



# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM of LOCAL HISTORY

*Established in 1995 – Preserving the history of Fremont, Newark and Union City*

## Summer Newsletter June – September 2018

### President's Message

Hello, happy summer, and thank you for once again picking up a copy of our museum newsletter. We've had a busy spring here at the museum, and we're looking forward to what is next, as the events and activities just keep coming.

We were recently voted Best Museum in Fremont in the 2018 Best of Fremont survey. This is our third year in a row winning this honor. Thank you if you voted for us! Additionally, we just wrapped up our 2017-18 year as we celebrated our work and accomplishments at the annual volunteer, donor, and member recognition luncheon. What a fun event that was!

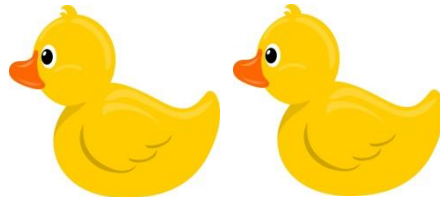
For the summer, we have three more walking tours planned for you, in Newark, Decoto and Centerville. Please join us for one or all of these fun tours, where you can exercise and learn the history of your town. We also have a new display called "Noteworthy Newark". Stop in at the museum and learn all about what makes Newark unique. You may also spot us in the Fremont 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. This year we are bringing out one of our turn of the century carriages. Join us as we walk, or cheer us on from the sidelines. Either way, Happy Independence Day!

Read on to learn more about what we've been up to, what we're planning for the upcoming months, and how you too can help become a part of the local history community.

*Kelsey Camello*  
**President**

### Ducks 4 Bucks 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated and/or donated to the Ducks 4 Bucks effort! 4,470 rubber ducks swam in the race, held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The museum was able to raise \$585.00, all of which went toward our continued archiving efforts. Additionally, one of the ducks sold by the museum was fished out and won a prize. Congratulations to Tom Coroneos who won a \$250.00 car detailing package from T.G.I.F. Body



Shop. We look forward to participating in this great, community-minded event again next year!



### Board Members

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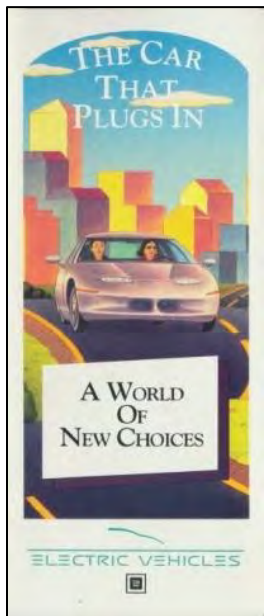
## Additions to Collections



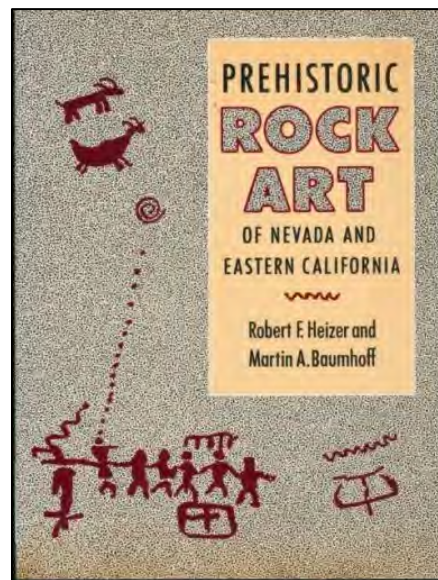
**Cargill Inc.** donated a digital photo of Leslie Salt baseball team members, 1934.



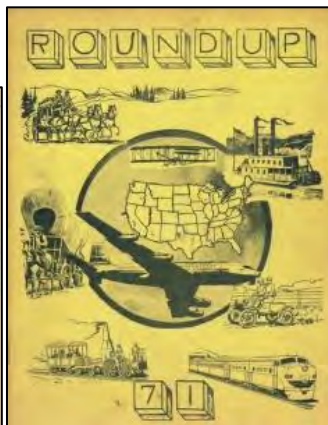
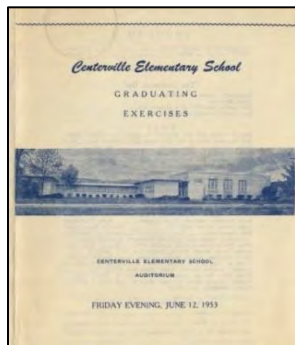
**Janet Barton** donated a W.S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Co. Brick.



**Jeff Russell** donated information related to General Motors, including an Oakland Tribune featuring the Fremont plan dedication, 1964.



**Michael Fisher** donated various items, including books and manuscripts that had belonged to his father Dr. Robert Fisher, one of the founders of the museum.



**Jeff Buk** donated two yearbooks (The Roundup) from Centerville Junior High, 1966 & 1971, as well as two graduation booklets from Centerville Elementary, 1953 & 1955.



**Joan Butler and the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation** donated a framed picture of the Palmdale Estate, palm lined driveway, 1914.





**Susan Cummings** donated items related to Burdette Williams and the Carriage House (at Fremont Hub), including photographs, correspondence and newspapers.



**Mary Lang and the Candle Lighters** donated a binder of the history of the Pacific State Steel Corporation in Union City, as well as two Candle Lighters scrapbooks, 1974-1978 and 1979-1987.



**Patty McCloy and the Sisters of the Holy Family** donated digital files of research concerning the Mission San Jose area, including ownership records of the Palmdale Estate.



**Penny & Warren Stewart** donated two 1911 paintings by Elda Cutler, as well as two photographs and four booklets related to Curtner Seminary, 1897-1898.



**Our Virtual Museum --** Thanks to the generous people at Niles Rotary, we are continuing to work on our "virtual museum", which will be a selection of our extensive photo collection available online to anyone with internet access. We are actively working on getting this set up and operational. Our immediate goal is to represent each of the original eight towns of Washington Township. Please look for more information on this in the coming months!

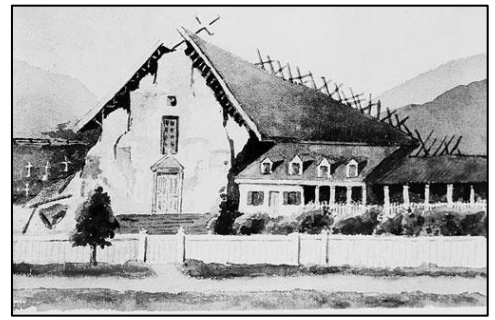


### **Mission San Jose Benches become part of Museum Garden**

The museum recently received two wooden benches (pews) from the Bringhurst Family. They were originally from the old wooden Mission Church. Later they were kept on the porch of the Rix House. Now they are a part of our museum garden, thanks to the hard work of the garden crew (Tri-City Ecology Center). Stop by sometime and take a seat on a piece of history.

## Hayward Fault: 150th Anniversary of Great Quake (1868)

Math Science Nucleus and the City of Fremont are working together on commemorative events for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1868 earthquake. This earthquake devastated the town of Hayward. It also destroyed the original Mission San Jose adobe church and many nearby buildings. The west wing, which housed the convent, remained standing. It contains the present Mission San Jose Museum.



We are hoping to get involved in this year's events with our photo collection.

We will keep you informed on that as we move forward. In the meantime, if you have an interest in geology or plate tectonics, especially concerning our local area, you may wish to be a participant in the upcoming fault awareness event on 10/21/18 at Central Park.

Math Science Nucleus is looking for planning committee members, docents and volunteers for the day of the event. Planning has begun and your ideas and support would be more than welcome! If you are interested in being a docent or volunteering in other ways, please contact Kathy Kimberlin, event coordinator.

You can reach her at 510-552-0221 or [kimberlin@msnucleus.org](mailto:kimberlin@msnucleus.org).

The focus for the events is SCIENCE – HISTORY – PREPAREDNESS. Find more information at [http://www.msnucleus.org/haywardfault/150\\_hayward.html](http://www.msnucleus.org/haywardfault/150_hayward.html).

## 2018 Historic Walking Tours

*All tours are free to the public. Suggested donation is \$5.00/person.*

### JULY



SAT 7/14: Newark - 11am - Meet at the corner of Thornton and Ash Streets in front of Watkins Hall, led by Anthony Guzman.

### AUGUST



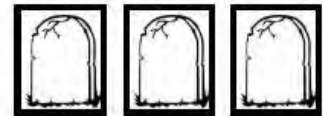
SAT 8/18: Decoto Bike Tour - 11am - Meet in the parking lot of Dry Creek/ Pioneer Regional Park, located at the end of May Road (near Whipple and Mission Blvd) in Union City, led by Tim Swenson.

### SEPTEMBER



SAT 9/15: Centerville - 11am - Meet in front of Holy Spirit Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd in Fremont, led by Tim Swenson.

### NOVEMBER



SAT 11/3: Cemetery Tour - 11am - Stay tuned for location & leaders!





**ALVARADO**



**NILES**



## Spring Walking Tours

We have wrapped up our spring walking tours and moved right into summer!

At our Alvarado Walking Tour in April, 12 people came out to learn the history of one of the two towns that became Union City. Thank you to Tim Swenson for leading that tour.

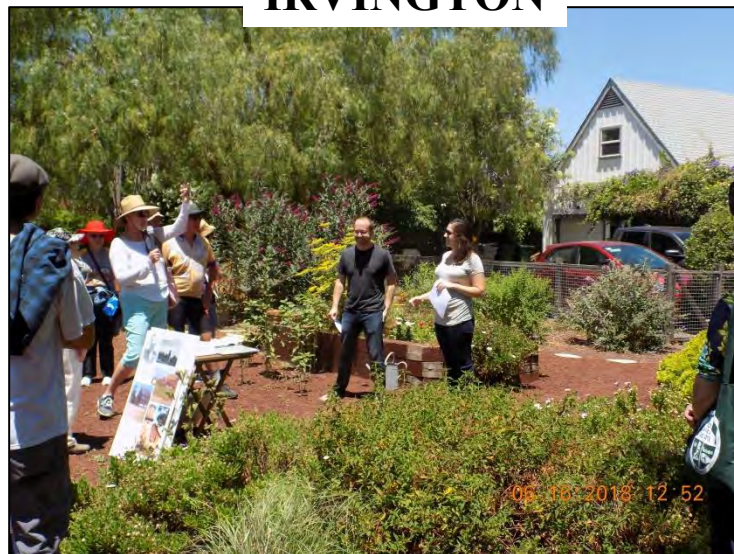
Then, in May, the Essanay Silent Film Museum paired with us to conduct a walking tour of Niles. Thanks to David and Rena Kiehn for putting on the tour. There were 45 attendees.

Finally, at our Irvington Walking Tour in June, Caroline Harris hosted 55 people who came out to learn the long and exciting history of this area in south Fremont.

We hope you will join us in Newark in July, in Decoto in August, and in Centerville in September!



**IRVINGTON**





## Archiving Boost in Funds – Fisher Family & Kiwanis D4B

We've put some renewed effort into bumping up the size of our archiving fund, and thanks to our participation in the Ducks 4 Bucks fundraiser (thank you to all who donated on our behalf) and the generous gifts of Roberta and Patrick Fisher, we are looking well into the future of continued weekly archiving. Thank you!!



## Tri-Cities Society of Model Engineers Open House

The train guys at the Niles Depot will be holding their 7th annual open house on Saturday and Sunday June 23rd and 24th. Both the N scale layout in the Niles Depot and the HO scale layout in the adjoining freight depot will be open from 10AM-5PM on Saturday and 10AM-4PM on Sunday. They've made a lot of progress in the last year - on the HO side, their Niles Canyon scenery is pretty much finished, and their scratch-built downtown Niles in the 60s/70s is about 90% done. Stop in and enjoy some model railroad fun!

## California State Library and Our Museum

The museum continues to work with the California State Library on the California Revealed Project, which is an annual grant process we have become a part of. Each year we submit items for online digitization, making parts of our small museum and archives accessible to the entire world via the internet. In 2016-17 we submitted several audio and video files. For the 2017-18 year we submitted various paper based materials, such as journals, yearbooks, and newspapers. Patricia Schaffarczyk took a special trip to Sacramento to drop off our materials (pictured here). All of our archival materials will be digitized and returned to us. This is very exciting! Look for an update on how YOU can view these materials online in the coming months.



## Spotlight on the Adobe -- News from the Rancho

The museum continues to make improvements at Rancho Higuera Historical Park, thanks to our hardworking museum volunteers as well as volunteers from Mission San Jose Rotary. New base rock was recently spread across the long driveway, and a brand new shed was installed. The prep for the shed was done by museum and Rotary volunteers, while the actual shed was donated by Candle Lighters. What a gift! We are so thankful to continue to be caretakers for this beautiful park, a hidden gem in Fremont.





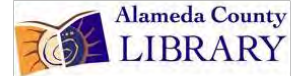


## Noteworthy Newark, a new display

You are invited to stop by the museum sometime during open hours to view our new, temporary display. Learn all about what makes Newark unique and interesting! The exhibit will be up through the end of August.

## Elizabeth Lowrie now at Irvington Library

The museum's spring display on Elizabeth Lowrie, one of Irvington's first librarians has now been permanently moved to the Alameda County Library Irvington Branch. Please stop in sometime on their open day and learn about Miss Lowrie and her pioneering family. Special thanks to Becky Braselton for extending the life of this great display!

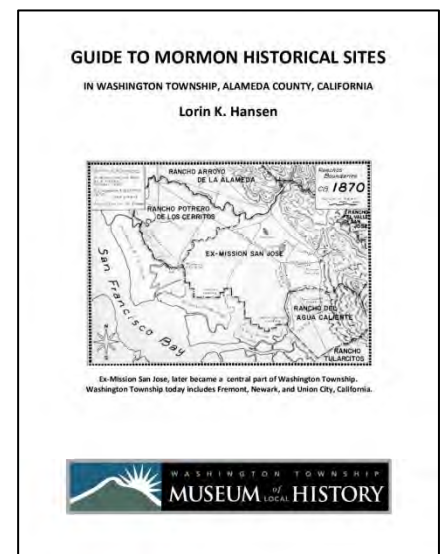


## Book launch and discussion of local Mormon historic sites

Join us at the Fremont Main Library on Monday, July 23rd at 7pm as we discuss and learn about a new, well-documented publication authored by Lorin Hansen entitled, Guide to Mormon Historical Sites in Washington Township.

The story of the Mormon settlement of the Tri-city Area (Washington Township) begins with the arrival of the ship Brooklyn at Yerba Buena. In his booklet, Lorin Hansen identifies specific local landmarks, gives the history of individual families, and includes then-and-now photographs of many sites. Come and be a part of the discussion and photographic journey through these important historical landmarks!

Copies of the booklet will be available for purchase at the event, which is co-sponsored by the museum and the Washington Township Historical Society.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Day on the Rancho

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day at the park, with amazing entertainment by students from Schilling Elementary School, who performed traditional Mexican folklorico dances. Guests enjoyed authentic Mexican food, settler crafts, and a collection of spurs and leggings belonging to Rattlesnake Roger. Special thanks go out to Mike DeUnamuno and his student Puente group from Ohlone College who helped the prior weekend to clean up the grounds and adobe. We hope to see more of you at this event next year. It's always a good time on the rancho!







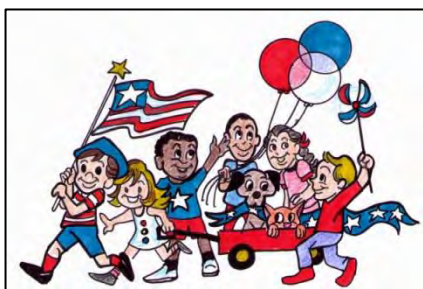
### Plein Air at the Rancho

On April 2nd, artists converged at Rancho Higuera Historical Park to paint visions from the park and hills. The “paint out” featured plein air painters from throughout the Bay Area, including painters from the Los Gatos Art

Association. Plein air is derived from the French term for painting outside, and Rancho Higuera Park was the perfect setting for doing so. We opened this event to the public and had some walk up painters join us for the day. What a treat! This event is sure to become an annual addition to our spring calendar.

### Annual Volunteer, Donor, Member Recognition Lunch

A fun and informative event inside the Swiss Park Hall in Newark was enjoyed by many on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We had about 50 people join us for a presentation on museum activities from the last year, paired with a great potluck lunch and a raffle that blew everyone’s minds. Big thanks to those who made raffle baskets, the planning committee for the event, and everyone who attended and brought food to share. If you were not able to make it, please consider joining us next year. This event is a great opportunity to meet other like-minded folks who love to talk local history!



### Fremont 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Look for us in this year’s parade down Paseo Padre as we participate for the second year in a row. We’ll be decked out in red, white and blue and we’re bringing along one of our carriages from the 1890s. Call the museum if you’d like to join in. We hope to see you there!

### 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Niles Antique Faire & Flea Market

Save the date: August 26<sup>th</sup>, when the museum will be participating in the Niles Flea Market for the second year in a row. We will be selling goods out of a residence in Niles. Call the museum at 510-623-7907 or email Patricia Schaffarczyk at [collections@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:collections@museumoflocalhistory.org) if you’d like to volunteer at this event.







## Candle Lighters 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The museum is working with the Candle Lighters and the Washington Township Historical Society on celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Candle Lighters. Candle Lighters Historian Mary Lange is working hard at scanning two of their large scrapbooks for us, which is very exciting! Look for more info on all of this in our next newsletter.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

*Can you or someone you know help?*

*We are currently in need of the following:*

- tour guides and docents for adult and student tours (museum and adobe)
- researchers for various projects
- collections and archiving help
- technical help / IT specialists



Ohlone Puente Students at the Adobe Work Day!

  
**We're Searching for Volunteers**  
- a membership chairperson

*Guide to Mormon Historical Sites in Washington Township, Alameda County, California* by Lorin K. Hansen



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**Monday**

**July 23, 7 p.m.**

**Fremont Main Library**

**2400 Stevenson Blvd.**

**Fremont, CA**

**Book launch & discussion**

Join the Washington Township Historical Society and Washington Museum of Local History to discuss and learn about Lorin Hansen's new *Guide to Mormon Historical Sites*. The booklet will be available for purchase.

Phone 510-745-1401 or TDD 888-663-0660

The library is wheelchair accessible.

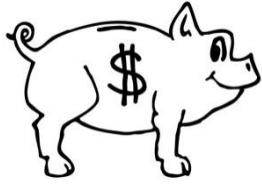
An ASL interpreter will be provided for this program if requested at least 7 days in advance.



**all library programs are FREE**  
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## Ways to Donate



Wondering how you can donate to the museum?

**1** Donations can be made with money, by becoming a member, increasing your membership contribution, gifting a membership to friends or family members, by giving a general donation, or by donating to a specific project.

**2** Donations can also be made in-kind, by giving items to the museum. These items can be either historical, or useful for the day to day operation of the museum.

**3** A third way of donating is by giving time, energy, and skills – volunteering! We can always use another helping hand.

**4** Finally, the newest way that you can give to the museum is by donating appreciated securities. If you already use Vanguard for your investments, Vanguard offers a form to accomplish this. If you use someone else, a letter of authorization should be sent to your broker with a request to send a specific number of shares (must exceed \$1,000 in value) to: Museum of Local History Guild, EIN 94-3230552, Account # 51670697 - Vanguard Group, PO Box 1103, Valley Forge, PA 19482-1103.

**Interested in donating to or establishing  
a fund in memory of a loved one?  
Contact the museum today!**

Currently established memorial funds:

*Randy Power Fund  
Lionel Goularte Fund  
Eilif Andersen Fund  
Regena Dennie Fund*

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Save your taxes and money by donating appreciated stock to the Washington Township Museum of Local History!

You can now give appreciated stock to the WTMLH which you have held for more than one year and you may take a charitable tax deduction for the market value of the stock. Neither you nor the WTMLH have to pay capital gains taxes when the tax is sold!

- The combination can result in a bigger deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a bigger gift for the museum.

- This is a tax planning tool derived from the IRS general rule that the deduction for a donation of “property” is equal to the fair market value of the donated “property”. What the stocks have gained in value, the donor does not have to recognize the gain.

- This allows you to double up on your donation to the WTMLH by a charitable deduction and avoid tax on the appreciation in value of the stock.

- Your tax advisor is your best source for information on how you, personally, may benefit from this gift of appreciated stock to the museum.

If you are interested in receiving an easy to use form to be taken to donate your appreciated stock, contact the museum at [info@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:info@museumoflocalhistory.org). Questions? Call Harry Avila at 510-409-0124!



**T-shirts for sale  
- \$10 each. Call  
the museum if  
interested!**



# Pacific Bus Museum

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 19, 2018

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## FREE ADMISSION

=== OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ===

Many Antique & Modern Buses on Display,  
Climb in and experience the way it was!



### FLEA MARKET

Many antique bus items available

### BUS BARBEQUE

Your choice of:

Hamburger or Cheeseburger or Chicken Breast.

Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Green Salad

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Adults: \$10<sup>00</sup> - Kids (12 and under): \$7<sup>00</sup>

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## New Members and Renewals

*Thank you to all of our members who are paid up through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018!*

*If you do not see your name here, please pay your dues as soon as you can.*

Membership is one of the best ways to support the museum. Members make it possible for curious people throughout Fremont, Newark and Union City to explore their shared history. They help provide hands-on educational programs for schoolchildren and lifelong learners, purchase necessary supplies, produce new displays, and preserve our archives. Members give the whole community a gift that connects people to history and culture. Thank you for considering investing in the historic hub of the Tri-City Area.

Irene Andersen  
Urvan and Janet Anderson  
Linda Anderson  
Steve & Beth Armstrong  
Joan & John Ashton  
Harry Avila  
Tony Avila  
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Shirley Lancaster  
Diane Gomes Leys  
James B Link  
Mary Ann Loeswick  
Gordon & Anne MacLeod  
Elizabeth Macris  
Siv S. Mahanty  
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Jane & Doug Mueller & Ford

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Marilyn Wall  
John Weed  
James Westfall  
Scott & Becky Whitaker  
Debra Witter  
Ellen Woods  
Jim Wright  
Michi Yee  
Roland Zoller &  
Madeline Williams-Zoller





### **June 2018**

- SAT 6/16: Irvington Walking Tour - 11am – Meet at the Irvington Monument at Five Corners – Caroline Harris to lead
- TUES 6/05: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- DISPLAY May 1 – July 31 – Noteworthy Newark

### **July 2018**

- MON 7/02: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- WED 7/04: Fremont 4th of July Parade
- SAT 7/15: Newark Walking Tour – 11am – Meet at the corner of Thornton and Ash Streets in front of Watkins Hall – Anthony Guzman to lead
- MON 7/16: Bunkmates Meeting – 7pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- MON 7/23: WTHS Meeting / Museum Event - Book release and discussion of: *Guide to Mormon Historical Sites in Washington Township, Alameda County, California* by Lorin Hansen - 7pm at Fremont Main Library
- DISPLAY May 1 – July 31 – Noteworthy Newark

### **August 2018**

- TUES 8/07: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- SAT 8/18: Decoto Bike Tour – 11am – Meet in the parking lot of Dry Creek/Pioneer Regional Park, located at the end of May Road (near Whipple and Mission Blvd). – Tim Swenson to lead
- SUN 8/19: Pacific Bus Museum Open House - 11am – 3pm – 37974 Shinn Street in Fremont
- SUN 8/26: Garage Sale at Niles Antique Fair & Flea Market – all day in Niles

### **September 2018**

- TUES 9/04: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- SAT 9/15: Centerville Walking Tour – 11am – Meet in front of Holy Spirit Church on Fremont Blvd. – Tim Swenson to lead
- SUN 9/23: Newark Days Info Faire - 12 - 4pm - Cedar Blvd
- MON 9/24: WTHS Meeting - 715pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.

If you have something you would like to run in our next newsletter, please note the deadline for submissions is 8/22/18.

The next newsletter will run in early September and will cover the months of September - December 2018.

Send submissions to [membership@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:membership@museumoflocalhistory.org).



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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Washington Township Museum of Local  
History* and mail to 190 Anza Street,  
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*Yes, I want to renew or become a member!*

- |                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Senior Couple       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20    |
| Regular             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35    |
| Family              | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40    |
| Trailblazer         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50    |
| Pathfinder          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100   |
| Business Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300   |
| Pioneer Patron      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500   |
| Lifetime            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 |

*Yes, I would also like to donate  
to a special fund:* \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of fund)

Donation amount ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Contribution ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_