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The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

November 2023

President's Message



In October, your El Sobrante Chamber donated \$1,000 from our Scholarship Fund to the Contra Costa College wraparound scholarship fund, in honor of the college's 75th anniversary. The

Scholarship Fund helps students with financial assistance for living expenses. We are lucky to have this resource in our community that has helped so many of us have interesting career opportunities.

It has come to my attention that some of our businesses are having a hard time staying open due to not having enough employees. I have made connections with some organizations that will help find employees and will pay up to half their salaries for the first 3 months. Your part is to provide training for the employees. This is particularly useful to restaurants as students attending Contra Costa College in their excellent culinary program often want to work in the industry.

We are looking forward to a mixer on November 15th at the Richmond Elks Lodge. Their mixers are always great fun with delicious food and drink.

A group of LBGTQ people and their allies have formed to host our first annual EL Sobrante Pride event to be held in June 2024. We're hoping other groups within our diverse community will invite us to help them plan some great community events celebrating their culture.

Nicole Donn, President

2023 Chamber Board Meetings

Board meetings are usually held on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. We will meet in person November 6, at the Chamber office. Contact Scott Tuffnell, stuffnell09@yahoo.com if you need the Zoom link. The 2023 meetings are scheduled to be held on the dates below:

January 2	February 6	March 6	April 3
May 1	June 6	July 10	August 7
September 11	October 2	November 6	December 4

Events Table

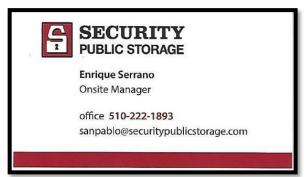
November 15 5:30 pm	Elks Lodge Mixer 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd	
November 18, 9:30 am and 10:00am	SPAWNERS workday meet at Wilkie Creek – 9:30 am Green Team 3 ^{rd.} Sat Cleanup. Meet at Library	
December 2, 10 am – 3 pm	Hometown Holiday Faire 5050 El Portal	
December 13 5:30 pm	Holiday Mixer Location TBA	

Mortgage Minute

by Nicole Donn

The Mortgage Minute is on the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce website at https://www.elsobrantechamber.com/category/blog/newsletter-articles/







Green Team



The Green Team 94803 article in on the Chamber website at:

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Cloverfield Organic Farm

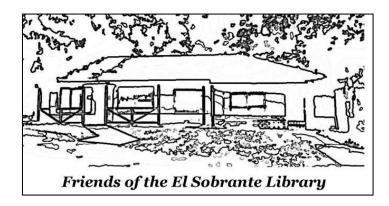
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BOOK SALE Friends of the El Sobrante Library, November 4, 2023

The Friends of the El Sobrante Library Book Sale will be Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Fahden House, at the back of the library parking lot. Masks are optional. The Friends will be selling Memberships. Member hours will be 10 am to noon, and the general public from 12 pm to 2 pm. Proceeds from all sales fund several library programs.

For November, the Friends are featuring books on the theme: "Plant Now, Bloom Later! Prepare your garden for the first rain." Come in and see all our great books for sale at very low prices.



SPAWNERS

Join us for weeding, picking up trash, and planting (weather and supply dependent) at our Wilkie Creek Outdoor Classroom. This month's cleanup will take place on Saturday, November 18th from 9:30am - 12pm. Meet us next to 4805 Santa Rita Road, near the De Anza High School playing fields. Tools, water, and snacks will be provided. All ages and abilities welcome!



Protect your local creek!

- Volunteer Work Parties
- Nature Walks & Talks
- **Educational Programs**

Contact:

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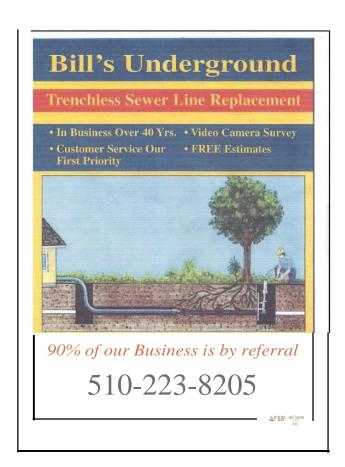
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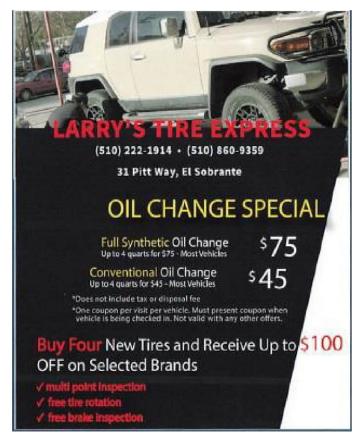




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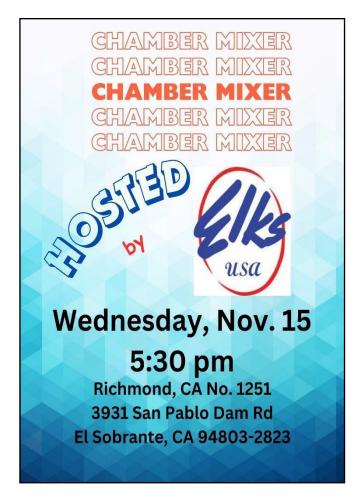
NOMINATION FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023

NOMINEE NAME				
YOUR NAME YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION				
	NOMINATION FOR BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR 2023			
NOMINEE NAME				
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REASON FOR NO	MINATION:			

Note: Nominee does not have to be a paid member of the Chamber.

Submit on or before December 10, 2023. Mail to: El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce, 3769-B San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante 94803.





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