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Letter from the City Manager **GERRY BEAUDIN**

Dear Pleasanton residents

No matter how you are staying informed about issues on the November ballot, I want us to do our part at the City of Pleasanton to provide direct access to facts and information to help you make informed decisions, particularly on issues that directly affect Pleasanton.

You may have heard the City has a structural budget deficit. Simply put, city revenues are no longer keeping up with expenses. Operating costs are rising, and employee pension obligations are also a contributing factor. However, rising costs to maintain and replace aging infrastructure, vehicles, and facilities, insurance premiums, utility bills, unfunded state mandates, and other legal requirements that the City is responsible for also contribute to the problem.

Cities across the East Bay and the State have been engaging in similar conversations about their quality of life and the services they expect from their city governments. Many have discovered, as we have, that California's funding system for cities, particularly older cities with aging infrastructure and cities providing a wide range of services, is not working well.

City leaders have raised this issue often over the past year. To ensure we proactively address our financial challenges, the City Council has already cut millions of dollars from our General Fund budget for the current fiscal year.

The bottom line is this: we do have a problem. There is no one reason why we are here and no one solution to fix it. The City continues to explore ways to deliver necessary and valued services and maintain the quality of life our community expects without more significant cuts to city services. I encourage everyone to stay informed about the City's budget position and efforts being made to address it.

What is Measure PP?

Measure PP is a City of Pleasanton-sponsored proposal on the November ballot for a half-cent (1/2%) sales tax increase to help maintain the local quality of life.

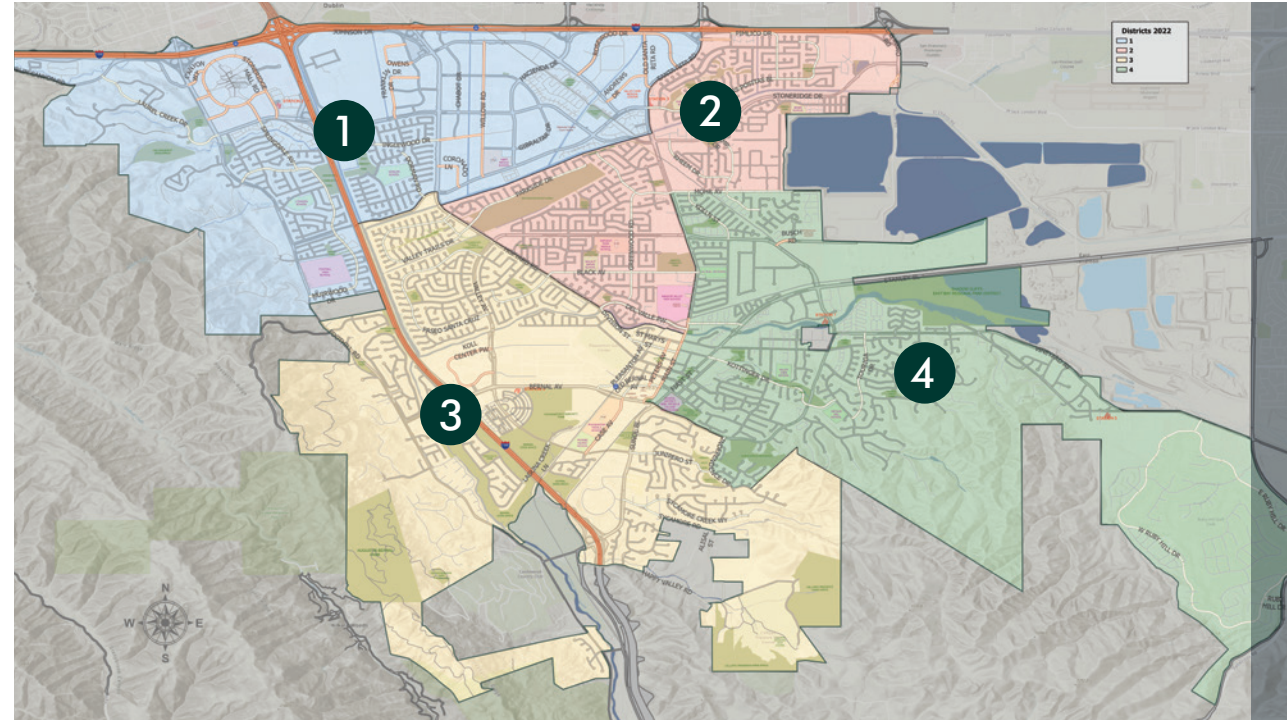
If approved by voters, funds generated by Measure PP would go to essential public services, like public safety, disaster preparedness, and 911 rapid response; routine improvements to aging City infrastructure, such as roads and stormwater systems; and other general government services like the library, parks and open spaces.

All Measure PP funds would be locally controlled and could not be used by the State, County, or any other agency. Independent financial audits, regular public reporting, and oversight would also be required.

Stay informed and find additional information about Pleasanton's budget by visiting PleasantonListens@cityofpleasantonca.gov or scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.



District Boundaries



To find your district please use the QR Code and enter your home address.



ELECTION INFORMATION

November Election

The City of Pleasanton's general municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

What's on the Ballot?

There are three seats to be filled this year:

- Mayor, at-large
- City Councilmember, District 2
- City Councilmember, District 4

Voters registered in Districts 2 and 4 will vote for a Councilmember candidate in their district and a Mayoral candidate. Voters registered in Districts 1 and 3 will vote for a Mayoral candidate only.

Measure PP: Pleasanton Essential Services Protection Measure. All Pleasanton voters registered will vote on this local ballot measure in addition to voting for candidates.

REGISTER TO VOTE by October 21, 2024!

Update your registration status if you have moved, changed your name, or changed your political party choice. Register/check your status at: RegisterToVote.ca.gov

Key Dates

October 7, 2024	First day of mailing Vote-by-Mail Ballots
October 8, 2024	Ballot drop boxes open
October 21, 2024	Last day to register to vote
October 26, 2024	Vote centers begin opening in Alameda County
November 5, 2024	Election Day

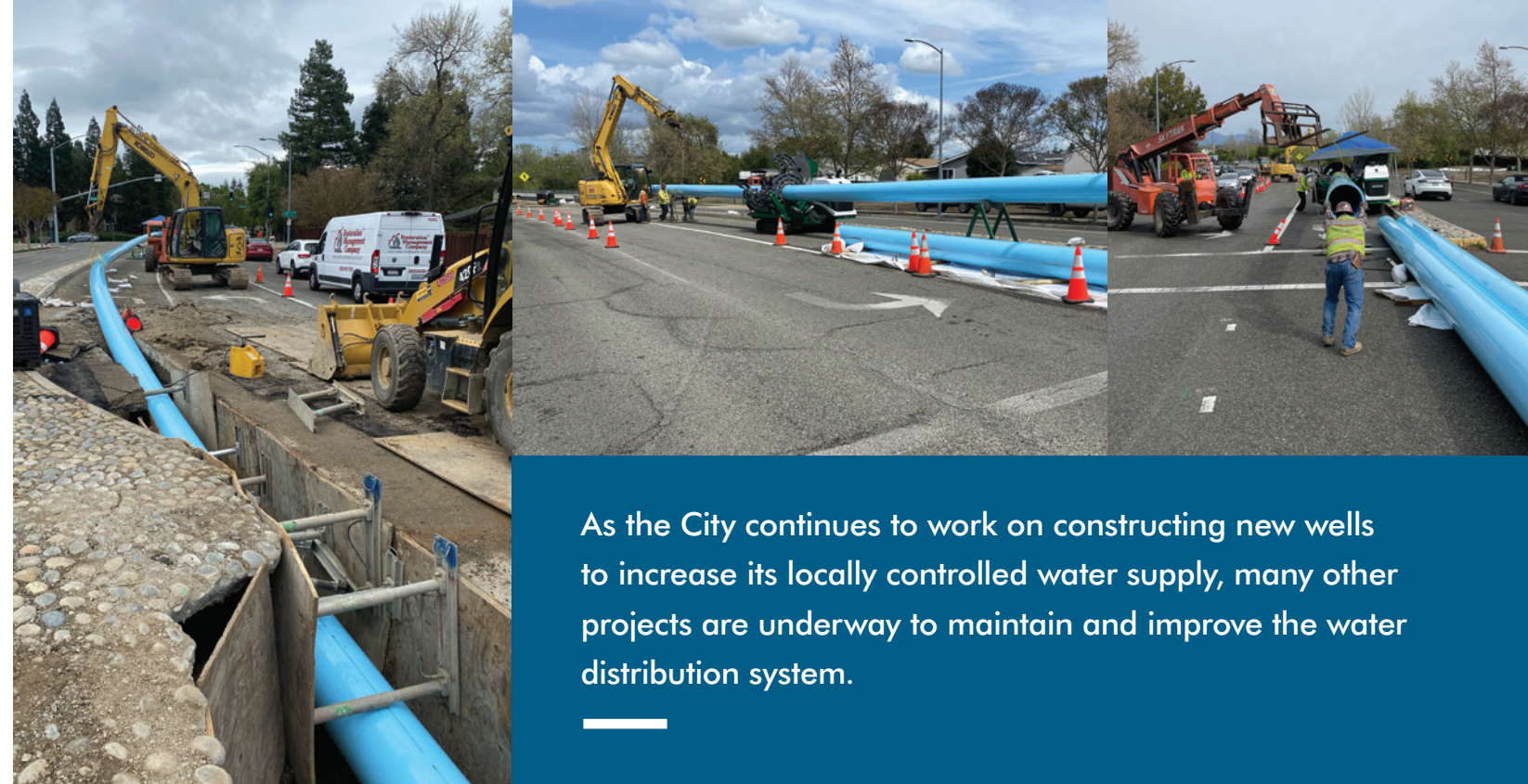
For more election information, including how and where to vote in Pleasanton, visit the City's Elections webpage at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/our-government/elections-measures/





WATER PROJECTS

As part of the City’s continuing effort to provide Pleasanton with safe and reliable drinking water, a number of projects are underway and planned for the near future to ensure the reliability of the distribution system and to maintain local control of our water supply. Find more information about Pleasanton’s water and these critical projects at PleasantonWater.com



As the City continues to work on constructing new wells to increase its locally controlled water supply, many other projects are underway to maintain and improve the water distribution system.

Joint Groundwater Wells Study

The City and Zone 7 Water Agency are working together to evaluate the feasibility of installing additional groundwater wells in Pleasanton. This project is the result of a year-long Water Supply Alternatives Study conducted by the City in 2022 and 2023. The goal is to find a permanent solution for the water supply lost when City-owned groundwater wells were taken out of service due to PFAS detection.

The project is in Phase 1, which focuses on the feasibility of building and operating new wells in areas unaffected by PFAS. Over the next few months, test wells will be drilled at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, Del Prado Park, and Hansen Park. These sites were chosen based on factors like City ownership, space availability, proximity to water treatment facilities, and distance from the PFAS footprint.

The test wells will gather information on water quality and yield. Drilling and testing at each site will take about four to eight weeks. During this time, park visitors may notice

drilling rigs and other equipment in a small portion of the park. Once testing is finished, a monitoring well will remain in place. More details will be shared when construction schedules are set.

Anticipated Project Timeline	
Fall 2024	Phase 1 Test Well drilling and feasibility study begins
Spring 2025	Phase 1 Feasibility study complete
Fall 2025	Phase 2 – Design and Construction Begins (dependent on Feasibility Study outcome)
Fall 2028	New Wells Operational

Find more information about this project on the [Joint Groundwater Wells Study page of the City’s website](#) or by scanning the QR code with your phone’s camera



Near-Term Water Improvement Projects

Bernal Water Line – Complete

The City has replaced nearly a half mile of pipeline with a new 18-inch water line on Bernal Avenue. between Nevada Street and Vineyard Avenue. The expanded pipeline allows for better water pressure within the system, reducing the likelihood of emergency leaks and increasing the useful life of this pipeline and others in the area.

Turnout Renovations – In Progress

In 2023, a temporary booster station was added to Turnout 4 to help balance Pleasanton’s water distribution system and increase capacity. Turnout 4 is located at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road. Updates to the infrastructure within the turnout will be completed by early 2025 with a permanent booster station expected to be installed later in 2025. Turnout 1 is located on Santa Rita Road near Stoneridge Drive. Work to upgrade the infrastructure within the turnout will be completed by the end of October.

Sunol Water Line – Coming Soon

The City will install a 20-inch water line on Sunol Blvd. from Bernal Avenue to Sycamore Road. Preparatory work has been completed, and construction is expected to begin before the end of 2024.

Stoneridge Water Line – In Progress

The City will install a 24-inch water line on Stoneridge Drive from Hopyard Road to Johnson Drive Court. Work at the Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road intersection has been completed, and construction along Stoneridge Drive is underway. One lane is closed in the westbound direction and will remain closed until the project is complete in late October.

Use the QR code for more information about the [Near-Term Water Improvement Projects](#)



YOUR CITY AT WORK

The City's Strategic Plan – ONE Pleasanton – includes 5 key goals, including Funding Our Future, Optimizing our Organization, Investing in Our Environment, Safeguarding our City, and Building a Community Where Everyone Belongs. Check out this update on projects the City has been working on over the past year and how they meet the community's key goals.



Investing in Our Environment
Pavement resurfacing projects on Hopyard Road, Dorman Road, and Case Avenue will revitalize those roadways for the next 50 years



Safeguarding Our City
City staff participating in one of several Emergency Operations Center drills to ensure the City is positioned to respond to disasters quickly and efficiently



Investing in Our Environment
Public Works crews work to repair and replace City curbs and ramps that do not meet ADA requirements as part of the Annual Curb and Gutter program



Safeguarding Our City
Pleasanton Police Department engaging with the community during National Night Out to increase the feeling of safety and increase community trust



Investing in Our Environment
Public Works crew repairing a leak at Ken Mercer Sports Park



Safeguarding Our City
Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department working to extinguish a brush fire



Investing in Our Environment
Parks crews maintaining landscaping at the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park



Optimizing Our Organization
The City recently hired 11 new firefighters who recently graduated from Las Positas College

Cultural Celebrations

In 2023, the City launched a series of cultural celebrations to unite the community and embrace the beauty of Pleasanton's cultural diversity. The program is back for a second year and will kick off with a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday, October 13 followed by a Diwali Celebration on Sunday, October 27. Find more information about these, and other Cultural Celebrations at www.firehousearts.org.



BUILDING A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Summer Programming


Pleasanton's Library and Recreation Department provides many programs for all ages throughout the year, but summer programming is particularly popular. Some of the programs offered this summer included swim lessons, tons of sports camps, a summer reading program, Movies in the Park, theater and performing arts classes, and day camps like Ridge Runners and Camp Ptown. Never a dull moment, and always a lot of fun!



Save the Date
**HOMETOWN
HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION**
Saturday
December 7, 2024

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KNOW YOUR PLEASANTON PARKS:

Augustin Bernal Park

The 237-acre Augustin Bernal Park is the crown jewel of the City of Pleasanton's park system. It is located on the Pleasanton Ridge at the highest elevation point within the city, peaking at just over 1,560 feet. From the lookout, you can capture the best view of the Tri-Valley. The park has over 7 miles of trails, including the area's only professionally designed dedicated downhill-only mountain bike trail. It connects with the East Bay Regional Park District's extensive Pleasanton Ridge trail network. It is also the city's most ecologically diverse park where one might spot the endangered Alameda whipsnake, Red-legged frog, or the mountain lion family that has recently been in the news. Plants of

interest include coffeeberry, monkey flower, California buckeye, and Chinese houses. The park was dedicated to the city by noted philanthropist Walter S. Johnson in 1971 and has two access points, with one only being available to Pleasanton residents through the Golden Eagle neighborhood (or by permit to non-residents) and the other at the top of Longview Drive. Whether you want to take in a beautiful view, relax in a natural setting, have lunch at the picnic area (which includes a public restroom), go birdwatching, horseback riding, hiking, or mountain biking, or have a place to spend time with friends or family, **Augustin Bernal Park is the place to be.**