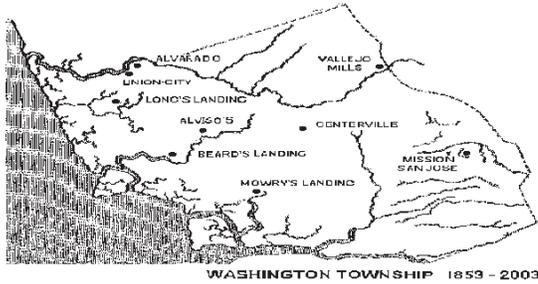


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017, 7:15 PM at  
MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA STREET, FREMONT**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My wife and I won a free tour of Carolands Mansion in Hillsborough. It is a beautiful mansion built in 1913 by the middle daughter of the Pullman Railroad Car fortune. She was ahead of her time with a woman chauffeur to drive her Pierce Arrow car and a trophy husband who made no decisions about the house or the grounds. His primary job was to look good in a tuxedo. Tours are provided only on Wednesday and for about 40 people who have to enter an online lottery to get chosen as a group of one or two people. The tour was free. When it was built it was the largest mansion west of the Mississippi.

The "Pop" Goold house was still standing the last time I drove down Peralta Boulevard. Everyone still wants to move it but the problem is getting a construction loan on a vacant lot that is in a family trust. We keep throwing ideas out hoping that something will work.

The Washington Township Historical Museum of Local History is having a volunteer appreciation pot-luck at Swiss Park that I have been told is open to anyone. The museum is also having a garage sale of donated items during the Niles Flea Market. This would be a good time to downsize your collection and donate it to the Museum. Items that the Museum would like in their collection they would keep and items that are not appropriate or desired by the museum would be sold.

*Al Minard*

## Guest Speaker is Alan Frank

Alan Frank is one of the major historians at the Niles Canyon Railway. At our meeting on Monday, July 24, 2017, Alan will talk about his latest project the Livermore Train Depot. The Transcontinental Train ran through Livermore on its way over the Altamont Pass. When passenger trains stopped running and trains only carried freight, the people of Livermore wanted the freight trains moved out of downtown. The rails were moved but the railroad depot was not needed for freight so it stayed there and went through many changes until a few years ago when it was decided to demolish the depot. Historians came in and worked with City of Livermore to save the depot and now are well into the process of moving it over to the location of the train tracks are now located. Passenger service has come back with the ACE train so this depot will once again be used for a passenger depot. This is not in Washington Township but I thought this is such a beautiful story that it needs to be told to a wider audience.

The following information is mostly from recent issues of the Tri-City Voice weekly newspaper. This newspaper is FREE at many locations and is also online at: "tricityvoice.com". Most of these events have already happened, but some are ongoing or about to finish.

## Items of Interest in the News

The Washington Township Historical Museum of Local Interest on their webpage announce a tour of Centerville on Saturday, September 16 starting at 11 AM, meet in front of Holy Spirit Church. They also announce their Volunteer/Donor luncheon on Saturday, July 22 at Swiss Park, this is a Pot-Luck lunch and starts at 11:30 AM

**Tri-City Voice,** July 11, 2017, Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum hosts a new documentary on the 140 year history of the San Francisco Cable Car.

**Tri-City Voice,** July 11, 2017, Newark Mayor, Alan Nagy leads a tour of historic Newark on Saturday, July 15, 2017, which begins at Watkins Hall on the corner of Thornton and Ash, starting at 11:00 AM.

**Tri-City Voice,** July 11, 2017, Mission Peak Heritage Foundation and the Historic Shinn House in Fremont are holding an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 16, 2017 starting at 12 Noon at the Shinn House, 1251 Peralta Boulevard.

**Tri-City Voice,** July 11, 2017, Pat Kite writes about a Central Park Ranger that rescued a female barn owl that had gotten caught in a kite string hanging from a tree. The owl had damaged five of its outermost primary flight feathers and Sulphur Creek Nature Preserve was able to replace those feathers from their certified collection and return the owl to the wild.

**Tri-City Voice,** July 11, 2017, Pat Kite writes about a skunk that seems to like sitting outside her open bedroom window at about 4 AM to deliver its unwelcome aroma.

**Tri-City Voice,** July 4, 2017, William Marshak talks about a new beginning in the Centerville area of Fremont. SiliconSage builders is proposing a new development along Fremont Boulevard from Parish Avenue to Peralta which will include retail and housing and also a seismic retrofit of the old Centerville Fire station for public use.

**Tri-City Voice,** July 4, 2017, Clarence Manon opened the City Garage in Downtown Hayward in 1915. He sold Fords and Buicks. There were only a few cars at the dealership and the customer came in and selected the brand, then the agent would order the car directly from the factory.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 27, 2017, Chabot Science and Space Center has a pinball exhibit where the public could come in and play these old and new machines. The Art and Science of Pinball unpacks the historical roots, science and art behind the gravity-defying game using a selection of machines the public can play.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 27, 2017, The Alameda County Water District has received the highest award for excellence in financial reporting from an international association of government finance officers. This makes the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year ACWD has achieved this recognition.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 20, 2017, during Ramadan the Muslim community are planting over 100 trees as part of a global community effort to protect the environment.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 20, 2017, the last weekend in June was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum annual Silent Film Festival. So many interesting and now world famous people came through Niles to be in the films, what a great history here in Fremont.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 20, 2017, Olive Hyde Art Guild announces the annual scholarship winners. For 2017. This year's finalist were Alyssa Lo from Mission San Jose High School, Jenny Xie, from Mission San Jose High School and Joshua Chen from Irvington High School. Jenny and Alyssa each won a \$1,000 scholarship and Joshua was the big winner with a \$2,000 scholarship. Our congratulations to the winners.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 20, 2017, Brask Concerts has frequent musical groups into Mission Coffee and Roasting on Saturday evenings, this is a small venue so you can get up close and personal with the musicians.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 13, 2017, the Railroad Museum at Ardenwood Farms once a year has a small train for children under 6 years of age, where they can do train related activities. This year the Katie Train was on June 17, 2017.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 13, 2017, the Vargas Plateau is one of the newer parks in the East Bay Regional Park system. This park has had more than its share of controversy and in a letter to the editor the writer is concerned about only 25 parking spaces for a 1200 acre park.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 13, 2017, The City of Newark Recreation Department is hosting musical events at Shirley Sisk Grove which is West of Newpark Mall on Friday evenings starting at 6:30 PM. Upcoming events are: Pacific Soul on July 21, and Journey Unauthorized on August 4.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 13, 2017, The Fremont Symphony Orchestra held their annual fund raiser at the Dominican Sisters Center on Saturday, June 17, 2017. This year it

was a murder mystery event.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 13, 2017, Fremont Central Park Concert Series has concerts in Central Park on Thursday evenings starting at 6 PM. Upcoming concerts are: Aja Vu/Stealin' Chicago on July 20; Jukebox heroes on July 27 and East Bay Mudd on August 3.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 6, 2017, Pat Kite writes about some of the history of roses. The "Peace" Rose was determined to be a winner in France in 1940 then the war came and roses were replaced with food stuff. One of these roses which went by the name "3-35-40" was shipped in a diplomatic pouch to America and survived and was renamed the "Peace Rose" when this rose was promoted at the California Rose Society meeting on April 29, 1945 which was also the day that Berlin fell to the Allies.

**Tri-City Voice,** June 6, 2017, Milpitas provides historic tours of Milpitas once a year and it is an interesting tour of historic Milpitas. The tour is generally held in June, so if you are interested watch for it next year.

**Tri-City Voice,** May 23, 2017, The Washington Township Museum of Local History is asking people in the community to share with the museum and the general public photos and artifacts from Niles District. Having the Museum duplicate your old family and local area photos means that future generations will be able to enjoy them also.

**Tri-City Voice,** May 23, 2017, Ohlone College celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> graduating class this year. A total of 582 students graduated some with multiple degrees and many are planning to continue their education at local and out-of-state universities.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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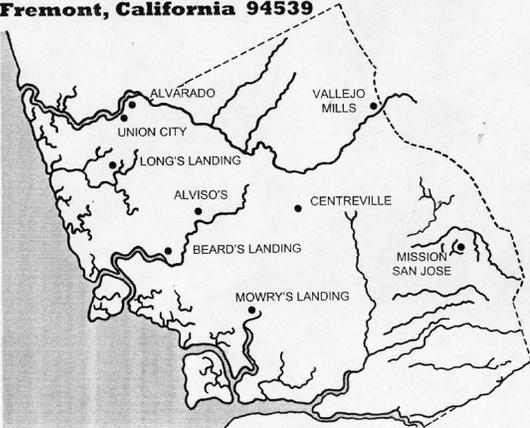
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Livermore train depot prior to 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

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