

Subject: MidPen Housing Proposal for 578 Green Valley Road
APN(s): 051-521-11

My response titled "Trip to Interlaken" written as a resident of this immediate area and responding to the above proposal.

Trip to Interlaken

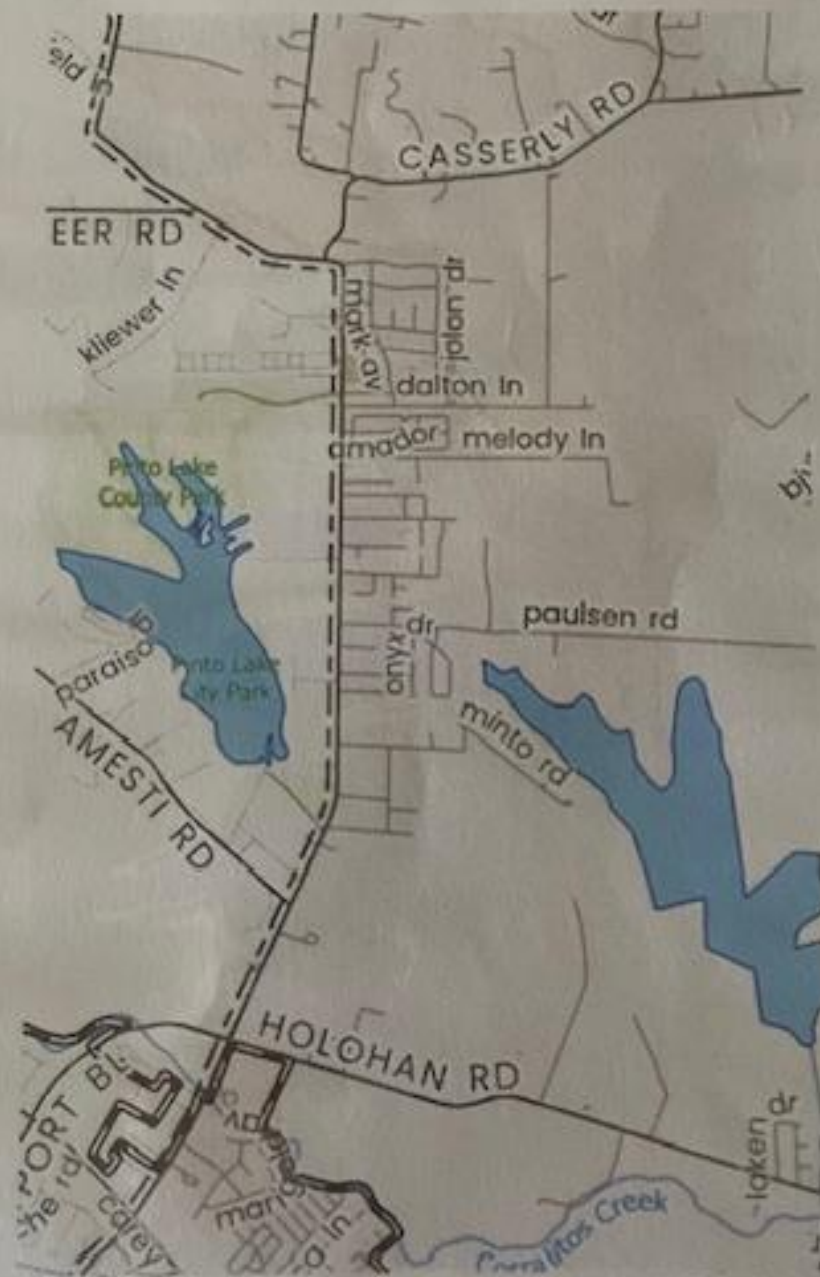
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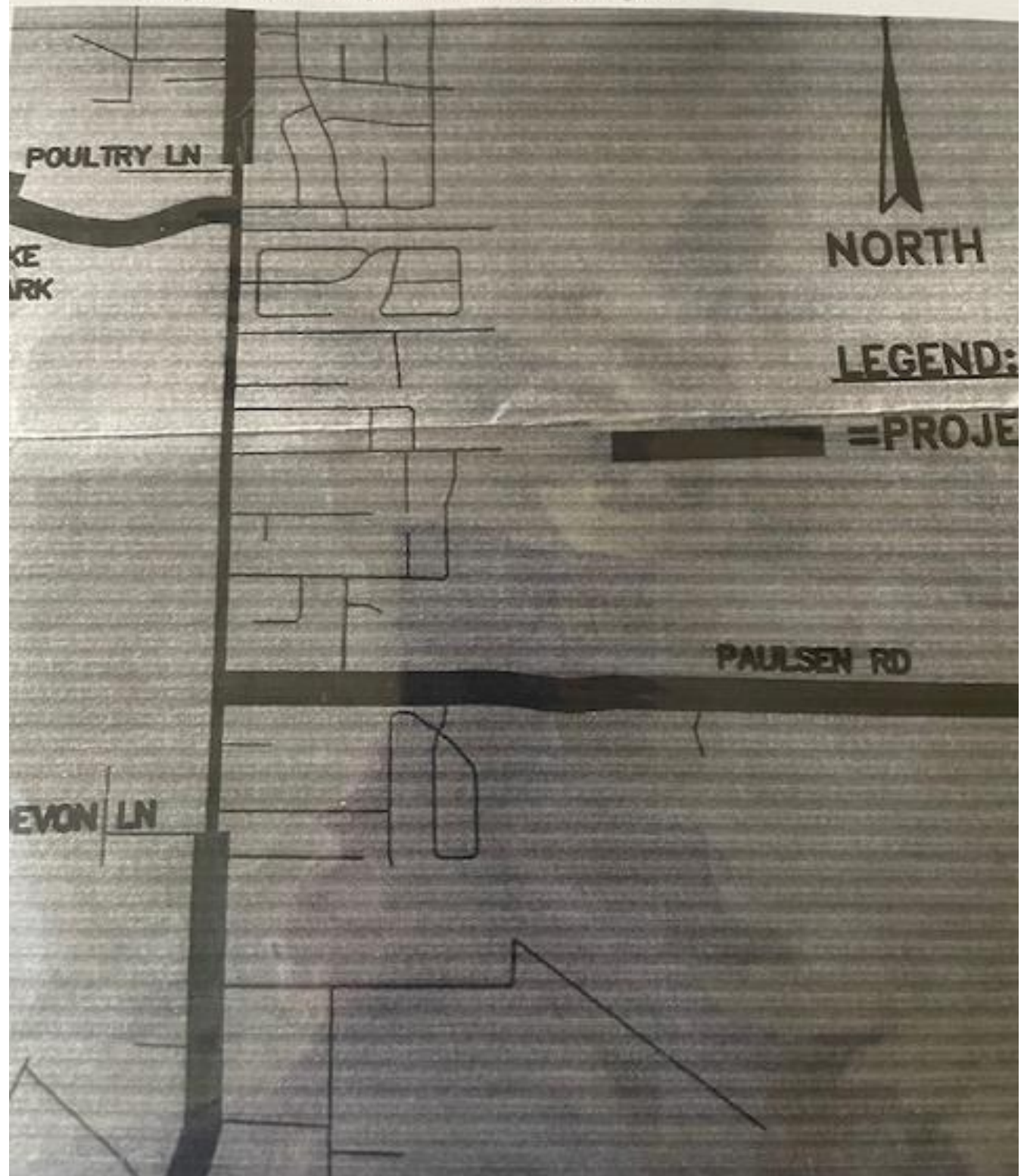
I want to take you on a trip to Interlaken and 578 Green Valley Road and the immediate surrounding area.

Below is a map of the area. I will be focusing on the area from Amesti Rd. proceeding north on Green Valley Rd. past Pinto Lake County Park. Green Valley is a 2-lane road in this area with inadequate shoulders and sidewalks in many areas. Notice that most of the roads to the east of GV dead end due to the terrain, creeks, lakes or ponds. Paulsen is frequently closed due to flooding and road inadequacies. Therefore, Green Valley is essential to residents, first responders and visitors.

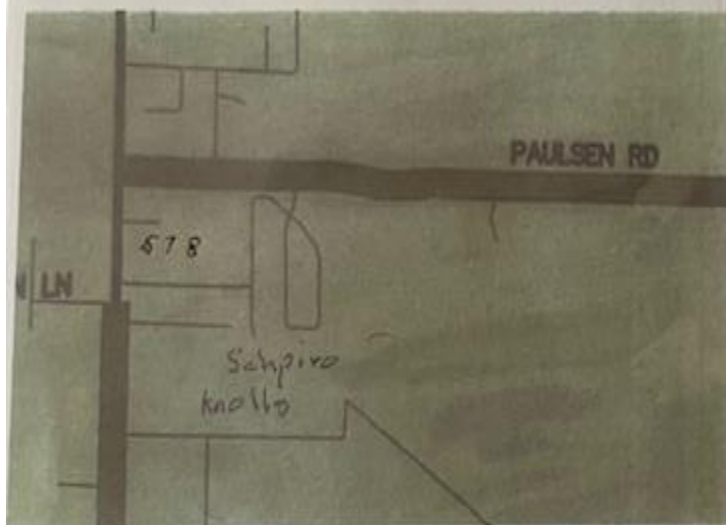
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Here is a closer look at the area. All housing between Pinto Lake City Park and Pinto Lake County Park are one- or two-story residential properties except for Schapiro Knolls apartments, a MidPen 3-story housing community on Minto Road. Many of us see this complex from surrounding streets, backyards or front porches. All affected by increased traffic and/or parking issues.



A closer look with an aerial photo of 578 property including neighboring houses and MidPen's Shapiro Knolls Community. Shapiro Knolls is in the lower right end of photo. It is approximately one tenth of a mile from the 578 property. I do not know if that is allowed by the Housing Element.



And now to Paulsen Rd which I prefer to call Roller Coaster Road or the Big Dipper. In my opinion, it is one of the most dangerous roads in the county due to the hills and multiple sudden deep dips. Visibility is compromised. In the photo on the left, it is difficult to see that the road has suddenly dipped. On the top right is College Lake which overflows seasonally covering areas of Paulsen. Paulsen is currently closed and over the years has been closed for extended periods of time. So, often, Green Valley is our only way out of this area. A local resident on this western end of Paulsen alerted me to the numerous accidents and speeding cars, some totaling autos parked on Paulsen.



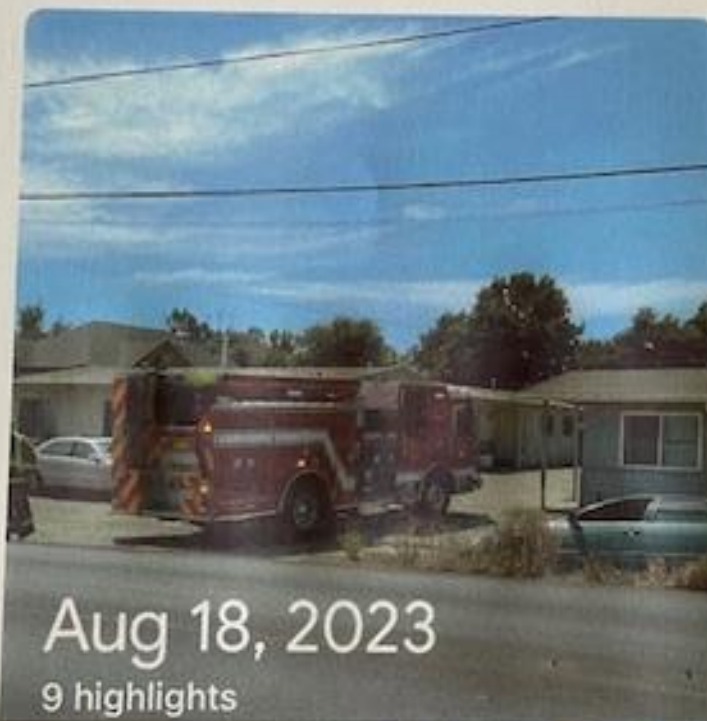


Returning to Green Valley Road: Top photo faces south: 578 Green Valley borders the left side of the photo between the 2 telephone poles. It is impossible to see due to traffic. Also, Uta Lane where I live, is blocked; and you can see a car at Cella waiting to enter Green Valley. Also notice the white truck heading east; like many his tires are on white line. Bottom photo faces north towards the stop light at Paulsen. Uta Lane on the front left of photo is blocked by oncoming traffic as the light is red at Paulsen. Frequently cars will leave a space so that a Uta Lane resident can exit and head south towards town. Major PROBLEM: WE CAN NOT SEE THE ONCOMING TRAFFIC from the north which is primarily cars from Paulsen who have gotten a green light to head south on Green Valley. At times I have had to exit to the north and drive to Pinto Lake County Park and turn around there in order to head south towards town. And this is now before another 100 to 150 more cars will be trying the same thing exiting from 578 Green Valley.



As a result of all the below and the current inadequacies of this two-lane section of Green Valley Road, all the accidents pictured ~~above~~ have happened directly across from 578 Green Valley Road! As pictured, there is NO shoulder. The white line borders the very edge of the road. The section where I exit Uta Lane heading towards town is about to cave in. When the one car did not actually go in the ditch, it hit the cars parked at these residences knocking one car through the new fence of the adjacent neighbor. Yes. That is 3 different cars in the ditch and one being Highway Patrol vehicle. Sirens are a common occurrence here. Thanks to my neighbor who lives adjacent to 578, she has phoned 911 and me if she is home when an accident occurs. We both have taken some of these photos. There was also an accident adjacent to 578 on the south side. The vehicle knocked over the bus stop bench and plowed through the corner residence destroying that fence and ending up in the back yard of residence.

Trip to Interlaken ...



So here we are. This photo was taken from Lita Lane. The green area is the 578 Green Valley property. The adjacent houses in photo are on Cella. Across from them towering above in the photo is MidPen's housing Community Schapiro Knolls. I see it clearly from my front porch here on Lita Lane one tenth of a mile north of Minto Rd. I don't understand how this is feasible, fair, or safe.



The grand finale: We are losing our environment, our beauty, our safety and making it increasingly difficult for our hardworking first responders.

And yes even the birds are leaving. There has always been a large amount of frogs, salamanders etc. on 578 and now it may be paved over entirely. And again that is MidPen's apartment complex already here in the background of photo. Will we still be The Pajaro Valley? And remember, outreach has to be done bilingually.

Thank you, Sherry White and Miguel Cocito on Lita Lane

