

# PLEASANTON PROGRESS

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# Welcome to Pleasanton Progress

## City of Planned Progress: Looking Forward



**Nelson Fialho**  
City Manager



As we look forward through the new year and beyond, I'd like to remind everyone of our City's motto: that we are a City of *Planned Progress*. Through the combined efforts of everyone in the city, we carefully lay the groundwork for the future and move one step at a time toward a brighter tomorrow. Right now, the City of Pleasanton is currently undergoing several planning efforts to help set the course for the Pleasanton of tomorrow. These efforts include the Pleasanton Trails Master Plan, which focuses on enhancing Pleasanton's robust trail and outdoor system, and the Downtown Specific Plan, which aims to gather community input to

develop a strategy for the future of downtown Pleasanton.

Progress is not just about looking forward, however, which is why the City collects annual data on its performance to measure success and identify areas of improvement. In this edition of the Pleasanton Progress Newsletter, you'll find the City's 2017 Annual Report, which focuses on the data that moves the community forward.

This idea of *Planned Progress* is what drives us and makes us the City that we are - driven, forward-thinking, and responsive to the needs of all within the community, today and into the future. Here's to a great year ahead.

### A Public and Private Sector Partnership

## North Pleasanton Police Service Center

Design work continues on the joint City of Pleasanton-BART Police Service Center, which will be located in the southeast corner of the existing West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station parking

structure.

This service center, paid for by Workday Inc. as part of its headquarters, will be a resource to the community and be staffed by BART police, as well as Pleasanton police, who will be available during regular business hours to handle a variety of law enforcement services. The service center will include a public counter, office space, and a mixed-use community room.

During the next few months, the floorplan design will be finalized



by the working group, which includes the City of Pleasanton, BART, and Workday. This facility will have a prominent presence at the new Workday campus; strategically located on the corner of the existing BART parking garage near the future passenger drop off area, the entry to the Workday campus, and the bridge path to the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.



Service Center Design Rendering



# Rail & Road

## New Plans Ahead for Commuters in Tri-Valley Area

### New Planning Authority Established to Design and Construct New BART Extension

On Oct. 13, Governor Brown signed into law a bill to create the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority. The legislation, authored by Assemblymembers Baker and Eggman, creates this Authority to oversee the planning, development and delivery of a connection between the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) from the Tri-Valley to the San Joaquin Valley.

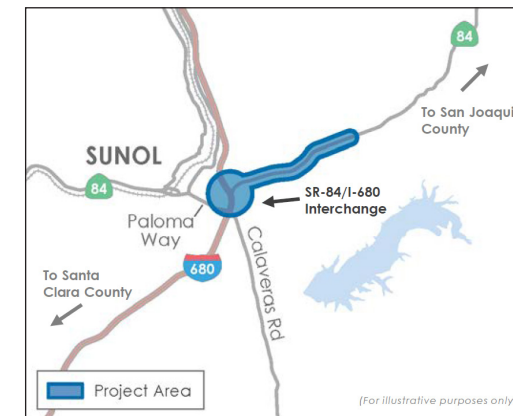
Comprising representatives from impacted cities, transit agencies and Alameda and San Joaquin counties, the Authority will focus on advancing regional rail planning and improvements to offset an increase in regional traffic impacts. Estimates project traffic to increase 60 percent between 2013 and 2040 through the Altamont Pass, which serves as

an important regional commuter and freight corridor connecting the San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area.

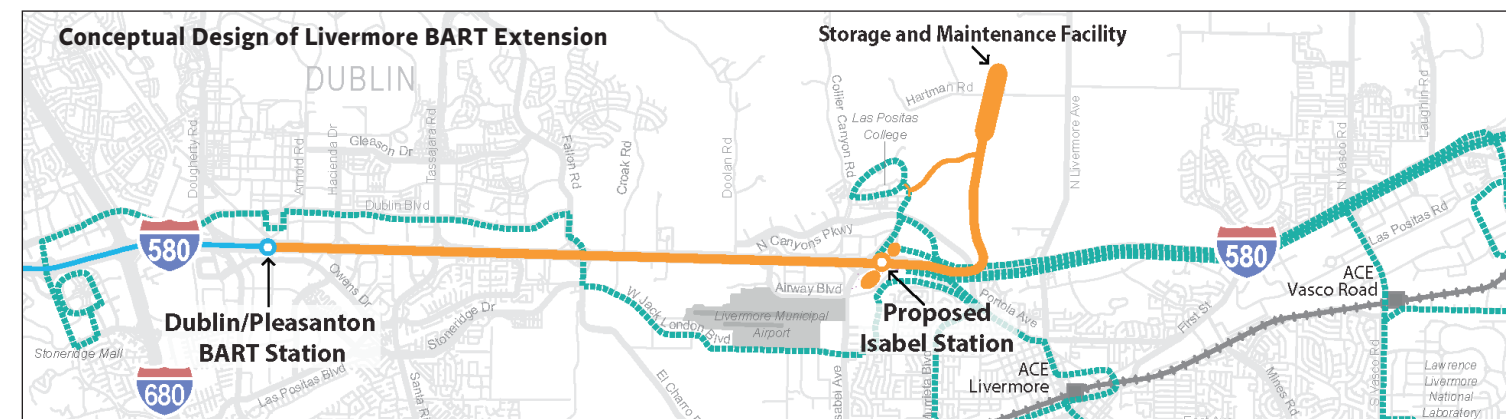
The newly-minted Authority's scope includes developing a project feasibility report by July 1, 2019, which will also include recommendations for expediting planning and construction of the BART to ACE connection; identifying a preferred entity to deliver transit connectivity; outlining a funding and financing plan, as well as offering a preliminary design and a proposed schedule for completion.

### Planning for State Route 84 Widening Underway

Planning for the widening of State Route 84 south of Ruby Hill Drive to the I-680 interchange continues, and as of January 2018 a request for proposals for design engineering was issued. When a candidate is selected, the design process can take up to two years in order to get the project ready for construction.



The existing two-lane facility and the newly constructed truck climbing lanes will be widened to a full four-lane facility to ease congestion. Project lead agencies are CalTrans and the Alameda County Transportation Commission, though the City pays into the tri-valley transportation fee, offers technical support, and reviews and comments on environmental and design work. If the schedule remains on track, the project could be completed by 2023. For more information, visit [AlamedaCTC.org](http://AlamedaCTC.org).





## Tennis, Anyone?

Construction of two new lighted tennis courts at the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park on the corner of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue is now complete and the courts are open for play. With these two new courts, the total number of lighted tennis courts at the Tennis and Community Park is now 12, as was envisioned in the 1984 Master Plan for the Tennis and Community Park.



## Downtown Specific Plan Update

The City of Pleasanton would like to hear from all residents regarding the update to the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP), which looks at how downtown continues to grow as a vibrant commercial district while simultaneously protecting the City's small-town look and feel. The DSP Task Force has been meeting monthly for the past year and exploring development alternatives and options for the existing Civic Center, should voters approve new facilities at the Bernal property (across from the fairgrounds at the location that had contemplated a regional performing arts center).

Last year, the Civic Center/ Library Task Force developed its recommendations, which are being explored through the DSP process. Other topics on the table include streetscape enhancements on key streets, such as Main Street and others. When the process is complete later this year, a revised Downtown Specific Plan, which serves as the overarching downtown planning guide, will be reviewed and finalized by the Task Force.

Visit [ptowndtown.org](http://ptowndtown.org) to sign up for email updates and learn about various ways to participate.

## Downtown Water Pipeline Improvements Underway

### City to Remove and Replace Existing Pipeline through Summer 2018

Maintaining infrastructure is an essential element of what the City provides to Pleasanton residents, and at its Dec. 5 meeting the City Council authorized roughly \$2.6 million for the Main Street water main replacement project as part of the City's ongoing annual replacement program to replace failing or broken water lines.

The entire project, from Black Avenue to St. Mary Street, comprises 3,300 linear feet of old cast iron and asbestos cement pipes and will take several months to complete, but the initial phase focuses on the stretch of pipeline along the northern section of Main Street and is expected to

be complete by the end of March, weather permitting.

Crews began by excavating to determine the exact location and depth of existing utilities prior to pipeline installation, which will start at the bridge over the Arroyo Del Valle and then head south to St. Mary Street. Work will occur Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., after which time all parking restrictions will be removed and the street re-opened.



This work will unavoidably impact traffic and parking in the downtown area, and we apologize for any inconvenience but recognize how incredibly fortunate this community is to have the resources for important infrastructure repair and replacement. There is never a good time to tear up streets, but know the work was carefully planned for the slower winter months to minimize impacts.



## The Smart Way to Combat the Cold (and Colds)

Each winter, as the temperature drops, homeowners resolve to weatherize their homes as they break out the sweaters and tissues. But what is the most effective way to keep it cozy inside?

Most people assume that windows are the main culprit, though leaks and holes and poorly connected ducts are the real energy wasters. According to the Department of the Energy, the average duct system leaks 30-40 percent and can result in dust and allergens being pulled from the crawlspace or attic and distributed throughout the house. There are a number of programs designed to assist homeowners in addressing these issues.

### Home Energy Score

[homescoreca.org](http://homescoreca.org)



Homes are scored against performance of similar homes. Since the program launch in 2012, more than 75,000 homes countrywide have received a rating of 1-10, along with a list of potential improvements. Alameda County residents can receive a \$250 rebate for this assessment for a limited time.

### Bay Area Home Upgrade

[bayareaenergyupgrade.org](http://bayareaenergyupgrade.org)



Since 2013, 113 Pleasanton residents and over 1,500 homeowners in Alameda County have utilized the Bay Area Home Upgrade, a program that provides rebates for energy-saving improvements. There are two options:

- 1) Home Upgrade – Homeowners choose from a menu of cost-effective options. If installed by an approved contractor, homeowners may earn a rebate not to exceed \$3,000.
- 2) Advanced Home Upgrade – Approved contractors diagnose leaks and faulty equipment throughout the house. Homeowners can then choose an upgrade that works for them.

Homeowners can contact the Home Upgrade Advisors, a free, third-party, impartial service that provides personalized expert advice and guidance. For more information, visit [stopwaste.org](http://stopwaste.org), or contact Jeffery Liang at 510-891-6567.



### Infrastructure and Facility Replacement Plan Underway: A Blueprint to Fiscal Sustainability

To assess long-term funding needs for capital projects, the City has begun developing an inventory of anticipated infrastructure and facility replacement and expansion projects over the next ten years. In addition, the City is identifying available funding and calculating requisite funding needed for all projects. This will help the City better prioritize capital budget decisions and identify the necessary capital funding to properly maintain and upgrade the City's infrastructure and facilities. The City expects to complete this effort by June 2018 and review findings at a City Council meeting.



### Senior Center Celebrates 25 Years

This year, the Pleasanton Senior Center reaches a significant milestone as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. Since its 1993 opening, the Senior Center has been an important resource for the community, offering an array of services, programs and classes important for people of all ages.

More than 1,500 participants a week pass through the Senior Center doors to access a dynamic schedule of health and wellness classes including Zumba Gold, Fit for Fifty, Walking, Core Stretch and Balance Tai-Chi, Yoga, and Pleasanton Pedalers, a vibrant bicycle club for mature adults. Other popular offerings include book, computer and photo clubs, computer tutoring, knitting, brain fitness, community lectures and writing classes. The Senior Center also boasts a unique woodshop, with numerous opportunities for wood

working and wood carving.

Open Heart Kitchen operates the Sage Café, Monday through Friday and offers seniors a healthy, delicious and affordable lunch option for \$3 (suggested donation). The Senior Center also hosts a number of important services



like Pleasanton Paratransit Services, health screening, foot care, health insurance counseling (HICAP), Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS), AARP Tax Assistance, estate planning counseling and eye glass repairs.

Invite a friend, neighbor, parent, or family member, help us celebrate 25 years of recreation, education and services and discover and try something new for yourself! For more information, please visit our website at [pleasantonseniorcenter.com](http://pleasantonseniorcenter.com) or call 925-931-5366.

# Castleridge Trailhead Improvements Nearing Completion



In June 2016, the City Council voted unanimously to support a partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to add a new trail to the Pleasanton Ridge at the Castleridge trailhead, just behind the Alviso Adobe on Old Foothill Road. By creating one more access point to the Pleasanton Ridge, the City is pleased to offer more opportunities for people to get out and get active.

The EBRPD acquired the 231-acre Castleridge property in 2014

as part of its ongoing commitment to increase the size of public open space on the Ridge and add to existing trails. Since then, the City has been working with EBRPD and members of the community to address concerns raised about the potential for impacts to the surrounding area.

In addition to another hiking trail with expanded access to more open space and the Ridge with its beautiful vistas, a restroom and a water fountain have been built, and part of the Old Foothill road has been converted into parallel parking spaces to accommodate new visitors. And within five years, the EBRPD has committed to constructing an additional trailhead, known as the Garms Staging Area, approximately one mile to the north.



## Southeast Hills Mapping Approved

### Initiative to Map Slopes and Ridgelines Now Complete



On Dec. 5, the City Council approved one of its Council priorities, the Southeast Hills Mapping project. This was an outgrowth of a successful 2008 ballot measure to protect Pleasanton's hillsides from excessive development and offer

clarity on future land use and development issues in Pleasanton. The local ordinance restricts housing and structures on slopes of 25 percent or greater, or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline, though housing developments of 10 or fewer are exempt. Since

2016, the City has been working on a methodology to map and measure many of Pleasanton's hills to help assess future development applications and avoid future land use conflicts. For more information, visit the City's website at [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

# Community Services Director to Retire

## Library and Community Services Departments to be Merged



Director of Community Services, Susan Andrade-Wax, has officially announced her retirement from the City of Pleasanton. Susan's tenure at the City of Pleasanton is filled with

a great number of achievements, including oversight of the development of the Firehouse Arts Center, Cubby's Dog Park, and Pleasanton's newest addition to its park system, Bernal Community Park. Her commitment to the community and her staff have earned her the reputation of being a caring and thoughtful leader, and a great mentor.

Following Susan's retirement from the City, the Community Services and Library departments will undergo an integration process to take advantage of overlaps in key program and service areas, and under the leadership of Library Services Director Heidi Murphy, will be rebranded as the Library and Recreation Department, effective July 1.

## CITY OF PLEASANTON 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

Third Thursday  
7 p.m., 400 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

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200 Old Bernal Ave.  
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