

## ALAMEDA MUSEUMS

### 1 - Alameda Museum

2324 Alameda Ave, (510) 521-1233. [alamedamuseum.org](http://alamedamuseum.org)

Open Wed. - Sun. 1:30PM- 4PM, Saturdays 11AM - 4PM. Admission: Free

*Alameda Museum's mission is to catalog, conserve, and display documents, photographs, objects, and artifacts relating to the City of Alameda and its citizens. We foster the preparation and publication of materials relating to the history of the City while providing educational opportunities and experiences through lectures, exhibits, and the annual September Legacy Home Tour ([alameda-legacy-home-tour.org](http://alameda-legacy-home-tour.org))*

### 2 - Meyers House & Garden

2021 Alameda Ave, (510) 521-1247. [alamedamuseum.org/mhg](http://alamedamuseum.org/mhg)

Open 4th Saturday of the month, 1 - 4PM, gate closes @3:30PM. Admission: \$5.

*City of Alameda Monument #26, this exquisitely furnished 1897 home of renowned architect Henry H. Meyers and his family is filled with antique furniture, stunning decorative arts, and family items. The Fashion & Accessory Exhibit in basement features Meyers clothing, framed art, and a kitchen tableau. The Mediterranean style Studio / Office of Henry and architect daughter Mildred and the former 3-car garage with Architectural Exhibit are in the beautiful grounds that are part of three residential lots making up the estate. Trained docents provide guided tours and are frequently attired in period inspired dress. Reservations are required for groups of 8 or larger.*

### 3 - Naval Air Museum

2151 Ferry Point Rd, (510) 522-4262. [alamedanavalairmuseum.org](http://alamedanavalairmuseum.org)

*Alameda Naval Air Museum, in former Air Terminal Building #77 at Alameda Point, is dedicated to preserving photographs and stories of the war workers. From the build-up and support of the Pacific Fleet in WWII to subsequent decades of service during Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, the NAS Alameda base forever changed our city, the Bay Area, and the nation. Re-live the past in displays of aircraft models, safety gear, medals, uniforms, badges, awards, and photographs. The Crow's Nest is a great location for group meetings, presentations, or parties.*

### 4 - Pacific Pinball Museum

1510 Webster St, (510) 205-6959. [pacificpinball.org](http://pacificpinball.org)

*The Pacific Pinball Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of one of America's great pastimes. Spend the afternoon reliving your youth or showing your children what kind of entertainment you had as a kid! Games range from the 1950s to present day with one-of-a-kind art shows and exhibits in our facility. Play 85+ machines, all set on Free Play, no quarters needed, all for the price of admission. We are a great party or meeting location or can come to your site with Lil' Ju Ju, a self-contained mini pinball museum that contains six electromechanical pinball machines servicing up to 11 players at once.*

### 5 - USS Hornet Museum

707 W Hornet Ave, (510) 521-8448. [uss-hornet.org](http://uss-hornet.org)

*The Aircraft Carrier USS HORNET participated in two of the greatest events of the 20th century — World War II and the Apollo 11 manned space mission. Moored at historic Alameda Point, the USS HORNET Museum is a timeless memorial to those who defended our American values and pursued technological advancements. The eighth aircraft carrier of the American Navy, USS Hornet (CV-8), was the third and final member of the Yorktown class of ships, a pre-World War II vessel, her size fixed in accordance with naval treaties of the 1930s.*

### 6 - California Historical Radio Society

2152 Central Ave, (415) 203-2747. [californiahistoricalradio.com](http://californiahistoricalradio.com)

*The California Historical Radio Society (CHRS) is a non-profit educational organization founded in 1974 to promote the preservation, restoration, research and publication of early radio and broadcasting history. We are creating a unique West Coast center devoted to all things radio, as we celebrate the dramatic impact that radio had on our history and culture. Here, artifacts from the late 1800s through the 1970s are on display as reminders of the technology that shaped our modern communications.*

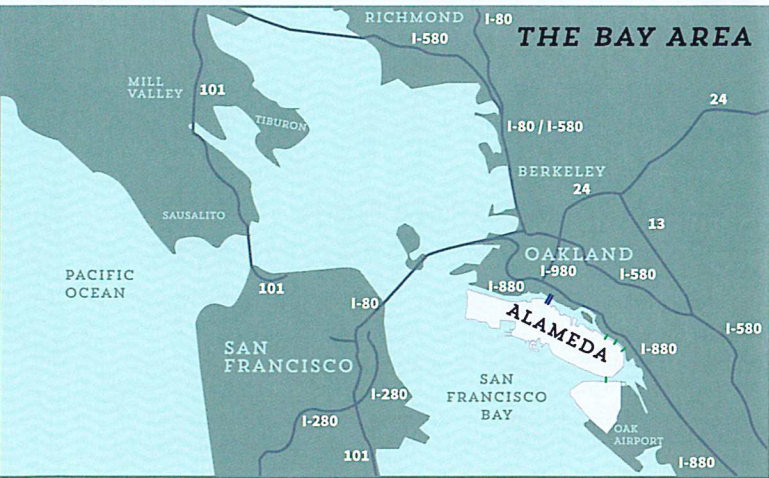
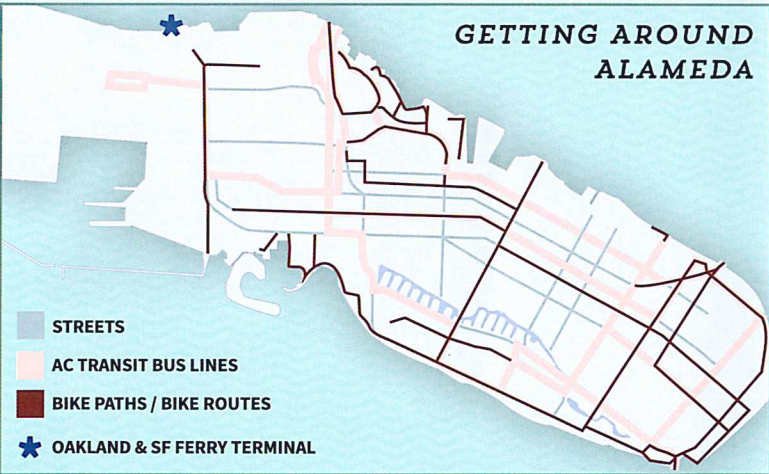
## ALAMEDA'S HISTORY

The island that Alameda occupies was originally a peninsula connected to Oakland Part of a Peralta Spanish land grant, the land was purchased and settled in 1851 by William Chipman and Gideon Aughinbaugh. The town originally contained three small settlements: Alameda referred to the village at Encinal and High Streets, Encinal was at the North Shore ferry and shipping terminal, and Woodstock was on the west near the ferry piers. When the City Charter was passed in 1872, the three villages were incorporated into one.

Alameda of the 19th century, like today, was a commuter town. Along the two railroad lines that ran the length through Alameda were train stations, either separate buildings, storefronts or ticket kiosks. All the stations are gone but one, at 500 Central Ave. Their former locations are heralded by station signs installed in 1976. Eventually, the Central Pacific RR's ferry pier became the Alameda Mole. In addition to regular trains running to the Alameda Mole, Alameda was also served by local steam commuter lines of the Southern Pacific RR (initially, the Central Pacific RR) which were later transformed into the East Bay electric lines. Soon after the completion of the Bay Bridge, Alameda trains ran directly to San Francisco on the lower deck of the bridge.

The need for expanded shipping facilities and improved sewage facilities led to the dredging of a canal through the marshland between Oakland and Alameda The canal took almost 30 years to complete, from 1874 to 1902, turning Alameda into an island. The area called Bay Farm Island is no longer an island, but is attached to Oakland by fill. In 1917, an attraction called Neptune Beach (often known as the Coney Island of the West) was built in the area now known as Crab Cove. The park was a major attraction until its closure in 1939. The vast majority of the park's structures, fittings and furnishings were auctioned off in 1940 for a fraction of their original cost.

In 1929, the San Francisco Airdrome was established as a public airport on University of California land located near the current Webster Street tube. In the 1930s, Pan American Airways established a seaplane port along the fill that led to the Alameda Mole, which was the original home base for the famous China Clipper flying boat. The Airdrome was closed in 1941 when its air traffic interfered with the newly built Naval Air Station Alameda, which was established with the advent of WW II. This major facility included a large airfield and docks for several aircraft carriers. It was decommissioned by the Navy in 1997 and the land returned to the City in 2013. It is now known as Alameda Point and is the focus of preservation efforts and new development.



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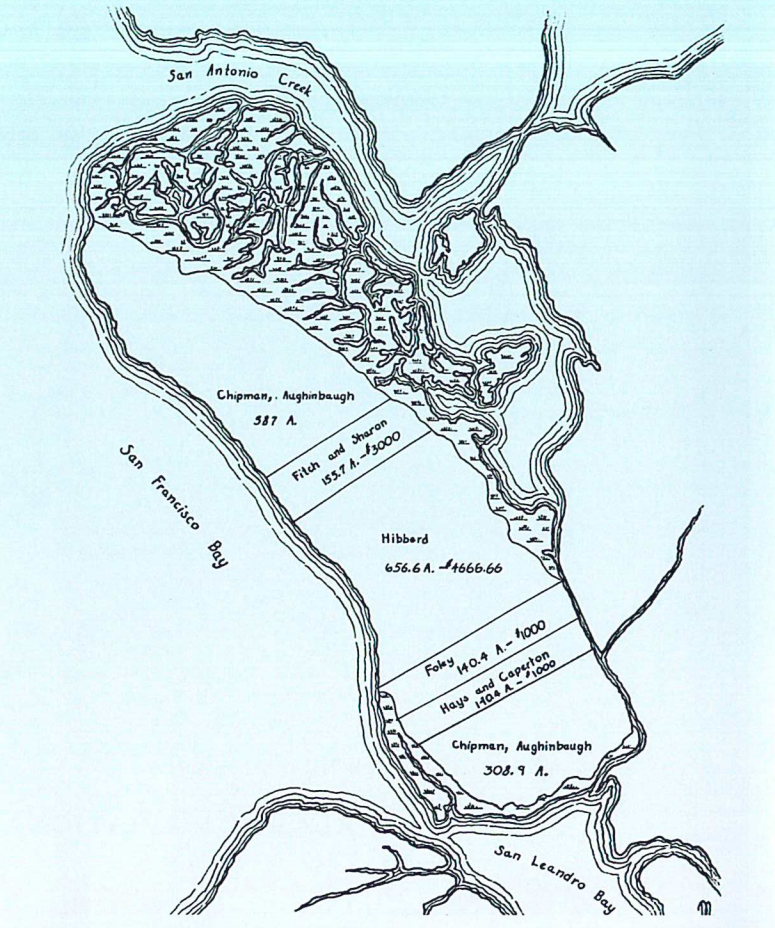
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# HISTORIC ALAMEDA



Above: 1852 map of original parcels by Imelda Merlin. Below: The first framed house erected in Alameda, located on San Jose Ave between Union and Lafayette. Image from the Alameda Argus, Jan. 2, 1886.



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## OFFICIAL MONUMENTS

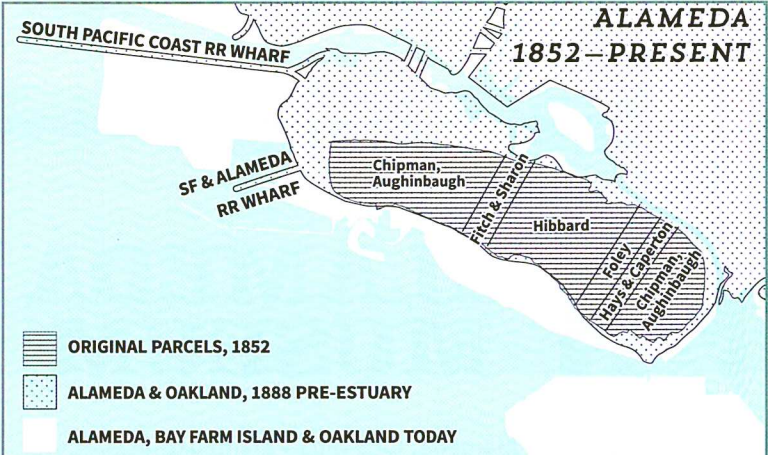
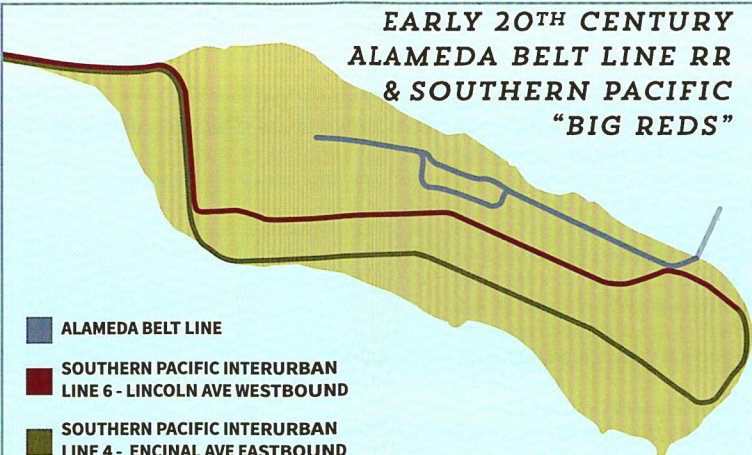
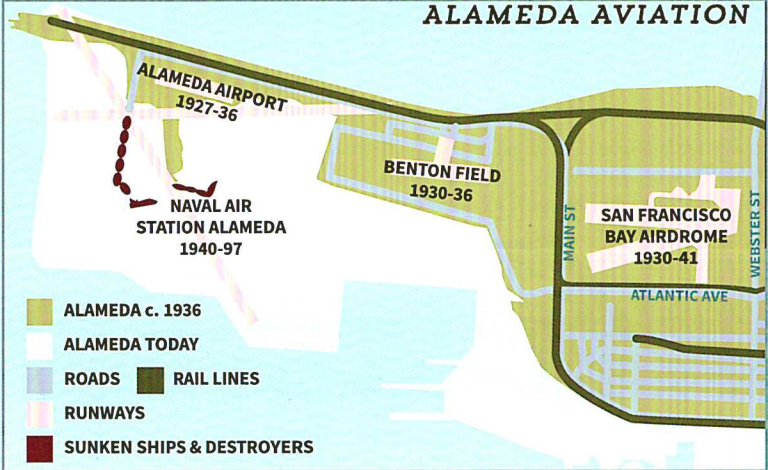
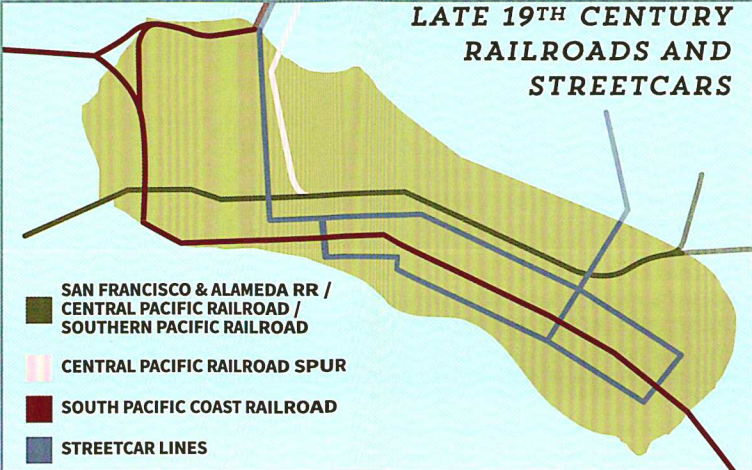
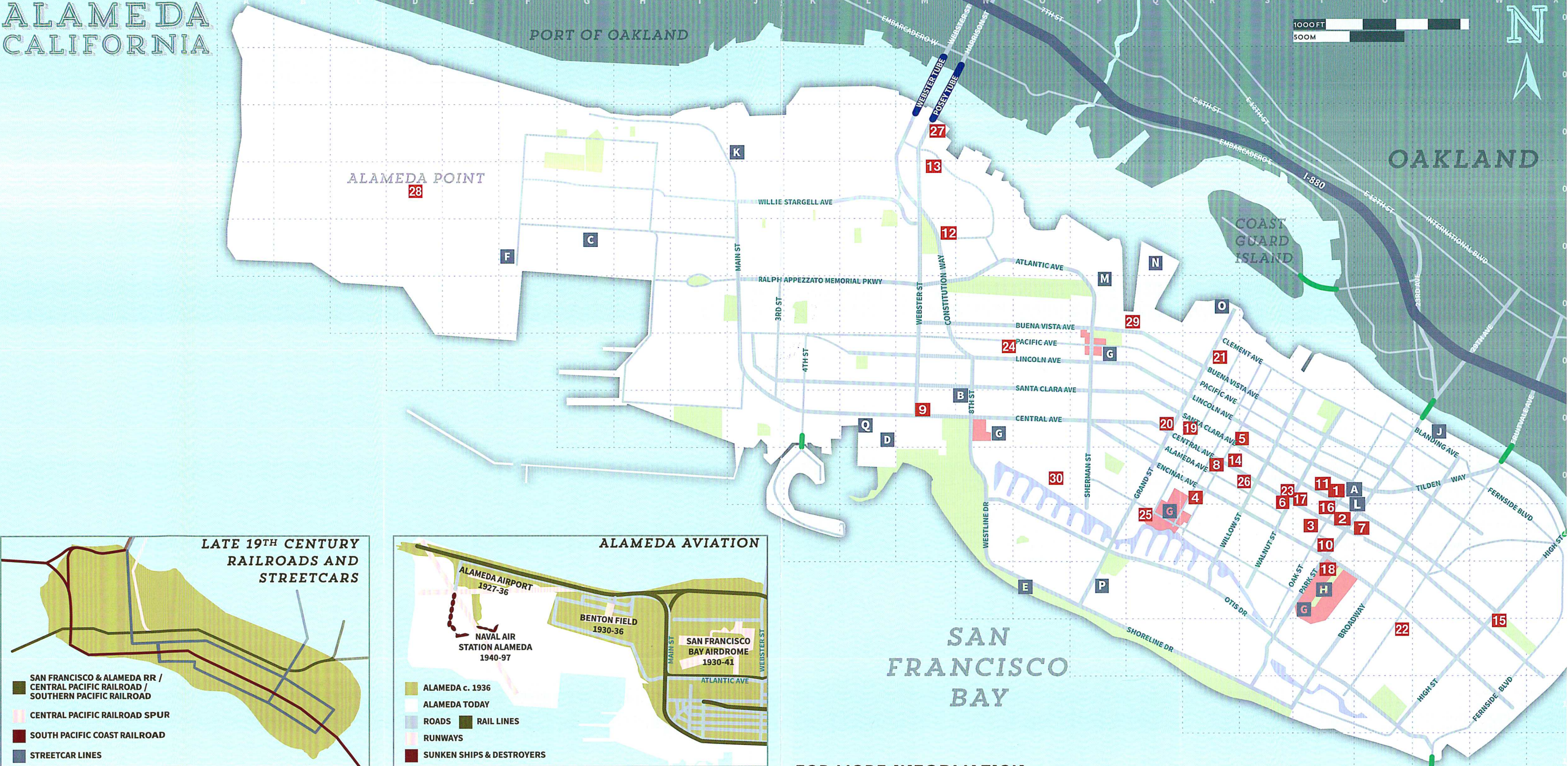
1. **Alameda City Hall** 2263 Santa Clara Ave, *built 1895* **T-9**
2. **Alameda Theatre** 2315-23 Central Ave, 1932 **T-10**
3. **Alameda High School** 2200 Central Ave, 1924-26 **T-10**
4. **St. Joseph's Basilica** 1109 Chestnut St, 1921 **R-9**
5. **Sanctuary Building, First Presbyterian Church** 2001 Santa Clara Ave, 1903 **S-8**
6. **First Church of Christ Scientist** 2164 Central Ave, 1922 **S-9**
7. **Old Post Office Building** 2417 Central Ave, 1914 **U-10**
8. **First Congregational Church of Alameda** 1912 Central Ave, 1904 **R-9**
9. **Croll Building (Britt Hotel)** 1400 Webster St, 1879 **M-8**
10. **Alameda Masonic Temple** 1327 -33 Park St, 1890 **T-10**
11. **Second Empire Residence (Schnabel House)** 2233 Santa Clara Ave, 1880 **T-9**
12. **Union Iron Works Turbine Building** 1918 Bethlehem-Alameda Shipyard Machine Shop, nicknamed *The Red Brick Building*, demolished 1984  
Now located: 801 Marina Village Pkwy **M-5**
13. **Union Iron Works Power House** 1917  
Now located: 1305 Marina Village Pkwy **M-4**
14. **American Red Cross - Alameda Chapter (Gardner House)** 2017 Central Ave, 1902 **R-9**
15. **Lincoln Park** High St between Santa Clara Ave & Central Ave, 1909 **W-12**  
Opened in 1909 to commemorate President Lincoln's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
16. **Alameda Free Library (Carnegie Library)** 2264 Santa Clara Ave, 1902 **T-10**
17. **Veterans Memorial Building** 2203 Central Ave, 1929 **T-9**
18. **Park Street Historic Commercial District** 72 structures, multiple **T-11**
19. **Dr. Edith Meyers Ctr. (Greenleaf House)** 1724 Santa Clara Ave, 1891 **R-8**
20. **Approximately 1300 Globe-top, Pendant, and Post-top style street lamps**
21. **Bureau of Electricity Central Substation** 1828 Grand St, 1936-39 **Q-8**
22. **Webster House** 1238 Versailles Ave, 1854 **U-12**
23. **The Adelpian Club** 2167 Central Ave, 1908 **S-9**
24. **Whidden House** 1630 Ninth Street, 1878-79 **N-7**
25. **Leonard Mansion** 891 Union St, 1896 **Q-10**
26. **Meyers House** 2021 Alameda Ave, 1897 **S-9**
27. **Posey Tube** 2295 Mariner Square Loop, 1928 **M-3**
28. **Alameda Point (Naval Air Station)** 1938-1945 **D-4**  
About 85 buildings and appurtenances. Base closed in 1997, returned to City in 2013.
29. **Del Monte Warehouse (California Packing Warehouse)** 1315 Buena Vista Ave, 1927 **Q-6**
30. **Bruton House** 1240 St. Charles St, 1897 **O-9**

## OTHER SITES OF INTEREST

- A. **Alameda Free Library** 1550 Oak St **U-9**  
Main Branch.
- B. **Alameda Free Library** 788 Santa Clara Ave **N-8**  
West End Branch, built with funds from the Works Progress Administration (WPA).
- C. **Bladium Sports and Fitness Club** 800 W. Tower Ave **G-5**  
Building 40, a former seaplane hangar.
- D. **Crab Cove Visitor Center** 1252 McKay Ave **L-8**
- E. **Crown Beach** Shoreline Drive **O-11**  
Recognized by *Sunset* magazine as "one of the best spots for windsurfing and kite-boarding."
- F. **Flight Control Tower** 2175 Monarch St **F-5**  
Closed to the public. Home to alternative energy companies Makani and Natel.
- G. **Heritage Areas** (Park Ave **T-11**, Leonardville **Q-10**, Bay Station **P-7**, Burbank-Portola **N-8**) Marked in red, each of these areas represent the work of one builder or era.
- H. **Jackson Park** Park Avenue between San Jose and Encinal Avenues **T-11**  
Opened in 1895, Alameda's first park. Bandstand designed by architect Joseph Leonard was restored in 2001.
- I. **Pedestrian-Only Drawbridge** Otis Drive **V-14**  
The only drawbridge in the US exclusively for pedestrian traffic.
- J. **Rhythmix Cultural Works** 2513 Blanding Ave **V-8**  
Originally Alameda Rug Works, now a community cultural arts center.
- K. **Todd Shipyard "Historic District"** 2900 Main St **J-3**  
Site of WWII tugboat construction repair, and military to civilian ship conversions.
- L. **Paul's Newsstand** Corner of Santa Clara Av and Park St **U-10**  
A landmark since its construction in 1936, originally run by Paul Manning.
- M. **Sunset Field Airport** Atlantic Av **P-6**  
Exact location unknown. Site of Sunset School of Aviation.
- N. **Alaska Packers** Buena Vista Av **Q-5**  
Formed in 1893 for canning salmon and wintering the fleet.
- O. **Hibbard's Wharf** Grand St **R-6**  
Built by Dr. James Hibbard in 1853.
- P. **Encinal Yacht Club Clubhouse** Grand St **U-10**  
Third oldest yacht club on the Bay, founded 1890.
- Q. **Bath Houses** Central Av **L-8**  
Including the Newport, Green Arbor, Sunny Cove, Terrace, and Long Branch Baths.



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