

# FEATURES



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## Celebrating summer with Strawberry Cake



By Deborah Quok

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This cake will be the highlight of your summer brunch or tea time. It pulls together easily enough for kids and dads alike to prepare, yet has a simple elegance that fits this special occasion. I've added a hint of orange to the cake for that *je ne sais quoi* complement to the strawberries.

Select perfectly ripe fruit to maximize the berries' flavor. Medium-sized fruit is best for distribution on the cake and ease when it comes time to slice and serve.

Helpful tip: Set a timer to track the initial 10 minutes of baking so you will know when to reduce the oven temperature. Reset the timer for 45 minutes to begin checking the cake to see if it done.

### Fresh Strawberry Cake

Adapted from Martha Stewart

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus additional for the pan
- 1-1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar, preferably super-fine; plus an additional 2 tablespoons for topping
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1/4 cup whole milk, approx.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 medium orange
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, approximately 16 berries; hulled and halved lengthwise

### INSTRUCTIONS

Adjust oven rack to the lower 1/3 position in the oven and pre-heat to 350°F.

Butter a 9-inch pie pan. Whisk together the flour, baking powder

and salt in a small bowl. Set aside.

Remove the zest of the orange using a microplane or very fine grater, avoiding the white pith. This yields about 1 teaspoon of zest. Set aside. Cut the orange in half and extract the juice into a measuring cup. This yields about 1/4 cup of juice. Add enough whole milk to bring the combined liquids to measure 1/2 cup total. Set aside.

Put 6 tablespoons of butter and 3/4 cup of sugar into a large mixing bowl. Beat on medium-high speed until they become pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Reduce the mixer speed to medium low and add the egg, orange zest, vanilla and juice-milk mixture. It will look curdled. This is OK.

Reduce mixer speed to low and gradually add the flour mixture. Mix until just incorporated, do not overmix. You can use a silicone spatula to combine the last bits of flour clinging to the bowl.

Transfer the batter into the buttered pie pan, smoothing to level it with a spatula. Place the strawberries on top of the batter, cut sides down and close to each other but not overlapping. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar evenly over the berries.

Bake the cake for 10 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to 325° F. Bake until cake is golden and a toothpick inserted into the center of it comes out with only a few crumbs clinging to it, about 45-50 additional minutes.

Remove from the oven and let cool on a wire rack. Cake may be served warm or at room temperature with a bit of whipped cream and sliced berries.

For more information or to suggest a food to be reviewed, see the blog of Piedmont resident and cook Deborah Quok at [Piedmont-Pantry.com](http://Piedmont-Pantry.com).

## Piedmont Pickleball Schedule

Pickleball is once again active in Piedmont with the reopening of the courts at Piedmont Middle School, 740 Magnolia Avenue. The courts are located below the school, and are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 420-3070.

## HOME REMODELING TIPS



Carve out space to work from home with a custom command center.

## A complete guide for kitchen layout

By Kevin Mond

Whether you're planning a refresh or a complete kitchen remodel, the first step is to examine your space. Take a moment to think about how you use and move throughout your kitchen. Kitchens are no longer just for cooking. Integrating dining and additional workspaces into your new kitchen can make it a multi-functional room. Including a workstation to make the kitchen the home's command center will allow the family to work at home. Consider incorporating a casual space for dining via a counter or breakfast nook.

### Kitchen Remodel Taking Shape

The next step is to determine the most functional use of space. Think about how the space works and any pain points you'd like to solve. There are three common kitchen layouts: U-shaped, I-shaped, and L-shaped kitchens.

### U-Shaped Kitchen

This common kitchen layout is versatile, functional, and great

for busy cooks. The workspace surrounds the cook for maximum efficiency and keeps everything within easy reach. This layout is also great for entertaining.

### I-Shaped Kitchen

In this layout, the appliances are concentrated along a single wall. This simple kitchen design is great for small spaces and the biggest benefit is its cost effectiveness. However, the limited workspace of this kitchen layout can make it challenging for multiple cooks to operate at the same time.

### L-Shaped Kitchen

This layout works best within a large kitchen footprint. It is the most ergonomically correct kitchen design and is perfect for a family with multiple chefs in the kitchen at the same time. Oftentimes, an island can be incorporated in the center of the kitchen for more workspace or casual dining.

### Kitchen Ergonomics

Kitchen ergonomics should always factor into your design. Adding pull-out shelves in base

cabinets make them more accessible and using open shelving gives you easy access to everyday items. Avid bakers may want a pop-up shelf for a KitchenAid mixer. Coffee drinkers will appreciate a station with a built-in espresso machine. Adding a wine cooler frees up refrigerator space and provides a high-end feel. All these elements can make a kitchen more comfortable and easier to work in.

### Merge Indoor and Outdoor Kitchens

We are fortunate to live in the Bay Area with a mild climate year-round. One way to make your home feel more spacious and gain usable space is to integrate your indoor and outdoor spaces. Create a flow from your kitchen to your yard, patio, or balcony to maximize space. This creates space for entertaining and opportunities for a garden-to-table experience.

Integrated accordion doors and no-threshold flooring erase the lines between indoors and outdoors.

See [Kitchen Remodel on page 25](#)



This kitchen is an example of an integrated peninsula in a "double L" configuration

# Kitchen Remodel

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Outdoor kitchens can be as simple as a well-designed spot for your grill or a complete kitchen setup including a built-in grill, fridge, and sink. Incorporate specialty appliances to suit your unique cooking style, such as a smoker, pizza oven, or tandoor oven.

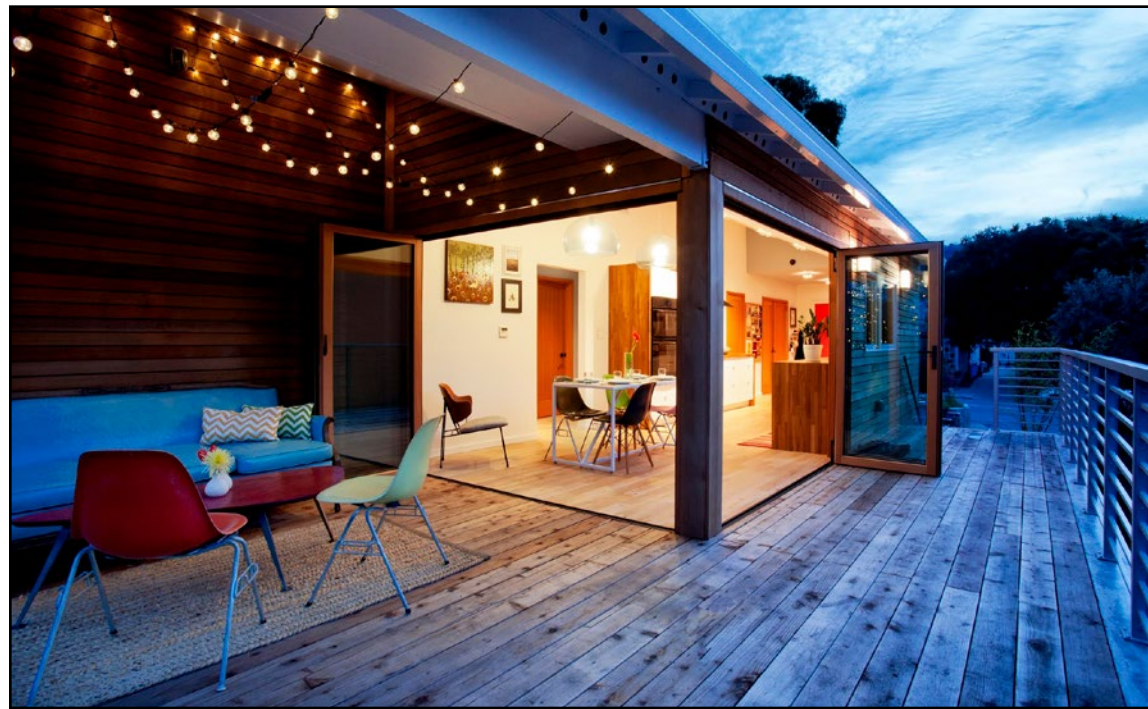
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Kevin Mond is Head of Business Development and Design and is typically the first point of contact for new clients. Kevin shows a strong passion for the Design Build process and truly believes this method is the most effective way for remodeling single family residences. Kevin holds a degree in Architecture and Environmental Studies and has worked on projects in Holland, Germany, and Sweden.

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Built-in drawers are an alternative to traditional base cabinets providing excellent access to everyday items.



Integrated accordion doors and no-threshold flooring erase the lines between indoors and outdoors.

# Arizmendi

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tinue to take orders and have food ready for customers at the door. The new methodology has cut business in half.

Brackbill expressed thanks to the local community that has supported the bakery for 23 years.

“We feel very lucky to be supported by the community, pre-pandemic and up until now. People have been expressing gratitude to us for being open, and understand why we have a

limited menu,” he said.

Arizmendi on Lakeshore opened as the first sister restaurant to The Cheese Board Cooperative bakery which has been in Berkeley since 1971. The Arizmendi Association of Cooperatives now includes six locations.

The Arizmendi location in Emeryville has a compelling story of perseverance. In December 2018 a car ran into the back of the bakery, exploding a gas line and causing a fire. Their bakery had to close all of 2019 for repairs and only reopened in February 2020. One month later they had

to close due to COVID 19 and reopened two months later. They are also more drastically affected by the surrounding offices and schools being closed.

Locally, Arizmendi is at 3265 Lakeshore Avenue and can be reached at (510) 268-8849 or [www.arizmendilakeshore.com](http://www.arizmendilakeshore.com). On Friday, July 7, they will expand their hours to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Monday and Wednesday.

The Emeryville location at 4301 San Pablo Ave. is open Wednesday from 10-4, Friday 10-7, and Saturday 10-7.

# Wednesday Evening Meditation Group is online

The Wednesday Evening Piedmont Meditation Group has moved online using Zoom web conferencing during the Covid-19 shelter-in-place order. The group meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30–8:15 p.m., and everyone age 12 and older is welcome. No experience meditating is necessary. This is a secular (non-religious) group, and there is no lecture, solicitation or obligation.

Mark Herrick, a long-time Piedmont resident, is host of the weekly meditations. “With the high stress and anxiety of the shelter-in-place order, it’s easy to get cut-off and isolated from each other. It’s helpful to have a place to connect with people sharing a bit of quiet, peaceful time to rest and recharge,” Herrick said.

For more information contact him at: [herrickmark@icloud.com](mailto:herrickmark@icloud.com) or (415) 706-2000.

# Sudoku Puzzle

Sudoku by Myles Mellor

Hard

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# Crossword Puzzle

Case Study

by Myles Mellor and Sally York

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Anita Baker, for one
- 5. Dandruff
- 10. Latte locale
- 14. High-five, e.g.
- 15. Hollywood agent “Swifty”
- 16. City on the Yamuna River
- 17. CASE
- 20. Punishes legally
- 21. Sneak
- 22. Microwave, e.g.
- 23. Tree adornment
- 26. Lookout point
- 28. “Welcome” site
- 29. Q-Tip
- 33. Retro car
- 36. Decorous
- 38. Clod chopper
- 39. CASE
- 42. U.N. workers’ grp.
- 43. Merlin, e.g.
- 44. Actor Wesley
- 45. Call to attention
- 47. Atlanta-based station
- 48. Scale notes
- 49. Good-for-nothing

**DOWN**

- 1. Indian state
- 2. Andean animal
- 3. Accounts
- 4. The Mikado, e.g.
- 5. Pivot
- 6. Art able to
- 7. Action film staple
- 8. Backstabber
- 9. Most musty
- 10. Intrigues
- 11. Long, long time
- 12. At liberty
- 13. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
- 18. Moves screen text
- 19. \_\_\_ simple

- 24. Pier 1 merchandise
- 25. Bust maker
- 27. Recurrent
- 30. Congressional enforcer
- 31. Bang-up
- 32. Panhandles
- 33. Radar image
- 34. Congers
- 35. Freudian topics
- 37. Cartilage disks
- 40. City near Sparks
- 41. Ailment
- 46. Grin modifier
- 50. Encouraging word
- 51. “South Pacific” hero
- 53. Mrs. Bush
- 54. At full speed
- 55. Found a new tenant for
- 56. Doctor’s abbreviation
- 57. Clash of heavyweights
- 58. Antares, for one
- 60. Assert
- 62. Affirmative action
- 63. Archaeological site

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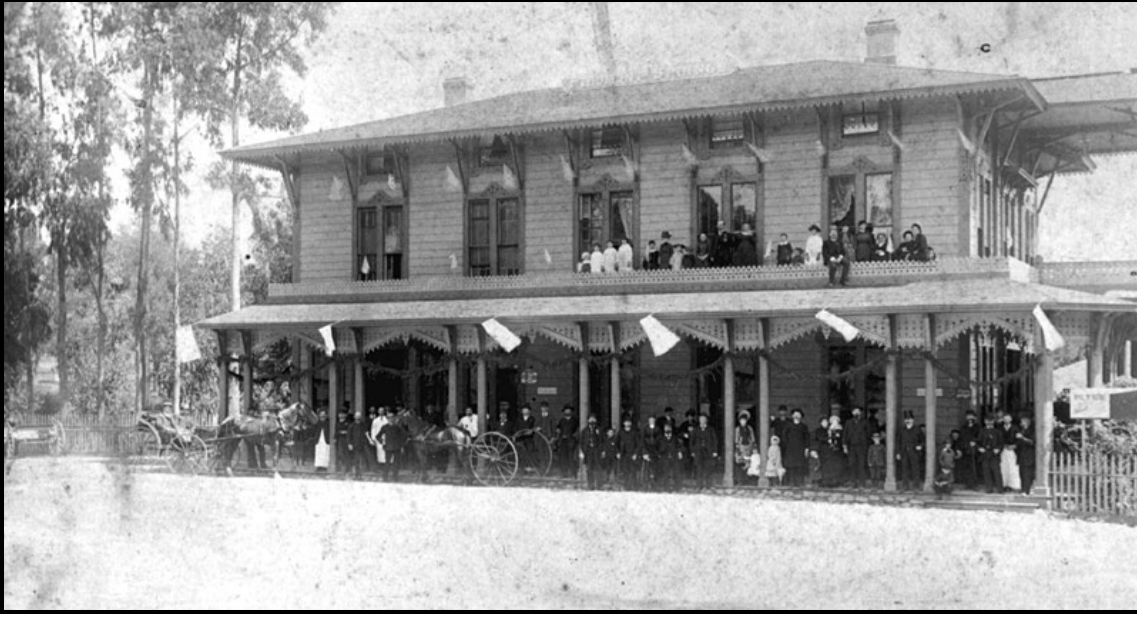
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## PIEDMONT'S HISTORY



Guests, visitors and staff lined up in front of the Piedmont Springs Hotel for this undated photo, possibly the grand opening in 1871.

### Piedmont Springs Hotel, circa 1871

By Gail G. Lombardi

Part 2 in a series

It all started with the water. It smelled awful, but it made his old joints feel better. In the mid-1850s, old Isaac Holmes dragged a bathtub down the ravine to the mineral springs on the side of the hill. Soaking in the mineral water helped to ease his rheumatism. When he died, the mineral springs were forgotten.

In the 1860s, these mineral springs (said to contain sulphur, magnesia, iodine and iron) were re-discovered in the ravine behind today's Exedra, the current locate of Bushy Dell Creek. Drinking or soaking in mineral water was believed to have great curative powers. These mineral springs were similar to the pop-

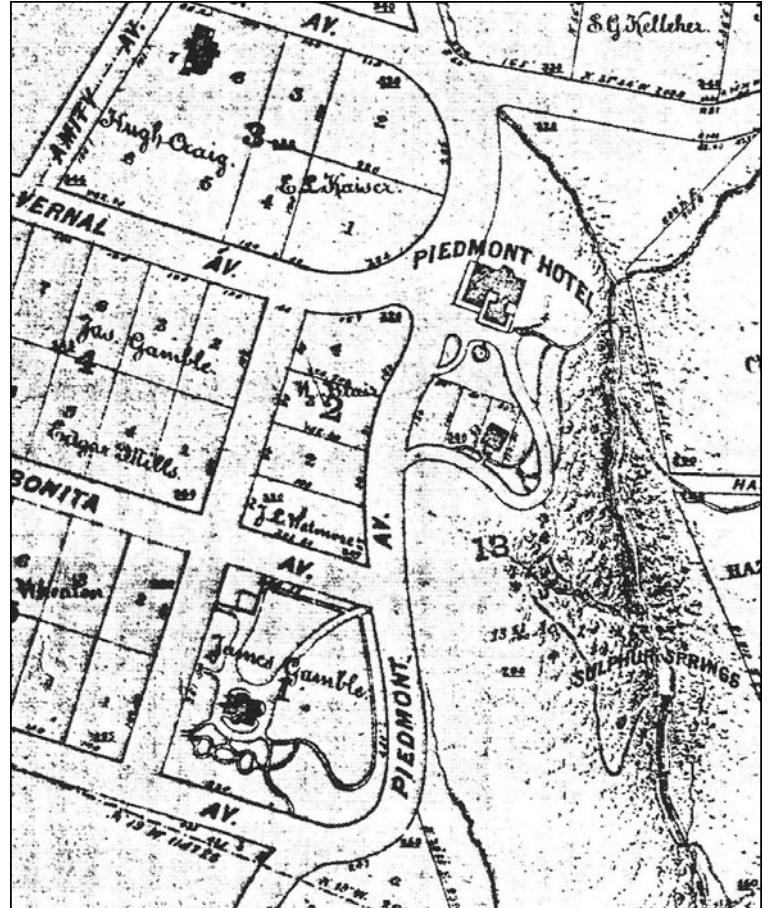
ular mineral waters in Calistoga, and they were only three miles from downtown Oakland.

Investors quickly saw an opportunity to develop the springs and build a hotel to accommodate visitors who came to "take the waters." They selected the name "Piedmont," meaning "foot of the hills," thus securing the name of Piedmont to our locale. The investors formed the Piedmont Land Company to buy 350 acres around the ravine, build the hotel and sell any adjoining land not needed for the hotel purposes as residential lots.

In 1871, the Piedmont Springs Hotel opened near today's Exedra as a first-class resort. The photo of the hotel shows only the northern portion of the building, which had two wings and was twice the size of the building as shown.

The hotel had a wide veranda, 20 first-class bedrooms and 2 suites, 5 dining rooms, telegraph service, and a Grand Saloon (for men only) with an elegant mahogany bar, billiard table, spittoons and a pot-bellied stove. The ladies' entrance allowed women to enter the hotel, avoid the saloon and proceed directly to the main dining room with its crystal chandelier, linen tablecloths and fine china.

The hotel quickly became a popular destination and drew visitors who passed a pleasant Sunday at Piedmont Springs, strolling the meandering paths to the mineral springs and enjoying an excellent lunch or dinner. The dining rooms served fresh meat from nearby ranches, milk and butter from Blair's Dairy, and fresh fruit and vegetables



A map shows the location of Piedmont Springs Hotel and Sulphur Springs at the end of Vernal Avenue (now Highland Avenue) in 1883.

from its gardens. The hotel also offered fine wine and liquor for those who did not care for mineral water. Fashionable San Franciscans would come for a week to escape the summer fog. Many hotel guests enjoyed the mild weather and views of San Francisco Bay and decided to buy land and build their homes here.

The hotel thrived until 1892 when a spark from a faulty chimney started a fire on the roof. Hotel guests watched helplessly as the hotel burned to the ground before firefighters could arrive from downtown Oakland. The

site would not be empty for long... but that's another story.

The mineral springs are still in Piedmont Park, but they were capped in the 1950s because the sulphur fumes offended many residents. The historical marker at the Veterans' Building gives the location of the springs.

To learn more about Piedmont's history, see the Piedmont Historical Society website: [Piedmonthistorical.org](http://Piedmonthistorical.org).

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Mark Twain (left of center holding ladle) visited Piedmont's mineral springs in the 1860s.

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"We're asking people to help keep the blood supply stable during this challenging time. As communities across the country prepare for this public health emergency, it's critical that plans include a readily available blood supply for hospital patients," said Chris Hrouda, president of Red Cross Blood Services. "As fears of coronavirus rise, low donor participation could harm blood availability at hospitals, and the last thing a patient should worry about is whether lifesaving blood will be on the shelf when they need it most."

Make an appointment to donate blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or calling the **Oakland Blood Donation Center, 6230 Claremont Avenue, at 510-658-6456.**

Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. There are no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmissible by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus, including this coronavirus, from a transfusion.

The Red Cross only collects blood from individuals who are healthy and feeling well at the time of donation – and who meet other eligibility requirements, available at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols including wearing gloves, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for every donation, and preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub. These mitigation measures will help ensure blood recipient safety, as well as staff and donor safety in reducing contact with those who may potentially have this respiratory infection.

The Red Cross has implemented new blood donation deferrals out of an abundance of caution. Individuals are asked to

postpone their donation for 28 days following:

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## Classrooms

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ing,” asked the district to present a five-day instructional calendar before any formal action is taken by the school board.

“A five-day per week, in-person model will provide students with consistent instructional time that is necessary to ensure their social, emotional well-being and academic growth,” the petition stated.

The petition numerates nine major points for consideration, starting with health and safety, and is supportive of social distancing and personal protective equipment. It also states that all community members play an active role in creating trust and adhering to a communal set of rules.

The petition states that the costs of keeping kids at home are monumental, and that disengaged students, lower academic outcomes, and a dangerous increase in mental illness and depression are taking a critical toll. The petition also cites UCSF Head of Epidemiology George Rutherford, who was present at a school board meeting, stating, “there is a very low risk of teachers and students contracting and spreading COVID-19 if masks are universally worn in school.”

The petition may be viewed at <https://piedmontpartnersfo.wix-site.com/piedmontpartnersforp>.

As of press time, the petition

included 781 signatures. Those who signed were asked to identify their title. The majority were parents and students.

Gabe Kessler, Piedmont Middle School teacher and president of the Piedmont teachers’ union, shared his concerns during a June 30 school board discussion on reopening.

“As we make plans to bring back hundreds of students to campus at one time, bodies like this school board still continue to meet virtually. Many local businesses only allow six people inside at one time. Cases in the state continue to spike,” he said.

Kessler added that a means of screening on campus is paramount.

At the same meeting, Beach School teacher Melina Rinehart, a Piedmont resident, questioned the space available for social distancing in the classroom.

“Little kids three feet [apart], it’s not realistic. They’ll be on each other. We [would] need to maintain six-feet [distance] and smaller cohorts. As much as we want to, those cohorts are going to mix outside. I’d like to believe that that’s not going to happen, but we need to be realistic,” she said.

Booker claimed that the move toward a completely remote learning model is due to a spike in cases throughout the Bay Area

and California.

“We simply do not live in a bubble and must consider how the virus is impacting not just Piedmont, but our surrounding communities as well. In order to bring students and staff back onto our campuses, we were hoping to witness a decrease in infection rate and hospitalizations. In fact, we are witnessing these trend lines headed in the opposite direction,” he said.

As a result of inconsistencies among districts across California in providing guidelines for remote instruction, Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators began setting requirements last month for distance learning, enumerated in section 43502 and in a trailer bill to Assembly Bill 77.

This includes ensuring that students have computer and internet access, documenting daily student participation in a weekly log and creating a system to track non-participating students, setting procedures for reengaging students who are absent for more than 60 percent of instruction per week, and communicating with parents about learning processes.

The bill also sets requirements for districts to ensure that teachers interact with students daily to instruct, monitor progress, and maintain parent-student relationships. Districts would also be required to provide academic support for English learners and students who are behind academically.

mom was wading in the water). My sister and I wondered whether there was something wrong with us because no one else seemed as tired as we were.

My sister said, “whoever comes out of the trail will decide if we are normal or not.”

Just then a 5-year old kid jumped out from the trail, and at that point we all burst out laughing. After seeing the inside of the beautiful Ahwahnee Hotel and having something to drink while looking out at the spectacular rock walls of the Valley, we drove home.

I would totally recommend taking a road trip. It’s fun and there are a lot of places in California and beyond that are not as affected to COVID restrictions as locally. Even though things are bad everywhere, there’s nothing a road trip can’t cure. So, go and travel the country – with your mask, please.

*Crystal Vacker is a Piedmont student with a keen eye and the ability to be in several places at one time.*

## Guidelines

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**Dr. Rutherford did say that teachers catching Covid from students is remote.**

I would encourage you to review the video if you do not remember this. He indicated that only first responder type reaction with a student would change this, and I think that this is way more than helping with a band-aid. A band-aid can be given with full distancing for all older students. For younger students, they are much less contagious (as per Dr. Rutherford) and more PPE could be used with them (just when helping with a band-aid), such as gloves and a face shield.

**Halls are wide enough to provide distancing.**

Most hallways have space to distance by having kids go on

one side for each direction. You could have narrower areas by one way permanently where multiple options available to get to a location or area (for stairwells too). And the same temporarily for those hallways or stairways without an alternative, with students and/or teachers and/or administrators as traffic directors controlling alternation over short periods (maybe one direction for a minute or a bit less). As this would be just between classes, such folks would be available to do so.

Thank you much for considering all of these suggestions so as to maximize safety for teachers, while giving the best quality education to students.

*Brett Byers, Piedmont resident*

## Justin Szasz

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and took a leadership role in the Piedmont Climate Challenge, to include bringing reach codes and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations proposals to local government for consideration.

Szasz’s sendoff was officially recognized at a July 6 city council meeting.

Councilmember Jen Cavenaugh revered him as an “incredible asset to Piedmont.”

“We send Justin off with all admiration and best wishes on [his] next chapter,” said Susan Miller-Davis, a member of the Piedmont Connect’s steering committee.

“I am very sorry to have Justin’s fellowship come to an end. He has been an outstanding member of the City’s climate action team and has been critical to policy development and achievements,” said City Planning Director Kevin Jackson.

“He has been a joy to work with. Justin has a bright future ahead, and we wish him well,” said Jackson.

Szasz said that he holds similar sentiments for the community and that he plans on keeping abreast of happenings in the city even while in Oregon.

“There are all sorts of special

things about this community that I couldn’t have known until I arrived,” he said. “The City council is a really responsible council. They’ve set difficult and ambitious reduction goals, and they’ve shown a commitment to meeting those emission reduction goals.”

Szasz added that, beyond council, the community of Piedmont has shown a clear willingness to move collectively toward a more sustainable future.

“That has all been very inspiring,” he said.

Szasz will be attending the University of Oregon to obtain a PhD in Sociology, a five to six-year program. The University of Oregon’s sociology department specializes in the structure of economies, and the effects of those structures on climate issues.

His long-term goals lie at the intersection of research and policy.

“There has been a lot of important research on how to improve efficiency, but not as much research done on the economic policy options to effectively reduce emissions. My interest is providing that research that is accessible to policy makers,” Szasz said.

## Traveling

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your run-of-the mill kids, nice and helpful. Then there are the teenagers who work at the grill, super nice and also normal. Then there are the girls who work at the boat rental place who think they have been chosen by god to work there. They think the world is for them.

And they were generally rude.

Last, but certainly not least, were the boat deck boys. They were all funny, they joked around and wanted to help everyone. And did I mention they were pretty good looking?

We had rented the most wanted speedboat without knowing it. After the deck boys gave my dad a short lesson, we sped off. My dad was driving the boat, and for a first timer. I admit he was really good.

This boat went really fast. After circling the lake twice, we stopped near the shore, jumped off and swam for a while. Our two-hour rental went by quickly and soon it was time to go back to the marina. We went to the

grill next to the dock, had a great lunch and spent the rest of the day just lazing around.

The next day was our last in Yosemite, and our parents had decided it was a good idea to look at some of the big trees. The “life changing” sequoia trees. If you ask me, they are just big, red trees. Because the shuttle buses were not running due to COVID, to get to the Mariposa Grove with those sequoias we had to walk two miles – all up.

I just don’t understand why you can’t put the parking lot right where the real trail begins.

OK. The trees, including the Grizzly Giant that is 2700 years old, were actually pretty awesome. We walked about half of the trail, then headed back to the car, logging seven miles in two hours. We headed back to the Valley one more time before heading home.

Before leaving the park, we sat by the beautiful Merced River (my dad slept on the rocks and my

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classrooms in Oakland public schools. Each year Kinder-Prep provides Rotarian volunteers to help in TK classrooms, funds for teachers, funds and organization of field trips and 3,500 books for young students.

The Rotary Club also funded programs at four Oakland schools to improve attendance, and funded a music program for TK students. Through the Help Oakland Pupils Excel program (H.O.P.E), Rotarians become mentors to 7th graders and remain in that role until the students graduate from high school.

Sherris has international public health experience and led the way for the Rotary Club to fund four grants for the improvement of community water systems in El Salvador, India, the Bahamas and Kenya.

When the outcry over George Floyd’s murder gripped the nation, Sherris acted quickly.

“Peter was very much a part of the immediate action to work with the Club, board members, and other Bay Area clubs to release a statement saying racism has no part in Rotary,” explained Williams.

The Club’s statement of support for Black Lives Matter takes a powerful stance. A portion of it reads: “We recognize that focusing on and promoting community-based projects, as we have done for generations, is no longer sufficient. In addition, we need to work to eliminate policies, actions, and unjust practices that promote privilege or subjugate the rights of any human being.”

Peter Sherris’ work towards health, peace and understanding in the world were fittingly acknowledged by the City of Oakland naming June 25, 2020 Peter Sherris Day – his last official day as the Rotary Club of Oakland’s President.

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# Awards

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and ladles, and also in seeming perpetual motion, became part of Piedmont's parade tradition in 2015 to honor the parade's 50th year. It was designed and fabricated by Oakland metal artist Alex Nolan.

The families on narrow block-long Park View Avenue, pursuing a theme of "Celebrating with Patriotism and Protests, filled their yards and the front of their homes with signs of every imaginable sign of patriotism and protests.

Led by the Yeh family, the neighborhood won the Best Quaranteam Award, which this year became the whimsical Highland Spoon.

The Highland Saucer will be presented to the Addelman-Cumming family on Carmel Avenue at a future date due to the inaccessibility of the trophy.

As Piedmont made do without the July 4th parade due to COVID-19, the front yard and car decorating contest brought some unity to the community with a creative endeavor. The proud winners of this year's hardware will have their names scribed onto the trophies and hopefully Piedmont can celebrate a real parade this time next year.



Jim and Buffy Yeh organized their neighborhood on Park View Avenue for the July 4 Celebrating-in-Place contest and won the Highland Spoons as "Best Quaranteam."



Fourteen families on Park View Avenue made up the Best Quaranteam: The Yeh, Feger/Bowen, Petersen, Woodley, Anderson, Schaefer, Akerstein, McAlister, Kim, Kravitz/Fisher, Dalton/Stolorow, Creary, Ulricksen, and Roche families.

## CRIME REPORT

### Catalytic converter thieves caught in middle of night

By Jay Russell

Early Tuesday morning, at 2:47 a.m. on July 7, Piedmont Police officers caught two men stealing a catalytic converter from a car on Oakland Avenue. Dozens of converters have been stolen from Piedmont this year, almost exclusively from 2003-2009 Toyota Priuses.

Police approached a van as two men were removing a converter from a 2007 Toyota Prius. Both men were detained and their van was searched. Multiple other catalytic converters were found inside their van along with burglary tools.

Aenoy Chaleumy, 39 from Sacramento, and Rudy Villa, 38 from Lodi, were arrested and transported to Santa Rita jail. They are being charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Burglary Tools and Grand Theft. The suspects' van was towed.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:

### One year ago: July 31, 2019

At this time one year ago, Piedmont campers were having the times of their lives at Camp Augusta. Not so long ago, summer was a time for being carefree instead of being careful, outside all the time instead of being cooped up. Everyone misses Camp Augusta this summer – its horseback rides, lake kayaking, trips to the waterfall and trying to pack as much fun into a week as possible.



Kids at Camp Augusta know how to celebrate summer

Summertime is camp time, and nothing says Camp better than Lake Vera at Camp Augusta, Piedmont's residential camp in the sierra foothills near Nevada City. This iconic photo of a camper jumping into the lake epitomizes the joy of being outside, being at camp, and spending the summer having new adventures every day.

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### 2020 Calendar of Events

July 15 - July 30

Meetings will be conducted by ZOOM and should be viewable on KCOM (Channel 27) and on the City's website: [piedmont.ca.gov](http://piedmont.ca.gov).

#### Wednesday, July 15

7:30 p.m. .... Recreation Commission..... Virtual meeting via Zoom

#### Monday, July 20

7:30 p.m. .... City Council..... Virtual meeting via Zoom

#### Wednesday, July 29

4 p.m. .... Police & Fire Pension Board ..... Virtual meeting via Zoom

#### Thursday, July 30

5:30 p.m. .... Public Safety Committee ..... Virtual meeting via Zoom

## Where in the World Are We?



Nate Woodley, the Post's ace delivery boy, pulled out a recent copy of the Post for his first entry in the Where in the World Are We section of the paper. He is pictured in front of his cardboard tank designed for the 4th of July Decorating Contest. He was part of the award-winning neighborhood of Park View Avenue.

Send your photos of the Post in the far corners of the world, or of other communities named Piedmont, to: WITWAW, 1139 Oakland Ave., Piedmont, 94611.