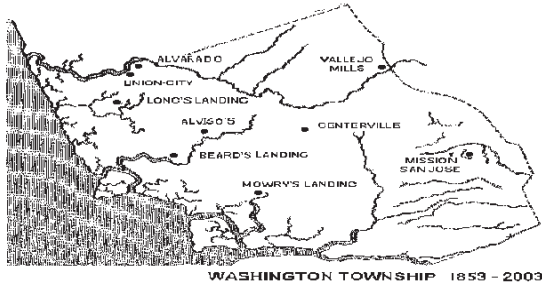


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016, 7:15 PM at
FREMONT MAIN LIBRARY, 2400 STEVENSON BLVD., FREMONT**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Historical Society needs more members and also members who are willing to serve as officers of the society. We are down to less than 50 paying members. If you have not paid please remember to pay your dues. In January your dues will be become due again. \$10 for a year's dues to our society is a great bargain.

At a previous meeting, we talked about preserving the "Pop" Goold House on Peralta Boulevard. I think we have a potential person with a vacant lot very near the "Pop" Goold house. I have not heard from anyone recently, but the person with the vacant lot did ask to tour the inside of the house.

We are still working on placing plaques on several buildings. We are waiting to get all of the language correct and style of plaque before ordering, because we get a discount if we order more than one at a time.

We hope that you have a great Thanksgiving. The Shinn House will be open for tours on Friday evening, December 2, from 7-9 PM, Saturday, December 3, from Noon to 4 PM, and Sunday, December 4, from Noon to 4 PM. The Patterson House will be open for Christmas tours Saturday, December 10, from Noon to 4 PM, and Sunday, December 11, from Noon to 4 PM. The Museum of Local History will host Las Posadas on Wednesday, December 21, about 6:30 PM. This is a great time of the year to visit with friends and neighbors, and remember to invite them to one or more of our meetings.

Al Minard

Guest Speaker Ceal Craig Ph.D. on Drawbridge

Our guest speaker is Ceal Craig, Ph.D. who will be talking about the abandoned town in San Francisco Bay, called Drawbridge. She will also be showing pictures and this presentation will be at the Main Fremont Library on Stevenson Boulevard. This is a free event with refreshments and we hope that you will invite some of your friends. The talk will start at 7:15 PM with a short Washington Township Board meeting then Dr. Craig. We invite you to come early and look at a display set up in the Marks History Room on the second floor of the Main Library on Drawbridge.

"To Collect, Preserve and Diffuse Information Relating to the History of Washington Township"

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

September 13, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Pat Kite writes about “Privet Problems”. Privet is a fast growing invasive plant that can be managed but needs very frequent pruning. It also drops little yellow flowers and has little black seeds that go everywhere. Privet was one of the first plants to come from Europe to America and the plant was used for many purposes.

September 13, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Arathi Satish writes about the Arts & Crafts event in Shinn Park organized by **Al Minard**. Arathi mentions that there will be a STEAM event that will help you make Silly Putty. The Shinn House is one of the Passport to Adventure Historical sites in Fremont, where you can get a Passport to Adventure card or get one punched.

September 20, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Victor Carvellas writes about “Stone Age Technology at Coyote Hills”. Early tools were made of stone and wood and over time the natives learned that attaching a handle to a sharp blade added leverage so more work could be accomplished with less strain. This technology was used for both agricultural purposes and hunting.

September 20, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Arathi Satish writes about, “Flash Fiction Contest” held at Half-Price Books in the Fremont HUB. This event is chaired by **Al Minard**. The subject this year was non-human. The winning entries are being published in the Tri-City Voice. They are short stories of 300 words or less and very interesting.

September 27, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Victor Carvellas writes about the “Roots of Alameda County”. Victor states that the Mexican government gave Luis Maria Peralta 44,800 acres of land for distinguished 40-year career. This was most of what became the Northern part of Alameda County including the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro, Alameda, Emeryville and Albany.

September 27, 2016, Tri-City Voice, East Bay Regional Park District writes about “Learn History and Culture of Ohlone Peoples”. Ohlones from several tribes will share their culture and history including music, song, dance and stories.

September 27, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Bob Taveras writes about “Everything coming up olives”. The 15th annual Olive Festival will be held at the Dominican Sisters. The Sisters will have a short presentation recognizing the

history of the olive trees. There will be 31 vendors having merchandise for sale as well as music to entertain you and food and drinks to enjoy.

September 27, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Margaret Thornberry writes, “And the band played on for 70 years”. Billy Selak got a call in 1948 to play at the brand new Center Theatre in Centerville. He had to ask where that was and a few years later moved his family here, where he has lived since. He started playing an accordion at a very young age and has played all over the Bay Area for very well-known performers.

October 4, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Margaret Thornberry writes about the “Niles Oktoberfest”. This event is held at Shinn Park, with bus service from Joe’s Corner in Niles. Many local breweries will be represented as well as musical entertainment and games.

October 4, 2016, Tri-City Voice, The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood Farms presents their “Haunted Railroad” through Ardenwood Farm. This is a fun ride especially with young families, as it is spooky without being scary.

October 4, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Ardenwood Farms reports that the Harvest Festival returns to Ardenwood. There are many activities that families can participate in such as: corn harvesting, cider pressing, learning to mill and cooking demonstrations on an old-fashioned stove. There is old time music and a magic show also.

October 4, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Toshali Goel writes about the 48 years that the Candle Lighters have presented the Ghost House at the Chadbourne Carriage House at the Fremont HUB. This is a fun activity for the whole family. The Candle Lighters give back in grants to local non-profits the profits from the Ghost House.

October 11, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Kelsey Camello writes about the Country Club of Washington Township, which celebrated its 120th anniversary this year. Many women joined the club in their early 20’s and 30’s and then continued their membership for 50 years or more. These women were interested in community outreach long before they had a right to vote.

October 11, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Pat Kite writes about “Chrysanthemum Cheer”. This plant symbolizes friendship, loyalty and honesty. The plant came from

China and Japan and there are many ceremonies in those two countries about this plant and its flower. The plant likes sun but not too much.

October 18, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Andrew Cary writes about the ghoulishly grand adventure aboard the Haunted Railroad through Ardenwood Farm. This is a treat for the whole family even young children. This is a fund raiser for the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources.

October 25, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Victor Carvellas writes Part Two of the Roots of Alameda County. In 1850 there were only 18 counties in California. Between January 4 and February 18, the California legislature added nine more counties. Most of Alameda County was in Contra Costa County and the county seat was in Martinez. Governor John Bigler signed a bill on April 6, 1853, establishing Alameda County by combining parts of Contra Costa County and Santa Clara County into Alameda County.

November 1, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Kelsey Camello writes about a “historical walking tour of Pioneer Cemetery”. This is a free tour of the Irvington Pioneer Cemetery at 41001 Chapel Way in Fremont. Many of the Fremont pioneers were buried in this cemetery.

November 1, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Margaret Thornberry writes about “Discover California Gold in Fremont”. Margaret is writing about the California Nursery in Niles. This was the largest nursery on the west coasts of North and South America. Dr. Joyce Blueford is working with the City of Fremont to develop this nursery into a historic park.

November 8, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Pat Kite writes about “Squirrely”. Pat states that there are 278 squirrel species. She finds some of them fun to watch until they start eating all of her bird seed for the birds. Squirrels are found all over the world except Antarctica and Australia.

November 15, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Marie Dear writes about the annual Niles Festival of Lights Parade through downtown Niles. The parade starts at 6 PM Friday, November 25. Many of the local stores will be open for shopping.

November 15, 2016, Tri-City Voice, Cyndy Patrick writes about the Monarch butterflies returning to Ardenwood Farm. This generation of Monarch butterflies started arriving in October and will stay until February. Each single generation lives for only about 6 months.

Washington Township Historical Society is meeting Monday, November 28, 2016, at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont, CA, starting promptly at 7:15 PM.

There is a historical exhibit upstairs in the Fremont Main Library on Drawbridge, curated by Ceal Craig, Ph.D. and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

This is a FREE talk and exhibit, invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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