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6. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ELEMENT



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6. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ELEMENT

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the Public Facilities and Community Programs Element is to define the capital improvements, public facilities, and programs needed to service the community at build out, schools, library, high-speed wireless internet access (Wi-Fi), recreation and parks, other community facilities, and solid waste. Community programs include programs run by the City, other agencies and individuals that educate, nurture, or otherwise provide a social benefit to members of the community.



City Council Chambers and Community Development Department

A public facilities element is an optional general plan element. Public facilities such as sewer and waterlines, treatment plants, water wells, reservoirs, and drainage facilities are parts of the infrastructure that support development. The Water Element addresses all of these facilities related to water. Transportation systems and roadways

contribute to determining a community's land use patterns, as well as the direction and intensity of growth. The Circulation Element addresses these facilities. Public facilities for city and county offices, education, libraries, recreation and parks, solid waste, cultural arts, community health, and other community programs are important to residents' quality of life. This Element addresses all of these facilities.

California Government Code Section 65302 provides for a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution, location and extent of several land uses, including public facilities such as schools, public buildings and grounds, and solid and liquid waste disposal facilities. Note, however, that *Government Code* Section 65301(a) allows a legislative body to adopt a general plan in any format deemed appropriate or convenient. Pleasanton has chosen to include the distribution, location and extent of many public facilities in this Public Facilities and Community Programs Element.

SUSTAINABILITY

As stated in the General Plan Vision, the City of Pleasanton embraces the concept of sustainable development. A sustainable city draws from the environment only those resources that are necessary and that can be used or recycled perpetually, or returned to the environment in a form that nature can use to generate more resources. Directly relating the concept of sustainability to public facilities and programs includes: minimizing and recycling solid wastes (garbage). Providing public facilities and programs in ways that reduce motor vehicle-trips and energy usage also address the concept of sustainability. Thus schools, libraries, parks and recreational facilities, community facilities, cultural arts, and human services that may be readily accessed by walking, bicycle riding, transit, carpools or linked

automobile trips would also relate to sustainability planning. This element addresses the concept of sustainability through its goals, policies and programs.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION^{1,2}



Lunch break at Foothill High School

Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade

Pleasanton is known for the quality of its school system, and the General Plan contains policies and programs to assist in its continued excellence. Prior to the fall of 1988, three independent school districts (Pleasanton Joint School District, Murray School District, and the Amador Valley Joint Union High School District) provided school facilities and services. Beginning in the fall of 1988,

the various individual districts merged into the Pleasanton Unified School District (School District) providing school services for children kindergarten through grade twelve. The School District boundaries include the City of Pleasanton and some outlying, sparsely populated areas. The School District operates nine public elementary schools, three public middle schools, and four high schools (two of which do not have attendance areas as they are specialty high schools). See Figure 6-1 for the location of all existing and proposed public school sites. Pleasanton also has several private schools that accommodate almost 300 school-age children, Kindergarten through twelfth grades.

Since the 1996 General Plan, elementary-school enrollment has increased about 12 percent (from 5,391 student to 6,054 students), middle-school enrollment has increased about 38 percent (from 2,537 to 3,490 students), and high-school enrollment has increased about 53 percent (from 3,234 to 4,974). Enrollment has increased primarily due to new residential development.



After school at Amador Valley High School

¹ Thomas R. Williams, Principal Demographer, Enrollment Projection Consultants, Letter to Superintendent and Board of Education, Pleasanton Unified School District, January 24, 2006.

² City of Pleasanton, *2002 Growth Management Report*, Prepared for the Pleasanton City Council, November 2002.

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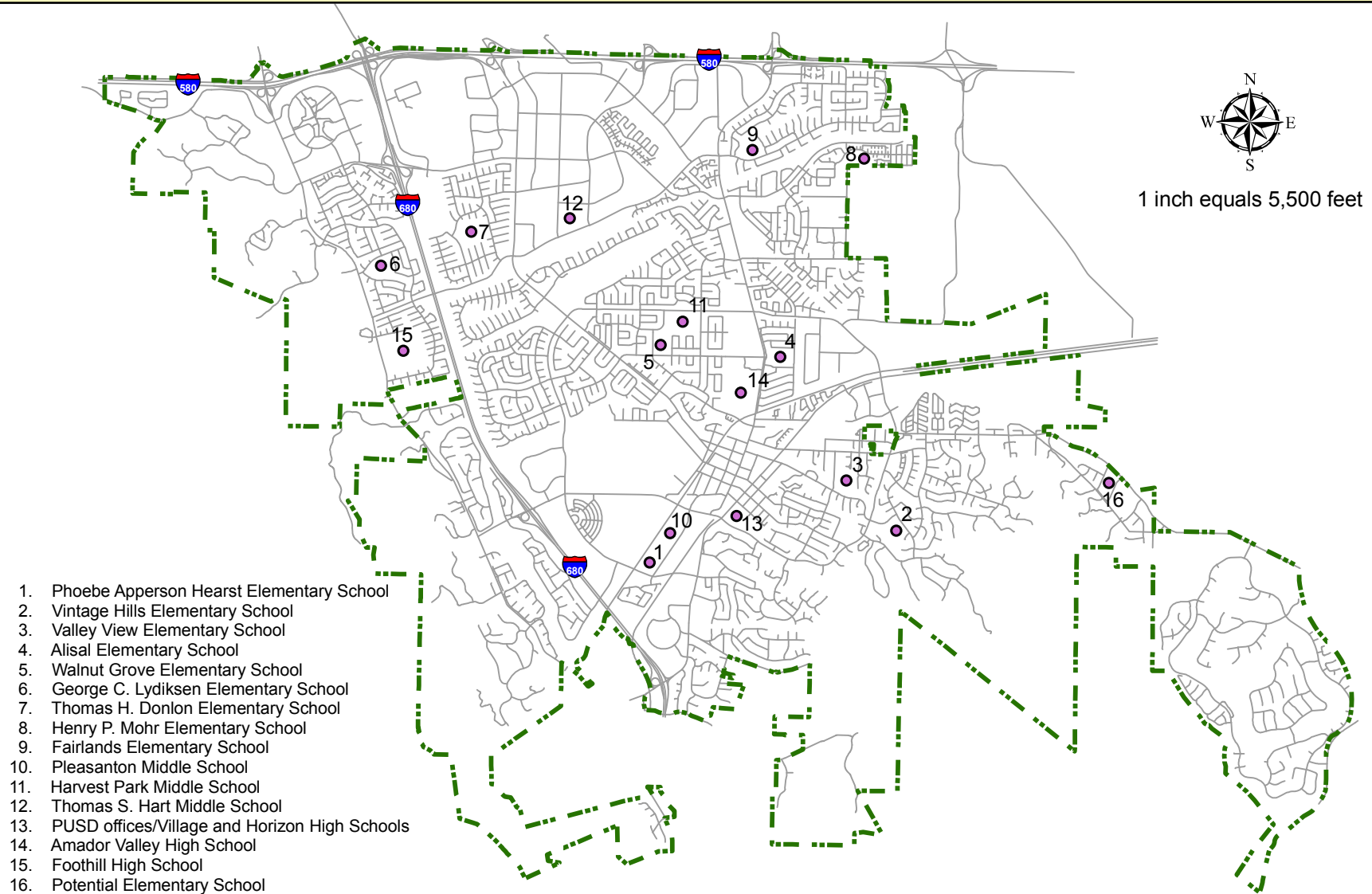


Figure 6 - 1
Public School Facilities and Sites

The School District collects developer fees on building plans for new construction before the City of Pleasanton issues building permits on those plans. The fees are expected to cover most, if not all, of the facilities' costs created by residential development through General Plan buildout.

Education for Adults

Within and nearby the City of Pleasanton are continuing educational opportunities for adults. The Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Department offers a variety of education and enrichment activities for mature adults and a few health-based classes for adults. The Pleasanton Unified School District offers academic, vocational and enrichment classes for adults during daytime and evening hours. One community college (Las Positas) serves Pleasanton and two colleges located in Pleasanton offer on-line degree programs.

Las Positas College serves the Tri-Valley area, including Pleasanton, by offering classes in technologies, humanities, arts, business, computers, language, communication, math and science, physical education, and health, public safety, and social science. Students may obtain an Associate in Arts Degree (AA), an Associate in Science Degrees (AS), or a certificate within the range of subjects that Las Positas offers.

Four-year colleges and universities in Pleasanton's vicinity include: Cal State East Bay at Hayward (18 miles) and at Concord (27 miles), and the University of California at Berkeley (31 miles), and three private colleges located between 20 to 25 miles from Pleasanton.

LIBRARY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

One of the primary factors in the quality of life in Pleasanton is the quality of its public library facilities. Pleasanton's library contributes to the intellectual, educational, and recreational life of its residents. The library serves the community as a center of information,

education, and enrichment for children and adults. A good library requires a collection covering the range and depth of information needed by the community. Planning for quality library services also includes programs for all age levels, convenient hours, and sensitivity to physical, language, or cultural barriers.



Pleasanton Library

Completed in 1988, the Pleasanton Library is a City-owned building occupying 30,000 square feet of floor area. The library collection has approximately 160,000 catalogued books, CDs, books on tape, e-books, DVDs and other items. It has and continues to expand access to automated information services including the library catalogue, informational databases, and other electronically-based information services. Since taking over the operation of library services in 1999, the City Council has provided extensive financial support for expanded hours, programming, materials, and funding of the Booklegger Program, a cooperative effort between the County, City,

and School District to encourage independent reading in elementary and middle schools. In addition, the Library provides a range of services, including children's story hours and programs for preschool and school-age children, teen services and volunteer programs, programs for seniors, outreach services to those unable to come to the library, adult literacy programs, and a unique genealogy collection

including books and CD-roms.



Statues in front of the Pleasanton Library

The Pleasanton Public Library Needs Assessment (December 2004) report documented the need for approximately 72,800 square feet of space to meet the long-term library service needs of the Pleasanton Community.

The City also plans to provide Wi-Fi (high-speed wireless internet) access through-out the library and also will maintain internet access via terminals for people not equipped with Wi-Fi computers.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Pleasanton's park system consists of 26 neighborhood parks totaling about 133 acres, and 14 community parks totaling approximately 209 acres as listed in Table 6-1 and shown in Figure 6-2. This does not include the 237-acre Augustin Bernal Park, Callippe Preserve Open Space, Bonde Ranch Open Space, and Gold Creek Open Space described in further detail in the Conservation and Open Space Element. Pleasanton currently provides about 5.1 acres of improved neighborhood and community parks per 1,000 population, slightly above the national standard of five acres per 1,000. With development of planned parks at General Plan buildout (see below) this will increase the parks per 1,000 population figure to about 5.8

acres per 1,000 population. Table 6-2 shows existing sports facility standards and guidelines, and future facilities planned at buildout.

Since adoption of the 1996 General Plan, the following parks and recreation projects have been completed: Callippe Preserve Golf course consisting of a 145-acre, 18-hole, par-72 course of 6,800 yards, with a 7,450 square-foot ranch-style club house, a short-game practice area, a 20-stall practice range and 280 acres of open space (173 acres owned by the City and 107 acres of the Koopman Ranch under a conservation easement); renovation of Valley Trails Park; a 50-meter pool and new bathhouse at the Delores Bengtson Aquatic Center; additional tennis, handball, and basketball courts and also a children's play area at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park; development of Creekside and Owens Plaza neighborhood parks in Hacienda Business Park; development of Fawn Hills neighborhood park on the



Callippe Preserve Golf Course

TABLE 6-1: NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY, AND REGIONAL PARKS

City of Pleasanton Parks

Map #, Park Name, Address	Type	Acreage	Functions
1 Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave.: Amador Recreation Center / Community Clubhouse / Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455 Black Avenue	C	23.5	B, HO, P, PA, PG, RE, S, SO, SW, TT, Y
2 Amaral Park, 3400 Dennis Drive	N	5	B, BA, BB, P, TT, Y
3 Augustin Bernal Park, 8200 Golden Eagle Way	C	237.0	P, RE, OS
4 Bicentennial Park, 2401 Santa Rita Road	C	2.7	
5 Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Boulevard	C	5.7	B, BO, E, HO, P, PA, PG
6 Civic Park, 100 Main Street	C	0.7	P, PA
7 Creekside Park, 5665 West Las Positas Drive	N	6.6	B, BB, P, RE, SO, TT, V, Y
8 Del Prado Park, 6701 Hansen Drive	N	5.0	B, BB, P, TT, Y
9 Delucchi Park, 4501 First Street	C	0.7	B, P, T
10 Fairlands Park, 4100 Churchill Drive	N	13.8	P, T, TE, TT
11 Fawn Hills Park, 1510 West Lagoon Road	N	5.0	B, BB, P, TT
12 Hansen Park, 5697 Black Avenue	N	6.2	B, BA, BB, P, TT, Y
13 Harvest Park, 1401 Harvest Road N	N	1.6	P, Y
14 Heatherlark Park, 5700 Northway Road	N	0.8	P, TT
15 Kottinger Community Park, 1000 Kottinger Drive	C	14.5	B, P
16 Kottinger Village Park, 4100 Vineyard Avenue	N	4.9	BB, P, TT, Y
17 Laurel Creek Park, 5875 Laurel Creek Drive	N	7.3	P
18 Lions Wayside Park, 4401 First Street	C	0.7	B, BD, P
19 Main Street Green, 890 Vervais Avenue	C	0.73	OS
20 McKinley Park, 519 Kottinger Drive	N	5.3	OS, P
21 Meadowlark Park, 8200 Regency Drive	N	4.3	B, BB, P, TT, V, Y
22 Meadows Park, 3201 W. Las Positas Boulevard	N	5.0	B, BB, P, TE, TT, V, Y
23 Mission Hills Park, 600 Junipero Street	N	8.5	B, BB, E, P, TT, Y
24 Moller Park, 5500 Pleasant Hill Road	N	7.0	B, P, TT, Y
25 Muirwood Community Park, 4701 Muirwood Drive	C	13.9	B, BB, D, P, RE, SO, TE, TT, Y
26 Nielsen Park, 3800 Stoneridge Drive	N	5.0	B, BB, L, P, T, TT, Y
27 Oakhill Park, 4100 Muirwood Drive	N	3.9	P, TT, Y
28 Orloff Park, 1800 Santa Rita Road	N	8.0	BB, E, TT, Y
29 Owens Plaza Park, 5700 Owens Drive	N	3.0	B, P, TT, Y
30 Sports & Recreation Community Park, with Softball Fieldhouse, 5800 Parkside Dr.	C	103.0	B, BA, BB, P, PG, RE, RH, S, SB, SO, ST, TT, V, Y
31 Sutter Gate Park, 4801 Sutter Gate Avenue	N	2.7	P, PE, TT, Y
32 Tawny Park, 400 Tawny Drive	N	3.9	BB, P, SO, TT, Y
33 Tennis and Community Park, Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Avenue	C	15.0	B, BB, P, RE, TE, TT, U (10 Acres), V, W, Y
34 Upper Pleasanton Field, 4645 Bernal Avenue	N	3.0	BA, S, TT, Y
35 Valley Trails Park, 3400 National Park Road	N	6.1	B, BB, P, TT, Y
36 Val Vista Community Park, 7350 Johnson Drive	C	24	B, BA, G, P, PA, PG, SK, TT, Y
37 Veterans Plaza, 550 Peters Avenue	C	0.5	B, P, TT
38 Vintage Hills Park, 3301 Arbor Drive	N	4.0	B, P, TT, Y
39 Walnut Grove Park, 5150 Northway Road	N	3.5	B, P, T
40 Woodthrush Park, 5099 Woodthrush Road	N	3.5	P
41 BMX Facility, 3320 Stanley Boulevard	C	3.65	BMX
42 Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Drive	C	425	GO, RE, OS

Notes: C=Community, N=Neighborhood. Functions legend is on following page. See Figure 6-2 for park/recreational facilities locations.

TABLE 6-1: NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY, AND REGIONAL PARKS (Continued)

East Bay Regional Park District

Map #, Park Name, Address	Type	Acreage	Functions
43 Pleasanton Ridge Park	R	4,084	OS
44 Shadow Cliffs Recreational Area	R	249	B, F, P, RE, SW, WS, WSS, Private Boating

Pleasanton School District Facilities

Map #, Park Name, Address	Type	Acreage	Functions
45 Amador Valley High S. Tennis Courts, 1155 Santa Rita Road	C	N/A	TE
46 Harvest Park Middle School Gymnasium, 4900 Valley Avenue	C	N/A	BB, RE, V
47 Pleasanton Middle School Gymnasium, 5001 Case Avenue	C	N/A	BB, RE, V
48 Thomas Hart Middle School Gymnasium, 4433 Willow Road	C	N/A	BB, RE, V

Future Community Parks

Map #, Park Name, Address	Type	Acreage	Functions
49 Alviso Adobe Park, 3461 Old Foothill Road	C	6	Interpretive programs focusing on site history
50 Bernal Community Park, Bernal Avenue *	C	50	BA, P, RE, S, SB, TT
51 East Pleasanton (location to be determined) **	C	38	Undetermined
52 Staples Ranch Community Park	C	17	Undetermined
53 Vineyard Avenue Community Park	C	20	Undetermined

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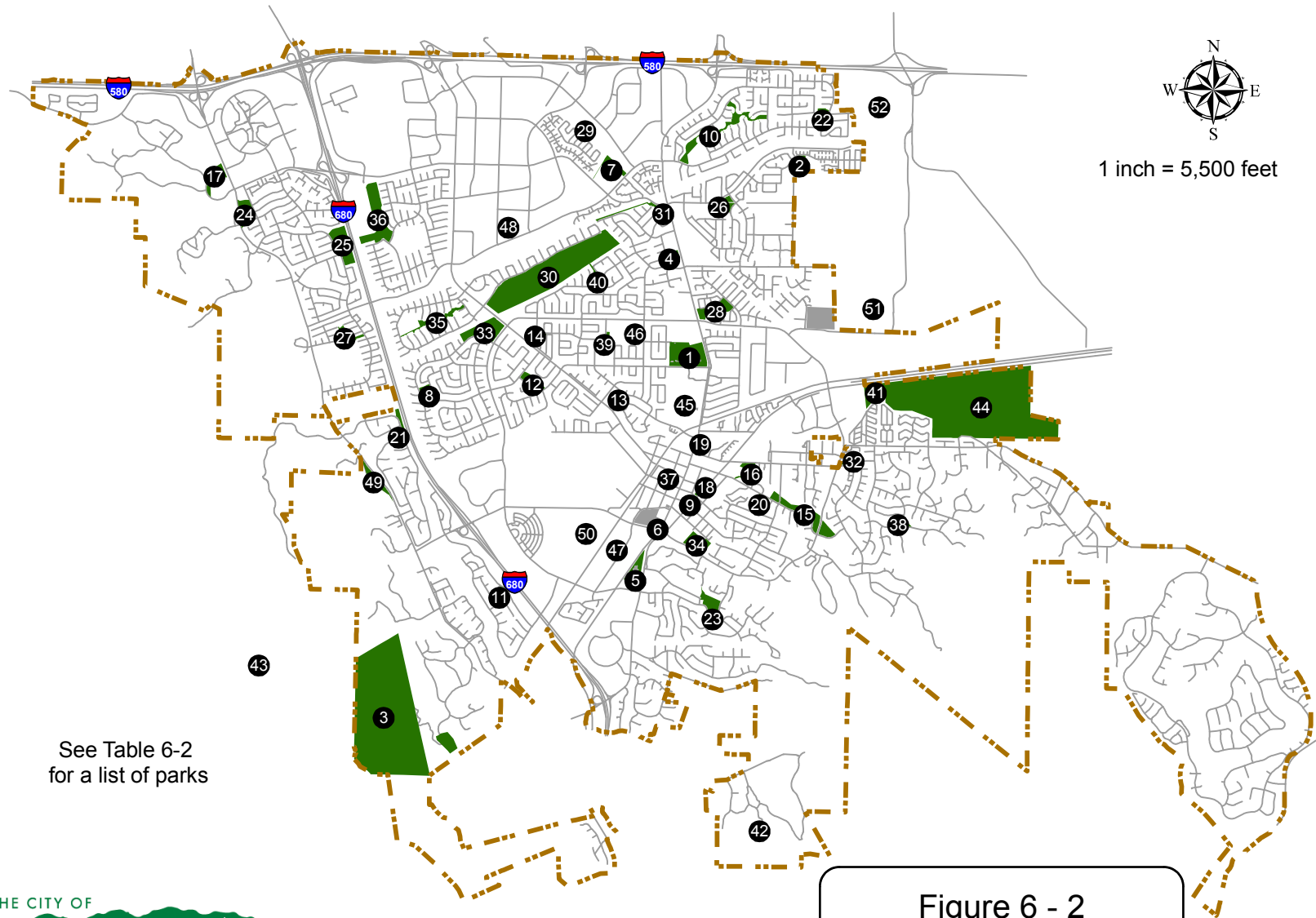
B = Barbecue	F = Fishing	R = Regional Park	TE = Tennis
BA = Baseball	G = Community Garden	RE = Restrooms	TT = Tot Play Area
BB = Basketball	GO = Golf HO = Horseshoes	RH = Roller Hockey Rink	U = Undeveloped
BD = Bandstand	N = Neighborhood Park	S = Soccer	V = Volleyball / Sport Court
BMX = BMX Track	OS = Open Space / Trails	SB = Snack Bar	W = Water Play
BO = Bocce Ball	P = Picnic Tables	SK = Inline Skate Park	WS = Water Slide
C = Community Park	PA = Public Art	SO = Softball	WSS = Wind Surfing School
D = Dog Park	PB = Paddle Boats	ST = Skateboard Track	Y = Youth Play Area
E = Exercise Course	PG = Picnic (Group)	SW = Swimming	

* The Bernal property will also include approximately 240 acres of additional open space and public amenities.

** Estimated location, size, and functions to be determined by Specific Plan.

Note: See Figure 6-2 for park and recreational facilities locations.

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Source: Parks & Community Services, 2008

Figure 6 - 2
Existing and Future
Recreational Facilities

Legend for Figure 6-2: Recreational Facilities Locations

1	Amador Valley Community Park Amador Recreation Center / Community Clubhouse / Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center	27	Oakhill Park
2	Amaral Park	28	Orloff Park
3	Augustin Bernal Park	29	Owens Plaza Park
4	Bicentennial Park	30	Sports & Recreation Community Park, with Softball Fieldhouse
5	Centennial Park	31	Sutter Gate Park
6	Civic Park	32	Tawny Park
7	Creskide Park	33	Tennis and Community Park, Tennis Complex
8	Del Prado Park	34	Upper Pleasanton Field
9	Delucchi Park	35	Valley Trails Park
10	Fairlands Park	36	Val Vista Community Park
11	Fawn Hills Park	37	Veterans Plaza
12	Hansen Park	38	Vintage Hills Park
13	Harvest Park	39	Walnut Grove Park
14	Heatherlark Park	40	Woodthrush Park
15	Kottinger Community Park	41	BMX Facility
16	Kottinger Village Park	42	Callippe Preserve Golf Course
17	Laurel Creek Park	43	Pleasanton Ridge Park
18	Lions Wayside Park	44	Shadow Cliffs Recreational Area
19	Main Street Green	45	Amador Valley High S. Tennis Courts
20	McKinley Park	46	Harvest Park Middle School Gymnasium
21	Meadowlark Park	47	Pleasanton Middle School Gymnasium
22	Meadows Park	48	Thomas Hart Middle School Gymnasium
23	Mission Hills Park	49	Alviso Adobe Park
24	Moller Park	50	Bernal Community Park
25	Muirwood Community Park	51	East Pleasanton (site to be determined)
26	Nielsen Park	52	Staples Ranch Community Park

TABLE 6-2: EXISTING AND FUTURE SPORTS FACILITIES, STANDARDS, AND GUIDELINES

Sports Facilities	Existing # ^a		Existing per Population ^b		National Guidelines ^c	Sports Facilities Planned at Buildout ^d				
	City	PUSD	City Facilities	City + PUSD Facilities		# City Facilities	# PUSD Facilities	# Total Facilities	National Guidelines, # to Meet	Total Facilities Per Population ^e
Baseball/Softball	31	19	1 per 2,182	1 per 1,691	1 per 2,500	36	19	55	30	1 per 1,355
Football/Lacrosse	2	4	1 per 33,825	1 per 11,275	1 per 20,000	4	4	8	4	1 per 9,313
Golf (18 holes)	1.5	0	1 per 45,100	1 per 45,100	1 per 50,000	1.5	0	1.5	1.5	1 per 49,667
Soccer	18	7	1 per 3,758	1 per 2,706	1 per 10,000	21	10	31	8	1 per 2,403
Swimming Pools	4	2	1 per 16,913	1 per 11,275	1 per 20,000	4	2	6	4	1 per 12,417
Tennis Courts	18	16	1 per 3,758	1 per 1,990	1 per 2,000	20	16	36	37	1 per 2,069

^a The existing City facilities number includes the Alameda County Fairgrounds nine-hole golf course as it is open to the general public within Pleasanton. The number of existing City and PUSD baseball/softball fields includes neighborhood parks and PUSD facilities with backstops, which may not be used for league games.

The number of existing City facilities does not include facilities provided at public schools by the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD). The PUSD shares its facilities with the community. Both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools have two softball fields and two baseball fields. Little League, PONY baseball and Pleasanton Girls Softball League use these eight fields on Sundays and during the summer when school is not in session. Amador Valley and Foothill high schools each has an all-weather field that can be used for football/lacrosse. Hart Middle School has two football/lacrosse fields, with football played in the fall and lacrosse in the spring. Amador Valley and Foothill high schools each has an all-weather field (counted under football/lacrosse, above) that is used for soccer on occasion. Pleasanton and Harvest Park middle schools each has three soccer fields shared with the community. Alisal Elementary School also has a shared soccer field. Other elementary school fields are only used for soccer practice. Amador Valley High School has seven, Foothill High School has nine, and Pleasanton Middle School has two tennis courts.

^b Existing City Facilities and City Facilities + Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) facilities are shown per Pleasanton's current population estimate of 67,650 people.

^c National guidelines are not adopted by any federal agency; they are recommendations of the National Recreation and Park Association.

^d The City of Pleasanton estimates buildout population at 78,200 residents within its Planning Area. Plans for Bernal Community Park may include three baseball/softball fields, three soccer fields, one football/lacrosse field and potentially some tennis courts. The City may include one football/lacrosse and two baseball/softball fields at the proposed Staples Ranch Community Park and/or at another eastside community park. The City and PUSD plan to construct three shared soccer fields at Donlon Elementary School which are shown under PUSD facilities.

In addition to public facilities, Castlewood Country Club, ClubSport Pleasanton, Del Prado Cabana Club, Golden Eagle Farm Club, Highland Oaks Recreation Center and Cabana Club, Pleasanton Meadows Cabana, Pleasanton Valley Club and Ruby Hills Club provide swimming and/or tennis facilities for members. Also certain apartment and condominium complexes provide pools and/or tennis courts for residents.

^e This total includes both City facilities and shared Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) facilities within Pleasanton. The number of planned golf courses and tennis courts per population would be about the same as national guidelines. Pleasanton's planned facilities per population would be greater than national guidelines for all other facilities.

Sources: James D. Mertes and James R. Hall, "Park Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines," A Project of the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, A Publication of the National Recreation and Park Association, 1996.

Pleasanton Parks & Community Services and Planning & Community Development departments, 2006.

west side of the Bernal Property; development of Laurel Creek neighborhood park on Laurel Creek Drive; improvement and expansion of Val Vista Community Park including Community Gardens; development of the 3.75-acre BMX park with dirt tracks used for bicycle moto-cross racing; major improvements at the Pleasanton Unified School District's Upper Field, Kottinger Community Park, and Fairlands Park; and improvements to sections of the Community Trails System in the Downtown area, along arroyos, and within the surrounding hillsides.

Pleasanton plans to continue its past efforts to expand park and recreation facilities. In the General Plan horizon (2005 to 2025) several additional parks will be developed to serve the Pleasanton Community:



An early summer morning at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center

- The 50-acre Bernal Community Park is set within the larger Bernal Property Central Area (159 acres). The Community Park is anticipated to include several lighted sports fields; Phase I, consisting of three fields (two lighted) and parking, has been approved and will be under construction in the near future. Phase II of the Community Park could include other lighted sports fields and courts (soccer, football/lacrosse, Pleasanton Unified School District's Upper Field, Kottinger baseball, tennis). Planning for the larger Bernal Property is in process and the property will likely include a Cultural Arts Center (potential amphitheater, art gallery, art studios and classrooms), community/teen center, Grand Park, and wetlands and agriculture.
- An approximate 17-acre Community Park is planned on the Staples Ranch property. The City will work with the community to plan specific amenities, such as football/lacrosse and baseball/softball fields among other facilities.
- An approximate 40-acre community park is planned on reclaimed quarry land on Pleasanton's east side. The City has not yet determined functions of this park, but its location may provide an opportunity for additional lighted sports fields and/or as a gateway to the chain of lakes area.
- The Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan identified a 20-acre community park site. This property is currently owned by the Pleasanton Garbage Service, Inc. Because of the former use of this property as a garbage disposal site, the Specific Plan requires preparation of a Health Risk Assessment to determine needed remediation measures for implementation. A future planning effort will determine park facilities for this site.

- The planned 7-acre Alviso Adobe Community Park will include restoration of the historic adobe and interpretive programs focusing on the history of the site from its Native American and Mexican occupancy to the recent past with its Meadowlark Dairy occupancy.

The City will also seek funds to improve some existing recreational facilities. Drainage improvements at the Sports and Recreation Community Park and at the Upper Pleasanton Field would allow more play in rainy weather. Also, a new toddler pool is planned at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

These projects will need to be financed through a variety of sources. Recreational needs in North Pleasanton will be financed through residential park dedication fees, non-residential development projects which are conditioned to mitigate park impacts, and other financing mechanisms. Community parks could be financed partially through dedication of land as part of future developments and partially financed by the City's General Fund. The timing for construction of these facilities is determined by the amount of development and is budgeted each year in two-year increments in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND CULTURAL ARTS ³

One of Pleasanton's major attractions as a community is the quality and diversity of its community facilities including schools, parks, recreational facilities, and civic buildings. Table 6-3 includes a description of existing community facilities and Figure 6-3 shows facilities locations. Several new community facilities and parks are discussed under the Parks and Recreation section.

³ Cultural arts include fine arts (drawing, painting, sculpture, engraving, etc.), performing arts (drama, dance, and music), technical arts (architecture and graphic arts), and crafts (weaving, pottery, wood carving, glass blowing, knitting, crocheting, embroidering, etc.).

In recognition of the importance of shared community space, the City has continued to aggressively expand its inventory of community-owned buildings and facilities since the 1996 General Plan. As Pleasanton continues its efforts to expand public facilities, this General Plan will see the completion of the following projects:

- Renovation of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street in downtown. This project, which was recently completed, preserves the exterior appearance, restores significant interior finishes and features, and upgrades the facility to current building codes.



Veterans Memorial Building after renovation

- Construction of the Firehouse Arts Center on the site of the former Fire Station #1 on Railroad Avenue and consisting of gallery, classroom and theater space.
- Downtown restrooms. The City recently completed a public restroom at Delucchi Park that serves the downtown and

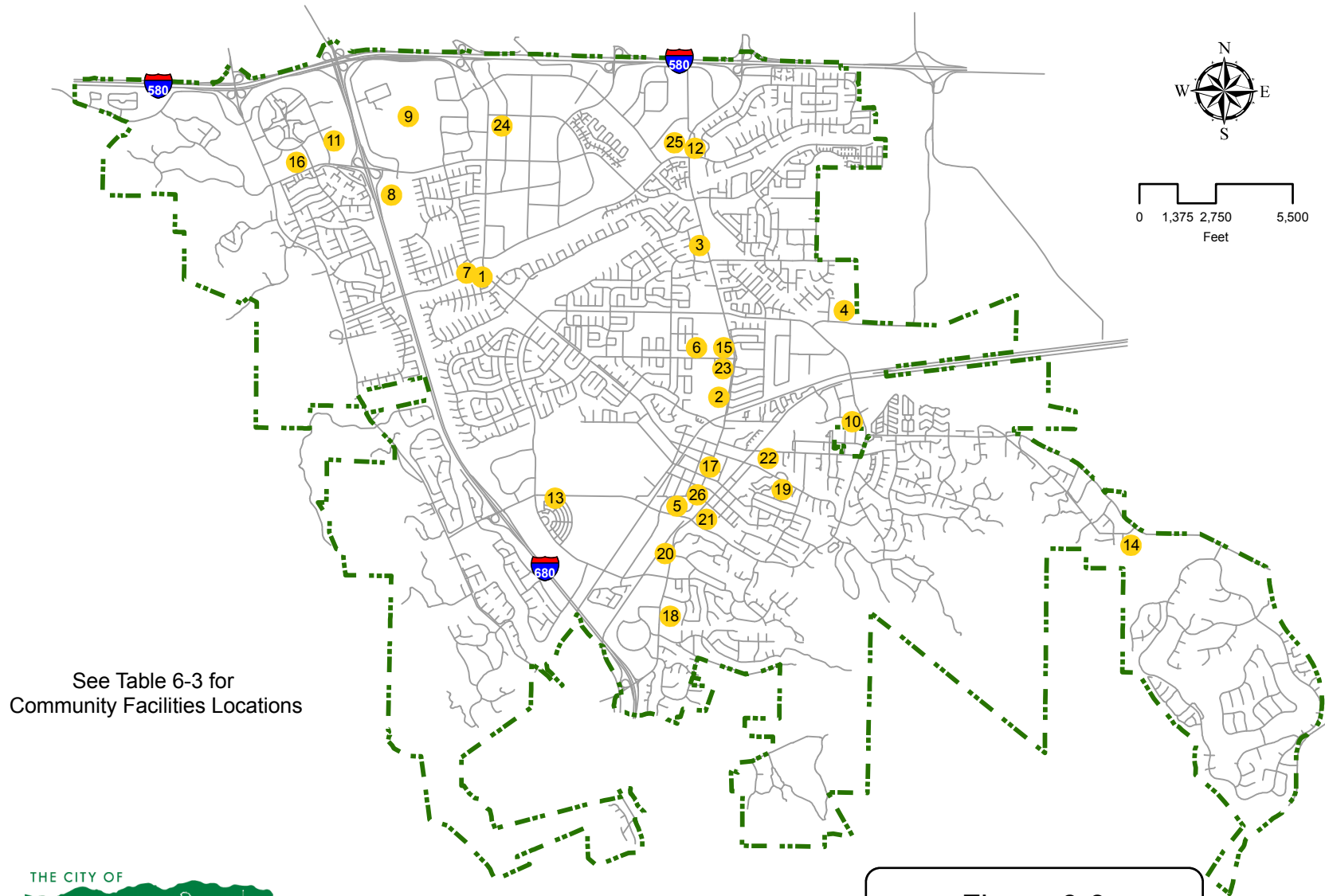
TABLE 6-3: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1 Alameda County Health Department, 3730 Hopyard Road	13 Fire Station 4, 1600 Oak Vista Way
2 Amador Theater, Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road	14 Fire Station 5, Ruby Hill Station, 1200 Vineyard Avenue
3 Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road	15 Gingerbread Preschool, 4433 Black Avenue
4 City Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road	16 Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, 7601 Stoneridge Drive
5 Civic Center Complex: 200 Old Bernal Avenue, 123 and 157 Main Street City Hall Administration, 123 Main Street Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue Police, 4833 Bernal Avenue	17 Livermore-Amador Valley Historical Society Museum, 603 Main Street
6 Cultural Arts Center, 4477 Black Avenue	18 Memorial Gardens / Saint Augustine Cemetery, Sunol Boulevard
7 Department of Motor Vehicles, 6300 West Las Positas Boulevard	19 Nature House, 519 Kottinger Drive
8 Dublin / San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) sewage treatment plant, 7399 Johnson Drive	20 Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard
9 DSRSD sewage treatment ponds and drying beds, and Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency facilities, north of Stoneridge Drive	21 Pleasanton Unified School District Office, 4665 Bernal Avenue
10 Fire Station 1, 3560 Nevada Street	22 Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court
11 Fire Station 2, 6300 Stoneridge Mall Road	23 US Post Office, 4300 Black Avenue
12 Fire Station 3, 3200 Santa Rita Road	24 US Post Office, 4682 Chabot Drive
	25 Valley Care Medical Center, 5555 West Las Positas Boulevard
	26 Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street

Recreational Facilities are listed on Table 6-1 Neighborhood, Community, and Regional Parks. They are shown on Figure 6-2 Recreational Parks and Facilities.

See Figure 6-3 for Community Facilities locations.

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Source: Parks & Community Services, 2008

Figure 6-3
Community Facilities

the farmers' market. The City will consider construction of public restrooms when planning and designing public spaces and facilities in the future.

- Planning and development of several community facilities in the Grand Park on the Bernal Property, including: a cultural arts center, environmental education center, amphitheatre, and a youth/community center.

The timing for construction of these facilities will depend on available funds and is budgeted each year in two-year increments in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

In order to improve the appearance and maintenance, and for historic preservation reasons, the City has acquired the 5-acre Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery at 5780 Sunol Boulevard. The Parks and Recreation Commission will oversee staff in renovating, preserving, and maintaining the facility while Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services will provide funeral services and records management.

HUMAN SERVICES

Pleasanton uses a variety of strategies to assure that it meets its diverse citizens' human services needs. The City directly provides human service programs including transportation for the disabled and elderly, programs for disabled youth, and preschool programs. Pleasanton also meets human service needs through cooperation and collaboration with other providers. For example, the Pleasanton Senior Center, a multi-service facility utilizes a number of agencies to provide services such as senior nutritious lunches and home-delivered meals; health check-ups; case management; and legal, financial, Medicare, and income-tax assistance.

The City contracts with various human service agencies such as Child Care Links, Senior Support of the Tri-Valley, and Spectrum



Line dancing at the Pleasanton Senior Center

Community Services. The City has other contracts to address eldercare and caregiver issues, provide in-home supportive services, and nutritional and health needs of at-risk elders. In addition, the City annually awards grant funds to local non-profit agencies meeting the human services needs of the community. Projects supported through these awards include low-income family healthcare, homeless shelter counseling/support, Aids case management, food pantry and hot meal programs, domestic violence counseling/support groups, youth-at-risk intervention, hospice, medical services, and physically and developmentally disabled independent housing support.

The City of Pleasanton has become more ethnically diverse during the past years. For example, according to US Census data, from 1990 to 2000 the City's white population dropped from 90.7 percent to 80.4 percent of total population, while the Asian population grew from 5.8



Exercise Class at the Senior Center

percent to 11.7 percent and the Latino population (of any race) grew from 2.1 percent to 7.9 percent. Other racial groups stayed about the same percentage of the total population. During this time Pleasanton's senior population grew by more than 70 percent.

The Tri-Valley area is the fastest growing region in Alameda County, and is becoming more racially and ethnically diverse. The Tri-Valley's non-English speaking population (primarily Spanish with a number of Asian/Pacific Islanders) has increased by over 200 percent. The school-aged population has grown by 45 percent while the number of people living below the federal poverty threshold increased by about 27 percent. In addition, about one-fifth of the population reported long-term disabilities. Thus the Tri-Valley area is becoming more diverse.

Childcare

The need for high-quality daycare, preschool, and after-school childcare is growing in Pleasanton. Within the city, each of the nine

Pleasanton Unified School District elementary schools has at least one after-school childcare program, although many of these programs are at capacity and cannot service the entire after-school childcare need. The City also has 18 other licensed childcare centers (including preschools) in commercial, industrial, and institutional areas.

In addition to centers, childcare is also provided within licensed residences that the State of California calls "Family Child Care Homes." A Family Child Care Home must be in the licensee's own home. Family Child Care Homes provide childcare (non-medical) for periods of less than 24 hours. In 2005 the city had 23 large (up to 14 children) Family Child Care Homes and numerous small (up to eight children) Family Child Care Homes.

As of March 2006, licensed childcare centers and large Family Care Homes had the capacity to care for about 3,530 children in Pleasanton. These two types of facilities had a vacancy rate of eight percent.



Gingerbread Preschool class

Within the city in 2004, the unmet childcare demand for these types of facilities was about 2,250 spaces for parents of working families, according to the “Child Care Links Annual Report, 2004.” Child Care Links is an agency that focuses on monitoring the availability of childcare, increasing the availability of family-care homes, and improving the overall quality of all childcare. Note that the majority of all childcare is provided by the children’s relatives. Other small exempt childcare providers and in-home care also serve up to about 10 percent of the children.⁴

SOLID WASTE

The solid waste management system in Alameda County includes the collecting, processing, and disposing of solid waste materials. These materials include waste generated from residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and agricultural uses in addition to construction and demolition materials, wastewater sludge, street sweepings, plant debris, litter, and hazardous wastes. In short, the solid waste, which must be collected and disposed of, consists of every material used or consumed by people. A detailed description of solid waste material types and the quantities produced are contained in the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan.⁵

The City currently has a franchise agreement with Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) to the year 2019, which gives PGS exclusive right, subject to limited exceptions, to collect and transport solid waste from all residential, commercial, and industrial waste generators in the City. This agreement requires PGS to maintain a contract for disposal with a landfill operator. PGS currently contracts with Browning Ferris

Industries for disposal at the Vasco Road Landfill in Livermore. According to the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan, and assuming achievement of countywide waste reduction goals, the Vasco Road Landfill will have capacity through 2037.⁶ Table 6-4 shows Pleasanton’s annual garbage generation and diversion rates for 2005 and 2025. The 2025 projections show the amount of garbage with a 50 and a 75 percent diversion rate, depending on how the City is able to accomplish its increased garbage diversion goals. Hazardous materials are processed and disposed of according to State and Federal regulations. Residents and small generators of hazardous

Table 6-4: PLEASANTON’S ANNUAL GARBAGE GENERATION AND DIVERSION, 2005 AND 2025

Year	Disposal (1000 Tons)	Diversion (1000 Tons)	Diversion (percent)	Generation (1000 Tons)
2005	121.0	119.2	49.75 %	240.9
2006	–	–	56 %	260.9
2025	141.7	141.7	50 %	283.3
2025	70.8	212.5	75 %	283.3

Notes: 2025 buildout assumes the same amount of waste per day per single-family residential unit. Single family units would increase by 2,022 new units or 20 percent by 2025. Commercial rates are based on 51 percent land use increase from 2005 to 2025. Garbage generation from multi-family units are subsumed within this total.

Source: R3 Consulting Group for City of Pleasanton, *City of Pleasanton 2005 Waste Generation Study*, Oct. 9, 2006; HF&H Consultants, LLC for Alameda Co. Source Reduction and Recycling Board, “5-Year Audit” Program Assessment Member Agency Program Summaries, Revised Jan. 2008; and CIWMB Electronic Model Annual Report Summary, 4/3/2008.

⁴ Bay Area Economic, for the Local Investment in Child Care (LINCC) project, *Linking Development and Child Care, a Toolkit for Developers and Local Governments*, 2005.

⁵ Alameda County Waste Management Authority, *Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan*, Adopted February 26, 2003.

⁶ *ibid.* Table 3-8, page III-13.

wastes can dispose of them at Alameda County's Household Hazardous Waste facilities in Livermore, Hayward or Oakland which recycle some of these wastes and package the remainder for treatment or disposal outside the County. In addition, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department operates a used-oil collection program.

The Pleasanton Transfer Station is owned and operated by Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS), and has a design capacity of 720 tons per day. In 2005, it processed an average of 400 tons per day.⁷ In addition to the residential, commercial, and industrial refuse collected by PGS in Pleasanton, the transfer station accepts refuse collected by PGS in the Sunol and Castlewood areas of unincorporated Alameda County, from the general public, and from residents and businesses from neighboring jurisdictions. Approximately twenty percent of the self-haul refuse processed at the transfer station originates outside the Pleasanton city limits.⁸

Pleasanton's principal solid waste management planning document is the City's Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE), adopted in January 1992. This document has been incorporated into the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan. The SRRE describes the programs that the City will use to comply with the *California Integrated Waste Management Act*, which requires all cities and counties to recycle 25 percent of their waste by the year 1995 and 50 percent by the year 2000.

The *Alameda County Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative Charter Amendment (Measure D)* established a countywide goal of 75 percent reduction of waste going to landfills. Subsequently the *Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan* incorporated this goal and set a target

⁷ Bob Molinaro, General Manager, Pleasanton Garbage Service, Personal Communication with Janice Stern, Principal Planner, City of Pleasanton, Jan. 18, 2006.

⁸ *ibid.*



Pleasanton transfer station

date of 2010. In April 2008, the City adopted a resolution to meet the goal and target date while using the existing California Diversion rate methodology for measurement. While obtaining the reduction goal by 2010 will be challenging for all of the agencies in the County, its adoption is a reflection of the City's commitment to waste reduction.

The Source Reduction and Recycling Initiative (*Measure D*) was a County ballot initiative passed by the voters in 1990. It established aggressive countywide waste diversion goals above the goals set by the state. *Measure D* not only sets a 75 percent and higher goal for reduced landfilling, but also emphasizes the preservation of natural resources, and describes the need to establish long-term sustainable consumption and disposal patterns.

The two most prominent waste diversion programs utilized by the Source Reduction and Recycling Element are use of a Materials

Recovery Facility (MFR) and a green-waste/composting program. The MFR has been in operation at the Pleasanton Garbage Service Transfer Station since 1990. It uses a conveyor belt to facilitate manual removal of recyclable material from the refuse. PGS also operates a buy-back center through an affiliated company at the Transfer Station, and collects cardboard, glass, and paper from commercial and industrial generators. In 2005, approximately 10 to 15 tons a day (about 3,600 to 5,400 tons a year) was removed from the waste stream at the transfer station.⁹

The City and the Pleasanton Garbage Service implemented a green-waste collection program in 1996, and increased this to weekly service in 2004. The program is now diverting approximately 30 tons a day (about 11,000 tons a year) from landfill. Also, in 2004 this program was supplemented by food scrap recycling, although to date this has not added significantly to the amount of waste diverted. In addition, the City participates in educational activities and supports home composting efforts.

In 2002, a concerned parent at Walnut Grove Elementary School launched the *Go Green Initiative*. This is an environmental program that unites parents, teachers and children to create a culture of conservation on school campuses. The program, which now involves all Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) schools, has spread to thirteen states in 2006. The City of Pleasanton partners with PUSD and *Go Green Initiative* organizers to encourage recycling and composting, and to educate students regarding environmental stewardship. During the 2004-2005 school year, the initiative resulted in over 335,500 pounds of paper diverted, over 28,700 pounds of cardboard diverted, and 1,882 printer cartridges recycled.¹⁰

⁹ *ibid.*

¹⁰ Karen Brown, Tri-Valley Go Green Coordinator, Personal Communication with Jacqui Diaz, Assistant to City Manager, City of Pleasanton, September 9, 2005.

In November 2003, the City held its first E-Waste Day for residents to drop off unneeded computers, monitors, and other electronic products. This event resulted in 72 tons of e-waste. In April 2005, the City collected another 74 tons. The City plans to hold an annual E-Waste collection day.



Pleasanton E-Waste Day Recycling Bins

Office paper recycling is encouraged through "The Paper Gobbler" program sponsored by Pleasanton Garbage Service. This program is voluntary and has resulted in 504 tons of paper diverted from the waste stream in 2005.¹¹

With the programs described above, the City has been able to report a 56 percent diversion rate, based on a 1990 base year. This is based on

¹¹ Debbie Jeffrey, Recycling Coordinator, Pleasanton Garbage Service, Personal Communication with Janice Stern, Principal Planner, City of Pleasanton, February 13, 2006.

a study prepared in 2006 to provide updated information to more accurately calculate the diversion rate. In addition, the City intends to work on implementation of a commingled commercial recycling program and a comprehensive construction and demolition debris recycling ordinance. The City will also be reviewing the existing residential recycling program to determine if collection of recyclables in a separate bin at each residence would result in a higher diversion rate.

The City receives an annual grant from the County to purchase recycled products. In the future the City intends to formalize a procurement process that gives preference to recycled and environmentally-friendly products.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ELEMENTS

Policies and programs established throughout the General Plan affect public facilities in Pleasanton.

Land Use Element

The Land Use Element designates community facilities, and parks and recreation on the Pleasanton General Plan Map. The Public Facilities and Community Programs Element discusses community facilities, programs, and parks.

Circulation Element

The Circulation Element strives to improve traffic and circulation systems throughout Pleasanton, including trails for pedestrian and bicycle travel. The Public Facilities and Community Programs Element discusses recreational facilities and includes a program to link parks with a trail system. The Circulation Element also discusses roadways, transit stations, and other transportation-related public facilities.

Public Safety Element

The Public Safety Element designates critical facilities for emergencies. Because these are largely public facilities, the Public Facilities and Community Programs Element also discusses and maps critical facilities.

The Public Safety Element discusses flood hazards. The Public Facilities and Community Programs Element discusses stormwater (flood control) facilities to be used to mitigate flood hazards.

Conservation and Open Space Element

The Conservation and Open Space Element discusses parks as open space uses. The Public Facilities and Community Programs Element discusses parks and recreation areas. Although both elements discuss parks, the Conservation and Open Space Element emphasizes open space uses and recreation in the context of natural areas while the Public Facilities and Community Programs Element emphasizes active recreation and sports aspects of parks.

Water Element

The Water Element discusses Water Systems, Wastewater, and Stormwater facilities, all of which are public facilities that the Public Facilities and Community Programs Element previously addressed.

The Water Element references some water-related recreational areas including Shadow Cliffs and future uses at the Chain of Lakes. The Public Facilities Element references all recreational facilities and programs needed to service the community.

Community Character Element

The Community Character Element addresses many of the facilities and programs in Pleasanton that make up its community character,

including parks and recreation, community facilities, cultural arts, and human services. The Public Facilities and Community Programs Element addresses all of these.

Public Facilities and Community Programs Goals, Policies, and Programs

The following goals, policies, and programs, in addition to those contained in other Elements, constitute an action program to implement the objectives described in this element.

GOALS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

Goal 1: Provide sufficient public facilities and community programs to efficiently serve existing and future development while preserving and enhancing the quality of life for existing and future residents.

Goal 2: Promote sustainability to minimize additional or expanded public facilities.

Capital Improvements and Financing

Goal 3: Promote responsible financing and construction to preserve and enhance Pleasanton's public facilities.

Policy 1: Coordinate future capital improvement expenditures with the City's long-range capital improvement schedule to maximize the economies of scale, consistent with the community character.

Program 1.1: Allocate funds in each year's Capital Improvement Program according to long-term capital improvement needs.

Program 1.2: Update the City's long-range capital improvement schedule, as development needs change over time.

Policy 2: Development should pay its fair share for the construction and use of municipal facilities.

Program 2.1: Require future development to pay its fair share of the cost of purchasing sites and financing needed improvements for existing and future municipal facilities, such as a city hall, fire stations, athletic facilities, libraries, cultural arts center, etc.

Policy 3: Require annexation to the City as a pre-requisite to utility extension.

Program 3.1: Encourage annexation of those parcels within the Pleasanton Sphere-of-Influence which are able and willing to pay for City services and utility extensions, where financially feasible for the City.

Policy 4: Promote new community facility construction to better serve residents, businesses and visitors.

Program 4.1: In the long term, explore the feasibility of constructing a "landmark" civic center to house City administrative offices, providing efficient services for the community, preferably in or near the Downtown area.

Program 4.2: Promote the construction of new community facilities including the Firehouse Arts Center, downtown restrooms, and on the Bernal property a cultural arts center, environmental education center, an amphitheatre, and a youth/community center.

Policy 5: To maintain City service standards, construct permanent City sewer, water, and storm drainage improvement as a condition of new development.

Program 5.1: Coordinate developer financing with the City's Capital Improvement Program to ensure adequate capacity for future growth.

Program 5.2: Evaluate infrastructure capacity and needed improvements as part of the City's Growth Management Report.

Policy 6: Continue to maintain and improve public facilities.

Program 6.1: Provide sustainable financing through taxes, fees or other means to maintain Pleasanton's existing facilities and programs at General Plan buildout.

Schools and Education

Goal 4: Promote lifelong learning.

Policy 7: Encourage and support high quality public and private educational facilities in Pleasanton and facilitate lifelong educational opportunities for all ages.

Program 7.1: Work with the School District to locate school sites to preserve the quality of life of existing and new neighborhoods.

Program 7.2: Encourage school enrollment sizes that maintain neighborhood character, provide facilities for specialized programs, and promote more personalized education. The current target is 600 students per elementary school, 1,000 students at each middle school, and 2,000 students at each comprehensive high school, with a 10 percent contingency planned for each site, subject to board discretion and financial considerations.

Program 7.3: Partner with organizations that provide educational opportunities for all ages and interests.

Policy 8: Coordinate with the School District to maintain elementary schools within student walking distance whenever feasible and allow other community-related activities within these facilities.

Program 8.1: Partner with the School District and community groups to use schools as neighborhood centers. These neighborhood centers should offer a wide range of services and programs.

Library Facilities and Programs

Goal 5: Enhance the quality of Pleasanton library services.

Policy 9: Provide sufficient sites and improvements for a full range of library facilities to serve existing and future development

Program 9.1: Annually review the operation and usability of the library. Library service levels should be maintained or improved to the fullest extent feasible.

Program 9.2: Continue to support a wide range of library services and programs addressing the needs of all segments of the Pleasanton community.

Program 9.3: Explore the expansion of Pleasanton Library services and associated facility needs.

Program 9.4: As part of the Civic Center Master Plan, consider various locations for an expanded library, including relocating the Library to create a Downtown gateway on Main Street.

Program 9.5: Continue to provide Wi-Fi (high-speed wireless internet) access throughout the library and internet access via terminals.

Parks and Recreation

Goal 6: Achieve a complete park and recreation system featuring a wide variety of opportunities to serve the public need.

Policy 10: Provide sufficient parkland and recreational activities to accommodate existing and future needs of residents, workers, and visitors.

Program 10.1: Acquire all park lands shown on the General Plan Map and retain them for permanent public open space through the City's Park Dedication Ordinance and other means.

- Program 10.2: Encourage developers to dedicate public park acreage in areas designated for park use on the General Plan Map rather than contribute in-lieu fees.
- Program 10.3: Disperse neighborhood and community parks throughout the city and combine them with areas of natural, scenic, or cultural resources.
- Program 10.4: Provide a wide variety of active and passive recreational facilities to accommodate the needs of all ages in a diverse and inclusive community. Conduct periodic public surveys to ascertain the park and recreational needs of the community.
- Program 10.5: Develop neighborhood, community, and regional parks in accordance with the General-Plan goals and the land-use diagram.
- Program 10.6: Provide additional lighted facilities in appropriate park locations to accommodate the community's nighttime recreational needs. Potential new sites include the Bernal Property, Staples Ranch Community Park or another community park.
- Program 10.7: Provide community parks with adequate parking facilities to the greatest extent possible.
- Program 10.8: Locate parks within one-half mile of the residential area they serve. To the greatest extent possible, such parks should not be separated from the neighborhood they serve by major arterials, commercial centers, and topographical or other features which create a direct or perceived physical barrier to the park.
- Program 10.9: Pursue opportunities for joint use of City and School District recreational facilities including sports fields and gymnasiums. Utilize School District parking lots as much as possible to avoid impacts on neighborhoods.
- Program 10.10: Continue the policy of not charging access fees for use of City parks.
- Program 10.11: Support non-traditional recreational opportunities such as designated dog exercise areas in new or existing parks.
- Program 10.12: Encourage the establishment of an environmental learning center at Alviso Adobe Community Park, and investigate opportunities for jointly establishing a center with other agencies.

- Program 10.13: Encourage the establishment of recreational opportunities for business park employees in conjunction with the development of business parks.
- Program 10.14: Continue to support non-traditional sports which serve the public need and investigate opportunities to provide facilities for them (non-traditional sports might include skateboarding, roller-blading, rock-climbing, BMX, racquetball, sports facilities for the disabled, etc.).
- Program 10.15: Explore the construction of additional indoor recreation facilities.
- Program 10.16: Undertake a study of recreational needs for teens.
- Program 10.17: Continue to use the Alameda County Fairgrounds for recreational and cultural activities.
- Program 10.18: Maintain at least the standard of 5 acres of neighborhood or community parks per 1,000 people.
- Program 10.19: Design Community Parks to better integrate active recreation, leisure recreation, and open space in ways that will be more functional for all three uses.
- Program 10.20: Design sports fields in ways that will maximize flexibility and that will allow sports fields to evolve over time to meet the changing sports needs of the community.
- Program 10.21: Promote youth access to, and enjoyment of, the Callippe Preserve Golf Course.
- Program 10.22: Provide trails, bike routes or pedestrian walkways to connect the parks and recreational facilities throughout Pleasanton.

Policy 11: Maintain and improve existing park and recreational facilities, so as to maximize benefits to the community.

- Program 11.1: Improve the drainage at the Upper Pleasanton Field and at the Sports and Recreation Community Park to increase availability of fields after inclement weather.
- Program 11.2: Continue to expand and improve the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, including the creation of a toddler pool and other facilities.

Policy 12: Strive to increase the hours of operation and access for popular recreational facilities.

Program 12.1: Increase hours of operation and access to recreational facilities and programs, where needed and feasible.

Community Facilities and Cultural Arts

Goal 7: Promote the enhancement of the arts within the City.

Policy 13: Continue to support the work of the Civic Arts Commission in reviewing public art, overseeing implementation of a City cultural plan, guiding future cultural enhancement, and identifying cultural art facility needs.

Policy 14: Maintain, improve, and expand existing facilities and develop new facilities to accommodate existing and future art and cultural programs.

Program 14.1: Renovate and improve the Cultural Arts Center in Amador Park and Amador Theater.

Program 14.2: Encourage development of a cultural/performing arts center on the Bernal Property that can accommodate large and small theater spaces, rehearsal space, an outdoor amphitheater, a community art gallery and classrooms.

Program 14.3: Periodically update the Arts Facilities Study and include more detailed information on potential sites and locations for facilities.

Program 14.4: Explore expanding the sharing of civic arts facilities with the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Program 14.5: Implement the Master Plan for Recreational Arts Facilities, including the addition of a ceramic/arts studio at the Cultural Arts Center in Amador Park or another appropriate location.

Program 14.6: Complete the development of the Firehouse Arts Center.

Program 14.7: Allow City facilities to be used as arts venues where and when appropriate and feasible to bring new art experiences to Pleasanton (e.g. Shakespeare in the Park and Women's Will performances in City parks).

Policy 15: Use public art to enliven and beautify the public realm.

Program 15.1: Review and update as appropriate the Arts in Public Places ordinance.

Program 15.2: Encourage commercial, office, and residential projects to incorporate art within the project design.

Program 15.3: Enhance Main Street and its environs as a “cultural concourse” using the Downtown Public Art Master Plan to create a coherent vision for sites and themes for public art.

Policy 16:	Develop programs and partnerships to support a broad spectrum of cultural and arts interests within the community and the Tri-Valley area.
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Program 16.1: Continue to work with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation to enhance the cultural life of the community.

Program 16.2: Design and implement programs for the Firehouse Arts Center theater, art gallery, and workshops.

Program 16.3: Work with local non-profit organizations to further develop and implement the Pleasanton Arts Marketing Plan.

Program 16.4: Develop a marketing, programming and business plan for the Cultural/Performing Arts Center on the Bernal Property.

Program 16.5: Look for opportunities to collaborate with other Tri-Valley cities on arts and cultural programs where the Pleasanton community would benefit.

Program 16.6: Explore with other jurisdictions the potential need for a regional performing visual arts center.

Goal 8:	Improve quality of life in the City by adding and maintaining appropriate new community amenities.
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Policy 17:	Make Pleasanton’s downtown into a visitor-friendly location by providing public amenities that enhance the downtown for Pleasanton residents and visitors.
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Program 17.1: When planning and designing public spaces and facilities, including the Mixed-Use Downtown District, consider locations for construction of public restrooms, as supported in the *Downtown Specific Plan*.

Program 17.2: Explore the concept of partnering with downtown businesses to provide public access to restroom facilities.

Program 17.3: Provide Wi-Fi (high-speed wireless internet) access throughout Pleasanton's downtown area; explore providing Wi-Fi in public areas throughout the city.

Policy 18: Provide additional public facilities to enhance the community.

Program 18.1 After obtaining the Pleasanton Pioneer cemetery, renovate, preserve, and maintain these facilities to improve the urban design of the area and to help preserve historic resources

Human Services

Goal 9: Promote a healthy community and a strong community support system.

Policy 19: Promote diversity through City programs for people of all ages, socioeconomic groups, religions, creed, racial and ethnic groups, and sexual orientation and identity.

Program 19.1: Continue to facilitate public facility rental use for cultural activities.

Program 19.2: Incorporate cultural elements and educational opportunities in City programs, events, and activities.

Program 19.3: Collaborate with local organizations/businesses representing the diverse populations within the community to promote educational programs, awareness, and cultural events.

Policy 20: Promote human services for diverse Pleasanton residents of all ages who need assistance.

Program 20.1: Establish and maintain centralized City efforts to coordinate the activities of human service agencies, cooperate with religious institutions and volunteer groups to provide needed services, disseminate public information, and provide public education in order to increase community outreach and facilitate access to human services.

Program 20.2: Work with local, County, State, and Federal agencies to promote and support human services for diverse people of all ages (e.g., children immunization programs, mental health activities, etc.).

Program 20.3: Encourage the development of services for all income levels and diverse populations to respond to the needs of young children, teens, elders and the disabled, including those identified in the Tri-Valley Human Services Needs Assessment report.

- Program 20.4: Work more effectively with private providers and local, County and State agencies to promote and enhance affordable human services throughout Pleasanton.
- Program 20.5: Encourage the development of educational opportunities that promote awareness and more local human services resources.
- Program 20.6: Consider dedicating a portion of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds and City Grant Program monies to services addressing the needs and service gap findings as identified in the Tri-Valley Human Service Needs Assessment (e.g. health care/mental health care, child-care facilities construction and improvements, bi-lingual services, uninsured dental care, etc.).
- Program 20.7: Work with the surrounding jurisdictions to study the development of a Tri-Valley multi-purpose human services center.
- Program 20.8: Streamline permitting processes to encourage the development of local human services facilities and resources.
- Program 20.9: Encourage inter-disciplinary and inter-agency communication and collaboration to better develop and coordinate resources and services for diverse people of all ages.
- Program 20.10: Give top priority consideration to community-wide human services needs when reviewing planning applications for new and modified facilities.
- Program 20.11: Encourage joint use partnerships between businesses, schools, community organizations and the City to more effectively utilize facilities and promote more resources in the human services network.

Policy 21: Promote a healthy community through the provision of health and mental health facilities and services, and healthy community design.

Program 21.1: Facilitate the provision of high quality, affordable health care and mental health care in appropriate locations in Pleasanton.

Program 21.2: Require pedestrian and bike-friendly development that can accommodate and promote physical activity.

Policy 22: Facilitate the provision of safe, affordable, high quality child-care facilities and services to families.

- Program 22.1: Work with private child-care providers and local, County, and State agencies to promote and enhance affordable child-care services throughout the City.
- Program 22.2: Require developers of private and public projects to include child-care facilities and/or programs, where feasible.
- Program 22.3: Investigate the feasibility of siting additional before- and after-school programs and child-care facilities in or near schools.
- Program 22.4: Facilitate the provision of childcare facilities to meet the childcare demand within the City.

<p>Policy 23: Facilitate the provision of safe, accessible senior activities, facilities and services.</p>

- Program 23.1: Review existing senior/disabled transportation services to identify and promote ways to improve service and availability.
- Program 23.2: Encourage the development of additional services to respond to the needs of seniors (e.g., expansion of senior day-care hours at the Senior Center, establishment of other senior day centers, case management services, in-home services, etc.).
- Program 23.3: Promote the establishment of elderly care facilities throughout the city and, in particular, those areas close to the senior services and facilities.
- Program 23.4: Provide and promote a culturally-rich environment as well as a full spectrum of human services for all ages.

<p>Policy 24: Facilitate the provision of safe, accessible youth activities, facilities, and services.</p>

- Program 24.1: Support the Youth Commission in its study of youth needs in Pleasanton.
- Program 24.2: In cooperation with Pleasanton Unified School District, support the continued implementation of the goals as outlined in the Youth Master Plan of 2001.
- Program 24.3: Facilitate the planning, development, and programming of a Youth/Teen Center preferably on the Bernal Property, serving Pleasanton youth.
- Program 24.4: Involve youth in evaluating the need for, and planning of, recreational facilities.

Program 24.5: Support the location of teen health services and/or facilities in the Tri-Valley area.

Solid Waste

Goal 10: Strive to meet or exceed State and County standards for source reduction and waste diversion, including the countywide goal of 75 percent reduction of waste going to landfills by 2010.

Policy 25: As a City organization, develop programs which model best practices in source reduction, waste diversion and use of recycled products.

Program 25.1: Implement source reduction and waste diversion programs within City government.

Program 25.2: Adopt purchasing policies that give preference to recycled content and environmentally-friendly products in City procurement, where economically feasible.

Policy 26: Minimize the City's generation of solid waste materials by supporting the Alameda County Integrated Waste Management Plan and Source Reduction and Recycling Plan and by developing City recycling programs using the California Diversion rate methodology for measurement.

Program 26.1: Continue to promote the recycling of materials at the solid waste transfer station and other locations.

Program 26.2: Recycle paper, glass, metal, and other marketable materials through the City's centralized recycling program.

Program 26.3: Continue to develop a curbside recycling program, and evaluate current practices to determine if separate collection bins would increase diversion rates.

Program 26.4: Promote incentives for using recycled materials in construction or manufacturing.

Program 26.5: Adopt a construction and demolition debris recycling ordinance.

Program 26.6: Promote and provide incentives for using recycled materials in the home or business.

Program 26.7: Consider requiring businesses and multifamily residents to participate in recycling and waste reduction programs

Program 26.8: Promote and provide incentives for the reduction of curbside waste.

- Program 26.9: Utilize waste management reclamation methods to the fullest extent feasible.
- Program 26.10: Continue to support the green waste composting program.
- Program 26.11: Continue to support the food-scrap composting program, if it is cost effective.
- Program 26.12: Develop a household hazardous waste information program to better inform the public of existing and future services, and the products considered household hazardous waste.
- Program 26.13: Provide accessible disposal containers, including recycling containers, at appropriate locations downtown, at outdoor events, and in City parks.
- Program 26.14: Continue to partner with the Pleasanton Unified School District and the *Go Green Initiative* to encourage environmental stewardship on school campuses.
- Program 26.15: Continue to provide information about, and opportunities for, collection of e-waste such as unwanted computers, monitors and other electrical waste; seek sponsorship of this program from the private sector.
- Program 26.16: Continue to provide convenient drop off locations for household batteries.
- Program 26.17: Provide opportunities for safe disposal of unused and expired pharmaceutical drugs.
- Program 26.18: Residential projects with more than three units and all non-residential projects¹² in the city shall prepare and implement a Project Waste Diversion Plan that includes a discussion of the project's diversion strategies. The plan shall include a description of on-site disposal, composting and recycling facilities, a construction debris disposal and recycling plan, and a discussion of any pre-waste stream conservation measures appropriate to the project. The City shall review and approve waste diversion plans as part of the land entitlement process for projects.

¹² Refers to residential new construction (not additions) and new non-residential projects of 20,000 square feet or more.