



The year 2021 in review. Start by relandscaping the backyard, ...





... so that I could keep in touch with friends and family in a Covid-safe outdoor setting.





Made a day-trip to SF, just to make sure that it was still there.





I flew to Houston to see my sister, and her daughter & granddaughter, ...





... and a son & grandkids, ...





... including the latest arrival.



A large, smooth, light-colored boulder is the central focus of the image. It is surrounded by a dense forest of evergreen trees, with some bare branches visible. In the foreground, a green rectangular sign is mounted on a wooden post. The sign has the word "Tamarack" in large white letters, and below it, in smaller white letters, "POP 9" and "ELEV 6,940".

**Tamarack**  
POP 9    ELEV 6,940

Lewis & Ginger went high up into the Sierras, ...





... where they bought a parcel of land.





It has no structures (yet), but it's great for sitting around a camp fire.





Liv's book-group and hiking friends got together, ...



*In Loving Memory*  
**LIV ALTERHUG AMES**  
December 5, 1947, Mo i Rana, Norway ~ September 1, 2020, San José, California  
Naturalist, Photographer and Volunteer Docent 2013-2019  
Liv touched many lives with her generous spirit and loved helping  
all Midpen visitors, especially children, discover the wonders of nature.



... and got a memorial bench in her honor at Skyline MidPen Open Space Preserve.





I joined in on the annual "Glenn Avenue Block Party", ...





Stroll  
THE ALAMEDA

... the annual "Stroll the Alameda" wine-walk, ...





... a number of the monthly (unofficial) "Bike Parties", ...





... and both of the (official) "Viva Calle" citywide street festivals.





Jules is growing up, ...





... but he still enjoys playing with his dad and his younger brother.





I went to Portland to visit my cousin Ardis.





And I visited a college friend, Gail.





Got a tour of the Columbia River Gorge, ...





... including fall colors ...





... and waterfalls.





Liv's friend Lucy (and family & friends) came to visit on the eve of el Dia de los Muertos, ...





... to remember Liv on "The Day of the Dead".





(Afterwards, we all carved pumpkins for Halloween.)





The Demon Tree catches another victim.





**And Don (in orange) and I prepare to greet over 1,000 trick-or-treaters.**





It gets dark earlier & the weather's turned colder, but w/ everyone well-vaxxed, the get-togethers can continue.





Christmas is less than a month away: time to start decorating!





And Micki says, "That's enough for one year! See you in 2022!"