

A diverse and intergenerational up-and-coming Bay Area community to be located in Fremont, California



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## Fremont Recognized for Esteemed Schools

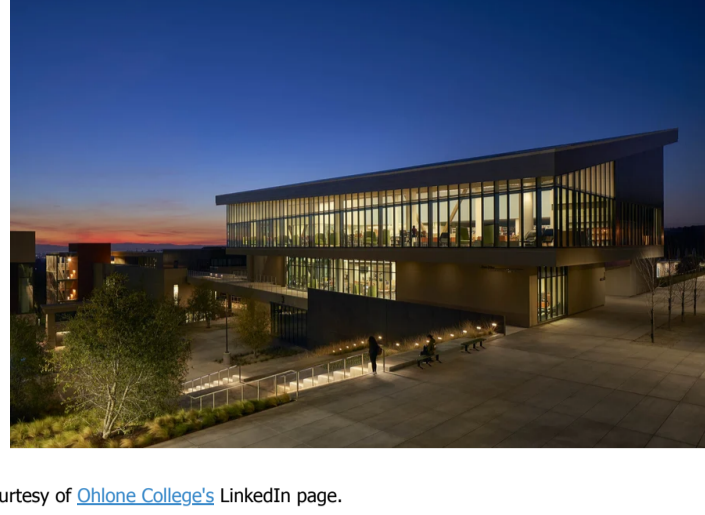


Photo Courtesy of [Ohlone College's](#) LinkedIn page.

Many families are drawn to Fremont for its fantastic public and private elementary, middle and high schools, but Fremont-based [Ohlone College](#) is not to be overlooked for its fantastic educational offerings.

Among the school's accolades\*:

- #3 Best Community Colleges in San Francisco Bay Area (out of 20)
- #6 Best Community Colleges in California (out of 113)
- #17 Best Community Colleges in America (out of 922!)

Congrats to this fabulous local college!

\*As determined by [niche.com](#)

## MPV Volunteers: All Aboard the Holiday Train

By MPV Member Donna

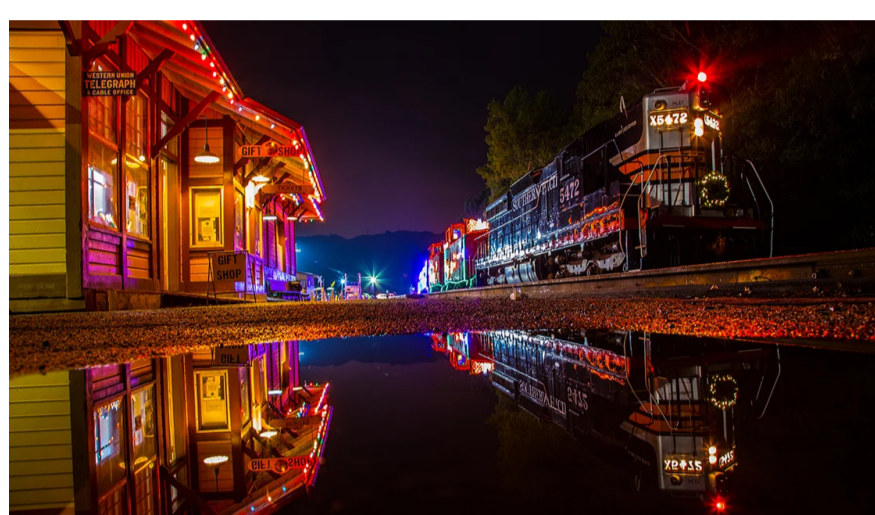


Photo Courtesy of Niles Canyon Railway ([ncry.org](#))

Fremont has many community events. One of my favorites is the annual "Train of Lights", operated by [Niles Canyon Railway](#). It runs every evening from late November through early January to celebrate the Christmas season. Tickets are hard to come by because it is so popular. This year, tickets went on sale on October 7th, and all tickets sold out in 3 hours! Last September, I became a volunteer because they need a LOT of Volunteers to keep this tradition going.

What a great decision that was! I had so much fun. A cadre of volunteers was immediately present. About half of the Riders were children. It was heartwarming and enjoyable to watch this unique experience through their eyes.

The train spans a distance of 1/4 of a mile from the engine to the caboose. All of the train cars are tastefully and delightfully decorated with Christmas lights, ornaments, animated miniature villages, and much more.

My "job" as a hostess was to give people cookies, snacks, and drinks (and directions to the bathroom) while giving them information about the trains if they were interested. I "worked" in the caboose, parlor car, and dome car. My favorite was the dome car (yes, it does have a dome in it for viewing beautiful scenery). Some of its history includes this: the entire Dome Car was sometimes rented by Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio for their trips from Chicago to Los Angeles. Because of this, the train would make an unscheduled stop in Pasadena to let Marilyn and Joe off the train so that the press could not "envelope" them.



Alternatively, up-and-coming actors and actresses would get in other cars so that when they arrived in Los Angeles, the press would be there (and give them free publicity).

This vintage railroad operates on and off year-round. Rides are one and a half hours long.

For more information, visit [NCRY.org](#)

**Does anyone want to volunteer with me again next year?**



### Learn About Mission Peak Village

**Thursday, Jan. 11, 6 pm**  
via Zoom

We invite you to join us for an online "Learn About," where we will share details of our project, such as timeline, projected home prices, and more. You'll have the opportunity to meet some of our community members and ask any burning questions about our group.

RSVP 1/11

### Tour Our Future Neighborhood

**Saturday, Jan. 20, 10:30 am**  
RSVP For Location

Get acquainted with the site of our future home and the surrounding neighborhood on our Neighborhood Walk.

Meeting place provided following registration.

RSVP 1/20

### Coffee & Conversation

**Sunday, Jan. 21, 2-3 pm**  
Jack's Brewing Co., 39176 Argonaut Way, Fremont

We're building cohousing in Fremont. Come hear about why we think cohousing fits in beautifully with our lively, welcoming hometown.

We get together to chat about cohousing and how it builds a sense of community. Come with questions if you have them! RSVP suggested.

RSVP 1/21

## Nutcracker Ballet: An Annual "Must-Do" in Fremont!



Photo Courtesy of Fremont Opera

There is so much to love about our City of Fremont, and one of our Members' favorite annual "must-do's" is a visit to the Smith Center for the Performing Arts at Ohlone College for Yoko's Academy of Dance & Performing Arts' annual production of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet.

Since 2005, the Academy has presented this classic ballet, which includes over 100 performers! The talent and performance never fail to awe audiences. Lavishly staged and costumed, this annual *Nutcracker* is a much-loved and anticipated community event. Their 2023 performance included local celebrities, including Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, and members of the Fremont City Council, who made cameo appearances as party guests. Former California State Senator Bob Wieckowski returned in his signature role as the mysterious magician Drosselmeier.

At all performances, a full professional symphony orchestra provides live music. David Sloss, Music Director of the Fremont Opera since its inception 2012 and Artistic Director of Fremont Opera, conducts the Fremont Opera Orchestra.

Mission Peak Village members Sandi & Dick Pantages have been involved with and supportive of Fremont Opera since its inception several years ago. Sandi serves on the Board of Directors for Fremont Opera, so there is a special connection to this wonderful event each year.

This production of the *Nutcracker* was originally choreographed eighteen years ago by Yoko Young, Fremont's beloved teacher and mentor, and a nationally recognized award-winning choreographer (as well as the founder of the Academy).

To learn more, [fremontopera.org](#) and [ydpaa.com](#).

## Curious About Cohousing?

### Become a Mission Peak Village Explorer!

When you become an Explorer, we throw open the doors for you! You have access to all of our meetings and social events. You will learn more about our mission and values, the status of the community's development and investment timeline, how to reserve a home and any other questions you may have. This is your opportunity to fully explore the value of living at Mission Peak Village!

[Contact us](#) for more information and to become an Explorer today!

Contact Us



## Questions about Mission Peak Village?

Call Kelli at **510-413-8446** or [email us](#) for more information.

