

# PLEASANTON PROGRESS

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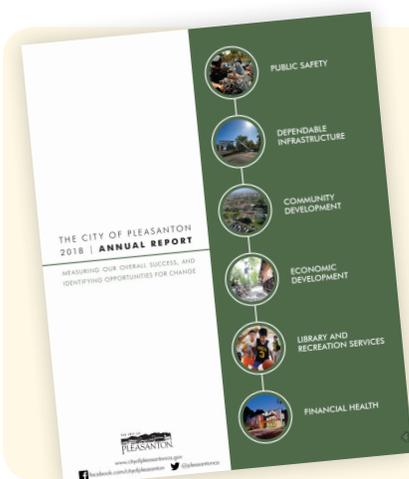
Measuring our overall success, and identifying opportunities for change.



## Celebrate Earth Day

with the City of Pleasanton

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# Welcome to Pleasanton Progress Evaluating our Present and Planning for the Future



**Nelson Fialho**  
CITY MANAGER

Recently, Mayor Jerry Thorne gave his annual State of the City address in which he offered a look back at the accomplishments of the prior year in a number of important areas, including local and regional transportation improvements, resource management, and new amenities to enhance the quality of life for all Pleasanton residents.

The State of the City address is also an opportunity for the Mayor to outline the City's vision for the year ahead, and how the City plans to tackle some of the major issues facing Pleasanton through projects and programs that work to sustain the health, vision and traditions of our community. The Mayor also takes this occasion to report on the overall health of Pleasanton's local economy, and noted solid job growth, a flourishing housing market and a stable, balanced budget. I would encourage every Pleasanton resident and community member

to read the Mayor's full State of the City speech, which can be found on our City website.

Included in this edition of the Pleasanton Progress Newsletter is the City's 2018 Annual Report which highlights the City of Pleasanton's performance over the past year and illustrates how well the organization is doing in its endeavors to provide services to the community. As in last year's report, we focused on both the major projects and programs that were accomplished in 2018, and on the quantitative data behind City services. These metrics are categorized into key areas, allowing City staff to track and better understand what is working well and areas in which we can improve. By evaluating these benchmarks, we can always find ways to better serve the community. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pleasanton Progress newsletter.

See you around town!

# LIBRARY AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## Discover, Connect, Share

"Reading through the years" is the theme of this year's summer reading game at the Pleasanton Public Library, in observation of Pleasanton's 125 year anniversary. From June 1 to August 4, plan to enjoy a historic summer of reading fun for everyone! In true Pleasanton tradition, children and adults will be offered a series of excellent programs and prizes for reading.

The Story Walk through Downtown is an interactive family experience where participants read a story page-by-page at marked spots along a path from the Library, through downtown, and ending at the Firehouse Arts Center for the final page of the book and a visit to a Little Free Library. On June 1 at 11 a.m., Literary Arts Ambassador Meg Fleming will lead a guided walk from Pleasanton Library to the Firehouse Arts Center. The Story Walk will remain up through August 3.

## Discover, Connect, Swim

Splashball is designed to introduce the sport of water polo to children ages 6-10, by providing basic skills and understanding of the sport in a recreational format. Splashball combines all the fun, dynamic aspects of the game in a safe environment, with an easy-to-learn aquatic experience that will motivate kids to swim and stay fit.

Saturday Drop-in lessons for Parent/Child Aquatics, Preschool Aquatics, Learn-to-Swim, and Adult swim programs. Lessons are run on a first come, first serve basis. As classes fill, instructors will close admission to preserve class safety and instructor-to-student ratios.

Water Safety Day, on Saturday, May 11, is a fun, free and interactive community event that features home water safety education, swim lesson evaluations, and showcases staff lifeguarding skills.

## Discover, Connect, Play

Open Gym times are open for basketball, pickleball, and volleyball. Punch passes can be purchased online at [pleasantonfun.com](http://pleasantonfun.com).

Summer Leagues for adult bocce ball and adult softball are available. Build your team and register at [teamsideline.com/pleasanton](http://teamsideline.com/pleasanton).

Summer Youth Basketball is open to boys and girls in grades 1-12 with all levels of skill and experience. This program takes place June 3 – July 25.



The Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department invites you to discover, connect and enjoy your summer with us! The new summer activities guide will be mailed to all Pleasanton residents on Wednesday, March 27. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3 at [PleasantonFun.com](http://PleasantonFun.com). Here is a sneak peek at the new and exciting programs coming this summer.



# Love a local. Merchant, that is.

The prompt to shop locally isn't a new idea. But it is an idea that has staying power for a lot of good reasons. Supporting local merchants is important, and here's why.

## Shopping locally...

**Offers personalized service.** You get personal attention and feel connected to our community, and our merchants get to know local preferences.

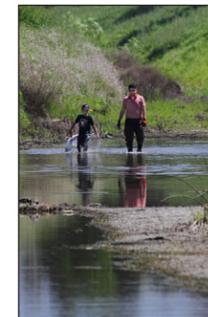
**Ensures our city stays the place to go.** Our businesses give us a strong sense of loyalty for our city.

**Is more environmentally friendly.** When you shop locally, it often means you can walk or bike to your destination, supporting conveniently located and accessible shops.

**Keeps dollars in our economy.** Spending locally means that our sales taxes are reinvested right here in our community, and local merchants make more local purchases that support other businesses. In fact, studies show that \$48 of each \$100 purchase at a local independent business is recirculated locally.

When you shop locally, you generate revenues for the city that can be used to provide all the things that make Pleasanton an outstanding place to live, like active parks and sports fields, a dynamic library, and public safety and maintenance workers that keep our community safe and secure. So, go ahead and love a local merchant.

WHEN YOU SHOP LOCAL, IT CAN LEAD TO BIG THINGS.



# Celebrate Earth Day with the City of Pleasanton Saturday, April 13

The City of Pleasanton is pleased to announce its annual Earth Day Celebration will be back and better than ever! The festivities will kick off with a creek cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon; to participate you can register at [Pleasantonfun.com](http://Pleasantonfun.com) with code 12139. The creek cleanup will be followed by an Earth Day event at the Civic Center from 1-4 p.m. with free document shredding in front of 123 Main Street and a variety of fun activities at the Pleasanton Library. Activities will include a bike rodeo and bike repairs, live music and food, face painting, environmental arts and crafts, a visit from a beekeeper, and a variety of educational booths that will teach you how to reduce your carbon footprint and be good stewards of our planet. Join us, and help make this Pleasanton's best Earth Day Celebration yet!

# Bike to the Future

## How Pleasanton is enhancing streets for cyclists and pedestrians

In 2017, is the City's official policy document addressing the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities for transportation and recreation purposes.

The newly updated PBMP outlines the existing conditions of facilities and provides a prioritized list of improvements that include on- and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and incorporates ideas and projects from other City master plans including the Community Trails Master Plan, the City of Pleasanton General Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, and the Downtown Parks and Trails System Master Plan.

To determine which projects should be prioritized and completed first, the PBMP outlines a set of criteria by which each project is measured. The criteria includes connectivity, demand, safety, safe routes to school functions, and overall feasibility to assign a relative priority score for each opportunity area corridor project. While the PBMP assessed numerous bike and pedestrian projects throughout

the community, the West Las Positas Boulevard, Santa Rita Road, and Foothill Road transportation networks were among the top priority projects to make Pleasanton more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Some details about transportation networks and the planned enhancements can be found at the bottom of this page. To view the full Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

This continuing effort toward improving and enhancing Pleasanton's bicycle and pedestrian networks support the recent renewal of the City's designation as a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, which also recognizes Pleasanton's investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.



The City of Pleasanton is a thriving, healthy, sustainable community that strives to meet the needs of all of its citizens in an environmentally sensitive manner. Walking and bicycling for recreation, fitness or as a means of transportation, requires safe and accessible infrastructure, encouraging active living and reducing automobile traffic. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (PBMP), which was updated

### Top Bike/Ped Priority Projects

For each of the top priority networks, you will find details about the projects and improvements that are proposed to help make biking and walking along these corridors easier and more accessible all ages and abilities

### West Las Positas Blvd.

- Install separated bikeway
- Enhance or modify bike lanes
- Enhance existing crosswalk with high visibility striping
- Install new marked crosswalk with median refuge and curb extensions
- Improve consistency of existing bicycle lane and shoulder striping



### Santa Rita Road

- Close gaps in existing bicycle facility
- Transition bicycle lanes from curbside to between through and right lane
- Install a bicycle boulevard on the Santa Rita frontage road
- Improve access to Alisal Elementary School and Amador Valley High School by providing crosswalk improvements

### Foothill Road

- Prepare bikeway feasibility/complete streets study
- Enhance existing crosswalk with ladder striping
- Provide crosswalk, bicycle rack, accessibility, and pathway improvements near Lydiksen Elementary School

## Upcoming Bike Events in Pleasanton

To learn about more upcoming bike events in and around Pleasanton, or to register for any of these events, visit [bikeeastbay.org](http://bikeeastbay.org)



### Family Cycling Workshop

The family that rides together thrives together! Join Bike East Bay's certified instructors for a day of fun games, drills, and skills building. This workshop is for kids who are able to ride a bike and ready to take to the paths and roadways with their parents. Parents and kids (grades 2-6, recommended) must attend together; please, no drop-offs. Free reflective vests for youth attendees. The Family Cycling Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hart Middle School, located at 4433 Willow Road.



### Dublin-Pleasanton Community Bike Ride

Join in on a bike ride led by Mike's Bikes Pleasanton to explore Dublin and Pleasanton on two wheels! The ride will be an easy-paced 11-miles and is open to all skill levels, using multi-use trails and bike lanes in both cities. A helmet, signed waiver release, and a properly working bike are required. Visit [mikesbikes.com](http://mikesbikes.com) for online waiver under Rides / Group Ride Directory. Come early and get your bike checked out by Mike's Bikes staff and enjoy refreshments and free giveaways. Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated. Youth ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Tricycles and bicycles with training wheels are not eligible for the ride. Recommended age is 10+. Register by Wednesday, May 15.



### Bike to Work Day

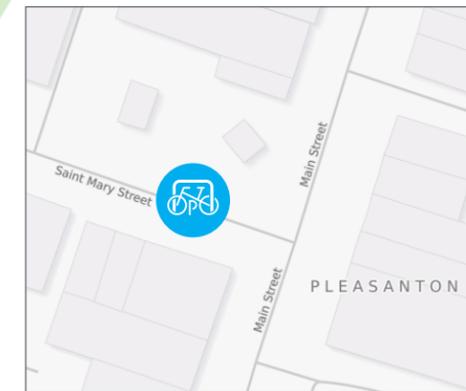
Join thousands of bike commuters on this year's Bike to Work Day! Stop by one of the local energizer stations the morning of Thursday, May 9, for a free Bike to Work day t-shirt (at selected stations) and bag, while supplies last and enjoy refreshments to keep you energized. This annual event — now in its 25th year — promotes bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work. Studies have show that bicycling to work increases your happiness levels and helps your brain function better. The Bike to Work campaign is organized regionally by Bike East Bay.



Existing bicycle corral on the corner of West Angela & Main Streets



Proposed location of new bicycle corral on St. Mary Street



## New Bike Corral to be installed Downtown

There is a growing community interest in making downtown more bicycle-friendly. While a number of bicycle route and network improvements have been identified in the Downtown Specific Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, bicycle parking remains under established in the area. In response, the City Council approved a bicycle corral on West Angela Street that has been well used by the community over the past year. It has been particularly full throughout the summer months and during events such as the farmers market. Additionally, a new bicycle

corral was installed in front of the City building at 200 Old Bernal Avenue to encourage residents to use alternate forms of transportation when attending City meetings and conducting City-related business.

As bicycle corrals are installed adjacent to the curb instead of on the sidewalk, they can accommodate a high number of bicycles without impeding pedestrian walkways so they are especially useful in areas with narrow sidewalks, outdoor dining, and high levels of pedestrian activity. Late last

year, the City Council voted to retain the bicycle corral on West Angela Street and install an additional bicycle corral on St. Mary Street. The new corral will be installed by April, so get on your bicycle and make your way downtown! If you haven't stopped by the West Angela bicycle corral recently, check out the modifications, including replacement of the low wheel bicycle racks with tall bike racks and the addition of a tune-up/pump station.

# Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center Remodel to Make a Splash this Spring



Just in time for summer, the newly renovated locker rooms and pool deck enhancements at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center are slated to be open this spring. The locker room remodel project commenced last summer, starting with the demolition of the existing 2,600 square foot space that the current locker rooms occupy. City staff and contractors then began constructing the newly designed locker rooms with individual shower stalls, new lockers, sinks, counters, mirrors,

wall cubbies, partitions, toilets, and doors. The newly renovated locker rooms also include new, higher efficiency HVAC units and additional skylights to allow for more natural light. In addition to the renovation of the indoor locker rooms, new on-deck rinse showers have been added so program participants can rinse before they swim, and quickly rinse off afterwards. The chain link fencing surrounding the 50-meter pool deck will also be replaced. While the cosmetic enhancements will provide swimmers with a better aquatic center experience, many of the upgrades are intended to make the space more usable and



New on-deck pool showers

accessible for participants of all physical abilities. We look forward to completing this project just in time for summer and hope everyone in the swimming community enjoys these new upgrades.

# ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES COMING SOON TO DOWNTOWN

To support the growing demand for additional parking in the downtown, the City is working to expand the existing parking area on the former railroad corridor located between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street. In 2008, the City purchased the Alameda County Transportation Corridor between Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard with the overall goal of expanding the parking supply to an estimated 429 parking spaces throughout the corridor. Added bike and trail improvements are also envisioned, improving connectivity throughout the downtown transportation network.

In 2011 the first parking lot expansion, along the corridor between Neal Street and Spring Street, was completed as part of the Firehouse Arts Center construction project, and provided 91 new parking spaces and a segment of the planned multi-use trail. In 2017, the City Council approved the Downtown Pleasanton Parking Strategy and Implementation Plan that identified the

Abbie-Bernal section of the transportation corridor as the highest priority project to improve downtown parking.

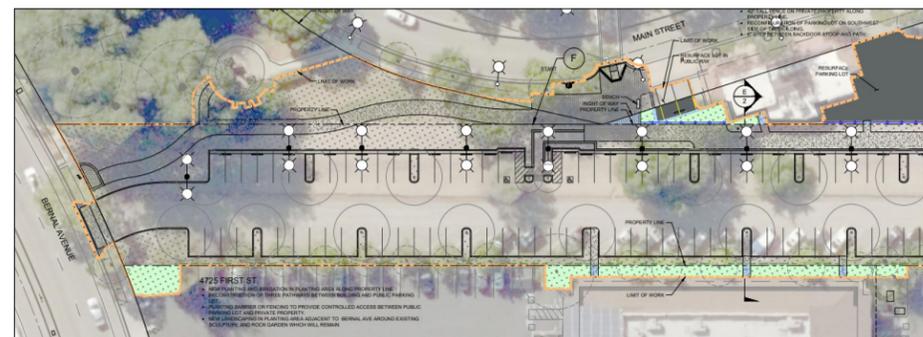
The current project will move the City closer to its long-term goal of increasing overall parking by adding approximately 80 additional parking stalls, a shared bike/pedestrian path, and landscaping to help match the aesthetic of the existing downtown parking lot behind the Firehouse Arts



Artist rendering of new parking lot with bike & pedestrian trail, landscaping

Center. The project also includes a new retaining wall, lighting, electric vehicle charging stations and necessary paving and striping.

Construction is scheduled to begin later this summer, with anticipated completion in early 2020.



Engineering schematic of new parking lot located between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street

# Pleasanton Unified School District MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT HAGLUND



## Our Students Will Make a Better World: A Call For Service and Sustainability

Dear Pleasanton Community, Our charge at the Pleasanton Unified School District includes preparing and providing opportunities for our students to be responsible and engaged world citizens. We've seen this brought to life recently through our work with an inspiring group of students and staff to conduct waste audits at all of our schools to support our campuses use of garbage, recycle and compost bins. These audits are being done in collaboration with the Go Green Initiative and Local Leaders of the 21st Century, an Amador Valley High School student organization of environmental advocates.



Vintage Hills Elementary students helping sort recycling and compost materials during their school waste audit

Teams at the District and each of our school sites and students and staff across the District are learning how we can be better environmental stewards. We believe in supporting our students discover their passions and providing opportunities to give back to their community and make a better world.

At this year's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, I extended a broader call to service to our fellow Tri-Valley school districts, city officials, organizations and business leaders for what we've

tentatively dubbed the 2020 Tri-Valley Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Servathon. My how is to bring schools, families and community organizations together for one day on January 20, 2020 and invest time in our communities. And, since all high school students need community service to graduate, leverage their energy to make a difference. Instead of this simply being a graduation requirement that our students check off, we want to provide opportunities for these service hours to have meaning for our students and a real impact for our community.

To do this, I need your help. I'm asking our community leaders and organizations to join us in this work.

If you're interested in participating, please reach out to me via email at dhaglund@pleasantonusd.net and let me know you want to be a part of our first Servathon. I continue to be grateful to serve with and for this incredible community.

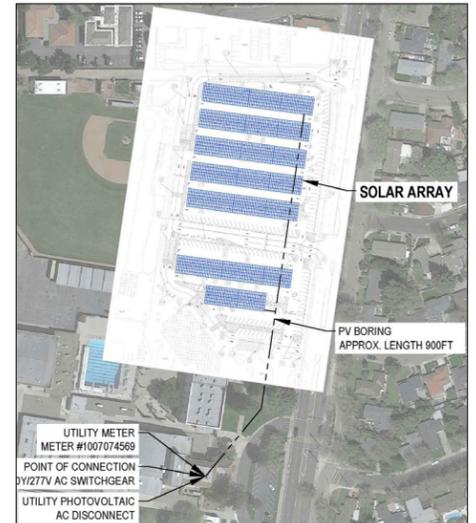
Sincerely, David

## Amador Santa Rita Parking Lot to Get Solar: Facilities & Measure I1 Update

To help our campuses become more sustainable, we will be getting to work on a new solar panel structure for the Amador Valley High School parking lot on Santa Rita Road this Summer. The Amador lot was selected due to its location high sun exposure, which the solar structure will take advantage of while providing covered parking to our students.

This solar structure is anticipated to generate over 1.6 million kilowatt hours of electricity and tens of thousands of dollars in energy savings in the first year. In terms of reducing our carbon footprint, the energy generated by the Amador solar structure is estimated to help offset carbon dioxide emissions from over 3.6 million gallons of gasoline and avoid 60.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions over its lifetime.

We invite you to learn about this and other exciting Facilities and Measure I1 projects on our PUSD website: www.pleasantonusd.net.



Conceptual: December 2018 Conceptual Design for Amador Valley High Solar Structure

## Connecting with our Community

To strengthen PUSD's connection to the broader community, we'll be hosting a series of meetings to engage in conversation and connect personally with community members. Please save the date and join the PUSD Executive Cabinet members and Board of Trustees at one of our upcoming meetings in 2019!

- Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Please visit [www.pleasantonusd.net](http://www.pleasantonusd.net) for additional information.

# Downtown Tree to be Replaced



Following an inspection by the City's arborist and tree preservation team earlier this year, it was determined that the large cedar tree located outside of the Museum on Main has reached the end of its life and should be replaced. The tree, which has served as the staging point and holiday tree for the Hometown Holiday parade for over 20 years, was diagnosed with root fungus, compromising the health of the tree

and drastically reducing its longevity. As there is no cure for this particular strain of root fungus, City staff has begun planning for its future removal. While we are disappointed by the loss of this downtown monument, we are committed to maintaining the landscaping in the area to ensure future Hometown Holiday Tree Lighting ceremonies can continue for years to come.

## CONTACT INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

### City Council Meetings

200 Old Bernal Ave.  
7 p.m., every first and third Tuesday of the month

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## COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Here is a list of current commissions and committees, along with meeting days and times. Visitors are encouraged and always welcome. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. For more information or to submit an application to serve, please visit our website at [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov) or call the City Clerk at 925-931-5027.

**Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee**  
Fourth Monday  
6:30 p.m., 5353 Sunol Blvd.

**Civic Arts Commission**  
First Monday  
7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Committee on Energy and the Environment**  
Fourth Wednesday (bi-monthly)  
5 p.m., 3333 Busch Road

**Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force**  
Fourth Tuesday  
6:30 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Economic Vitality Committee**  
Third Thursday  
7:30 a.m., 3333 Busch Road

**Housing Commission**  
Third Thursday  
7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Human Services Commission**  
First Wednesday  
7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Library Commission**  
First Thursday  
7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Second Thursday  
7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Planning Commission**  
Second and fourth Wednesday (semi-monthly)  
7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Youth Commission**  
Second Wednesday (Sept.- May)  
7 p.m., 3333 Busch Road