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CITY HALL REPORT

Richa Awasthi is the New Mayor of Foster City

Jon Froomin is the New Vice Mayor

n Monday night, Mayor Sanjay Gehani called the Council Meeting to order for the last time in his current term as Mayor. Brian Perkins from Congresswoman Jackie Speier's office came to the meeting to extend the Congresswoman's thanks and congratulations for leading the City through an extraordinarily tough year. Mr. Perkins also presented the outgoing Mayor with a Congressional Proclamation, which noted that the City went through the pandemic, while also taking on the levee project. Perkins also said that while the geese in the City were not likely to thank you, but the rest of us are all far better off to your willingness to serve the City.

Belmont Mayor Charles Stone stopped by to thank Mayor Gehani for his leadership and applauded his approach to regional and local issues. He thanked Mr. Gehani for his congeniality. Nicole Fernandez from Senator Josh Becker's office zoomed in to give the Senator's regards and commended him for his work during this difficult year and said that Sanjay passed the test with flying colors. She noted that his predecessor would have some very large shoes to fill, both literally and figuratively. Rico Medina, Mayor of San Bruno also thanked the Mayor and as impressed with how he did his homework on the regional boards. He said that Mr. Gehani was a class act.

The Mayor then gave his outgoing statement. Mr. Gehani said that it was an honor to serve as Mayor this year and that he gave it everything he could to do right by his fellow council members, the staff and the community. He said he had an immense appreciation and gratitude for how local businesses, workers, and the community pulled together this past year. He said he was truly inspired by the resilience and fortitude shown by the community. Mayor Gehani thanked his parents, for their blessings and guidance. He also thanked his sister and wife Sweetu for her consistent and unwavering selflessness, support, and love. And his sone Veer for inspiring him to be better everyday.

Gehani noted that two years ago, the Council was divided. With one Council Member walking in and out of the reorganizational meeting. He said that the

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COUNCIL CORNER

Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future

by Mayor Richa Awasthi

This is a critical phase, and a pivotal year in the history of Foster City.

We turned 50 this year. It's an excellent opportunity to reflect on our past and present and define our future. We have seen a lot of change in the recent time our demographics are changing rapidly which has allowed us to embrace diversity. Our median income is over \$159,000 and our population is growing older with the median age now past 40 years old. Turning 50 also means that our infrastructure is now requiring more frequent and ongoing maintenance. When it comes to providing services to our community, we rely on our staff. We also underwent significant changes in our staff. We have a new City Attorney, a new Public Works director and other new employees. We saw a change in the City Manager's office as well. Interim City Manager Kevin Miller returned to our community, and we have started the process to hire a new permanent City Manager. In addition to the macro challenges posed by the Pandemic, which we are still recovering from, we are also recovering from some tough local challenges that have divided our community.

I must acknowledge the challenges we faced in the last few years, as a community, as a Council and as city employees – and I fully acknowledge that it has not been easy. That said, I am very proud that your Council and Staff team faced these challenges head on, changed directions where needed, made difficult and courageous decisions and brought the City back on the right path. Our recipe of success lies in our strong fiscal position, our talented staff and our caring community. We are now in the best position that we've been in for years to look forward. We have tremendous potential. As your Mayor, I want this to be the year that we truly live up to our potential - of truly moving forward together - learning from the past but not letting the past distract us.

There are many areas where we have a lot of work ahead of us, and I am confident that with Interim City Manager Kevin Miller's leadership, we will continue to make progress and transform the organization and revive the culture of excellence that our City Hall is known for. I am confident that together, we will create a blueprint for Foster City's future, and a model for strong and ethical governance and leadership for generations to come. We also need to be aspirational and define our long-term vision and plan towards that. We need to think about what we will need in 5, 10 and 20 years from now and how we can plan for that so we can maximize our future opportunities. Our Policy summit on January 12 will allow us that opportunity. I encourage you all to tune in

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other Council members wanted to move from politics and focus on progress. He noted that the Council and staff chose to be different and work as a team to help the community. He said that he was proud of the teamwork that is being cultivated now. He noted that the City is now more efficient and is fiscally strong. He noted that the City has become a stronger advocate in Sacramento and formed a Sister City relationship with Inagi City in Japan. The Mayor noted advancements is safety, affordable housing and the progress on the levee. Among other accomplishments, he noted the

return of the Rubber Ducky races and the celebration of the City's fiftieth birthday.

The Council then turned to the business of electing a new mayor. Mr Gehani nominated Richa Awasthi and she was elected by a 5-0 vote. Ms. Awasthi then took the Mayor's seat and said that she was honored to be the Mayor. The new Mayor nominated Council Member Jon Froomin. Mr Froomin won 4-0 with Council Member Sam Hindi abstaining. The Mayor was then sworn into office by her family and Ion Froomin was sworn in as Vice Mayor by the City Clerk Priscilla Schaus. Interim City Manager Kevin Miller and Deputy City Manager Jennifer Phan presented flowers to Mr. Gehani's wife, mother, and his sister.

Mayor Awasthi thanked her family for their support. She said that this year was a critical phase and a pivotal year as the



City turned fifty. She said it was a time to reflect on the past, the present and define our future. She noted that the City's demographics are changing rapidly, allowing the City to embrace diversity. The City also now needs to look at its infrastructure and its changing staff. She noted that there are tough $\tilde{\mathsf{local}}$ issues that are dividing the community. But she said she is very proud that the City and the Council took on these challenges head on. She mentioned that the strength of the City lies in the City's strong fiscal position, the talented staff and the caring community. She felt the City is in the vest position it has been in years. While there are challenges going forward, she felt that City Hall will maintain the culture of excellence that she is know for. She was confident that together, we can create a blueprint for Foster City's future and a model for





governance 0 generations to come. She felt that the City needs to think about what it needs 5 to 25 years from now and how

to plan for that. Compromise is the key to finding successful solutions. The Mayor highlighted a few areas for the coming year. They are; 1) rebuilding staff moral; 2) increase community engagement; 3) economic development; 4) public - private partnerships; 5) rebuilding the City's



infrastructure; and 6) reevaluation of the City's reserve policy. Awasthi Ms noted that the City has a track record on innovation

and leadership. She said that we now need to be the leader of being a smart city moving into the future. She thought that our diversity in demographics and viewpoints is our strength. She believes the Council can work together to make Foster City better.

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to that. I am hopeful to have a robust conversation on policy matters that our community cares about and those that are critical to our success. There will be difficult conversations, and we need to focus on finding a common ground. Our residents want us to work together and find creative solutions to challenges like housing and traffic. Compromise is the key to finding solutions and I would hope we can find a silver lining if we can be proactive and creative to avoid and minimize future impacts to our city.

I would like to highlight a few areas of priority for the coming year.

Re-Building Staff Morale: Focus on our staff is a key pillar of our success. We have shown our commitment in this area - this year alone we increased the staff salaries by 4% compared to the prior year, which represents a \$995,483 investment from the city to its employees. Financial compensation is just one aspect for ensuring retention of our valuable staff.

Organizational culture affects staff morale and retention. I am committed to supporting building a safe and supportive culture in our City Hall. I would like our staff to build institutional knowledge and have a long and rewarding career in Foster



City.

Voice of the Community: We have an opportunity to increase community engagement. We are already looking at a variety of ideas to do so. Foster City community is the best. I have been touched by the care and concern for our city from so many of us. This year, not too long ago, we saw many members of our community coming together, putting their differences aside and supporting what's best for the city. Building a great community truly takes a village. We have tremendous human capital living here

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Sheriff Seizes 2M in Illicit Proceeds and 10M in Stolen Merchandise

ast week, San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos announced that detectives seized over \$2M in illicit proceeds from financial institutions and over \$10M in stolen merchandise.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) uncovered a network of criminals responsible for

California Department of justice helped with the investigation and arrests. Together, many search warrants and several arrest warrants were generated and served, arresting the ring leaders.

Everyone's hard work led to the dismantled of a criminal organization that was profiting from crimes associated with

an international distribution center for moving millions of dollars in stolen merchandise.

The California Highway Patrol and the

thefts, burglaries, and violent robberies.

The Sheriff's department thanked California Attorney General Rob Bonta for his assistance and leadership on this case.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Whim Local Launches an Innovative Way to Host Events and Virtual Marketplaces

ast wekk, WhimLocal.com added the ability for chambers, business associations, and market organizers to host their showcase events or permanent virtual marketplaces, creating a micro 'shop local' community. This feature builds on our mission of fueling local commerce and driving collective discovery. With the launch of events and virtual marketplaces, we are offering any organization a way to host their own community or events on WhimLocal.com, with their own unique URL, the ability to fully customize look and feel, messaging and participants.

"We are excited to be launching this feature", said Aviral Gupta, WhimLocal's CEO/ Founder. "Whim Communities allows us to empower business associations everywhere to easily set up an online presence for their community in a few clicks, with no technical integrations."

Traditionally, festivals, pop-up markets with arts & crafts vendors happen over a specific weekend, and then they are over. We are providing a way for the event to continue for a longer period of time allowing locals to not only meet and buy in person, but also discover, drive sales and traffic before and after the event.

Our first virtual event with FabMo.org went live on Nov 20th and goes until Dec 23rd. FabMo is a Bay Area non-profit dedicated to rescuing new but discarded designer materials and inspiring creative reuse, Artisans and makers take FabMo's rescued bounty and give it a second life as fine art, fashion, jewelry and more. FabMo has hosted similar artisan showcases in the past, but the Holiday 2021 event was not scheduled to happen, due to the large volunteer bandwidth needed to organize the event. "It was only when Whim Local Founder and CEO Aviral Gupta stepped in and offered to provide the backend platform and help the artisans set up their showcase pages, did the 2021 Holiday event spring back to life, " said Kathy Bonte, FabMo's Marketing Lead. "As a result, FabMo gets to hold its beloved holiday event and gain increased exposure for it with less effort."

Whim Local can host multiple concurrent events or communities on our platform.

Our second event is the Foster City living!LOCAL Holiday Marketplace that will run for the entire month of December 2021 and allows local residents searching for those perfect gifts to discover unique offerings and specials in their local community. The Foster City Chamber of Commerce partnered with Whim Local in their ongoing efforts to support the local business community. This partnership helps highlight local goods and services, and benefits both shoppers and family-run businesses.

"Community is our business," says Joanne Bohigian, Chair of the Foster City Chamber Board, "and we could not be happier to partner with such a vibrant and enthusiastic organization like Whim Local. The digital scope and profound and inclusive possibilities and opportunities available to our community will be unlike anything this community has seen."

These partnerships highlight how Whim Local can enable communities to host special events or permanent virtual marketplaces. Whim Local facilitates bringing independent retailers and artists together at a simple online marketplace for vendors to sell during the holidays or year-round. Contact Whim Local to learn more about how quickly we can set up an event or marketplace for you.

To shop the Foster City livingLocal Holiday Marketplace, visit: https://www. whimlocal.com/event/livinglocal

To shop the FabMo Holiday Artisan Showcase, visit: https://www.whimlocal. com/event/fabmo

About Whim Local: Whimlocal.com is your MainStreet Marketplace to discover unique products from local independent retailers and artists. Imagine, Pinterest meets Etsy for the local market. Whim Local won Techstars Startup weekend & Stanford start-up pitch, part of YC Startup school, Tech Futures Group, ASU Venture Devils. Whim Local is on a mission to fuel local commerce and increase sales & traffic for local small businesses.



Show your festive spirit and decorate your home to spread holiday cheer! Include your home on the Holiday Light Map that will showcase all of the decorated homes in Foster City. Register your home here. Deadline to register is December 12 at 5pm. Map will be available on this site beginning Monday, December 13.

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A New Approach to Mental Health Crisis Calls: Mental Health Professionals Partner With Police

Clinicians pair with law enforcement in county's four largest cities

ental health professionals will team with law enforcement in San Mateo County's four largest cities as part of a pilot program aimed at de-escalating 9-1-1 calls and providing appropriate, compassionate care for nonviolent individuals.

The pilot program launches Monday, December 6, 2021, in Daly City, San

Mateo, Redwood City and South San Francisco. It's set in motion with twin goals: provide an alternative to jail and overburdened hospital emergency rooms for non-violent individuals undergoing a behavioral health crisis and free up police officers.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors along with participating cities provide funding for what's called the Community Wellness and Crisis Response Pilot Project.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Men's Football

Aragon Losses to Salesian

On Saturday, the Aragon Dons played the Salesian Prep Pride in the 2021 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games - Division 6-A. Aragon got on the scoreboard first and led 13-12 at the end of the first quarter. Salesian added three touchdowns in the second quarter, but missed on all the extra points, while the Dons added two TD s and ran for a 2 point conversion. This gave the Pride a 30-28 lead at the half. Neither team scored in the third, but the Pride iced the game with a TD in the fourth to win 36-28.

Serra to Play Mater Dei Next Week

Serra had this week off, but will take on the Mater Dei Monarchs from Santa Ana, in the 2021 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games - Open Division. The game will take place at Saddleback College in Mission Vajo, on Saturday, December 11 at 8pm. The Monarchs arw 11-0 on the season, while Serra is 11-1.

Women's Basketball

San Mateo Defeats Cupertino

On Wednesday, the San Mateo Bearcats played the Cupertino Pioneers. The Bearcats got off to a quick start as they led 15-2 at the end of the first quarter. The Pioneers pick up their game as both teams played evenly in the second and third quarters,. The Bearcats then scored 16 points to Cupertino's 4 and won 49-29. The win put the Bearcats record at 1-2.

Aragon Losses to Los Gatos

Last Thursday, the Aragon Dons played a home game against the Los Gatos Wildcats. The game was very close throughout the whole game. However, Los Gatos managed to win by a bucket, 43-41. The Dons are now 2-1.

Hillsdale Defeats Mountain View.

The Hillsdale Knights took on the Mountain View Spartans on Thursday. The Knights got off to a quick start as they took a 15-8 lead at the end f the forst quarter, The Knights went on to win 51-25. The Knights are now 3-0.

Men's Basketball

San Mateo Wins One and Drops One.

Last Wednesday, the Bearcats lost a nonconference game to Marshal High of San Francisco. The game was close, but Marshall won by a score of 35-34. Then on Friday, the Bearcats played a home game against the Westmoor Rams. The Bearcats won the game by a score of 43-32. San Mateo is now 2-2.

Aragon Has an Up and Down Week.

The Aragon Dons went on the road to play the Jefferson Grizzlies on Thursday. Aragon trailed 39-31 heading into the fourth quarter. The Dons turned it on and outscored Jefferson 11-6, but Jefferson held on to win 45-42. The Dons played the Galileo Lions on Friday, Aragon won big by a score of 57-49. Then on Saturday, the Dons played a home game against the Lowell Cardinals. The game was close again, but Aragon lost 48-46. The Dons are now 2-3 this season.

Hillsdale

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The University Red Devils played the Hillsdale Knights on Thursday. The Knights lost by a score of 45-34. Then on Friday, the Knights played a home game against the Lowell Cardinals and lost 39-32.

The Knights had a change of fortune on Saturday when they took on the Galileo Lions. The Knights won 64-49. Hillsdale is now 1-2.

CSM SPORTS

CCSF ENDS CSM'S NORCAL TITLE REIGN, 20-17

TO PLAY RIVERSIDE (at MSAC) FOR CCCAA TITLE DEC. 11

by Fred Baer

A tie-breaking touchdown run that would have given College of San Mateo eventual winning points was called back on a controversial holding penalty and City College of San Francisco subsequently kicked a field goal for a 20-17 victory over the defending Northern California Community College Football champions Saturday afternoon.

Nick Hill booted the 31-yard field goal (his second of the game) with 5:21 remaining in the third period for the final points of the contest – the only valid score after the intermission deadlock. San Mateo followed that score with a drive to the Ram 32-yard line that was also interrupted by a holding penalty, resulting in a CSM punt to shut down third quarter action in front of a SRO crowd in excess of 5,000.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP NEXT FOR RAMS:

State (and nationally) top ranked CCSF (12-0) will play reigning state champion Riverside City College (10-2) Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. at Mt. San Antonio College Stadium in Walnut for the California Community College Athletic Association title.

CSM, the 2019 state runner up to Riverside, finished 10-2, with both losses coming to San Francisco -- in similar fashion. (There were no playoffs in 2020.) Riverside downed previously unbeaten Golden West College, 27-23, in Saturday's SoCal championship game.

CCSF quarterback Jack Newman threw a 54-yard TD pass to Jeffrey Weimer to complete a quick opening drive for a 7-0 lead just over two minutes into the game; later a ten-yard strike to Aaron Espero to tie the score at 17 near the end of the first half.

San Mateo received the second half kickoff, which Tre Hines returned seven yards to the CSM 39 to start the key drive. A 15-yard first down pass from Luke Bottari to Jalen Lampley put the Bulldogs immediately in CCSF territory. They reached the 38 on a pass to All Bay 6 tight end Anthony Landphere, after which J'Wan Evans weaved his way to the end zone on third down for what appeared to be a 23-17 advantage. Following a long officials conference, however, a holding call put the ball back on the 48. CSM ended up turning the ball over on downs at the 39.

The Bulldogs started a fourth quarter rally on their own ten, after a CCSF punt, and marched into Rams territory on Bottari passes to Mason Starling, Lampley, and Landphere. On first down at the 46, Bottari was hurried, effectively, by the Rams defense and his pass was intercepted on the 30 by D'Andre Greeley with 5:35 left in the game. CCSF was able to, methodically, run out the clock with 11 plays -- ending up on the Bulldogs 18. Greeley leads the state with nine picks.

That was similar to the situation in the Bay 6 League finale, Nov. 13. Bottari was intercepted near the same spot on the last drive, ending San Mateo's 4-year reign as Bay 6 champs.

BOTTARI, STARLING, PLASCENCIA ON CSM RECORD LISTS: Returning all-state QB Bottari completed a game high 28 of 38 passes for 313 yards, with touchdown passes of 12 and eight yards to Starling. Bottari now has a CSM career record 46 TDs, bettering the mark f 42 by Dave Giannini in 1983-84. The Serra High grad has thrown for 4,673 yards (342 of 557 passes), No. 3 all-time CSM yardage.

Current unanimous all-Bay 6 wide receiver Starling has 19 career TD receptions (tied for No. 3 on the CSM list behind a pair with 20); also 13 in 2021 (No. 3 on that list).

The first TD toss to Starling tied the score at seven, with 5:10 left in the first period. The Bulldogs went ahead, 10-7, on the first play of the second quarter with a 37yard field goal by Gabe Plascencia. The freshman placekicker, out of Oakland's Bishop O'Dowd High School, set a CSM season record with 14 field goals – including a record long of 51 yards. He leads all California CC kickers with 99 points this year.

Dillon Juniel and Ryan Cooper, Jr., each intercepted Ram passes.

--For CCSF, Newman went 26 of 37 for 290 yards, with Weimer catching seven for 154 yards. Espero had nine receptions for 66 yards.

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"Our data at SABCS add to the growing body of evidence supporting the use of Trodelvy for people with metastatic TNBC," said Merdad Parsey, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer, Gilead Sciences. "We continue to advance the treatment of TNBC and are actively exploring the potential of Trodelvy across the breast cancer landscape."

Highlights at the meeting include an

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Community Hanukkah Event a Success



n December 1, about 200 people attended a community organized Hanukkah celebration event in the amphitheater at Leo Ryan Park. The event was co-sponsored by the Peninsula Sinai Congregation of Foster City, the

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and it would be nice to see more people involved and engaged. Our community's voice has always been an important pillar of my decision-making process and will continue to be going forward.

Economic Development: Revitalization of our shopping centers and businesses has been a challenge. The post pandemic labor environment along with other issues has challenged our local economy. We will brainstorm solutions and try a few ideas to see what might help us achieve the desired outcome. We should collaborate with Chamber of Commerce and revisit the great work done in the past on Economic Development.

Public-Private Partnerships: A key area of priority for me would be to take private partnerships to the next level. We have tremendous opportunities to establish strategic alliances with the leading employers in Foster City. We have left a lot on the table on this front. We can be a leader in the region by demonstrating how public-private partnerships can be done in a meaningful way leading to favorable outcomes for all involved. Regional representation and engagement are equally important. We have a lot of opportunity on this front as well. market are increasing our personnel compensation costs. In order to maintain and enhance the services and the quality of place our community expects, we need to invest in our staff – their career growth and development. We need to find new revenue sources, and monetization opportunities to keep up with the growing costs.

From T. Jack Foster's vision and innovative idea that led to the creation of the beautiful "Island of the Blue Lagoons", to our Levee Improvements Project, Foster City has a track record of innovation and visionary leadership. Let's continue that path and be the leader on what's next. We should aspire to be a modern, smart, and inclusive city. We must work to successfully preserve our character, while not being frozen in time. We care for the elderly, and we nurture our vouth. Foster City treats all with love and respect. We are founded on principles that embrace diversity - in ethnicities, as well as in views and perspectives. And that is a good thing. It should enrich, not divide us. We are fortunate to call this beautiful, vibrant and diverse city our home. I am honored to serve as your mayor this year. My commitment to you all is that I will provide thoughtful, decisive and results

Peninsula Jewish Community Center, the Ronald C. Wornick Jewish Day School, Jewish Family and Children's services, and the Jewish Baby Network. The birth of this event was particularly appropriate. In one description of Hanukkah, it is stated, "We light the Hanukkah candles at dusk, facing the menorah out to the street so that all can see the light, the hope. The light of the Hanukkah candles encourages us to never be afraid to stand up for what is right, like the Maccabees defending their faith. The holiday teaches us to shine outward, to bring more of our own light into the world. And as we add a little more light to the world each night (by adding a candle), Hanukkah reminds us to look forward." This event truly shed light and instilled hope for the Jewish people of Foster City. Peninsula Sinai Congregation Cantor Doron Shapira was the primary organizer of the event.

Cantor Doron saw the need for this type of celebration in Foster City and sought opportunities to make it happen. In the end, through his leadership, the partnerships were formed and this first of its kind event was born. The attendees had the opportunity to play with the traditional Hanukkah dreidel and eat latkes (potato pancakes) and donuts. After speakers from the PJCC, the Wornick Day School and the City Council, Doron described the prayers and then led in the lighting of the menorah. The many children who crowded the stage for the event helped Doron as he engaged the crowd in Hanukkah songs.

All assembled seemed to enjoy the event and clearly demonstrated the value in continuing this event in the future.



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Infrastructure: We must move forward with a sense of urgency on repairing and rebuilding our infrastructure in a timely manner. This includes revisiting the Recreation Center project, but also looking at other buildings such as City Hall and Corporation Yard, while continuing to move expeditiously on projects like the Levee Improvements project and Wastewater Treatment Plan project.

Reserve Policy: We ended the year with \$52.9 million in reserve. While I realize we have liabilities, I think our reserve policy needs to be re-evaluated. We should be able to use our funds for well thought out initiatives to benefit our taxpayers. We must not forget that our main source of revenue are our property taxes, projected to be over 60% of our overall revenue. On expenses, staff costs account for nearly 61% of our overall expenditures. The challenges in the labor

oriented leadership.

As a Council, we have the potential to be a great team. Each of us brings unique skills, strengths and perspective to the table. We have a lot in common – we are dedicated and committed to public service and are passionate about what we think is best for Foster City. Together we have the power to do great things for Foster City. Let's have the difficult conversations, and work through our challenges to achieve middle ground on divisive matters. Let's come together and work together and find unity wherever we can. That is what our community wants, and that is what is going to take us far. Together with the Council team and our staff, we will achieve even greater success for our city, for generations to come.

It's going to be a great year ahead. I wish you all Happy Holidays! Please continue to reach out to me at rawasthi@fostercity. org. **3 Sizes** Standard 12" x 16" \$99.00 Large 14" x 18" \$119.00 X-Large 16" x 22" \$149.00

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 8th

12:15 p.m; Foster City Rotary Club - Steve Pifer, "What to do about Russia?" Foster City Crowne Plaza

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm; City Holiday Tree Lighting; Parks & Rec Center see article for details

6:00 pm; SMFCSD School Board Community Workshop; Aboot Middle School - For details go to http://www.smfcsd.net/en/news/ archives/news-2021-2022/schoolboard-community-workshops.html

6:30 pm; SMFCSD PTA Council Meeting - Navigating the New Normal; See article for details

Thursday, December 9th

7:00 pm; Foster City Historical Society Meeting; email Fchistory1971@gmail.com for details

Saturday, December 11th

5:30 pm; Coyote Point Yacht Club's Holiday Lighted Boat Parade; Coyote Point - see article for details

Monday, December 13th

6:30 pm; City Council Special Meeting; Council Chambers, FCTV & Zoo

6:30 pm; SMUHSD, My College Pathway: Charting the Road to College Success; Link: https:// smuhsd-org.zoom.us/j/9294798376 6?pwd=cHV3TTY1WUxra0d0Y1R2 ZGtYQW1nQT09 Meeting ID: 929 4798 3766; Passcode: 423645

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:00 pm; Live Trivia with FC Recreation; Via Kahoot - see article for details

Wednesday, December 15th

12:15 pm; Rotary Club of Foster City; Hear How Job Train Helps Fight Unemployment; Foster City Crowne Plaza or Zoom

Thursday, December 16th

6:30 pm; San Mateo - Foster City School District Trustee's Board Meeting; 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City & Via Zoom - For more information, visit: http://www. smfcsd.net/en/board-of-trustees/ board-meeting-agendas-minutesand-summaries.html

7:00 pm; Foster City Historical Society Meeting; email Fchistory1971@gmail.com for details

Monday, December 20th

San Mateo - Foster City School District Schools Closed trough January 4th

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Thursday, December 23rd

Foster City Offices Closed

Friday, December 24th

Foster City Offices Closed

If you have an event that you would like us to include in our calendar, please email us at info@fostercityislander.com

Foster City Events

Holiday Tree Lighting - Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Begin this holiday season with Foster City's Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join us for holiday music and light refreshments, followed by a countdown to light the tree. Kids can enjoy coloring activities and a chance to meet our "Special Visitor" in a red suit.

Live Trivia with FC Recreation - Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 8:00 pm

Test you knowledge on various subjects by joining Recreation Staff each week for Tuesday trivia LIVE online!

How to Play:

Be sure you follow us on Facebook so you'll be alerted when games will be and the meeting ID and passwords required to

mobile device You'll need to have 2 devices to play live!

Log in to Zoom prior to the start of the game. The trivia host will prompt you to enter the unique Kahoot pin into the device you'll use to answer the questions.

The faster you answer correctly, the more

San Mateo County Events

Lighted Boat Parade is at 5:30 pm on December 11th

It's time once again to spread the nautical holiday cheer and Deck the Hulls with lots of lights! This year, Coyote Point Yacht Club invites all marina tenants to participate in the 5th annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Registration is free, and there will be prizes for the best decorated boats. The parade starts at 5:30, with the option to depart either from the Yacht Club Guest Dock (dock 20) or from your slip. If your boat doesn't have an inverter or generator, battery powered lights are available at your local stores, or online from your favorite online retailer.

Even if you don't participate in the parade, we encourage you to decorate your boat with lights; the lighted boats are truly a spectacle for the planes and passengers arriving at SFO. Register at https://docs. google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEOEIrv gtAo0lSN1Y5JoG5v0AouXt42ydKTaQ6 ni_PXORz2A/viewform online or pick up a registration form at the marina office. Your information will not be shared with anyone. After the parade, come join us inside the club for festive holiday treats and music, plus some very special guests arriving by boat. For more information, please contact Cathy at (650) 464-6265 or email commodore@cpyc.com

SCHOOL SCENE

News From the San Mateo -Foster City School District

Navigating the new normal - SMFC PTA Council Meeting - Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm

The SMFC PTA Council is excited to host StarVista for a 45-minute workshop on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm, for families to help kids and parents manage the current stressors facing us in life and school alongside COVID-19. We welcome your questions in advance!

RSVP and Question Submission form (Eng|Spa) - https://bit.ly/SMFC-ParentEd

StarVista is a non-profit organization that has been helping people throughout San

Mateo County navigate life's challenges for over 55 years. Their counseling, crisis prevention, youth housing, and outreach programs reach tens of thousands of people in our community each year.

Four New COVID Cases in Foster City Schools.

For the week of 11/22 through 11/28/2021, there were no new cases of COVID - 19 at Bowditch Middle School, Audubon Elementary, Brewer Island, or Foster City Elementary. There was one case at Beach Park Elementary. There no cases among the staff at any of the Foster City schools.

News From the San Mateo High School District

My College Pathway: Charting the Road to College Success - December 13, 2021; 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Please join the Black Parents Association and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for an exciting virtual event - My College Pathway: Charting the Road to College Success on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Special Guest Presenters Mario De Anda and Jennifer Mante - Scholarship Officers of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation will speak about:

The SMUHSD Offers Both In Person and On Demand Tutoring

In-Person Tutoring

Tutoring is an important element of school life. The benefits of tutoring are numerous. Students who seek tutoring improve academic performance, increase positive study habits and access an individualized learning experience. All of these benefits lead to an increase in a student's selfesteem. Students build confidence in their ability to learn. Visit https://www.smuhsd. org/tutoring and click on the link to your school for more information.

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You won't want to miss this opportunity to get information on the inside track to successfully navigating your pathway to college. There will also be detailed information on scholarship opportunities offered by Silicon Valley Community Foundation. You'll only know if you go. So, mark your calendars for Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. and login using the information below:

Zoom Information: Link: https://smuhsdorg.zoom.us/j/92947983766?pwd=cHV 3TTY1WUxra0d0Y1R2ZGtYQW1nQT09

Meeting ID: 929 4798 3766; Passcode: 423645

On-Demand Tutoring

All SMUHSD students can access Tutor. com when they need on-demand help with homework or tutoring. How: Students can log in to Canvas and open up one of their classes. The tutor.com platform can be accessed from the hyperlinks on Canvas. Students can request support in English or Spanish and be connected to a tutor within 90 seconds. Students can interact verbally or via chat and can also share documents. Tutor.com provides 1-to-1, on-demand online homework help/tutoring. Their mission is to instill hope, advance equity, and catalyze achievement in schools & communities

City & County Updates:

CITY NEWS

Attend the "Let's Talk Housing" Webinar on Wednesday, 12/1



Each city in San Mateo County is updating its Housing Element, and input is being sought from local residents. Learn more about this important process and ways to participate by joining the latest "Let's Talk Housing" webinar on Wednesday, 12/1. Register for the session or find out more information.

Take the Foster City Recreation Center and Parks System Survey



A new survey has been launched to gather the community's thoughts and perspectives on Foster City's Recreation Center and Parks System. Feedback provided through the survey will be critical in helping determine how the City's recreational amenities can be improved to better meet current and future needs.

Review 2021's Highlights in the New **Community Annual Report**



This year's Community Annual Report has been published! Packed with detailed data and vital information, the report illustrates the various initiatives, policies, programs, and services which made the year so great in Foster City. Find out more and read the Community Annual Report.

Foster City is Hiring! Check Out Our Available Job Opportunities



Foster City is currently hiring positions in law enforcement, recreation and public safety. The City offers competitive salaries and benefits, flexible schedules, generous vacation and paid holidays, a fun work environment, plus other perks. Check out the jobs and apply.

SAN MATEO COUNTY NEWS

Appointments Now Required at **County-Operated Vaccine Clinic**

Demand for boosters high at Event Center drive-through clinic

Due to high demand for COVID-19 booster shots, appointments are now required for those 12 and older to receive a shot at the County-operated vaccine clinic operating at the Event Center.

Previously, appointments were strongly encouraged but on-site registration was also available. Starting today, walk-ups will be turned away. Appointments for the Event Center site as well as other community clinic options are available through MyTurn.

First and second vaccine dose shots are available at the drive-through clinic in addition to boosters for those 18 and older. Even with an appointment, attendees should expect a wait time. Boosters are also available at community clinics, health care provider and pharmacies, many without needing an appointment. A schedule of County-operated community clinics is available at https://www. smchealth.org/vaccine-clinic-calendar

Pediatric vaccine shots (ages 5-11) are still available at the children's clinic also located at the Event Center. Appointment through MyTurn are strongly encouraged but walk-ins are accepted.

The San Mateo Event Center is located at 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, 94403.

Choose Local San Mateo County App Launched

The County of San Mateo and seven cities are asking shoppers to support local small business and rewarding those that do through a new points-based mobile app that lets them earn cash discounts at participating locations. The Choose Local San Mateo County program is a way for both shoppers and businesses to benefit while helping the post-pandemic recovery. Learn more about the Choose Local San Mateo County program.

Mental Health... from page 3

"This program is intended to give law enforcement a resource by teaming a police officer with a mental health clinician that can help manage high-risk situations in a way that improves outcomes and public safety," said Supervisor Don Horsley.

County Manager Mike Callagy echoed the sentiment.

"The County is proud to support such an important and necessary intervention which supports the safety of the individual in crisis and those around them," Callagy said. "This provides another option for those who need mental health care rather than incarceration or hospitalization."

The County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with local nonprofit StarVista to train and supervise clinicians, who will be embedded with each city's police department based on need.

Public safety 9-1-1 dispatchers will deploy the clinicians along with police officers to calls with individuals suspected of experiencing mental or behavioral health crises. Once officers declare the scene safe, clinicians will assess the individual and determine the best methods of immediate care.

BHRS Director Scott Gilman noted that there is no one single solution in crisis response and this new pilot provides another tool that officers can use.

"BHRS is proud to help bring additional mental health resources to local law enforcement response," Gilman said. "The partnership among responding officers and mental health clinicians will provide additional tools to promote de-escalation and safe resolution.

The John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities at Stanford University will independently evaluate the intervention and assessment methods used by the clinicians and cities to help refine the program as needed.

Under a cost-sharing agreement, the four participating cities will contribute \$408,388 and the County will contribute \$468,388 for each of two years, for a twoyear total of approximately \$1.5 million.

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Registered Owner(s):

Guilherme Freitas, of 1060 Carolan Ave., #305, Burlingame, CA 94010; Isabela Rodrigues Naves, of 1060 Čarolan Ave., #305, Burlingame, ČA 94010

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. This business is conducted by a General Partnership s/ Guilherme Freitas

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Fictitious Business Name Statement No. 289638

The following persons are doing business as: Greater Bay Mitigation Bank, at 1118 Blythe Street, Foster City CA 94404.

Registered Owner(s):

Foster City Marina Center LLC, of 1118 Blythe Street, Foster City CA 94404. A Delaware LLC

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability

Company.

Fictitious Business Name Statement No. 289572

The following persons are doing business as:

UBERREALESTATE, UBERRE, DIDIREALESTATE, DIDIRE, DIDIFANG, at 101 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Registered Owner(s):

UBERRE, INC., of 101 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. A Delaware Corp.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Feb. 27, 2017.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

s/ Brent Ritz, Chairman/Director/CEO

This statement was filed by the County Clerk of San Mateo County on Nov. 29, 2021.

(FCI) 12-8, 12-15, 12-22, 12-29-21

Fictitious Business Name Statement No. 289573

The following persons are doing business as: WAYMOREALESTATE, WAYMORE, WAZEREAL

ESTATE, WAZERE, TESLAREALESTATE, TESLARE, at 101 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Registered Owner(s):

UBERRE, INC., of 101 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. A Delaware Corp.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Feb. 27, 2017.

Watch the Annual Reorganization at the Next City Council Meeting



View the City Council Reorganization on Monday, 12/6 at 6:30p. The annual event will feature selection of a new Mayor and Vice Mayor. Community members can attend in-person at the Council Chambers, or by tuning in virtually on Zoom. If attending the event in-person, remember that masks are required indoors.

Microfood Business Grants Now Available

The Board of Supervisors approved a new round of grants to help microfood businesses that have not received assistance from County COVID-19 relief programs in the past 12 months. Grants available: \$2,500 for cottage food operators; \$5,000 for caterers, food trucks, food carts; \$10,000 for commissaries and incubator kitchens. Grants can be used to offset revenue losses and past debt due to the state shutdown orders, continue operations, and help cover current operating expenses. Applications are now available through 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17.

s/ Mark C. Watson, Vice President, Secretary This statement was filed by the County Clerk of San Mateo County on Dec. 3, 2021.

(FCI) 12-8, 12-15, 12-22, 12-29-21

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Fictitious Business Name Statement No. 289574

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Registered Owner(s):

UBERRE, INC., of 101 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. A Delaware Corp.

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s/ Brent Ritz, Chairman/Director/CEO

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The Staff of the Foster City Islander would like to thank the businesses who continue to support this paper for the enjoyment of the community during these difficult times. We ask our readers to please support these same businesses as they will begin to re-open in the coming weeks!

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Address	Listing Price	Selling Price	Age	Bed	Bath	\$/Sq.Ft.	Sq.Ft.	Lot (Sq.Ft.)
721 San Miguel Lane 602 Bahama Lane 700 Vega Circle 843 Grenada Lane 217 Avocet Court 685 Pilgrim Drive 1189 Balclutha Drive	\$\$2,698,000 \$2,495,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,398,000 \$1,988,000 \$1,898,000 \$1,698,000	\$3,150,000 \$2,700,000 \$2,605,000 \$2,600,000 \$2,291,000 \$2,250,000 \$2,250,000 \$2,010,000	44 34 43 55 55 49	3 3 3 4 3 4	2/1 2/1 2/1 2/0 2/1 2/0 2/0	\$1,306.51 \$1,173.91 \$1,189.50 \$1,436.46 \$1,060.65 \$1,222.83 \$1,110.50	2,411 2,300 2,190 1,810 2,160 1,840 1,810	6,160 5,858 7,600 6,572 6,035 5,700 5,605
Average Values	\$2,167,857	\$2,515,143	46			\$1,214.34	2,074	6,219

Online Shopping Tips

Every year more and more individuals are turning to the internet to complete their holiday shopping lists. Without having to fight for a parking space or navigate your way through a crowded department store, online retailers allow you the freedom to shop from the comfort of your own home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If you are going to be doing holiday shopping online this year, remember that there are risks involved and safety precautions that need to be taken in order to assure a successful transaction.

With your next online purchase, keep the following in mind:

1. Only Shop with Reputable Online Merchants. Never purchase from a company you are not familiar with. If this is the case, first do your research to assure that they are an accredited business. This can be done by verifying their address, requesting a mail catalog, or talking to a customer representative. Also, search to see if the site has been approved by third-party companies such as the Better Business Bureau or TRUSTe.

Address	Listing Price	Selling Price	Age	Bed	Bath	\$/Sq.Ft.	Sq.Ft.	HOA
1029 Lido Lane	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	46	2	2/1	\$814.61	1,780	\$576
740 Promontory Point Lane #3203	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000	0	3	2/1	\$640.74	2,224	\$1,000
800 Sea Spray Lane #102	\$987,000	\$1,058,000	37	2	2/0	\$705.33	1,500	\$565
924 Beach Park Boulevard #19	\$978,000	\$1,045,000	48	3	2/0	\$781.60	1,337	\$560
1170 Foster City Boulevard #111	\$920,000	\$953,000	48	2	2/0	\$706.45	1,349	\$610
860 Meridian Bay Lane #123	\$928,000	\$950,000	22	2	2/0	\$763.05	1,245	\$755
1170 Foster City Boulevard #114	\$900,000	\$920,000	48	2	2/0	\$681.99	1,349	\$600
820 Sea Spray Lane #101	\$937,500	\$890,000	40	2	2/0	\$733.72	1,213	\$605
1057 Shell Boulevard #5	\$825,000	\$850,000	49	2	2/0	\$837.44	1,015	\$535
7212 Admiralty Lane	\$748,888	\$760,000	56	2	1/1	\$761.52	998	\$764
1081 Beach Park Boulevard #304	\$698,000	\$750,000	48	1	1/1	\$757.58	990	\$610
4107 Admiralty Lane	\$599,000	\$610,000	0	1	1/0	\$815.51	748	\$716
887 Cabot Lane	\$1,688,000	\$1,940.018	48	4	2/1	\$955.67	2,030	\$225
890 Andromeda Lane	\$1,499,000	\$1,710,000	0	3	2/1	\$1,056.86	1,618	\$499
702 Celestial Lane	\$1,649,000	\$1,670,000	48	3	2/0	\$1,218.98	1,370	\$395
228 Beach Park Boulevard	\$1,250,000	\$1,500,000	47	2	1/1	\$1,181.10	1,270	\$395
223 Bonita Lane	\$1,399,000	\$1,399,000	36	3	2/1	\$858.28	1,630	\$543
1044 Rudder Lane	\$1,298,000	\$1,380,000	31	3	2/1	\$901.96	1,530	\$495
1599 Beach Park Boulevard	\$1,050,000	\$1,310,000	51	2	1/1	\$1,364.58	960	\$245
217 Town Green Lane	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000	24	3	3/0	\$890.41	1,460	\$218
823 Rigel Lane	\$1,325,000	\$1,300,000	49	3	2/1	\$884.35	1,470	\$380
1115 Outrigger Lane	\$1,249,000	\$1,251,000	32	2	2/1	\$791.77	1,580	\$495
243 Commons Lane	\$1,180,000	\$1,231,000	34	2	2/0	\$1,000.81	1,230	\$450
3 E Court Lane	\$1,199,988	\$1,207,000	33	2	2/1	\$788.89	1,530	\$469
733 Aries Lane	\$1,098,000	\$1,150,000	48	2	1/1	\$905.51	1,270	\$395
Average Values	\$1,131,965	\$1,191,568	37			\$867.26	1,385	\$529

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4. Pay with a Credit Card. Under the Fair Credit Billing Act, you have the ability to dispute any charges made on your credit card, within certain circumstances. In most cases, you will only be held liable for up to \$50 in charges, but you will want to verify your credit card company's policy. Also, ask your credit card company about one-time use credit cards that allow you to use disposable credit card numbers for one-time purchases.

Keep a Record. The merchant should provide you with a confirmation number on an order summary page. Don't forget to print this page and store it for your records.

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Gilead... from page 4

ASCENT analysis examining outcomes for Black patients with metastatic TNBC who were treated with Trodelvy compared to those receiving physician's choice of chemotherapy. Additional ASCENT analyses will explore health-related quality of life (HRQoL) measures by clinical response and post-progression treatment and survival of patients who experienced continued disease progression.

The presentations will be made available in-person and on-demand as part of Poster Session 5 beginning Friday, December 10 at 7:00 a.m. CT.

Condos/Townhomes

For more information, including a complete list of abstract titles at the meeting, please visit: https://www.sabcs. org/Program/Schedule-at-a-Glance.

The Trodelvy U.S. Prescribing Information has a BOXED WARNING for severe or life-threatening neutropenia and severe diarrhea; see below for Important Safety Information.

About Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)

TNBC is the most aggressive type of breast cancer and accounts for approximately 15% of all breast cancers. TNBC is diagnosed more frequently in younger and premenopausal women and is more prevalent in Black and Hispanic women. TNBC cells do not have estrogen and progesterone receptors and have limited human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2). Due to the nature of TNBC,

effective treatment options are extremely limited compared with other breast cancer types. TNBC has a higher chance of recurrence and metastases than other breast cancer types. The average time to metastatic recurrence for TNBC is approximately 2.6 years compared with 5 years for other breast cancers, and the relative five-year survival rate is much lower. Among women with metastatic TNBC, the five-year survival rate is 12%, compared with 28% for those with other types of metastatic breast cancer.

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