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As part of its plan to rehabilitate its property for the market, Shell Oil has demolished all the buildings and removed all the tanks at the former Pennzoil site on Grand Street. Shell will likely sell the property to a developer. However, part of the property could become part of the Cross Alameda Trail, likely as an extension of Clement Avenue at the fence shown in the photograph below.

## Pennzoil Demolition Paves Way to Future

Dennis Evanosky

Shell Oil, the owner of the property that houses the Pennzoil plant on Grand Street, has now demolished all the buildings and above-ground tanks there. The 4.1-acre site is bounded by Grand Street, Fortman Way, Ellen Craig Avenue and Hibbard Street.

The plant had been in operation since 1951, when Pennzoil began blending and packaging petroleum-based products at the site. From 1995 to August of this year, the property served Pennzoil as a distribution center.

The facility once consisted of a tank farm that contained 29 oil storage tanks and held 48 above-ground bulk storage tanks. These 48 tanks had a combined capacity of 3,045,758 gallons. Complaints to the city about rusting, above-ground storage tanks led to Pennzoil removing 37 tanks, leaving just 11 tanks on the property.

Now that the buildings and tanks are gone, Shell plans to do the remediation necessary to prepare the property for sale.

This will involve excavating some 11,400 cubic yards of soil from the property and sampling the remaining soil to ensure workers have removed all pollutants.



Google Earth

This fence at the intersection of Grand Street and Clement Avenue defines the likely spot where the city would extend the Cross Alameda Trail to allow pedestrians and bicyclists a seamless way to Alameda Point.

Once Shell has completed that work, the company plans to backfill the excavated site with clean material. Plans for the property are unclear as of this writing, but the demolition does clear the way for another portion of the Cross Alameda Trail to take shape.

The trail would join two parts of Clement Avenue: the eastern section begins in the East End at Broadway and currently ends at Grand Street, pictured above, with the western part that begins west of the Pennzoil property and currently extends to Entrance Way.

As part of the deal cut with the city, developers who built Marina Shore built this new western portion of Clement and is providing some of the funds to build the Cross Alameda trail there. If all goes as planned, the trail would eventually wind its way through the present-day Shell Oil property and along the Marina Shores portion of Clement. The trail would then take walkers and bikers behind the Del Monte warehouse to Sherman Street where it would wind its way through Jean Sweeney Park to Constitution Avenue and on to Alameda Point.

## APD Presents Crime Updates

Seek hit-and-run, shooting suspects

### Sun Staff Reports

The Alameda Police Department (APD) is seeking assistance from Alameda residents in several open cases that took place last month.

First, APD is asking witnesses to help identify a driver who left the scene of a hit-and-run collision around 7:40 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30. Police said the driver of a white or light-colored sedan struck a woman crossing at the intersection of Park Street and Otis Drive. Witnesses at the scene watched as the sedan left the scene without stopping, traveling eastbound on Otis Drive.

The woman was hospitalized with moderate injuries. APD is asking anyone with information on the incident to call (510) 337-8340; use the reference case number 21-00346.

APD is also asking for assistance in finding the perpetrator who invaded three different properties on Bay Farm Island last month ("APD Seeks Home Intruder" Jan. 13).

The plea comes after APD released new information and a photo of the alleged suspect. According to a press release, the suspect may have identified himself by the name of "Collin" and indicated he was recently kicked out of his parent's residence. A photo of the suspect was taken while he committed one of the invasions. APD released the photo on its Facebook page. He is wearing black pants and a two-tone black hooded jacket and is described as a male, 18 to 25 years old, between 5' 7" and 6' tall, thin build with short dark hair.

The three invasions occurred on Jan. 4 between 3:30 and 6:30 a.m. Two of the incidents took place on Beach Road, while the other happened on Sea Bridge Way. Both Beach Road incidents were classified as burglaries, while the incident on Sea Bridge Way was classified a trespassing. In the first burglary, on the 300 block of Beach Road, a child woke up to a man climbing into her bedroom window. The suspect was able to get into the room and stayed for approximately 10 minutes before taking off. APD

emphasized that the child was not harmed during the home invasion. The second burglary, on the 200 block of Beach Road, also involved the intruder coming face-to-face with a resident. The male resident told APD he confronted the intruder before he ran away without altercation.

Shortly after those burglaries, residents alerted APD that they saw an adult man entering residential backyards on the 100 block of Sea Bridge Way. APD did not report any losses of property or belongings in any of the invasions.

Anyone with additional information related to this case or who can possibly identify the individual in the photographs is asked to contact APD Detective Wolfe at (510) 337-8362.

Lastly, APD updated residents of the shooting that took place on Jan. 24 ("Police Investigates Park Street Shooting" Jan. 25).

The APD Violent Crimes Unit's investigation of the shooting that left a teenage girl with non-life-threatening wounds is ongoing. According to APD, detectives have submitted several court documents, followed up on additional leads and submitted evidence collected from the scene to laboratories for forensic analysis. Detectives have also interviewed additional witnesses.

The teenage victim, who was shot in her upper extremity, is recovering. Detectives have remained in contact with her and the family.

APD received reports of the shooting at 3:40 p.m. on the 1400 block of Park Street. When officers arrived, they discovered the injured teenager. The victim was walking along Park Street with two other individuals when the suspect fired multiple rounds, according to the APD daily activity log. It is unknown if the victim was the intended target. Several people were walking on Park Street during the shooting and witnessed the shooting. No other injuries were reported.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact the APD's Violent Crimes Unit at (510) 337-8336.

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## Teachers, Staff Get Tested

Susan Davis

Vanessa Jimenez, a medical assistant with National Labs, administers a COVID-19 test to Drew Sarratore, principal of Paden Elementary School. The Alameda Unified School District is launching a comprehensive COVID-19 testing program for employees and teachers this month. Read more about this program aimed at protecting students, staff and teachers from COVID-19 on page 11.



## Community Forum on Saturday

### Sun Staff Reports

The community-led Police Reform and Racial Equity Steering Committee members will hold their second public forum to discuss their draft recommendations addressing systemic racism in Alameda on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The four-member committee will listen to community input on the draft proposal, which was released Thursday, Jan. 21 ("Steering Committee's Proposal Released" Jan. 21). The committee was tasked with evaluating Alameda's racial equity in five key categories. The five sections were unbundling services currently delivered by APD; a review of APD policies and practices; APD accountability and oversight; a review of laws that

criminalize survival; and systemic and community racism/anti-racism.

The steering committee appointed a total of 60 residents to form a subcommittee for each section to provide further assistance. The committees met monthly to discuss each section.

Members of the public can review the recommendations and complete this survey at <http://alameda.gov/policingsurvey>. Following a period of public engagement, the Steering Committee will present its final recommendations to the Alameda City Council on March 16.

The public forum will be held virtually on Zoom from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To join the meeting visit [www.tinyurl.com/4wqbm8j8](http://www.tinyurl.com/4wqbm8j8). Meeting ID: 878 0518 9318

## Drive Thru Testing

Photo & story by Maurice Ramirez

A drive-through free COVID-19 test recipient deposits her swab sample at the Alameda Family Services parking lot. The Alameda County Health Dept, the City of Alameda's Early Learning Community Network, and Community Organized Relief Effort is conducting free tests in this lot next to College of Alameda. The next test at this location takes place Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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