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## SPRAWL DEVELOPMENT THREATENS EAST DUBLIN

Doolan Canyon, a gorgeous expanse of open space between Dublin and Livermore that serves as critical wildlife habitat and ranchland, is at risk. Sprawl developers are pressuring the City of Dublin to approve a 2,000-unit housing development in the middle of this rural landscape.

But there's hope.

Local environmental leaders—with support from groups like Greenbelt Alliance, the Sierra Club, and Save Mount Diablo—have drafted an initiative that would establish an urban growth boundary on Dublin's eastern border.

:: HOW I CAN HELP ::

## BRENTWOOD GENERAL PLAN PUTS PRESSURE ON FARMS

The Bay Area loves chowing down on local food. Yet pressure to

pave over our farms and ranches still exists, espcially in Brentwood, east Contra Costa County's agricultural gem.

Greenbelt Alliance recently organized a public response to the City of Brentwood's proposed General Plan update, and as a result, the worst proposals for sprawl were quickly removed.

However, threats to the livelihood of farmers like Tom Bloomfield—owner of Bloomfield Cherries and grower of wine grapes, alfalfa, and of course cherries—remain.

:: MORE ON BRENTWOOD ::

## THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN SANTA ROSA

The City of Santa Rosa is one of many communities currently in the process of updating their Housing Element—an important part of the city's General Plan that directs how housing will be developed over the next eight years.

Greenbelt Alliance is focused on ensuring the Housing Element accommodates a variety of housing types and household income levels.

:: MORE ON SANTA ROSA ::

## MILL VALLEY DOGGY WALK

Join us for this canine favorite—a hilly, mostly off-road, 5-mile loop in Mill Valley. Along the way, we, and our four-legged best friends, will make a stop at Fernwood Cemetery (no digging here!).

A leash will be required for parts of this hike. Dogs will be instructed to keep their humans on good behavior.

### WINTER OUTINGS

**FEB 22**: Exploring Berkeley

**FEB 23**: Mt. Tam's Winter Wonderland

**MAR 2**: Mt. Diablo: After the fire

**MAR 8**: Mill Valley Doggy Walk

**MAR 8**: Cycling San Jose

**MAR 23**: Suñol Saunter

**MAR 29**: Tri-Valley Ride

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### EMPOWERING LATINO PARENTS IN SAN JOSE

One of Greenbelt Alliance's goals for urban

### OAKLAND MAGAZINE: RE-OCCUPY OAKLAND

This article explores how businesses, developers,

village planning in San Jose has been to better engage the city's Latino population in the process.

**:: READ HOW ::**

advocates such as our very own Joel Devalcourt, and others are revitalizing the Broadway corridor.

**:: MORE ON OAKLAND ::**

**JOIN US ON CLIMATE RIDE 2014**

This May, Team Greenbelt Alliance will embark on a 4-day, 250-mile charitable cycling adventure from San Francisco, through wine country, to the steps of the State Capitol. And we want you to join our team!

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

How a history of suburban sprawl and a little bit of snow paralyzed Atlanta

This Saturday: Join us in Palo Alto for TransForm's 2014 transportation summit

TransForm is also hosting an evening with parking guru Donald Shoup in March

Oakland, Hayward, and Livermore among top 12 cities with best complete streets policies

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