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About Town

The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

July 2019

SETTING THE GOOD TABLE

By leaps, bounds, and occasionally inches, Mira Vista United Church of Christ continues on our path toward creating our new church home, community café, and organic plant nursery with our partner Planting Justice at the site of the former Adachi nursery in El Sobrante.

Through the amazing work of our project manager Colleen Rodger and architect Darrel DeBoer, we submitted our first round of materials to the planning department for Contra Costa County on May 13th. We also had a meeting with the chief planner and Supervisor John Gioia on Tuesday, May 28th to discuss the land use permit process that we must undergo. Sadly, this process will likely take three to four months *at best*, so we have to assume that we will not be able to move to our new property at 5166 Sobrante Avenue before March of next year.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, June 1 we had our second community event and around 200 folks showed up for a day of upcycling, recycling, cleaning out, and cleaning up the property. The Greater Richmond Garden Club showed up in force to weed, prune, and sheet mulch the landscape, plus they even hosted our first small crop swap! As local gardens begin to produce over the summer, we look forward to this part of our work growing exponentially.

We also received terrific help from Marvin Gardens Real Estate and from UCC friends from Arlington, Sycamore, and First Church, Berkeley plus a lot of Planting Justice and Mira Vista members and friends. And, of course, we had so many new friends and neighbors from the El Sobrante community come to see what is happening and as Colleen observed, "this time they didn't just show up, they came to work." It was truly moving to feel the support of the community for this project.

While the weed whacking continued, we opened up the building so that folks could "upcycle" the display cases, shelves, and other things left in the building for use in their own projects. This event was a living demonstration of how to avoid unnecessary waste in our landfills. We still have some large safes and other items such as desks, filing cabinets, and large display cases that need homes, but we're on our way!

We also provided fun, food, and community in the parking lot by having a jump house for kids and a taco truck. Now that we know the process of permitting and then construction is going to take a long time, we will be hosting Work + Fun Community Days on the last Saturday of each month from 10a-3p so we can keep living into our vision, and continue to make progress in preparing the property. For more information, check out: miravistaucc.org, plantingjustice.org, or like our Facebook page for The Good Table.

EL SOBRANTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD MEETINGS—Visitors Welcome

Board meetings are held every month at 5:15 pm on the dates below at the Chamber Office, 3769-B San Pablo Dam Road. Park in Kaliente's lot.

January 7	February 4	March 4	April 1
May 6	June 3	July 1	August 5
September 9	October 7	November 4	December 2



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SPAWNERS JULY EVENTS

Forest Bathing with Nancy Foster

July 2 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Nancy Foster in Kennedy Grove for a new kind of nature walk: Forest Bathing. Originating in Japan in 2004, forest bathing involves meditative walking. Our intention is to engage all our senses in the present moment while we absorb the forest's healing properties and beauty.

Limited space – pre-registration is required!

Email helen@thewatershedproject.org to save your space.

Apologies to your canine friends, but please leave dogs at home for this hike.

Directions: Meet at the Kennedy Grove parking lot, 6531 San Pablo Dam Road in El Sobrante.

3rd Saturday Volunteer Work Parties

July 20 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join us at our Wilkie Creek restoration site to learn about native plant gardening and help us restore this beautiful creekside park! No experience necessary. People with all levels of experience are welcome. Please wear sturdy shoes, comfortable work clothes, and bring a water bottle. SPAWNERS will provide tools, gloves, and snacks.

C4AGES

C4AGES will hold a meeting July 17, at 7 pm. Interested people should email citizens@greenerelsobrante.org for the meeting place, which was not settled at deadline.



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Notes on recycling & waste pick up programs:

Republic Services provides **one free pickup** per year for bulky items or e-waste, and two additional pickups for items in trash bags. Call to schedule or for additional info: [510-262-7100](tel:510-262-7100) or visit their [website](http://www.republicservices.com) for more information.

Helpful numbers:

Broken hydrant or flooding in the street: **1-866-40-EBMUD**

Debris found in the creek or anywhere around town: **1-800-No-Dumping**

El Sobrante Community Meeting – Report

Thank you to all who attended the El Sobrante community meeting for “Envision Contra Costa 2040!” With nearly 60 people attending, there were thoughtful and engaged group discussions about El Sobrante’s assets and the challenges facing the community. Some of the main comments we heard included:

- Support and enhance the “small town” feel of El Sobrante.
- Protect open space and wildlife.
- Ensure new development is consistent with community character.
- Create new public spaces for community gathering, such as a community center.
- Enhance local food options by encouraging locally-owned farmers market and restaurants.
- Improve road design to reduce speeding and improve safety along San Pablo Dam Road.
- Improve public transit access, especially to BART and Orinda.
- Install green infrastructure and other sustainable features.
- Restore and improve creeks.
- Improve access to hospitals and doctors.
- Create a noise ordinance.

To engage online, visit <https://envisioncontracosta2040.org/online-engagement/>

The meeting presentation can be found [here](#).



Come join us!
Planting Work Parties
Creek Clean Ups
Nature Walks
Water Quality Monitoring

Contact:
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FREE Mattress & Box Spring Recycling!

Mattresses and box springs can be dropped off by eligible residents Wednesday through Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM at 101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond (the Hazardous Waste Recycling facility). Bring proper identification or utility bill with address of household generating the items.

Households in the following cities/communities are eligible to bring 3 items per month to be recycled: Richmond, Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, El Cerrito and these surrounding unincorporated communities: Alhambra Valley-west side, Bayview, East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Montalvin, North Richmond, Rollingwood and Tara Hills.

Only whole mattresses and box springs accepted. Items that are NOT accepted:

- NO Parts of or partial mattresses or box springs
- NO Excessively wet, damaged, or soiled mattresses or mattresses with bed bugs
- NO Fold out sofa beds or futons
- NO Waterbeds, car beds, air mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, mattress toppers or other furniture



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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2019

Mark's Barber Shop
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El Sobrante, CA 9480

Today it's more important than ever to take care of oneself. Through with our lives filled with work, sitting in traffic, and family responsibilities, it's difficult to find the time to do so. People need a place to relax, discuss topics of concern, or watch the game, someplace away from the pressures of everyday life.

There's a new business in town that offers this place to relax. It's Mark's Barber Shop, located at 435 Valley View Road, in El Sobrante.

This is a barber shop, but the first thing you see when you enter the establishment is a grand, antique pool table. The second thing you notice is the relaxed atmosphere. It's like entering another era. Owner, Mark Robinson, says he was 15 years old when he remembers his father cutting hair in a similar place. Mark and his brother, Mario, are carrying on the family business. It's like a gentleman's club but without the smoke room. Mark insists on promoting a healthy environment for children. He does "rock star" haircuts or anything your mind can think up.

Setting up shop in El Sobrante was a fortunate move for Mark. El Sobrante, is a beautiful place, and the people are nice. Mark would like more foot traffic around town. He encourages drop-in visits.

The shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10AM until 8PM and on Sundays from 11AM until 6PM. Mark's Barber Shop is our Business of the Month for the month of July.



Congratulations, Mark!

FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

The first step on the road to homeownership: Preapproval.

What are your options on what type of company to use to get preapproved? Unless you have enough money to pay cash for a house, which almost no one does, you will have to get a loan. First you will have to decide who to get preapproved by. The options are many and I advise that you ask people you know and trust for recommendations. Banks, credit unions, mortgage brokers, and mortgage bankers are your typical choices.

Banks – If you have an on-going preferred relationship with a bank, sometimes they will provide excellent rates and terms. In general, banks do not focus on long term financing and have loan officers who do not think outside the box, as mortgages are not their specialty. Bank loan officers are not held to the same standards as non-bank loan officers in that they do not have to be licensed. In addition, if the loan is rejected, you are back at square one. However, banks can be an excellent source of home equity lines of credit (HELOCs)

Credit Unions-Most credit unions do not make long term loans and often partner up with a mortgage banker who actually does the loan. Some credit unions offer mortgages directly and this can be a good option for well qualified borrowers. Credit Unions can also be an excellent source for HELOCs.

Mortgage Brokers-A mortgage broker typically does nothing but mortgages and must be licensed. They shop around for the best rate and terms, and package the loan in a manner that will present the loan in the best light, acting as a middleman between you and the funding lender. They get wholesale prices and add a fee on for their services. If a loan is denied, they can take the package to a different lender saving the borrower the trouble of having to start from scratch.

Mortgage Bankers- A mortgage banker works for a lending institution that provides you the money for the loan. Typically, they sell the loan after the fact but often carry a loan portfolio themselves. The mortgage banker is a direct lender. Often a company, such as US Financial Mortgage, right here in El Sobrante, can function as both a banker and broker with the majority of loans getting funded in house but with the ability to shop around for unique situations, making it unnecessary to start from scratch if the loan applied for is not approved. Mortgage Bankers also get correspondent pricing from the lender they sell the loan to which is usually even lower than the wholesale rate offered to mortgage brokers.

Additional sources of financing are private loans which often are called hard money loans, usually carrying high interest rates and requiring a large down payment and seller financing, which occurs when a seller acts as the lender. The terms on this are completely negotiable . Seller financing does not happen very frequently in this area. It is more common for the seller to carry a small second rather than the entire loan. I will go into more detail on this and other types of creative financing in a future article.
By Nicole Donn, US Financial Mortgage Services

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

You are all welcome and entitled to submit content for the Chamber newsletter. The Chamber has decided on an official deadline for newsletter content, so everyone will know when content for the Chamber newsletter is due, after which we will not be able to accept new content. The deadline is the 20th of the month in question. So for the August newsletter, which comes out August 1st, the deadline is July 20th. Please have all copy to me for inclusion in the August newsletter by July 20th, and by the 20th of each month. This means fliers for events you want to publicize, or any other content you would like included.

Martha Booz, mlbooz@calnatives.com

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE EL SOBRANTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. **El Sobrante Chamber Members get their own page on our website.** This page displays your logo, photos, and text with keywords for Search Engine Optimization (so you are found at the top in Google searches, aka SEO), a map to your location, links to your website and social media, and videos.
2. **Members are promoted on our social media accounts.** We will post about your sales, events, services, and anything else you would like us to promote.
3. **Members are promoted through our print and digital newsletters** that are sent out once a month.
4. **Members have monthly opportunities** to meet other community members and business leaders at our popular mixers.
5. **Members receive a generous welcome package** with gifts and coupons from other Chamber Members.
6. **The El Sobrante Chamber provides an abundance of resources** about our local community.
7. **Members are offered discounted booth spaces at our annual El Sobrante Stroll**, which is attended by approximately 25,000 people per year.
8. **The El Sobrante Chamber offers multiple workshops per year**, in which experts discuss topics that are helpful to business owners and their employees. Upcoming workshops include presentations on search engine optimization, taxes, insurance, social media marketing, and more.
9. **Members often receive special discounts** from other Members' businesses.
10. **Current members in good standing receive a \$10 credit** towards future dues for each new member they refer who joins the Chamber.

El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Business Name _____ Date _____

Representative _____

Resident's Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____ Cell _____

New- Referred by _____

Renewal- year first joined _____

Do you wish to appear on published mailing lists? yes no

Would you like to serve on a committee? yes no

MEMBERSHIP DUES

[Membership period February 1 through January 31 of following year, prorated only after August 31]

Paid annually as follows:

- Business \$100
- [over 10 employees] \$125
- In-Home Business \$ 80
- Non-Profit Organization \$ 80
- Resident \$ 40

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$ _____

ADVERTISING FEES \$ _____

DONATIONS:

Beautification \$ _____

Scholarship \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

ADVERTISING FEES

- Newsletter
- Full Page – per issue \$100
- full year \$500*
- Half Page - full year \$350*
- Qtr. Page - full year \$200*
- Business card, full year \$100

Complimentary website AD included for 2019

ADVERTISING ART:

- INCLUDED WITHIN
- TO BE SENT SEPARATELY
- USE PREVIOUS ART

JOIN/RENEW online at elsobrantechamber.com

or

COMPLETE FORM and RETURN WITH CHECK TO:

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Having the proper insurance program is critical. Why trust those crucial decisions to chance? You need a Business Insurance Professional. That's where Jim Cowen can help. He is one of West County's leading commercial and business agents. Helping small business owners like you isn't his job; it's his commitment.

Before you renew you owe it to yourself to call Jim. You'll be glad you did.

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**EL SOBRANTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
26th ANNUAL EL SOBRANTE STROLL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
PARADE 11:00 AM – STROLL TO 4:00 PM**

Your Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Type of Business: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-Mail:** _____
Participating in Parade: Yes _____ No _____
Product or service you will be offering: _____
Using: Tent/Canopy _____ Table Only _____ Other _____
(Please specify)

FEES (Include Booth Space and One T-Shirt)

Non-Profit Organization (schools, churches, etc.) _____	\$90.00
Crafter _____	100.00
Business _____	140.00
Dam Road Business – (See Page 2) _____	105.00
Food Booth _____	140.00

Food Booth Applications must be returned by AUGUST 1ST. (See Page 2).
Bands, Demonstrations & Entertainment must have prior approval. No Fee.

One Free T-Shirt (included with booth fee):
Men's Sizes: MED ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___
Ladies Sizes: MED ___ L ___

Additional T-Shirts available @ 10.00 ea.
Men's Sizes: MED ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___
Ladies Sizes: MED ___ L ___

Total additional T-Shirts: Quantity _____ **@ \$10.00 each = \$** _____
Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce.
Mail to: Marie Carayanis, 4460 Fieldcrest Drive, El Sobrante, 94803
This event proceeds rain or shine ---**NO REFUNDS.**



Booth Specifications: MAXIMUM SPACE SIZE IS 12' X 12'

For booth information: e-mail: mariecofces@yahoo.com. Chamber Office (510) 223-0757.

Non-Profit Organizations – Any organization which can provide proof of non-profit status with this application. If selling food or beverages see **Food Booth** description below.

Crafters – Home made products only: No food. Original hand-crafted work in any medium by the artist who is present at the Stroll.

Business – licensed business, resale manufactured products.

Dam Road Businesses – REMINDER – If you do not send in an application and fee, the Stroll Committee will place another booth in front of your store on the street. All sidewalks must remain clear per Contra Costa County requirements. NOTE: A SPECIAL RATE OF \$105.00 FOR BUSINESSES ON THE DAM ROAD.

Food Booth – Commercial or non-profit groups selling or sampling foods and/or beverages prepared on or off-site for immediate or later consumption. Must comply with County Health Department requirements and pay licensing fee of \$118.00 in addition to the County permit fees. Make check payable to the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce.

PARADE NOTES

Line up – Parade begins at 11:00 am. Line up starts at 10:00 am at the Walgreen's parking Lot, but location may be subject to change. The parade line begins at the drive thru pharmacy and goes behind the building.

Parking - The Walgreens parking lot is NOT for parade participant parking. Walgreen's is still open for business, and any parking should be SHORT TERM. We appreciate Walgreen's for letting us use their lot! Usually public parking is available at the Masonic Lodge lot and a Stroll Shuttle will be available.

26TH ANNUAL EL SOBRANTE STROLL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

It was 26 years ago that a small group of business owners in downtown El Sobrante gathered for a brainstorming session on how they could best promote and support the mom and pop businesses that made up the core of the business community. It was their attempt to “save” the business district from the “over-powering” malls and shopping centers that were coming into existence, which they felt posed a threat to small business.

It was unanimous-and the El Sobrante Stroll was born.

Through the past 26 years the stroll has grown from 2,000 to 20,000 people with more than 25,000 expected this year. What an incredible feeling to stroll down this road on Stroll day! Instead of the usual hurried people and rushing traffic, you will see a completely different community.

Lining San Pablo Dam Road will be booths exhibiting wares and services from local businesses and nonprofit groups, as well as schools, churches and crafters. Your senses will be filled with the aroma from our many food courts and local restaurants. There will be 6 (six!) stages for music and entertainment plus a Kids Playland.

Perhaps one of the most memorable Strolls was the decision to Stroll on September 16th, 2001, one week after 9/11. It was a difficult decision to make, but an experience that will never be forgotten. Our community and people, we felt, needed the stroll.

Looking down the San Pablo Dam Road you could see thousands of people holding flags, wearing flags and even children with their pets proudly displaying the stars and stripes. At 2:00 pm, when a moment of silence was observed, one could look down the San Pablo Dam Road and see thousands of people, in silence, holding hands, while the Star Spangled Banner was sung.

Come Stroll with us again. Our Stroll Theme this year is - A VALLEY FOR ALL! And if this isn't enough, bring your blankets and chairs and reserve your spot for the Parade -everyone loves a parade. El Sobrante at its best!

Note: Everyone reading this Newsletter is invited to the Chamber of Commerce Mixers! Free!

You don't have to be a Chamber member to attend.

El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce

MIXER DATES

Mixers are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Mixer Dates for 2019

January 12	Installation Dinner January 12
February 13	Chicago's Pizza With a Twist, 3716 San Pablo Dam Rd Suite A
March 13	Larry's Tire Express
April 10	CEI - Guardian Adult Day Center, 3905 San Pablo Dam Rd
May 8	State Farm Insurance, Sonny Randhawa
June 12	US Financial Mortgage, 4973 Appian Way
July 10	Jim Cowen Farmers Insurance
August 14	Nerd Crossing, Jim Hammack
September 15	No Mixer! STROLL!!! September 15
October 9	OPEN
November 13	Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road
December 11	Mechanics Bank, 3884 San Pablo Dam Road

Photos from the June Mixer at US Financial Mortgage



Bob Davis, with the three scholarship winners as they received their awards.



Hostess Nicole Donn speaking to Member who donated to the raffle.

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ANNOUNCING THE 1ST ANNUAL EL SOBRANTE RESTAURANT WEEK

From Oct. 11 – 20, 2019 (Because all weeks should have two weekends!)

The idea of Restaurant Week is to have special menu items at a lower than usual price, or a fixed price for the entire week. We have suggestions to attract customers during that special week.

How to attract customers during Restaurant Week

Promote your signature dishes, the items you are best at and like to serve the most, items that make your restaurant stand out from others. You want to make sure your Restaurant Week menu represents everything your restaurant has to offer, your signature dishes. These dishes are the ones that will give the best impression, making diners want to come back for more. To appeal to new customers, and bring in new diners, fill your menu with your most popular dishes and wow guests.

Send an email to your regulars to let them know that their favorite dishes are on discount.

Appeal to different target audiences. People of all ages, demographics and walks of life take part in Restaurant Week. This gives you a chance to appeal to a wider audience. When you are creating your menu, you should also be considerate of dietary restrictions and offer at least one option for vegans/vegetarians and people with food allergies. People with vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free diets love dining out as much as the next person. If you make sure to show them some love on your Restaurant Week menu, there's a good chance they'll become a loyal guest. You want as many people as possible to eat at your spot during Restaurant Week. The best way to ensure that you have a great turnout is to include a variety of healthy options on your menu.

Create a special experience with a unique menu. Sure, a guest can come into your restaurant any day of the week and get their hands on your signature burger. But what about creating a super duper special burger that guests can only get during Restaurant Week? If you can generate a buzz around special items on your Restaurant Week menu, people will flock to your locations to get a taste before it's all gone.

Partner with a local business. Consider teaming up with a local winery, brewery or distillery and offer a complete food and drink package. You can also use fresh produce from local farms (there are 4 farms in El Sobrante!), and markets. This is a great way to help the other business increase its branding, and it will show that your restaurant is a true part of the community, which is what Restaurant Week is all about.

Become best buds with social media. Have you ever clicked on the hashtag #foodporn on Twitter or Instagram? If so, you've seen the deliciousness that lies within. Both platforms are perfect playgrounds for generating a buzz around your Restaurant Week menus, using beautiful photos, quick videos and guest comments. Additionally you can reach a wide and diverse audience when you promote your Restaurant Week menu on social media. If you're lucky one of your pictures will go viral, which means even more people will see what your restaurant has to offer, and come in for a taste. Oh, and did we mention that marketing on social media is low cost? Time to get busy!

Participate in Restaurant Week—Sign up now!

Restaurant Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Restaurant Week Special Offering _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Article by Nicole Donn, who can help you in either English or Spanish.

Nicole Donn has been a loan officer in West Contra Costa County since 1983 and loves helping people with their finances by looking at their mortgage in a creative way. She puts herself in your financial shoes and recommends what she would recommend for herself if she were you. She has helped countless people achieve the dream of home ownership. Nicole grew up in San Francisco and has spent most of her adult life in West Contra Costa county. She has been the manager of US Financial Mortgage since 1997.

2019 Business Guide Now Available

The 2019 sixth edition of the El Sobrante Guide to Shopping, Dining and Services is now available. Copies will be distributed throughout our business districts and to the Members of our Chamber. If you would like a copy, please leave a message for the Chamber at 510-223-0757.



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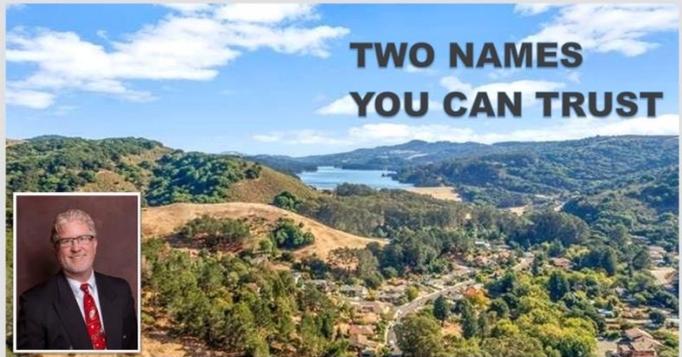
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Monthly Community Meetings

El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting—See Table Below

Meets 1st Monday of the Month @ 5:15 pm

Chamber Office, 3769-B San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante

<http://www.elsobrantecachamber.com> Marie: 510-387-0581 / mariecofces@yahoo.com /

Office: 510-223-0757

El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Mixer—See Table Below

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm

At various locations. See Community Meetings Listing below

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the Month after the Chamber Mixer

@ 7:00 pm this month, at the Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road.

<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/1640/El-Sobrante-Municipal-Advisory-Council>

El Sobrante Planning and Zoning (P&Z)

Meets 2nd Thursday of the Month @ 6:00 pm. No location available at this time.

SPAWNERS (San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education & Restoration Society)

Volunteer Workday 3rd Saturday of the Month @ El Sobrante Library or De Anza outdoor classroom at Wilkie Creek site, De Anza Dr. and Santa Rita Rd.

Water Bug Team meets 4th Sat of the Month. See website for more info: spawners.org

For information contact helen@thewatershedproject.org

C4AGES (Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante)

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 7:00 pm

Location announced in the newsletter. See <http://www.greenelsobrante.org>

Richmond Elks Lodge has a dinner the 3rd Friday of every month, at 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, 6 pm – 9 pm, and is open every Tuesday for dinner as well.

July Community Meetings

Mon, July 1, 5:15 – 6:30 pm	Chamber of Commerce Board Mtg	3769-B San Pablo Dam Road	Please join us!
Tue, July 2, 6 - 7:30 pm	Forest Bathing with Nancy Foster	Kennedy Grove	See page 3 for details
Wed, June 12, 5:00 – 7 pm	Chamber Mixer, Jim Cowen’s Insurance	5341 Valley View	See flier page 15
Wed, June 12, 7 pm	Municipal Advisory Council	Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd	Xina Ash, Chair
Sat, July 20, 9:30 am – 12 pm	SPAWNERS Restoration Work	Wilkie Creek Site	next to 4805 Santa Rita Road, Richmond
Wed, July 19, 7 – 9 pm	C4AGES Meeting	Email C4AGES for location	citizens@greenerelsobrante.org
Fri, July 19, 6:30 pm	Richmond Elks Lodge	Monthly 3 rd Friday Dinner	RSVP 510-223-3441 and for information

El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Members

Business Name	Contact	Business Name	Contact
Alpha Tax Service	John G. Kelso EA	**Republic Services**	Bielle Moore
Ameriprise Financial Services	Mark Porter	West County Wastewater District	Marla Sena
AS-FO Investments	Avi Sadi	**Windermere Rowland Realty**	Scott Tuffnell
Bill's Underground	Bill & Donna Schupp	Richmond Elks Lodge	Jim Cowen
Boys & Girls Clubs of Contra Costa	Lorna Padia Markus	Richmond Inner-City Adult Wrestling Club	James McGee
Burgess-Allard Group LLC	Karlen Allard-Schminke	Restoration Auto Body	Mark Croda
Canyon Swim School	Fred Brown	**Rotary Club of El Sobrante**	Ruth Williams Rockey
Castle Rock Wealth Management	Bob Davis	**Security Public Storage**	Melissa & Enrique Serrano
Centers for Elders' Independence - Guardian Adult Day Center	Heather Madaus, Director	**SPAWNERS**	Judy Ward
Cloverfield Organic Farm	Susan Abernathy	State Farm Insurance	Sonny Randhawa
Educational Services Plus	Shirley Rosenthal Winston	**Sewer Connection**	Cathy Brazil
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MCE Clean Energy	Sandra Zelaya, Kalicia Pivrotto	Resident	Hal Jones
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Mike's Appliances	Mike Murphy	Resident	Lillian Nardi
Nerd Crossing	Jim Hammack	Resident	Shirley Sharp
Oliver's Hardware	Richard Oliver	Resident	Bob Sharp
Planchon Roofing	Doug Planchon	Resident	Beverly Wallace
Plumbing Express	Cathy Brazil	Resident	Debbie Wold

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