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Please enjoy this edition of Pleasanton Progress and from everyone at the City, we wish you and your family a warm and wonderful holiday season.



Letter from City Manager GERRY BEAUDIN

The City of Pleasanton strives to deliver the highest quality programs, services, facilities, and amenities for our residents, visitors, and business community. A hallmark of Pleasanton’s approach has been an intentional effort to continually maintain and enhance our assets while maintaining a solid fiscal foundation.

To that end, a few notable improvement projects that are underway or nearly complete include:

- construction of Fire Station No. 3 (at the corner of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard);
- addition of parking and a bicycle/pedestrian pathway at the southern end of the downtown transportation corridor; and
- replacement of the library roof.

The City Council has also authorized staff to proceed with design and planning work for:

- expansion of the skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park;
- rebuilding portions of West Las Positas Boulevard;
- a new all-abilities playground; and
- a new cricket pitch.

As we continue to evolve and adapt to meet the changing needs of our community – both a new all-abilities playground and a cricket pitch will be firsts for Pleasanton – it’s important to note that we are also working on plans to manage our assets now and into the future. Our forward-thinking City Council prioritized the development of a longer-term infrastructure and facilities maintenance plan to ensure that we are able to take care of the facilities and other assets that we currently enjoy. We’ll keep you posted as this work continues.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

Pleasanton’s annual Hometown Holiday Celebration is set for Saturday, December 3, with the parade beginning at 5:00 p.m. The entertainment will continue with a tree lighting ceremony, musical performances featuring some of the most popular holiday tunes, and a special appearance by none other than Santa Claus himself. You do not want to miss this festive, family-friendly event.

For information about parade entries or to volunteer, please visit: www.hometownholiday.com, email HometownHoliday@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 925-931-5352.



JDEDZ ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Construction of the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) traffic mitigation measures is beginning this fall. Approval of the JDEDZ identified the necessary roadway improvements to accommodate vehicular traffic resulting from the new land uses allowed in this area. The required roadway improvements include:

- Construction of an additional westbound traffic lane on Stoneridge Drive from Denker Drive to I-680 and additional lanes on Johnson Drive
- Reconfiguration of the intersection of Stoneridge and Johnson Drives to accommodate additional traffic lanes
- Widening of the northbound I-680 onramp bridge from Stoneridge Drive to add a second lane
- Johnson Drive improvements include installation and renovation of traffic signals, improvement of street lighting and bicycle lanes, and landscape improvements in the public right of way

These roadway improvements are expected to take 14 months to complete. During construction some intermittent traffic delays will be inevitable, but the streets will remain open for traffic throughout most of the project. If occasional planned street closures are required, they will be planned during the nighttime hours.

Costco is one of the new land uses in the JDEDZ and construction is scheduled to begin soon. The JDEDZ approval requires roadway improvements be complete before the Costco store can be opened. Costco’s plan is to complete construction of the store and on-site parking improvements at the same time as the completion of the required roadway improvements. Also approved as part of the JDEDZ project are two new hotels – the Town Place Suites and Springhill Suites – which are already under construction on Johnson Drive.

Annual Leaf PICK-UP PROGRAM

From November through January, the annual leaf pick-up program is in place to reduce the obstruction of storm drains and the risk of flooding. Leaf pick-ups take place a day or two prior to the scheduled street sweeping days to remove most of the leaves; this allows the street sweeper to collect the smaller debris. The leaf pick-up program is for trees along the street. Backyard debris or leaf debris from front yards or private property can be placed in the green waste bin at any time.

For more information, call 925-931-5500 or email osd@cityofpleasantonca.gov.



As well, during the rainy season, residents and businesses are encouraged to be prepared to weather storms. Free bags and sand will be available to residents to fill their own sandbags at the Operation Services Center, located at 3333 Busch Road. **For more information visit the Emergency Preparedness page under Operation Services on the City’s website: cityofpleasantonca.gov**



2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

November 8, 2022

Historically, Pleasanton has had an at-large election system, where voters of the entire city elect the Mayor and all Councilmembers. A district-based election system is one where the city is divided into separate geographic areas or districts, each with one Councilmember who resides in the district and who is just chosen by the electors residing in that particular district. The office of Mayor remains elected at-large by all voters even under a district-based election system.

In response to claims that polarized voting may be occurring in the city and to threatened litigation, in early 2022 the City Council adopted a resolution to transition to district-based elections. With this action, the general municipal election on November 8, 2022, will be district-based for Councilmember seats. The election for Districts 1 and 3 will occur at the 2022 municipal election and every four years thereafter. The election for Districts 2 and 4 will occur at the November 2024 general municipal election and every four years thereafter.

On the Ballot

There are three seats to be filled on November 8, 2022:

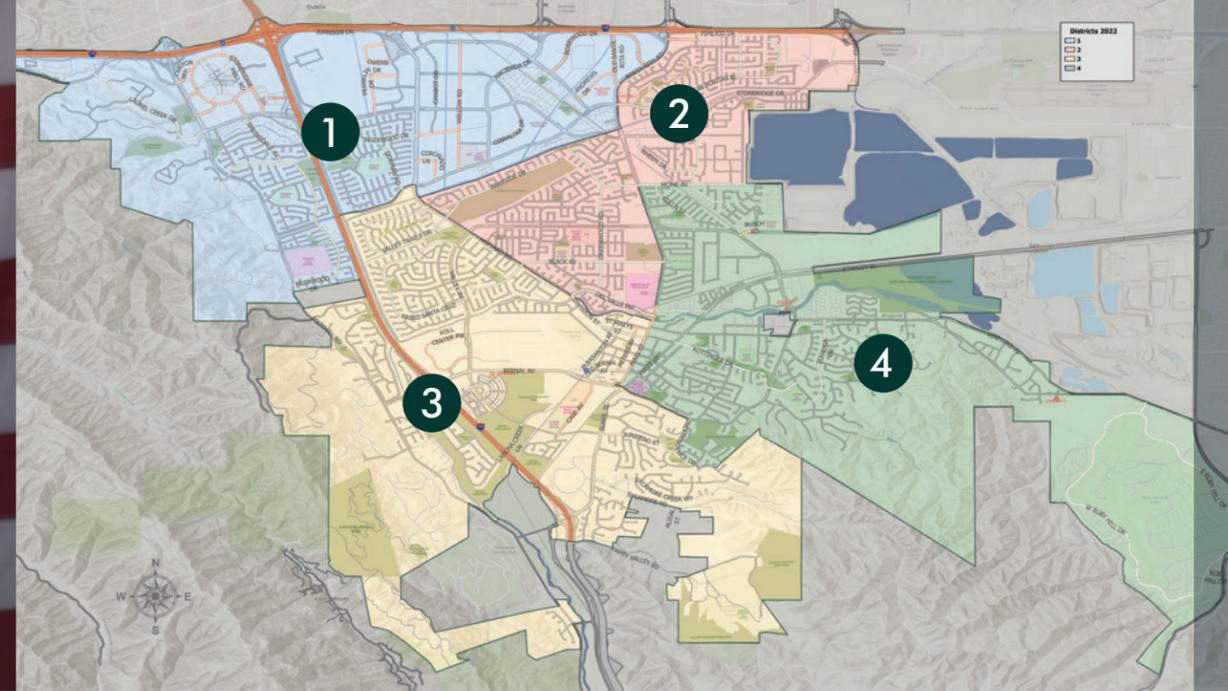
- Councilmember from District 1
- Councilmember from District 3
- Mayor at-large.

This means that voters registered in Districts 1 and 3 will be able to vote for a Councilmember candidate in their district and a Mayoral candidate, and that registered voters in Districts 2 and 4 will be able to vote for a Mayoral candidate only.

Key Dates

October 10/11, 2022	First day of mailing Vote-by-Mail Ballots / Drop Boxes Open
October 24, 2022	Last day to register to vote for the November 2022 Election
October 29, 2022	Vote centers begin opening in Alameda County
November 8, 2022	Election Day

To check your voter registration status or to register to vote, visit: registertovote.ca.gov



District Boundaries

Voting Locations

There will be three 24-hour Ballot Drop Boxes in Pleasanton located at:

- City Hall - 123 Main St.
- Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center - 4455 Black Ave.
- Ken Mercer Sports Park - 5800 Parkside Dr.

All registered voters in Alameda County will receive a vote by mail ballot.

If you plan to vote in person, you may do so at any vote center located within Alameda County beginning on October 29, 2022. For the November 8, 2022 election, voters are not limited to vote centers within the city in which they reside. For a list of vote centers in Alameda County, visit: www.acgov.org/rov_app/vcalist

For more information, visit the Elections page under Hot Topics on the City's website: cityofpleasantonca.gov

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



When using a 24-hour ballot drop box, remember to sign the back of your return envelope.



ALTERNATE RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH UNIT ARU

The City has entered into a partnership with nonprofit Bonita House Inc. to provide two licensed clinicians to work with a new Alternate Response to Mental Health Unit (ARU) in the Pleasanton Police Department. The purpose of the ARU is to better support members of the Pleasanton community who may be experiencing a mental health crisis, to reduce the number of involuntary mental health commitments, and to serve as a bridge between crisis and long-term resources for those in need.

The program is intended to provide appropriate responses to calls where someone is in a mental health crisis. The ARU is comprised of a supervisor, two plainclothes officers, and two licensed clinicians with different specialty areas. The juvenile clinician

will respond to Pleasanton Unified School District sites for issues concerning youth. The second clinician will oversee adult mental health needs in Pleasanton.

The unit will respond to calls for service received by dispatch and the 911 system, which will be triaged to understand the needs of the caller or the person in crisis and determine the most appropriate resource to send to the call. Alternative response calls for service may include: a disturbance, welfare check, mental health evaluation, public intoxication, juvenile problem, or suicide attempt. The ARU will be available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Calls dealing with the unhoused population or mental health outside of these hours will be reviewed by the ARU for follow-up.



988
SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE

When people are experiencing mental health crises and challenges, they can now call, text, or chat 988 to be connected to trained counselors 24 hours a day.

For more information visit: 988lifeline.org



A glimpse of history ALVISO ADOBE COMMUNITY PARK

Tucked away off scenic Foothill Road lies a gateway into Pleasanton's past. As if preserved in time, the Alviso Adobe Community Park provides a glimpse into three distinct periods of local history. The park weaves together a story of the vast cultural and natural changes over time, beginning with the settlement of Indigenous peoples, to the days of the Spanish ranchos, and as the site of the 153-acre Meadowlark Dairy in the early 20th century. This site underwent yet another transformation in the early 1990s when it was acquired by the City of Pleasanton and later opened to the public for all to enjoy.

Visit the Alviso Adobe Community Park and experience all that it has to offer:

Milking Barn Visitor Center: Learn more about the natural and cultural history of the Amador Valley through historical displays, artifacts, and live animal displays.

Bunkhouse: Glance at a re-created living space for the dairy workers who worked on-site at the Meadowlark Dairy.

Picnic Areas: Relax at one of the park's picnic areas and enjoy the breathtaking sites.

For more information please visit:
cityofpleasantonca.gov/alvisoadobe

The Alviso Adobe Community Park is located at 3465 Old Foothill Road.



Restoration of the CENTURY HOUSE

This summer, City Council approved a project to restore the first floor and grounds of the Century House for public use. These are the primary spaces most often used by the community prior to the building closing in 2014 due to numerous building and life safety code deficiencies. Focusing on the restoration of the first floor and grounds creates a flexible space that can be used both indoors and outdoors, while maintaining the beauty and history of the site and the facility. Enrichment programs such as art, yoga, and STEAM programs can be offered indoors. The space includes the outdoor areas for larger events such as weddings and community gatherings.

The existing site is approximately 2.7 acres, with street frontage on Santa Rita Road and Tanager Drive. The site consists of the Century House and grounds with vehicular access on Santa Rita Road, and the remaining one-third consists of a neighborhood park fronting on Tanager Drive. The neighborhood park and overall look and feel of the Century House property and building will be maintained.

Key decisions will be brought forward for public input, Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations, and City Council direction as the project progresses.

The Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road.

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HARVEST HAPPENINGS

The Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department invites you to discover, connect and enjoy this fall and winter at our many programs, classes, and activities! We hope you received a copy of the all-new Fall 2022 / Winter 2023 Activities Guide, which was mailed to all Pleasanton residences. You can also browse through a digital version of this season's guide online at PleasantonFun.com. This season's guide includes countless opportunities for individuals of all ages and interests to play, learn, grow, and have fun.

Registration is now open, don't miss your chance to sign up at PleasantonFun.com

FLOATING PUMPKIN PATCH The Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center invites you to enjoy games, costumes, and pumpkin decorating at Pleasanton's 6th annual Floating Pumpkin Patch. This beloved community event will take place on Saturday, October 29, from 10 a.m. – noon.

PLEASANTON YOUTH BASKETBALL Provide your child the chance to improve their court skills, make new friends, and learn to be part of a team by enrolling them in Pleasanton Youth Basketball (PYB). This recreational basketball league is for youth grades 1-12. Practice begins November 14. As one PYB parent stated, "Everyone was so helpful. Learning is more important than being too competitive at this age. Patient coach and patient staff."