

PLEASANTON

# PROGRESS

SUMMER  
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## SUMMER IN FULL SWING

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# SUMMER IN PLEASANTON

From Concerts in the Park to Fair-time fun, summer in Pleasanton is filled with opportunities to gather, explore, and enjoy the community.

Residents and visitors alike can enjoy familiar traditions, new experiences, and continued investments that enhance Pleasanton's parks, downtown, and community gathering spaces.



# AROUND TOWN

## Downtown Investments & Improvements

Downtown improvement projects continue throughout the area, helping maintain and enhance one of Pleasanton's most visited destinations.

Recent and ongoing work includes streetscape improvements, landscaping upgrades, tree planting and maintenance, and repairs to public infrastructure and amenities.

The restoration of the iconic Pleasanton Arch was recently completed, helping preserve a landmark that has welcomed residents and visitors to downtown for generations.

## Park Public Art Installation

A new interactive public artwork honoring pioneering musician, inventor, and educator Don Lewis has been installed at Delucchi Park.

The "Don Lewis Harmonic Symphony" celebrates Don Lewis' lifelong belief in the power of music, creativity, innovation, and community connection. The installation features interactive musical elements designed to be explored and played by visitors of all ages, encouraging hands-on creativity, collaboration, and shared musical experiences.

The sculptural centerpiece, titled *Maestro*, was created by artist Anton Standteiner and the team at Mountain Forge. The sculpture honors Don Lewis' legacy as a groundbreaking electronic musician and advocate for youth music education, while reflecting his passion for inspiring others through artistic expression and innovation.

The project was made possible through a partnership between Nancy and Gary Harrington's "Another H.A.P.P.Y." program and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council.

The installation reflects Pleasanton's continued investment in public spaces, arts, and community gathering places, while creating a unique new experience for visitors to enjoy at Delucchi Park.

## Concerts in the Park

A favorite Pleasanton summer tradition is underway at Lions Wayside Park, where the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concerts in the Park series continues through August.

Now entering its second summer season since the park's transformation and new bandstand improvements, the Friday evening concerts continue to bring the community together in downtown Pleasanton for live music, lively evenings, and a vibrant atmosphere.

Featuring a variety of musical styles, the series offers something for everyone to enjoy. Community members are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, grab dinner downtown, and enjoy an evening of music in the park all season long.

Find the full concert lineup and event details at [PleasantonDowntown.net](http://PleasantonDowntown.net).

## Celebrate America's 250th!

Join the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at Lions Wayside Park on Saturday, July 4, for a patriotic concert on the park's new bandstand.

Hosted by the Pleasanton Lions Club in partnership with the City of Pleasanton, the longtime community tradition brings residents together for an afternoon of patriotic music and celebration in downtown Pleasanton. This year's event also coincides with the 250th anniversary celebration of the United States, making this year's celebration especially memorable.

Community members can also continue the celebration at the Alameda County Fair, where fireworks will light up the sky that night.

**The free concert begins at noon at Lions Wayside Park.**

## Alameda County Fair

Summer in Pleasanton means Fair-time fun at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, where the Alameda County Fair runs from June 19 through July 12.

The Fair brings together live entertainment, concerts, carnival rides, Fair food, exhibits, shopping, and family-friendly activities for a full season of fun. From favorite Fair treats and nightly entertainment to action sports and live music, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

This year's concert lineup features artists spanning multiple genres, including The Beach Boys, Flo Rida, Boyz II Men, and more. Fireworks will also light up the sky on Saturday, July 4, adding to the Fair's festive atmosphere.

For tickets, schedules, and event details, visit [AlamedaCountyFair.com](http://AlamedaCountyFair.com).

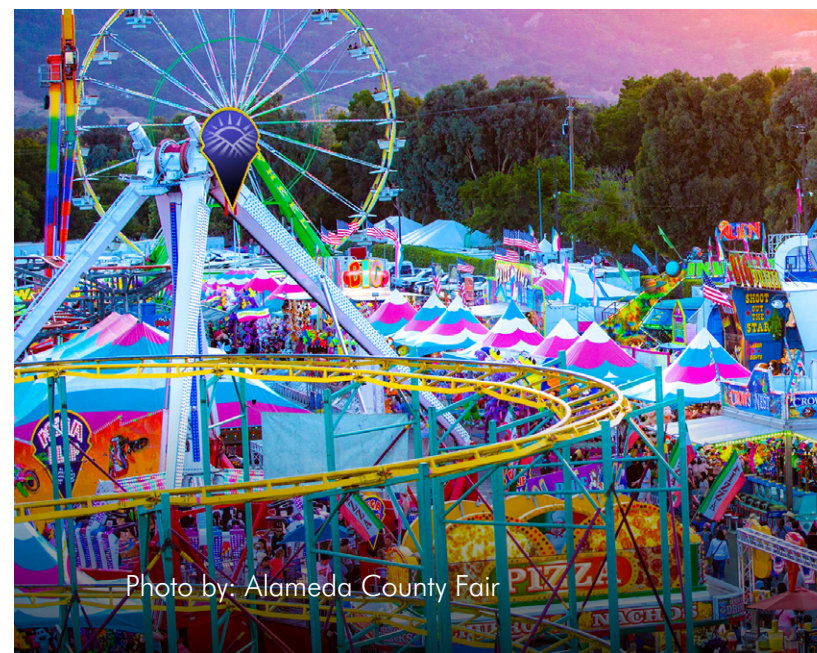


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## EXPLORING A POTENTIAL HOTEL TAX UPDATE IN PLEASANTON

The City of Pleasanton is exploring a potential update to its hotel tax — also known as a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) – as one option to help support City services and infrastructure over the long term.

A Transient Occupancy Tax is charged on short-term stays at hotels, inns, and other short-term lodging, and is primarily paid by visitors staying overnight in Pleasanton, rather than local residents.

Research and industry data from communities across California suggest that hotel tax rates are generally not a factor in travel decisions, and increases in hotel taxes have not been shown to significantly affect hotel occupancy rates.

Pleasanton’s restaurants, parks, roads, public safety services, and other amenities are used not only by residents but also by visitors attending sporting events, conferences, business meetings, and other activities in the city. Updating the City’s hotel tax will ensure visitors pay a share of the City services they utilize.

Pleasanton’s current hotel tax rate is 8%, unchanged since 1983, and the lowest in Alameda County. Many nearby cities already have hotel tax rates of 12% or higher.

The approach currently being explored would increase Pleasanton’s hotel tax to 10% in July 2027, and to 12% in July 2028.

### The City estimates that:

- A 10% hotel tax rate would generate approximately \$1.4 million annually in additional General Fund revenue
- A 12% hotel tax rate would generate approximately \$2.8 million annually in additional General Fund revenue

General Fund revenue supports the day-to-day operations of the City, including services such as police, fire, street maintenance, parks and facilities maintenance, recreation programs, and other community services.

A community survey conducted in May 2026 showed initial support for the change: 67% of respondents supported a potential hotel tax increase, while 20% opposed it.

The City Council has expressed initial support for exploring a potential hotel tax increase and will make a final decision on whether to place a measure on the ballot in July.



## PLANNING FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF PLEASANTON’S INFRASTRUCTURE

Over the decades, Pleasanton has invested in building and maintaining the infrastructure that supports daily life in our community – from roads, parks, trails, and trees to water systems, public buildings, and public safety facilities.

Today, the City is entering a new phase: not just building infrastructure, but strategically managing, maintaining, and reinvesting in the assets we already have.

To help guide that work, the City is developing a comprehensive Asset Management Plan – a long-term strategy to better understand the condition of City infrastructure, prioritize repairs and replacements, and plan for future investment needs.

Pleasanton currently owns and maintains more than \$4 billion in public assets across the city, including streets,

parks, facilities, vehicles, landscaping, and other essential infrastructure.

An initial citywide assessment found that approximately 94% of these assets are currently in good or excellent condition.

However, even a small percentage of aging infrastructure can represent significant repair and replacement costs over time. The Asset Management Plan will help the City take a proactive, data-driven approach to maintaining community infrastructure before issues become larger and more costly.

The graphic above offers a snapshot of the vast network of infrastructure the City maintains every day – from roads and trails to parks, water systems, streetlights, and more.

### What is a TOT?

A hotel tax paid by overnight guests staying in hotels and similar lodging for 30 days or less.

Find additional information about Hotel Tax in Pleasanton at [CityofPleasantonCA.gov](http://CityofPleasantonCA.gov).



### How it Works

Visitor stays

Pays hotel bill

Hotel collects tax

City receives tax revenue

### TOT Revenue Supports City Services Such As:



Street maintenance



Police Services



Fire Protection



Parks & facilities

# PROTECTING PLEASANTON'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



Every day, Pleasanton's water systems work behind the scenes to support our community – delivering clean drinking water, carrying wastewater safely away from homes and businesses, and reducing flooding during storms.

Many of these systems are underground, out of sight, and easy to overlook until something goes wrong. That's why the City continues to invest in maintaining and improving water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure throughout Pleasanton.

Over the past several years, the City has advanced several projects to strengthen long-term water reliability, plan for aging sewer infrastructure, improve stormwater facilities, and help customers conserve water and reduce costs. Together, these efforts protect public health, support environmental sustainability, and keep essential services running safely and reliably for the Pleasanton community now and well into the future.

Learn more about the City's Water Programs.



## Stormwater Improvements

Pleasanton sits at the bottom of five watersheds, meaning stormwater from across the Tri-Valley flows downhill into the City. This makes Pleasanton's stormwater system critical for reducing flooding, protecting infrastructure, and safely conveying stormwater to the San Francisco Bay.

Severe winter storms between December 2022 and March 2023 caused significant damage throughout the community, leading the City to declare a local emergency and pursue state and federal reimbursement funding for cleanup and repairs. The City identified more than \$16.75 million in storm-related cleanup and long-term infrastructure repairs, with more than \$3.5 million reimbursed through state and federal funding.

The City is also developing its first Stormwater System Management Plan, expected to be completed in 2028, to guide future infrastructure improvements and strengthen resilience to future storms. Current projects include the recently completed Puri Court Storm Drain Improvements Project and the upcoming Sassafra Court Storm Drain Interceptor Project.

## Planning for Pleasanton's Water Future

Since 2022, the City has been working toward a long-term solution to restore the community's local water supply after the City's groundwater wells were taken offline following PFAS detections.

Historically, local groundwater wells supplied 20 to 30 percent of Pleasanton's annual water demand, helping to diversify the City's water supply and improve drought resilience. Since the wells were shut down, Pleasanton has relied entirely on purchased wholesale water from Zone 7 Water Agency while evaluating long-term options for the future.

In April 2026, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously voted to move forward with implementing the Joint Groundwater Supply Project in partnership with Zone 7. The project would develop new groundwater wells at Tennis Community Park and Hansen Park to reestablish a local groundwater source, strengthen drought resilience, and support long-term sustainability for Pleasanton residents and businesses. The City and Zone 7 will continue working together on project agreements, design, and future construction.

## Sewer System Updates

The City is taking a proactive and transparent approach to planning for the future of the community's sewer system. Last year, the City updated its Sewer System Management Plan and developed a long-term Capital Improvement Program to identify aging infrastructure needs and prioritize future improvements.

This year, the City Council adopted a financial plan identifying approximately \$55 million in sewer system improvements needed over the next four years, and is now completing a comprehensive sewer rate study. The study focuses on ensuring sewer rates remain fair, sustainable, and sufficient to fund the critical infrastructure investments needed to protect public health and the environment.



Learn more about the City's Sewer Programs.

## Save Water This Summer

As temperatures rise, outdoor irrigation becomes one of the largest uses of water for many households. A few simple adjustments can help keep landscapes healthy while reducing water use and lowering monthly bills.



### Water More Efficiently

- Use "cycle and soak" methods by watering in shorter intervals with breaks in between.
- Water between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. to reduce evaporation.



### Upgrade Your Irrigation System

- Replace traditional spray sprinklers with high-efficiency rotary nozzles or drip irrigation systems.
- Install a weather-based irrigation controller, which automatically adjusts watering schedules based on weather conditions.



### Check for Leaks and Overspray

- Regularly check irrigation systems for leaks, broken sprinkler heads, and clogged nozzles.
- Make sure sprinklers are watering landscaping, not sidewalks, driveways.



### Take Advantage of Available Rebates

- The City offers rebates to help customers improve water efficiency, including:
- Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers
  - Eco-Friendly Lawn Conversion Projects



Learn more about water-saving programs, rebates, and conservation resources at [PleasantonWater.com](http://PleasantonWater.com).

## Did You Know?

Outdoor irrigation can account for more than half of residential water use during the summer months.

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## KNOW YOUR PLEASANTON PARKS:

### Moller Park

Moller Park is a 7-acre park built in 1985 and a neighborhood favorite that blends local history, natural beauty, and family-friendly recreation. The park recently welcomed a newly renovated playground, creating an updated space for children and families to gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors.

Running through the park is Gold Creek, the site of Pleasanton's brief but fascinating gold rush in 1871. According to local history, two men discovered gold nuggets in the creek, sparking a wave of excitement that brought prospectors and visitors to the area for nearly two months. While the rush was short-lived, the story remains one of Pleasanton's unique historical moments and continues to add character to the park today.

Moller Park features beautiful open lawn areas, 1.5-miles of shaded pathways, picnic spaces, and scenic creekside views. The combination of mature trees, updated play amenities, and natural surroundings makes it a welcoming destination for families, neighbors, and visitors of all ages.

Whether stopping by for an afternoon at the playground, exploring local history, enjoying a picnic, or taking a quiet walk along the creek, Moller Park offers a unique connection to Pleasanton's past and present.