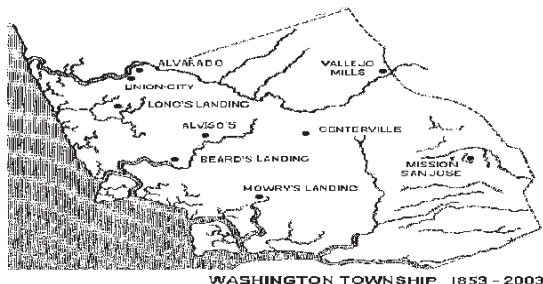


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MEETING DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020, 7:00 PM

LIVE ON ZOOM, <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>

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Our speaker in January 2020 was Matt Breen, who spoke about his career as an Emergency Dispatcher for the City of Newark.

Our March and May meetings were cancelled because of Covid 19 and our uncertainty of when we could get back into the museum for our meetings. We were reluctant to go to Zoom meetings at first because many of our members are not connected to the internet and would not be able to participate.

July 2020 we decided to hold Zoom meetings and our guest speaker was Moina Shaiq who spoke about coming to this area as a Muslim and the problems she had and also the success she has had with her talks about meeting a Muslim.

September we had past-president Al Minard speak about the Nike Missile sites in the Bay Area. We were pleased that one of our past presidents who has moved to Maine stayed up late and watched this presentation.

We fought hard to preserve the Centerville Fire house only to lose when the Fremont City Council voted to demolish the fire house even though the developer was willing to restore and preserve this building. There were a few artifacts that were left in the building but then Covid 19 hit and the building was closed and we could not recover the artifacts. The developer offered them to anyone and the Washington Township Museum of Local History asked for them and I believe that they did get one or two items from the fire house.

This month we are proud to have BART Director Liz Ames talk about her ongoing efforts to preserve the Peterson Ranch and farm house in Union City next to Quarry Lakes.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

BART Director **LIZ AMES** represents District 6, which includes Fremont, Hayward (partial), Newark, Union City, Sunol, Unincorporated Alameda County (partial)

Director Ames is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer (P.E.) and brings nearly 30 years of local government experience. She previously served as a Civil Engineer in Palo Alto. She has been able to organize and educate diverse coalitions of people to support positive public policy in the Bay Area (e.g., preservation of open space, creation of trails in Niles Canyon and Union City,

community redesign, citywide infrastructure planning and programs). She has managed street resurfacing programs, several major transportation projects and several multi-million dollar capital projects.

She formerly served as a Union City Planning Commissioner and was the Palo Alto Federal Credit Union Board President. She serves as Chairperson for the Save Our Hills coalition in the Tri-Cities saving 60 acres of prime open space in Union City.

She earned her civil engineering degree from San Jose State University.



Peterson Ranch Farm House
This house is surrounded by farm land and farm equipment. The farm is still producing crops. It is just across the road from Quarry lakes.



This picture was taken Sunday, November 15, 2020 and it is where the Centerville Fire House once stood as well as many other retail businesses.



On December 10, 2017, Washington Township was able to get a developer to relocate the “Pop” Goold house to this location. It is now on a foundation and work is progressing although not very fast. It has been preserved and will soon, we hope, be lived in.

Washington Township Historical Society purchased three historic plaques to place on or near historic buildings in Washington Township. We successfully placed one at the Women’s Country Club on Parish in Fremont that is now a church and we also placed one on the Old St. Edwards Catholic Church that is now a Foursquare Church in Newark. Both of these events were well represented by the local politicians and the community. We also had nice articles in the Tri-City Voice Newspaper on the dedication of these plaques. We have one more plaque to dedicate at Bronco Billy’s Pizza in Union City. We were in contact with the owner before the pandemic and he was very supportive but was in the process of doing some landscaping and wanted to finish that before he installed the plaque. Then the pandemic hit and we are pretty sure that his finances have taken a major hit. We will wait until things get back to normal before we encourage him to install the plaque and let us have a dedication ceremony.

We have not had any meetings with the Washington Township Museum of Local history since the pandemic about merging our historical society with this museum.

We are meeting on Zoom with those who have access and we are still mailing out our newsletter to every member.

Please note that our annual dues to the Washington Township Historical Society will come due and payable in January,

ZOOM Basics and Best Practices

Don't be intimidated by doing virtual worship or Bible study or small groups via Zoom!
It probably is easier than you think!



1.) MULTIPLE WAYS TO ACCESS

Use your computer or your phone to join via video chat! Or, you can simply call in to the meeting without video by calling a toll-free number.

2.) MUTE YOURSELF

When you are not talking, mute yourself. This goes for if you need to type or scroll to another webpage as well.

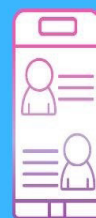
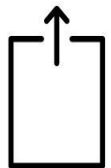


3.) VIEW ALL PARTICIPANTS

By clicking "gallery view" you can view all participants in the Zoom call on one screen. The other option is "speaker view," which follows the speaker making the most noise and flips back and forth between speakers.

4.) SHARE YOUR SCREEN

You can share your screen using the icon at the bottom of the page. This allows all participants to see your screen and still hear you. Best for presentations where you all need to see the same thing.



5.) CHAT

You can chat with everyone on the call or just one person by clicking the Chat icon on the bottom of the screen. Be sure to click the name of the person you want to chat with if you are doing one-on-one chat during a call with multiple parties.

6.) IF YOU ARE HAVING CONNECTIVITY PROBLEMS

If you are having trouble with your Internet connection, try turning off your video. This often helps the load on the Internet so at least you can speak and hear others more clearly.



NOVEMBER 23, 2020, MEETING

Will be on Zoom starting at 7:00 P.M.:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>

This meeting will start at 7:00 pm, you can log in about 15 minutes early to check your connection.

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