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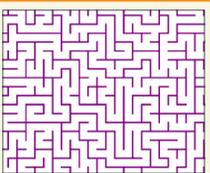
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Eric J. Kos

## First Day of School

Sun Staff Reports

Last Monday was the first day of school for the public schools in Alameda. Playgrounds like the one at Franklin School, above, have been quiet for months but are now bustling with students. Remember to obey the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit both in school zones and just about everywhere else in town. Many kids walk and bike to school and their safety depends on safe drivers.

## Yacht Club's Boats Part of Parking Lot Scene

Not all vehicles abandoned, as Sun described

Dennis Evanosky

Last week the *Alameda Sun* reported on some misbehavior at the Extended Stay America parking lot on Marina Village Parkway ("Parking Lot Attracts Crime, Shenanigans," Aug. 18). Part of the story described 26 boat trailers, 16 boats and six automobiles "all abandoned." After reading the story Robert Nelson called to let the *Sun* know that only one of boats in the parking lot was "abandoned" as the story described them.

Nelson said that the rest of the boats and trailers belong to sailors who berth at Gate 11 at the Marina Village Yacht Harbor. "They are property of the loosely organized Gate 11 Yacht Club (G11YC, for short)," he said. When the *Sun's* reporter visited Extended Stay's parking lot on Aug. 23 he discovered that three of the abandoned cars he saw on Aug. 18 were gone and all the boat trailers had been nicely lined up with stickers that informed people that the boats and trailers were not abandoned as the *Sun* described them.

Nelson said that he would like to work with the owner of the sole boat that does not belong to him or other members of G11YC. "I was hoping that the owner could contact me at 992-6673," he said.

There are also two, maybe three abandoned automobiles in the parking lot, half the number that were there last week. Nelson wondered if



Dennis Evanosky  
Robert Nelson stands next to one of the three small sailboats that he and fellow members of the Gate 11 Yacht Club use for races. The boats are among those parked in the Extended Stay parking lot on Marina Village Parkway.

Extended Stay had to take the initiative to tow these cars or if anyone could get the process started.

On its website the yacht club bills itself as "a small, humble, and excruciatingly playful bunch getting together on the weekends for frivolity, competition, and a whole lotta fun." Most Sunday afternoons, club members set up marks and race on the Oakland Estuary.

Nelson invites members of the community to join them, including (and especially) people who have never sailed but have wanted to give it a try. "You don't need your own boat," he said. "You can borrow one of ours, as we have several. Bring a six pack, a snack, and a friend. We love new people." Anyone interested in joining the Gate 11 Yacht Club's Sunday fun can email G11YCInfo@gmail.com or call 992-6673. Nelson also invites the community to visit the club's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/G11YC](http://www.facebook.com/G11YC).

After the Sunday race they "park" some of these boats nearby on dry land on the south end of the Extend-

ed Stay America parking lot on Marina Village Parkway. Therein lies the crux of the problem. Even though the boats and trailers are now nicely lined up with stickers attached, they are "parked" on property that does not belong to the owners.

As reported last week Extended Stay has taken an interesting stand, saying through its general counsel that the property in question does not belong to the hotel. Alameda County's assessor's maps clearly show that the boats and trailers do sit on its property and the city of Alameda agrees that the property in question does indeed belong to Extended Stay. Nelson had expressed his willingness to work with the city and Extended Stay so G11YC can keep its boats and trailers in their usual spots, and the club can continue its Sunday afternoon sailing programs.

## News in Brief

**Sun Staff Reports**

**Council Member Hosts Public Hours Today**

Today, Thursday, Aug. 25, City Council member Tony Daysog will be available to answer questions and offer comments on city issues for the public. Daysog will hold his regular "Last-Thursday-of-the-Month Office Hours" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Blue Danube Cafe at 1333 Park St.

He will also be at the Farmer's Market at Haight Avenue and Webster Street this Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Contact Daysog at 747-4726 or [tdaysog@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tdaysog@alamedaca.gov).

**PUB Meeting Canceled**

The regular meeting of the Public Utilities Board set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, has been canceled. The next regular Public Utilities Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave.

**Local to Head Up State Child Advocacy Firm**

The California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA), a private, nonprofit organization that provides training and support to 44 Court Appointed Special Advocate programs across the state, has appointed Alameda resident John L. Lipp the organization's new chief executive officer.

Lipp began his tenure Aug. 1.

"It is an honor to serve as the next CEO for CASA and to join hands with the thousands of Californians who work tirelessly as both volunteers and staff to advocate for the rights of abused and neglected children and youth," said Lipp. "This is an incredible network of people who inspire with their compassion, selflessness, and commitment to the vision that one day a CASA volunteer will serve every child who needs one."

Based in Oakland CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that works to ensure that foster children in California have both a voice in Juvenile Dependency Court and the services, resources and support they need.

For more information visit [www.californiacasa.org](http://www.californiacasa.org).

**Free Fencing Demo Saturday**

Alameda's resident fencing club will demonstrate the duelling skills of Maestro Harold Hayes' outstanding students this Saturday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event at the Pacific Fencing Club at 2329 Santa Clara Ave. For more information, call 814-1800.



Courtesy photo  
John Lipp

## Election Slate Shaping Up

Ekene Ikeme

The General Election ballot is set, and Alameda voters will be determining a host of issues in November. Along with voting for the next U.S. President, Alameda voters will elect two city councilmembers, a city auditor, treasurer, school board members and decide on two city ordinance issues.

Tony Daysog and Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft are seeking re-election to their City Council seats. Daysog served on the Alameda City Council between 1996 and 2006, prior to returning to the council in 2012. Daysog has served on several Alameda committees including the Alameda Re-use and Redevelopment Authority, Alameda's Economic Development Commission and Alameda's Fiscal Sustainability Committee.

Ashcraft has been on the council since 2012. She served on the Planning Board and the Economic Development Commission prior to joining the council.

Three candidates will be seeking to replace them on the council. Former councilmember Lena Tam is seeking to take back one of the council seats. She served on the council from 2006 to 2014. She is also a former Alameda vice mayor. She is currently a licensed civil engineer for the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

The other two prospective candidates are new to politics. Jennifer Roloff has a degree in urban studies and planning from UC San Diego. Roloff has spent time recently in community service. She joined a local Alameda group to raise funds for Children's Hospital and served as vice president of fundraising on the Franklin School PTA.

Malia Vella is a labor and employment law attorney. She earned her law degree from Santa Clara University. She is a member of the Historical Advisory Board and the Alameda Family Services League.

Alameda City Auditor Kevin Kearney is seeking re-election in November. He has served as the city auditor since 1991. Kearney has a certified public accounting business in Alameda. He is being challenged by Mike McMahon. McMahon served on the Alameda school board for 12 years until 2014. He was also a board member of Girls Inc. of the Island City. He has an accounting degree from Cal State East Bay.

Like Kearney, Kevin Kennedy has also had a long tenure in his role of public office in Alameda. He has been the city treasurer for 16 years. He is seeking re-election, while Jeff

Bratzler is trying to take his place. Kennedy is a certified financial planner with his own firm, Kevin Kennedy LLC, in Alameda. Bratzler is also a certified financial planner at BCN Financial in Alameda.

Alameda voters will vote on three measures involving two topics. First, Measure K1 will determine whether the city will amend its charter to reaffirm the continuous annual transfer of approximately \$3.7 million from Alameda Municipal Power to the city, adjust future transfer amounts for inflation and modernize the existing Utility Users Tax ordinance to reflect new and evolving technologies so all taxpayers are treated equally regardless of technology. The funds are used to pay for police, fire, parks, library and other essential services.

Measure L1 and M1 deal with Alameda's rising rent crisis. A yes vote for Measure L1 will formally adopt the city's Rent Stabilization Ordinance, which limits residential rent increases to once annually, requires mediation for all residential rent increases above 5 percent including binding decisions on rent increases for most rental units, restricts reasons for "no fault" evictions, requires landlords to pay relocation fees when terminating certain tenancies and permits the City Council to amend the ordinance to address changing concerns and conditions.

A yes vote for M1 will amend the City Charter and adopt the Alameda Renter Coalition-backed "Alameda Renter Protection and Community Stabilization Charter Amendment." This amendment would limit annual residential rent increases for certain units to 65 percent of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, create an elected Rent Control Board separate from the city with authority to hire staff, impose fees on landlords for program funding and assess penalties, limit the reasons for terminating tenancies and require rental property owners to pay relocation fees to tenants when terminating certain tenancies. Each measure needs one more than 50 percent of the vote to pass.

Three of the five school board seats are available. The six candidates are incumbent Gray Harris, former superintendent Ardella Dailey, attorney Dennis Popalardo, Matt Hettich, Alameda Education Foundation board member Anne McKereghan and law judge Jennifer Williams.

To register to vote or other election information, visit [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov).



Junlin "William" Chen

The DragonFlyers take a moment to build camaraderie and confidence with a huddle just prior to heading out for a practice session.

## DragonFlyers Keep Flying High

Junlin "William" Chen

"Paddles ready!" was the command. We all held our paddles to the side, ready to move the boat forward.

On Aug. 13 and 14, I had the opportunity to practice with, and then watch, our local dragon boat racing team, the Alameda DragonFlyers, in action. The practice session took place on the Oakland Estuary near Bridge-side Shopping Center; the race was held on Lake Merritt.

I met many enthusiastic and welcoming team members, including Carol Beaver, the team's captain and founder, and Corinne Spingarn, my paddling instructor.

I first noticed that a positive attitude is an essential element of the team. After each race, every member is highly supportive of one another's performance. Beaver said the DragonFlyers promote "fun, fitness, and friendship" to all members and are "a recreational team with a competitive edge."

Spingarn, who has been a member of the team since 2004, said that she "likes the friendly, welcoming and inclusive environment." She also said that she "loves being on the water and the camaraderie of a team sport. It's a great workout."

Practicing with them was a great experience. Since I knew little about dragon boat racing, it was an excellent opportunity to learn more about the sport and the team.

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