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FALL 2017

GET READY FOR HOMETOWN HOLIDAY



**Saturday
December 2, 5-8 p.m.**

Celebrate Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony,
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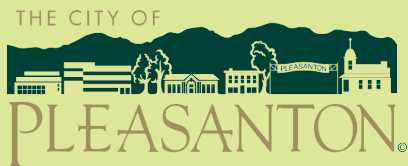
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Welcome to Pleasanton Progress

Getting Ready for Fall and Holiday Season



Nelson Fialho
City Manager



With 2017 coming to an end, we have a chance to reflect on the year behind us, and anticipate the year ahead. These past 11 months have been great for this community, with 97 percent of residents saying that Pleasanton is a great or good place to live, according to a recent communitywide survey. However, making sure our community stays great means making improvements and being responsive to new issues as they arise.

We've heard the concerns of our community about traffic on city streets and have been deploying a variety of new and innovative technologies to make every commute and trip throughout the city easier than before. You can learn about some of the efforts by City traffic engineers to make our roadways smarter, safer, and less congested on pages 4-5.

It is our philosophy at the City that the

first step to a clear and bright future begins with a plan to show us how to get there. The City is currently reviewing, updating or developing several of its master plan documents, including the Trails Master Plan and Community Farm Master Plan, which aim to improve our overall quality of life by enhancing Pleasanton's outdoor spaces. Find out more on pages 3 and 6.

The end of the year provides us with a number of occasions to enjoy the company of our loved ones and those closest to us, as well as opportunities to help others in the community. As we celebrate the successful conclusion of another year, on behalf of the Mayor, City Council, and everyone at the City of Pleasanton, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

See you next year!

Gingerbread Preschool Celebrates 50th

Peels of Laughter and Fun Plus Learning = Success

The City of Pleasanton's Gingerbread preschool celebrated its 50th anniversary in October, and from the looks of it, everyone had a blast!

There were approximately 1,000 people in attendance for a day filled with carnival games, food trucks, a magic show, story time, a DJ and more.

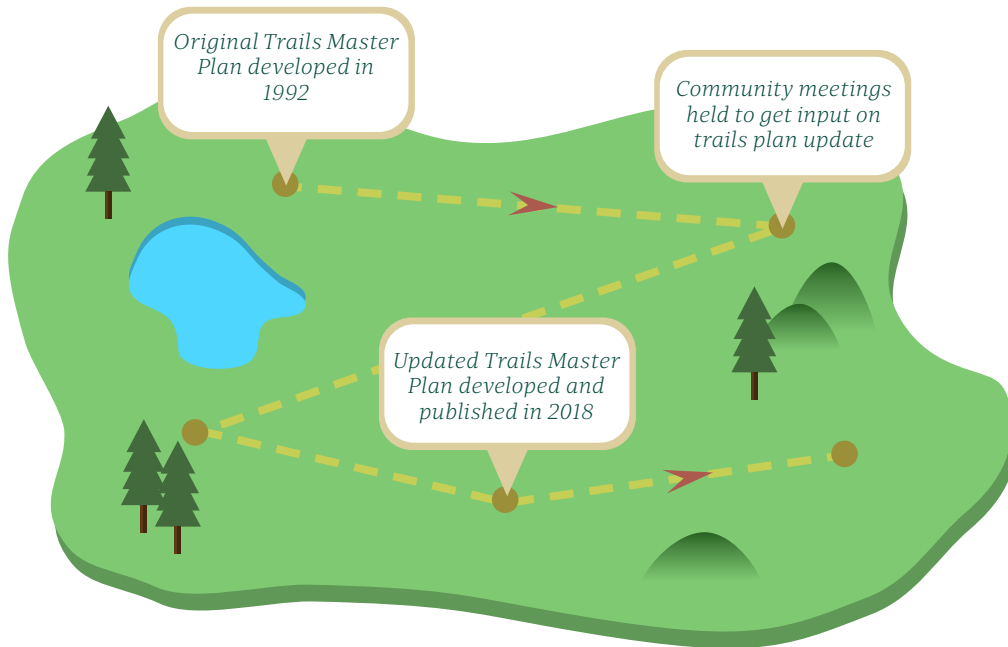
The celebration also presented an opportunity for individuals to support the preschool by purchasing a ceramic tile to decorate, some of which are pictured here. We would like to thank Color Me Mine staff who were on hand to assist.

Once all the tiles are back from the kiln, City staff will create a one of a kind 50th anniversary commemorative wall, which will be mounted in the lobby at Gingerbread Preschool, located at 4333 Black Ave.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this great event.



Pleasanton Trails Master Plan Update Underway



Plan for Future of Pleasanton Trails Seeks Community Input

In our ongoing efforts to make Pleasanton a more walkable city overall, staff began an update to the Trails Master Plan in August. The goal for the update is to identify and improve the trail system within the city. This involves establishing trail standards, prioritizing trail improvement projects and identifying funding sources, and connecting to the regional trail system when possible. This plan will serve to supplement the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan adopted in June 2017.

Updating the Trails Master Plan requires community input. On September 25, the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC) approved a community outreach and engagement plan, and this information is now on the the City's website. A community survey, open through the end of 2017, is also online and we encourage everyone to provide their feedback. The City will also be conducting outreach at

various community events and providing progress reports at monthly BPTC meetings, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

We anticipate a public workshop will be held sometime in April or May 2018. After this, a draft of the Trails Master Plan will be prepared for review by August 2018. The draft plan will be presented to the BPTC, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council to garner further input. All of this input will be incorporated into a final Trails Master Plan, which is anticipated to be finalized sometime in the fall of next year. Visit the project's webpage at PleasantonTrails.com to take the online survey, sign up for a local hike or add your name to receive email updates.

For more information, contact Landscape Architect Matt Gruber at mgruber@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 925-931-5672.

You Asked, We Answered

Deborah: Being new to Pleasanton, I'd like to know the difference between the City Manager and the Mayor; I'm confused about who does what and what the differences are in responsibilities.

Pleasanton's Council-Manager form of government combines the leadership of elected officials with the managerial experience of an appointed City Manager.

All power and authority to set policy rests with the elected governing body, which includes the Mayor and members of the City Council, while the day-to-day oversight and administration of government services is overseen by the full-time City Manager. The Mayor and Council focus mainly on setting policy and direction, while the City Manager focuses on the most appropriate way to turn that policy direction into action.

If you have a question about your local government you'd like answered, send an email to Pleasanton Public Information Officer, Tracy Dunne at tdunne@cityofpleasantonca.gov with the heading "Pleasanton Progress Newsletter."



LPFD, Police Respond to Northern California Fires

Many emergency responders provided mutual aid during the northern California fires recently, including Pleasanton Police Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. We want to thank everyone who offered aid and support during this difficult time and are glad to have our crews back home again, safe and sound.

SAFER STREETS AND SMARTER INTERSECTIONS

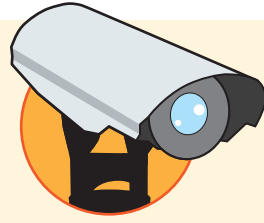
The City of Pleasanton is actively working on improving how we get around – by transit, bike, on foot, and of course, by car.

In 2008, the City of Pleasanton was one of the region’s earliest adopters of the Complete Streets policy, which requires that all new roadway and development projects consider all modes of transit—not just the car.

But changing the ways in which we get from one place to the next takes time, resources, and infrastructure.

As we make improvements, we’re also leveraging new technologies to make all modes safer and more efficient.

From traffic cameras that can tell the difference between a bicycle and a car and adjust signal time accordingly, crosswalks that adjust signal time based on the pace of people moving through it, crowdsourcing navigation apps that move people throughout the city more efficiently, and smart technology for City vehicles, here are all the ways we are creating safer streets and smarter intersections throughout the city.



Autoscope Vision Cameras

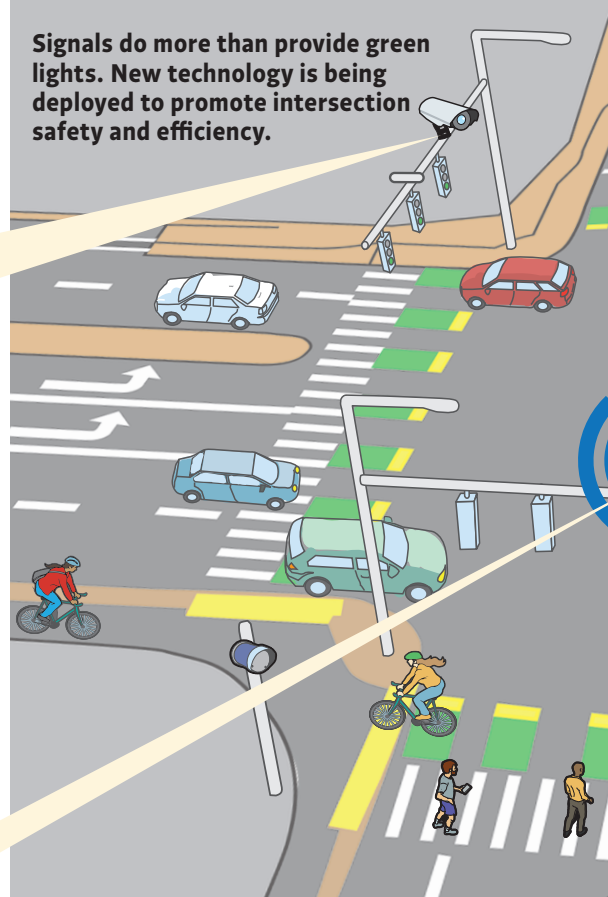
Video cameras installed at the intersection are able to tell the difference between a car and a bike using advanced tracking software that uses vehicle size and velocity to classify approaching objects. This allows the traffic signal to provide more time for a cyclist to cross the intersection.

Miovision Signal Performance and Travel Time

The City is testing new tools to improve travel times and monitor signal performance. Like Google’s Travel Time, the City uses Miovision to monitor travel time, signal system efficiency and gather data to better understand motorists’ travel patterns throughout the city.

Smarter Intersections

Signals do more than provide green lights. New technology is being deployed to promote intersection safety and efficiency.



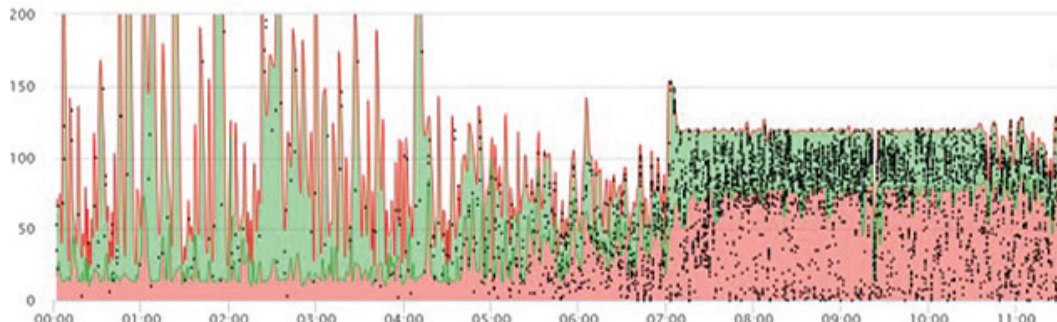
Intersection Design

The City is working to accommodate all users including new upgrades such as green bike lanes, bicycle crosswalks, and protected bike lanes with raised curbs near intersections.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN INTERSECTION

This chart illustrates how the City uses technology to monitor traffic flow. This data snapshot was captured on August 30, 2017 at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive.

TIME IN CYCLE (seconds)



TIME OF DAY

SMARTER INTERSECTIONS



Connected Vehicle



The City is preparing to install vehicle-to-infrastructure technology to give smart city vehicles the capacity to receive information about events at intersections, such as time to next green light or whether bicyclists and pedestrians are crossing at a given intersection.

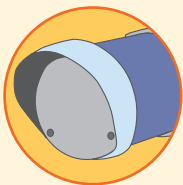
Emergency Vehicle Preemption



New software is being installed to allow emergency vehicles to plot their destination communicating and adjusting signal timing to get the response vehicle to its destination quickly and safely.

Waze Partnership

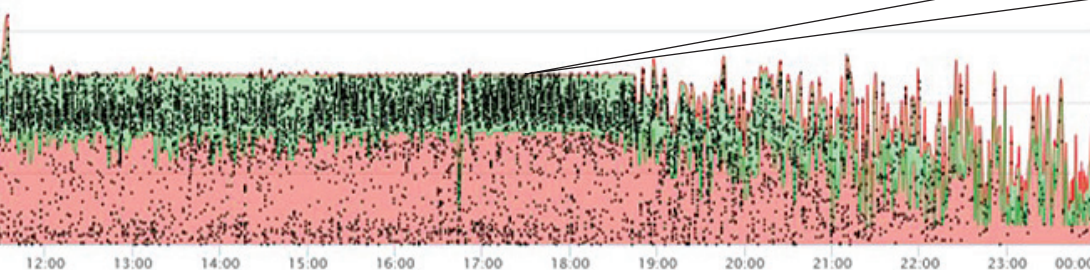
The City is partnering with Google through its Waze app to better monitor traffic conditions and inform motorists of construction. This includes collision notification and delay and congestion information.



Microwave Detection

Devices monitor crosswalks near our senior center to extend the crossing for anyone needing additional time to cross.

■ Green Signal Light Phase ■ Red Signal Light Phase



Dots Demonstrate Efficiencies at Signals

Black dots show when a car arrives at the intersection. Notice the majority of dots (against green background), which indicate the number of vehicles arriving when the signal is green.

Project Update Corner

Vineyard Avenue Trail Preview

The project to convert Old Vineyard Road into a multi-use and equestrian trail will begin in 2017. The first phase of the project includes the trail section between Vineyard Terrace Road and Heinz Ranch Road. Making Old Vineyard Road into a trail is the last of the infrastructure improvements identified in the 1999 Vineyard Corridor Specific Plan. Funding for the project has been collected from developers that constructed housing along the Vineyard Corridor as identified in the Specific Plan.



Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex

Improvements are coming to the sports park softball complex in early 2018, and when it's all done, the City will have a completely renovated softball complex fieldhouse, complete with a new roof, siding, windows, accessibility improvements in the restrooms, new paint inside and out, and new score-keeper booths.



Castleridge Trailhead

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) acquired the Castleridge property two years ago. Included in the property is the roadway/trail from the 1800s that allowed passage across the Pleasanton Ridge. The trail is touted as being the easiest pedestrian hike to the top of the ridge. EBRPD and the City have been working on parking and a staging area to allow access to the trailhead. Improvements are expected to be completed in the coming months. The trail head is located on Old Foothill Road, immediately west of the Alviso Adobe Park.

Community Farm Master Plan Underway

MEETINGS HELD TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF SHARED SPACE

A community farm master plan, approved by voters in November 2006 as part of the overall Bernal Property Specific Plan (Phase II), is now underway. As approved, the plan designated two areas for a range of uses, such as: a community vegetable garden or some other agricultural use, open space, trails, an environmental education center, a native American history reflective area or public utilities.

The project site comprises two locations of roughly 11 acres located along the southeast side of Laguna Creek Lane, which passes under I-680. The Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail traverses the back of each location. Members of the community and the local 4-H organization promoted the concept to the City Council, and the Community Farm Master Plan was adopted as a Council priority.

Recently, the City retained the services of a landscape architectural firm, M.D.

Fotheringham, Inc., to help with the planning of the community farm concept and offer some alternative design scenarios, which included a combination of community gardens, row crops, vineyards, and orchards, as well as a classroom, picnic area, gathering spaces, and parking. The plan originally called for a barn for livestock for 4-H activities, but the barn project has been relocated to the Alameda County Fairgrounds and is no longer a consideration for this site.

In July, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and discussed initial project ideas, which included an area for additional community garden plots, an area for a University of California Continuing Education Master Gardeners program demonstration garden, an area set aside for row crops possibly for use by 4-H, an orchard or vineyard, and a community meeting room.

In August, the City hosted a well-

attended neighborhood meeting at the project location to tour the site, discuss the project and address resident concerns. Staff has continued to research similar facilities in other communities to determine what makes for successful community gardens and has met with prospective user groups. Based on the research, as well as resident and commission feedback, revisions are being made to the site plans and proposed uses.

We hope to hear from everyone in the community and encourage residents to visit our social media platforms to find out about upcoming meetings and more.

For more information, contact Brian Dolan, Assistant City Manager at bdolan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.



Pleasanton Unified School District Update



Amador Valley High School Receives Designation as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to Amador Valley High School for earning national distinction as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School. AVHS is one of 25 schools in California and the only one in Alameda County to receive this honor. A National Blue Ribbon Schools designation honors and affirms the dedication of educators and students alike, and we're very proud of this achievement!

Pleasanton Middle School Students Send Meals to Santa Rosa

Pleasanton Middle School students, staff and parents partnered with Kids Against Hunger to pack over 38,000 meals to families and first responders in Santa Rosa.

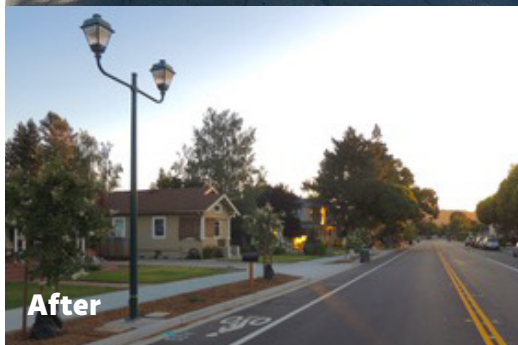


Remembering Dr. Bill James

We mourn the recent loss of Dr. Bill James, who had served as Superintendent during the District's unification process in 1988 with Amador Valley Joint Union School District and Pleasanton Joint School District. Dr. James was PUSD's first leader and played an enormous part in shaping the award winning Pleasanton schools we know today. We extend our deepest condolences to the James family, and join the countless individuals touched by the legacy of Bill James in honoring his contributions to our schools and community.



Before



After

Above: Before and after reconstruction of Old Stanley Boulevard.

What Measure B, BB and Vehicle Registration Fees Have Been Up To

The City of Pleasanton maintains over 501 lane miles of local roadway. Gas Tax, Measures B, BB, and Vehicle Registration (VRF) funding contribute to the successful maintenance of our roads. In 2017, 5 million square feet of streets are being treated in one of three roadway infrastructure programs, collectively known as the Pavement Maintenance Program, described briefly below:

Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters — repairs damaged curbs and gutters to improve street drainage; installs Americans with Disability (ADA) Pedestrian Ramps where appropriate.

Roadway Resurfacing Project — repairs isolated areas where needed; overlays pavement with new asphalt concrete.

Slurry Seal Project — crushed rock and oil emulsion cover and seal roadway to block water seepage and extend service life of road by approximately seven years.

In calendar year 2016, Measures B, BB, and VRF funding were critical

to the success of the reconstruction of Stanley Boulevard, from Main Street to First Street. Work included undergrounding the above-ground electric, cable, and phone utilities, extending sewer line, installing new water and sewer connections, a storm drain system, curb, gutter, and sidewalks, and reconstructing the entire roadway. Drought-tolerant plants and more downtown street lighting were also included. Measure B, BB, and VRF funding allowed for wider sidewalks and bike lanes to be included as part of the City's Complete Streets policy. The funding also supported the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan update, Arroyo Mocho Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Feasibility Study, and paratransit services.

For more information, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/roadwork

As always, please watch for and obey all construction traffic control devices. Please help us keep the work areas safe!

Are You Storm Ready?



Now that the weather is changing, are you storm ready? For tips on how to prepare for inclement weather, visit the City's Operations Services Department emergency preparedness webpage at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/os/emergency_preparedness.asp

Local Flood Hazard

Find out if your property is in the regulated floodplain by calling the City's floodplain management office at 925-931-5649 or see our flood information home page at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/engineering/flood

Downtown Pleasanton Gets Connected

Free Downtown WiFi

Access to a fast and reliable digital network has become a necessity. Whether at home or out for coffee, being able to connect to the web is important in our community.

The City has installed several wireless nodes to provide fast, free wireless internet in much of our downtown area, with the ultimate goal being coverage throughout the entire downtown. This network will also facilitate future smart city initiatives and allow for private, secure access for public safety purposes and field staff working with mobile devices.

The City is also collaborating with the Pleasanton Unified School District to identify network and high speed



Internet access opportunities for the students of Pleasanton schools.

An average of 5,300 daily devices have accessed the network since its installation, and we anticipate more users as the network expands. Stay tuned for more.

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES CORNER

Brief Update on a few City Commissions and Committees

Our collective success depends on resident input and the civic engagement of those who volunteer and serve on City commissions and committees. Here is a quick glimpse of some recent activity.

Civic Arts Commission

worked on Ignite!, the City's inaugural event that integrated art and innovation; will review new grant applications and proposed designs for Project Paint Box in the coming months.

Human Services Commission

seeking input through five workshops on following: homelessness, domestic violence and child abuse, behavioral health, transportation services, and senior citizen services.

Parks and Recreation Commission

recommended playground equipment replacement at three parks-Harvest, Mission Hills and Oakhill Parks; worked with staff and community on new designs.

Youth Commission

developing survey on student wellness issues and potential programs or services to address those needs; reviewing and making recommendations to City Council for the Community Grant Program.

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