway down a dirt trail and encountered a mammoth unleashed 100 pound dog. It meandered along unaware of anyone looking at it. Slowly, ever so slowly the reporter retreated, never to return again.

With a quick peak from the road it was seen that black plastic was used as walls and the dogs had the skill of acting as the warning device for anyone walking softly in the area triggering the barking alarm triggered by the pressing of a footstep upon the trillions of dried leaves that blanketed the ground. The thick tree canopy covered well the dwelling like fog coming in from the ocean. In speaking with others it was expressed that one person lived there. It is understood now that often in our Bay Area we find those who camp out for many days perhaps months using no electricity, running water, nor flat cement floor. They exist in semi-privacy and never know who may enter their domain. Retreating into



nature and away from civilization, the forest people sleep inside a place we do not know of.

The road to despair

The author interviewed people who knew some of the forest people and it was expressed as an opinion that some live off paychecks, some get disability payments while others may live off the work they drum up outside with cash on the barrel. It is hypothesized that a number of compressed situations could befall a person into this way of life.

A good job might be lost; money running tight might all of a sudden

run out. A family member may have passed on causing a sudden crunch in support of living. Over time, personal keepsake possessions in storage could be sold to strangers and gone forever. Facing worse times ahead, the structure and pleasantness of a four walled room might become lost. Some inhabit cars to sleep in trying the very best they could before making a choice to live in the forest, near the creeks and shopping centers or very near Almaden, along highway 85. With friends running low they always have the option of using the shelters that the nonprofits run, but some of

them prefer to live in a tent. Here are some reasons why.

Some like their peace and quiet and they often find that the close quarters of living with others is simply not of interest to them (think military barracks kind of sleeping situations and maybe bunk beds too). Some do not wish to leave their pets so they instead stay in cars. Perhaps others cling to their fierce independence and do not want any curfews imposed by others. This choice to live outside is a form of living off the grid and some in San Jose; it was expressed, even run a business while nightly camping out.

With rent prices putting the squeeze on people living in the Silicon Valley and surrounding communities such as Almaden, it is important to be aware there are other options to choose. We can suggest and inform the forest/highway people. To do so it is best to not speak with them directly but instead contact a well-trained outreach worker from The San Jose City Wide Outreach & Engagement Program (408) 510-7600. Sometimes mental health issues can be associated with such people, so care in communication needs to be done by specialists with regard to trying to make inroads to offer life changes.

High cost of living expenses

We must also face the facts that since living expenses have become elevated in the Bay Area some will



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Be on the lookout for the new draft plan and opportunities to provide input. Visit nextnetwork.vta.org for more details.

Public Meetings:**Mountain View**

Monday, February 6, 6–8 pm
Adobe Building
157 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View

East San Jose

Monday, February 13, 6–8 pm
Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library
3090 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose

Gilroy

Wednesday, February 15, 6–8 pm
Gilroy Library - 350 W Sixth St, Gilroy

South San Jose

Thursday, February 16, 6–8pm
Southside Community and Senior Center
5585 Cottle Rd, San Jose

Online Webinars:

nextnetwork.vta.org

February 7, 2–3 pm

(focuses on Palo Alto)

February 15, 12–1 pm

(focuses on Milpitas)

Individuals who require language translation are requested to contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575 / TTY (408) 321-2330 at least five (5) business days before the public meeting.

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need to move to other cities while others may choose to stay and thus resort to camping out in a sad transition. There are other choices such as using this website for homelessness.

Scchousingsearch.org is a very nice (maybe one of the best in the United States) website created by the City of San Jose and County that offers homelessness help and more. Each city has such resources and can direct you to get information for your questions. On the top selections one can click on "Resources" and one can scroll down and see the choice of three languages, English, Spanish and Vietnamese to read about services and opportunities for homeless situations, lack of food situations and more. This site has 86 listings of services to reach out and help the community. It is wonderful to see so many services available to people. Always know the local libraries can assist all in finding information to access too!

The Johnny Khamas' (district 10) website provides valuable information on homelessness for Almaden Valley. Visit his site online at <http://www.sjd10.com/housing-and-homelessness.html>

This website is well presented too and has helpful information on homeless outreach, housing supportive services, housing for families with children, and information about things that local governments, non-profits, faith communities, and individuals are doing to help those who find themselves in this difficult situation.

It is also stated on the website that, "Homelessness, along with other Health & Human Services, is the primary responsibility of the County of Santa Clara." The County receives state and federal funds to support their efforts, "however, because homelessness presents such big challenges to the City, we (District 10) dedicate a portion of our City budget to partnering with the County to aid in their efforts to end homelessness."

Councilmember Khamas' website states that, "the 2015 Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey revealed that there are 6,556 homeless persons living within the County of Santa Clara - over 4,000 of whom are living within the borders of the City of San Jose. At least 39% of the homeless have serious addiction and/or mental health issues, and these and other challenges make this a problem that cannot be easily solved or solved using a one-size-fits-all approach."

Some experience extreme challenges

The author recalls an experience of encountering a young man popping out of the forest just outside downtown San Jose, a few years back. His clothes had mud all over like a skin and he wore some kind of strange cap which all seemed to adapt to his environment. Such a plastering of slick clay clothes must have been created over many weeks or longer. The person may not have even known that they would no longer fit in too well with what they had on in the outside world (the environment they chose to live in may have altered their mind over time not unlike soldiers in war). The author wonders even today if the person wished to live that way or fell into it and needed help to make changes. It is seen that if a predicament befalls a person or persons their mind may need help to reconvene a new way out. Only such situations can occur with the help of professionals to assist and they are there for others to call to try to reach out and connect with those less fortunate. It is understood that only professionals should contact such persons and offer a way to help for the toughest challenge

would be for the individual to even accept help and to understand a new beginning can be forged.

In year 2013 the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved \$4 million a year to be part of a permanent supportive housing fund. There are over 20 local partners including the County, City of San Jose, other agencies, nonprofits, and businesses. It is stated that the fund is to help people who often have been outdoors for years and who often struggle with substance abuse and mental-health problems. Also, this group may also be most likely to trigger police calls and fire department calls, and often end up in jail or emergency rooms. By end of 2014, 850 homeless men, women, and families were been put into permanent supportive housing.

In February 2015, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors created a new Homelessness Task Force.

The city council allocated \$4 million dollars in the 2015-2016 budget for case workers and encampment abatements. Additionally, through many other efforts led by the Housing Department and others many people have been transitioned to housing.

Hotel near downtown to serve homeless

In the latter part of 2015 the City Council voted to pursue the purchase of the Plaza Hotel from the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency for \$740,000. In 2016 the City Council authorized

the Housing Department to enter into an agreement with Abode Services to operate the property and spend up to 1.8 million to renovate the property.

In downtown San Jose, the 46 unit Plaza Hotel is being created to serve individuals who either have a City or County housing coupon and are categorized as transitionally homeless. These people have the ability to seek and gain employment and do not demonstrate debilitating psychological or chemical dependency issues. They have the skills to eventually become independent. The goal of the Project is for their tenancy to be brief at the hotel until a longer-term or permanent housing option is

available for them and/or they become self-sufficient.

Churches are helping

Mayor Liccardo and others have helped to create a temporary Church Shelter program. The city has partnered with religious institutions and fast-tracked the permitting process normally required. Volunteers are utilized to provide the overnight housing and meals. There are about 15 people per location and this service is done for approximately 35 days a year.

City Council approve 15 million expenditure

The City Council in August of 2016 voted to spend approximately 15 million to develop 102 temporary units in a fast track way. The project will be

temporary to year 2032. Permanent housing solutions are also being developed for low income people.

Stated in item 4.1, the property was voted to be leased to Abode Services and for Predevelopment funding for the "Evens Lane Interim Community Housing Project." The land is a 5.93 City-owned property located on the east side of Evans Lane, north of Curtner Avenue between Almaden Expressway and Highway 87.

This approval of development in District 6 took place when the previous City Council member Mr. Pierluige Oliverio was in office and the newly elected Devora "Dev" Davis is newly elected as the District 6 City Council member.

Sole successor trustee has some obligations

By **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

Special to the Times

This week's question:

My uncle just passed away. His assets are in a trust, and the trust appoints me as the sole successor trustee. What are my duties as trustee of the trust?

Robert J.,
Almaden Valley

Answer:

Perhaps half of our Almaden Valley readers will find themselves in the position of being named trustee or co-trustee of a trust, or will be asked for advice by a relative appointed as trustee. If you are named trustee, the best thing you can do is research what your obligations are, come up with a simple outline of tasks to administer the trust, and then consult and retain appropriate professionals to assist in implementing the task list. A trustee can be personally liable where breaches of trust are committed, and the careless trustee may take on a million dollar personal liability without intending to, and without deriving any benefit from the trustee's actions. Most trusts provide that the trustee can hire professionals, including an attorney and a certified public accountant, to assist with administration, documents, notices, court pleadings, accounting, and tax returns.

Let's answer Robert's question and have a look at the duties of a trustee under California law.

Basic Duties:

Generally, a Trustee's duties include the following:

1. The Trustee has a duty to carry out the trust in accordance with the terms of the trust or will.
2. He or she has a duty not to delegate the Trustee's duties to another person-any duty which calls on him to exercise skill and judgment can not be delegated, such as investment responsibilities. This duty does not prohibit him or her from hiring professional experts to evaluate the investments for their suitability to the trust.
3. He or she has the duty to exercise a reasonable degree of skill and care when managing the trust assets.
4. He or she owes the highest duty of loyalty to the beneficiaries to administer the trust solely in their best interests, and put aside his or her own self-interests. No "conflicts of interest" are allowed at any time and full disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest must be made.

5. He or she has a duty to possess, protect, and preserve the trust property. He or she must also defend the trust and the beneficiaries against anyone who would challenge the validity of the trust or seek to claim trust assets.

6. He or she has a duty to separate and set aside the trust property and is required to keep the trust property separate from his own property. If the Trustee should co-mingle his property with the trust's property, he or she is liable for any losses that could result from the co-mingling.

7. He or she has a duty to make the trust property productive. He or she must act in a prudent, or sensible manner when it comes to investing, acquiring, selling, and managing the trust property. Appropriate tax planning for both the Trust and the beneficiaries is part of this duty.

8. Depending on the terms of the Trust instrument, the Trustee normally must file with the Court an accounting, often every other year, indicating income and outgo and status of all assets.

9. Finally, the Trustee has the duty to treat all of the beneficiaries impartially. He or she must not favor one beneficiary over another. If he or she is unable to remain impartial, and exercise his or her Trustee duties in good faith, he or she may be liable for any harm against the beneficiary.

The list above is not exhaustive and any trustee should consult counsel for an exhaustive list of obligations, and an exhaustive check list of tasks.

The running theme continues with respect to this column: Once again, if appointed as trustee, some proactivity in researching and understanding your obligations, putting a plan in place, and hiring an appropriate team of professionals will ensure you meet your fiduciary duties as well as implement the intentions of the trustor, which is why this person entrusted you to be their "trustee" after they are gone. Do them right, do yourself right, and do it the right way!

Until next time...

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

Symphony Silicon Valley announces the return of the popular Harry Potter Film concert series

The debut of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series returns to San Jose Center for the Performing Arts with *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, the second film in the Harry Potter franchise on March 31, April 1 and April 2.

Symphony Silicon Valley will perform John Williams' unforgettable score from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secret*, while the film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen. The Harry Potter Film Concert Series, which is another magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, kicked off in June 2016 with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, cars fly, trees fight back and a mysterious house-elf comes to warn Harry Potter at the start of the second year of his amazing journey into the world of wizardry. This year at Hogwarts, spiders talk, letters scold and Harry's own unsettling ability to speak to snakes turns his friends against him. From Dueling Clubs to rogue Bludgers, it's a year of adventure and danger when bloody writing on a wall announces: "The Chamber of Secrets has been opened." Saving Hogwarts will require all of Harry's, Ron's and Hermione's magical abilities and courage.

Earning a Grammy nomination for the score, the bewitching and incredible music composed by John Williams

became an instant classic, conjuring beautiful and soaring motifs continuing the adventures of Harry Potter on his magical adventures.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is part of a film concert series created by CineConcerts, in partnership with Warner Bros. Consumer Products. The concert will be conducted by its creator and Producer, Justin Freer.

Freer explained, "The Harry Potter film series is one of those once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomena that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we introduced for the first time ever an opportunity to experience the award-winning music scores played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen. It is an unforgettable event."

Brady Beaubien of CineConcerts and Concert Producer for the Harry Potter Film Concert Series added, "Harry Potter is synonymous with excitement around the world and we hope that by performing this incredible music with the full movie, audiences will enjoy returning to this world, and to the many wonderful characters and adventures that inhabit it."

Tickets are on sale now at 408.286.2600 or online at www.symphonysiliconvalley.org for *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. San Jose Center for the Performing Arts is located at: 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose.

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REAL ESTATE

New law eases the way for second housing units

By Bob Hunt

Special to the Times

Californians now find it easier to obtain local permission to construct a second unit, mother-in-law quarter, granny flat, or whatever you choose to call it.

This change that allows secondary units is a result of Assembly Bill 2299 (Bloom) which was signed by the Governor. It amends Section 56852.2 of the California Government Code.

The bill provides one small, but real step in the attempts to deal with California's chronic shortage of housing stock, especially affordable housing stock. According to supporting arguments supplied by the California Apartment Association (the bill's sponsor), "California is struggling to meet the needs of its citizens when it comes to housing, especially housing that is affordable near job centers and public transportation.

By promoting the developments of second units, AB 2299 will help alleviate our housing shortage, while capitalizing on limited resources. While second units can serve as much needed rental housing, they can also provide homes for college students, elderly parents, or individuals with disabilities, who need to live close to their families or teachers who can provide them support. By providing for the efficient approval of second units, you will bring units to the housing market sooner and will make them more affordable."

AB 2299, which lumps all affected units under the label "accessory dwelling units" (ADUs) sets standards for local jurisdiction ordinances governing ADUs. It defines ADUs as, "... an attached or a detached residential dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family dwelling is situated."

No local ordinance may be more stringent than the requirements of AB 2299. Moreover, if a local jurisdiction has no ordinance, or one that differs from the provisions of AB 2299, it is the terms of the latter that shall prevail.

An ordinance adopted pursuant to the terms of AB 2299 shall require that ADUs comply with the following:

The unit is not intended for sale separate from the primary residence and may be rented. The lot is zoned for single-family or multifamily use.

The accessory dwelling unit is either attached to the existing dwelling or located with the living area of the existing dwelling or detached from the existing dwelling and located on the same lot as the existing dwelling.

The increased floor area of an attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the existing living area. The total area of floor space for a detached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 1,200 square feet.

No setback shall be required for an exist-

ing garage that is converted to an accessory dwelling unit, and a setback of no more than five feet from the side and rear lot lines shall be required for an accessory dwelling unit that is constructed above a garage.

Parking requirements for accessory dwelling units shall not exceed one parking space per unit or per bedroom. These spaces may be provided as tandem parking on an existing driveway.

No additional standards, other than those provided in this subdivision [Code Section], shall be utilized or imposed, except that a local agency may require an applicant for a permit issued pursuant to this subdivision to be an owner-occupant.

The adoption of AB 2299 won't solve the housing shortage; but it will help.

Bob Hunt is a director of the California Association of Realtors®. He is the author of *Real Estate the Ethical Way*. His email address is scbhunt@aol.com.

Mayor Liccardo ensures free parking on your visit for City Hall business

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You can drive into the parking lot located at the City Hall and park your car (you turn on sixth street and it is in the back). Then proceed to get your parking garage ticket validated for free parking when you visit the city office you have business with.

If you wish to attend any city council meetings, you can also get your parking garage ticket validated so that you do not have to pay for parking when you exit the garage.

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RAM 2016 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL GRAPHICS*** -\$600
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OUT AND ABOUT

Almaden Valley Senior Association 'Out to Lunch' group visits popular La Playita Restaurant

The Almaden Valley Senior Association (AVSA) hosts a monthly Out to Lunch group. Each month, the seniors patronize a restaurant in or near San Jose. Last month's featured location was La Playita, locally owned and operated by Rita and her son, Juan. La Playita is located at 1169 Redmond Avenue, at the corner of Redmond Avenue and Almaden Expressway, and the phone number there is 408-997-7201.

The AVSA meet the first Wednesday of each month at 9:45 AM at the Almaden Community Center at 6445 Camden Avenue. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend their Out to Lunch gatherings.



A view from Villa Montalvo's Lookout Point. Photo: Meg Lauber (via flickr)

HIKE THE 'MAGNIFICENT SEVEN'

#PixInParks adventure hikes promotes hidden hiking trails at Santa Clara County Parks

By William Bellou
Publisher

It's time to explore the hidden hiking gems located at your Santa Clara County Parks and receive a commemorative #PixInParks t-shirt by hiking seven trails.

The #PixInParks adventure hikes have been handpicked to motivate people to get outside and experience new terrain and spectacular vistas right here in Santa Clara County. The #PixInParks challenge began last week and ends on December 1, 2017.

Each of the seven hikes presents a picturesque setting at a specific destination point that is photo worthy. Hikers must take a selfie or group photo at the designated location as proof of completion. When hikers submit photos of all seven hikes they will be rewarded with a #PixInParks t-shirt.

Hikers are encouraged to share pictures using the hashtag #PixInParks, as well as the hashtag for the particular location where the photo was taken. Follow @santaclaracountyparks on Instagram to view the #PixInParks gallery.

Here are the #PixInParks Magnificent Seven Hikes

1. #Lookout

Villa Montalvo – Lookout / Lookout Point / Redwood Nature Trails - 2.0 Miles

This is a short but slightly moderate hike where you will hike through diverse habitats and majestic redwood groves. Once you make it to the Lookout Point destination, you will see spectacular views of west Santa Clara Valley and South San Francisco Bay Area.

2. #BarnTrail

Joseph D. Grant – Hotel / Lower Hotel / Barn / Snell 2.4 miles

This easy hike will take you through beautiful grasslands, wooded habitats, and permanent wetlands. Your destination, the Snell Barn, was once used by Joseph D. Grant for farming and hay operations.

3. #MummyMountain

Coyote Lake Harvey Bear – Mendoza / Mummy Mountain / Coyote Ridge Trails – 3.7 miles

You will meander through large oak trees, pass by a huge sandstone cliff pockmarked

with caves and see spectacular views of Coyote Valley. Your destination will be a picnic table at the summit overlooking beautiful Coyote Reservoir.

4. #TieCamp

Mt. Madonna – Ridge / Tie Camp / Merry-Go-Round Trails – 3.4 miles

Travel through diverse habitats from mixed oak to coast hardwood, redwood, serpentine, chamise, and mixed chaparral. The Tie Camp Trail destination features spectacular views. Be careful as there are some short steep ups and downs on loose soil.

5. #BaldPeaks

Calero – Longwall Canyon / Needlegrass / Bald Peaks / Little Llagas Trails – 3.9 miles

This hike offers a little bit more of a challenge, but you will see gorgeous views of Santa Clara Valley. Especially at your destination on the Bald Peak Trail.

6. #TonyLook

Stevens Creek – Lookout / Tony Look / Loop Trail – 5.8 miles

This moderately long hike will take you through scenic views overlooking Stevens Creek Reservoir and lush valley. The Loop Trail destination is a popular place to stop and admire the views and have a picnic.

7. #JohnNicholas

Sanborn – John Nicholas Trail – 7.2 miles

This is our longest hike but probably one of the most beautiful hikes of all. A winding trail will take you around great boulders, rock outcroppings, and amazing views of the San Francisco Bay Area. Your destination is a newly crafted bridge that crosses a seasonal creek. This hike is worth every mile.

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department has provided recreational opportunities, beautiful parks and precious natural resources for Santa Clara County residents for more than 50 years. This golden legacy has resulted in one of the largest regional park systems in the State of California.

The #PixInParks webpage at www.parkhere.org provides instructions on how to complete the challenge. You will also find trail maps and hiking tips to prepare you for your adventure.



Girls Softball Sign-ups for Almaden Valley - AVGSL

AVGSL online registration is open!

Please visit WWW.AVGSL.ORG to register or to find all the information regarding our league. We are accepting registration for ages for Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14.

EVERYONE is welcome to join our league and it does not matter what skill level because we have a spot for you. AVGSL's main goal is to insure that all players are in a fun, positive environment while learning and expanding their softball skills. AVGSL promotes a sense of belonging for everyone. We emphasize teamwork and the sense of individual success that contribute to team sports.

If you have questions please email president@avgsl.org and we will be happy to help.



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VBS: June 13th – 17th (5:45-8:30pm) & Sports Camp: July 18th – 22nd (9am -12:30pm) For more details or to register please visit our website
Senior Pastor – Pastor Ron Johnson, Community-Life Pastor - Pastor Patrick Boyd, Children's Ministry Co-Directors – Alyssa Friend and Kristen Pearson
We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalley-church.com
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Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

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Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
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For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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Viola Davis shares her story at Watermark conference

Three-time Academy Award-nominated actress **Viola Davis** (above) shared stories from her life's journey when she came to San Jose Feb. 1 to deliver a keynote speech for the 3rd Annual Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley at the San Jose Convention Center.

Davis, who has won Golden Globe and Emmy Awards, says that she comes from "the absolute epitome of poverty." Falling in love with theater early in high school as a form of escape, Davis went on to perfect her craft and become the important screen actor that she is today. Named one of the "most influential" people of 2012 by TIME Magazine, Davis is also dedicated to raising the profile and stories of young women of color.

The Watermark Conference for Women Silicon Valley is a presentation of

Watermark, a community of executive women in the San Francisco Bay Area, whose mission is to increase the representation of women at executive levels to drive innovation, human development and economic growth.

"In light of everything that is happening today, we are so fractured, so one of the things I am proudest of, is this event is meant to pull people together from all walks of life," said Laurie Dalton White, Director with the Conference for Women. "This creates dialogues which are so valuable since we are all operating so virtually these days. Let's bring communication back to the micro level."

For more information about future Watermark conferences and activities, visit watermarkconferenceforwomen.org.

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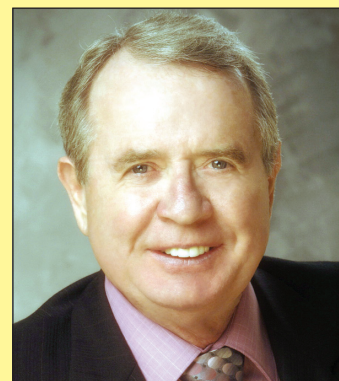
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If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a **letter of interest** to:

Evergreen School District
3188 Quimby Road
San Jose, CA 95148
ATTN: Dan Deguara

Your letter should include a brief introduction of yourself, your contact information, and an overview as to why you are interested in serving on the committee. **All letters must be received at the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2017.** Applicants will be contacted for follow-up interviews.

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