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Stoneridge Drive Extension Becomes a Reality



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A cyclist heads toward Pleasanton along the bicycle trail on the new Stoneridge Drive extension to Livermore.

After more than 20 years of public discussion, the Stoneridge Drive extension to El Charro Road has become a reality. A large group of elected officials, city staff, construction management, and local residents were on hand to watch the ribbon-cutting ceremony on the long awaited roadway on November 1. The new street offers better access for residents on both sides of El Charro Road to Pleasanton, Hacienda, ValleyCare Medical Center, and I-580.

The \$13 million project covers 2.7 lane miles of road and 1.2 lane miles of bicycle lane. Two parallel bridges cross the Arroyo Mocho, one for eastbound traffic and the other for westbound traffic. During its first two years of operation, bridge traffic will be one lane in each direction, after which time the City Council has the discretion to open all four lanes.

Improvements to Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road were made to facilitate the opening of the Stoneridge Drive extension. These included construction of additional turn lanes, installation of new intersection traffic signals and signage, application of rubberized roadway asphalt, and a new bus stop pullout on Santa Rita Road. In addition, adjustments to the east

side of Santa Rita Road now connect to a trail improvement project along the Iron Horse Trail. The new extension of the Arroyo Mocho Trail connects the trail that runs along the south side of the Arroyo from I-680 to Trevor Parkway to the north side of the Arroyo Mocho, via the new bridge, where the path continues into the Livermore trail system.

The new five-acre Stoneridge Creek Neighborhood Park is another amenity adjacent to Stoneridge Drive that features two lighted tennis courts, a grass field, a walking path, and an area designed to attract wildlife.

Stoneridge Creek continuing care retirement community can also now be accessed by the extension of Stoneridge Drive. This 46-acre campus features up to 635 residences ranging from one-bedroom apartment-style homes to three-bedroom single-story villas with attached garages and a full range of services including restaurant-style dining, a library, state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, a postal and banking center, performing arts theater, and more. A health center open to the residents of Stoneridge Creek as well as the outside public is currently under construction.

Pleasanton Street Lights to Go LED

The thousands of cobra head street lights in Pleasanton will soon be a thing of the past, to be replaced with new Light Emitting Diode (LED) light fixtures. LED lights are the most efficient on the market today for their ability to both lower utility costs and ease the burden on non-renewable energy sources. The new LED light bulbs are expected to last at least five times longer than the existing high pressure sodium light fixtures and will reduce annual carbon dioxide gas emissions to an equivalent of approximately 85,000 gallons of gasoline!

An inventory is currently being conducted of the existing street lights to determine the work schedule for the program, which is scheduled to get underway in January and be completed by May 2014.

The total cost of replacing the light fixtures is approximately \$1.6 million, but replacing the existing street lights with new LED fixtures will save the City nearly \$200,000 per year in energy consumption; additionally, the City will receive a one-time energy rebate from PG&E of approximately \$350,000. For most people, the main difference



between the two lights is the color. The existing light produces yellowish amber color while LED light produces white light.

Replacement of the light fixtures along residential neighborhoods will occur during the day, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Work on the busier arterial roadways will occur between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Pedestrian and vehicular access will be maintained at all times. Throughout the replacement process, residents and businesses will have access to their driveways but may encounter occasional obstruction while equipment is operating directly in front of their residences/establishments.

Staff will also launch another project soon to convert all of the city's decorative light fixtures to LED light bulbs.

Tri-Valley Restaurant Month Kicks Off in January 2014

Tri-Valley Restaurant Month, sponsored by Visit Tri-Valley returns during the entire month of January in all five of the Tri-Valley cities: Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon. This promotional event offers food lovers the opportunity to enjoy a specially priced meal at a number of local restaurants, including many of the regions finest. For a list of the



participating restaurants, please visit www.visittrivalley.com in the coming weeks.

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Upcoming Events

Pleasanton Community Concert Band Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 1, 2013
2:00 p.m.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will conclude their 2013 season of concerts with "An International Holiday" - selections of seasonal music from people and nations around the world. Join us at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, for an afternoon of holiday celebration with our local community band. This event is free to the public.



Hometown Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 7, 2013
5:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Join us for a hometown tradition as Pleasanton marches in the holidays with a glittering parade, marching bands, a tree lighting, holiday sing-along, and a visit from Santa Claus. The parade takes off on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton at 5:00 p.m. and the tree lighting takes place in front of the Museum on Main at 6:03 Main Street at 6:45 p.m. For more information, please visit www.hometownholiday.com or call (925) 931-5352.



A Chorus Line

January 24-February 9, 2014
8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays
and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays

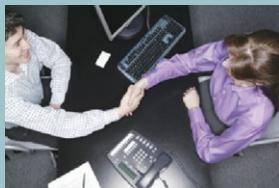
A Chorus Line comes to the Firehouse Arts Center! With music by Marvin Hamlisch, this legendary play is centered on 17 Broadway dancers auditioning for spots on a chorus line, offering a glimpse into the personalities of the performers and choreographer as they describe the events that have shaped their lives and their decisions to become dancers. For ticket information, please visit www.firehousearts.org.



Teen Career and Job Fair

Saturday, March 1, 2014
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

The cities of Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Dublin join the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club in hosting the annual Teen Career and Job Fair at the Pleasanton Senior Center, located at 5353 Sunol Boulevard. Teens ages 14 through 18 will have the opportunity to meet with employers, participate in mock interviews, meet with professionals from a wide variety of fields, and attend a series of career development workshops. Please bring a copy of your resume and dress in professional attire. For more information, please call (925) 931-3434 or email info@ptownlife.org.



Free Transit Fair

Monday, March 17, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Pleasanton Senior Center hosts its annual Transit Fair featuring representatives from various Bay Area transit agencies including Wheels, BART, the Pleasanton Paratransit Service, ACE train, and others to provide the latest transit information and options. The Senior Center's "Snappy Café" will offer a St. Patrick's Day corned beef lunch available for adults (\$5) and seniors (\$3.50), by reservation. Please call (925) 931-5365 to make a luncheon reservation.



Exercise Year-Round at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center

Earlier this fall the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center (DBAC) fully re-opened to the public following a one year renovation of the facility. The renovation included the relocation of the diving pool into the existing 25-meter pool by way of an "L" shaped design; re-plastering of the two pools; installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the two pools; deepening of the 25-meter pool for future and potential competitive use; replacing the existing decking; and new plumbing, electrical, heating and filtration systems for the pools.

The City's Community Services Department offers a full spectrum of water activities at the center year-round. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, swimming is the fourth most popular sports activity in the United States, and a good way to get regular aerobic physical activity. Just two and a half hours per week of swimming can decrease the risk of chronic illnesses and lead to improved health for people with diabetes and heart disease. Water-based exercise also improves mental health, and has been known to improve mood and decrease anxiety.



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The view from the diving board of the new L-shaped 25-meter pool at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

So, get in the pool and start improving your quality of life! Lap swim is available seven days a week at the center for adult, seniors, and youth, although holidays are observed. All swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool without stopping and be prepared to share lanes. Both deep and shallow water aqua aerobics are also offered at the center for those seeking to tone and strengthen muscles and/or improve cardiovascular fitness.

The DBAC also offers classes to become a Red Cross certified lifeguard in a blended learning course that combines online study and in-person water, first aid and CPR/AED skills training. Winter courses are offered in late December and spring classes are offered during spring break 2014.

For a complete listing of class schedules and fees or more information, please visit www.PleasantonAquaticCenter.com or call (925) 931-3420.

Shop Small in Pleasanton this Coming Holiday Season!

First there was Black Friday, then Cyber Monday. For a fourth year, there is also Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday, November 30th this year, is the day dedicated to supporting small businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country during one of the busiest shopping times of the year.

In Pleasanton, there are over 2,200 small business proprietors that employ more than 24,000 people collectively. The City of

Pleasanton, along with the Pleasanton Downtown Association, Visit Tri-Valley, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Hacienda are excited to work together to encourage merchants to participate in Small Business Saturday and shoppers to not only shop in Pleasanton but consider shopping "small" to support our local businesses.

Shoppers are encouraged to visit inPleasanton.com to discover all of Pleasanton's retail shop locations and shopsmall.com to find local merchants which have



joined the Small Business Saturday campaign by offering special promotions or discounts. Help make November 30th the *biggest* day of the year for small businesses in Pleasanton!

Hometown Holiday Celebration

Still Recruiting Volunteers and Parade Entries!

Pleasanton's Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration is coming to town. One of the city's most beloved community events, the parade and tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The festive community-based parade features holiday inspired entries from various community groups and organizations. Look out for appearances made by Pleasanton's own Balloon Platoon, the Pleasanton City Council, hundreds of Cub Scouts and Brownies, local car clubs, dog clubs, and much more. With the parade just around the corner, we are still seeking entries to make 2013

the most magical march to date. If you know a group that would like to appear in this year's parade, please visit www.hometownholiday.com and sign up.

The Hometown Holiday program relies on the support of the community to make the event a success and volunteers are still needed! Those interested in volunteering for the event are encouraged to visit www.hometownholiday.com to download a volunteer application. For more information, please call (925) 931-5352 or email hometownholiday@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

In the event of rain, a parade cancellation hotline will be implemented at (925) 931-5352.



Callippe Preserve Golf Course Recognized by Audubon International

Pleasanton's nationally recognized municipal golf course has retained its designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary through Audubon International. Callippe Preserve Golf Course was designated a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2006 and is one of 889 courses worldwide to receive the honor. Course Superintendent Tom Doyle led the effort to maintain sanctuary status, and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance on the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats and the protection of natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, Mexico, and Southeast Asia participate in the program.

In order to achieve certification, courses must demonstrate a high level of environmental quality in the areas of environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, and water



quality management.

Callippe Preserve Golf Course was developed as part of a cooperative effort to create an 18-hole golf course, hiking and equestrian trails, endangered species habitat, wetland establishment, and dedicated grazing land. The course site is a protected habitat for the federally endangered Callippe Silverspot Butterfly and the California Tiger Salamander, and the federally threatened California Red Legged Frog.

2014 Tri-Valley Grant Application Workshops

Scheduled on December 5 and 10

The cities of Livermore and Pleasanton will co-sponsor two application workshops for the following fiscal year 2014-15 grant programs:

- City of Livermore Housing and Human Services Grants
- City of Pleasanton Housing and Human Services Grants
- City of Pleasanton Community Grants Youth / Civic Arts

The workshops are designed for non-profit organizations that serve Tri-Valley residents with a wide variety of human services, community development, housing, youth, and civic arts programs in the Tri-Valley.

In the current fiscal year (2013-14), the cities are collectively providing over \$1.4 million to projects and programs including: medical visits and health care access for the uninsured; child abuse prevention services; meals and supportive services for seniors; mental health care; substance abuse counseling; domestic violence and homeless shelters; rental assistance for job training participants; fair housing counseling and tenant-landlord services; housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners; community cultural events; art projects and programs; and many more.

City staff will discuss the application processes and distribute application packets at the workshops. Attendance at one of the scheduled workshops is mandatory in order to apply for City of Livermore funding and is strongly encouraged for the City of Pleasanton. Both workshops will be



identical in format and content, and it is only necessary to attend one workshop.

The first workshop is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton City Council Chamber, located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. A second workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Livermore City Council Chamber, located at 3575 Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

To RSVP for attendance at one of the workshops, please contact Sheryl Jenkins, City of Livermore, at (925) 960-4434, or email sljenkins@cityoflivermore.net.

Planning for East Pleasanton

Progress continues on the critical East Pleasanton Specific Plan, which will provide guidance on the long term development of an 1,100-acre area in east Pleasanton, formerly the site of sand and gravel mining.

Although most of the area will remain as lakes used by Zone 7 Water Agency for stormwater management and water storage, about 400 acres of upland area has the potential for development.

The Pleasanton City Council recently authorized staff and consultants to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). While no specific density has been determined, the project may include some housing, some local-serving retail, an office campus and light industrial usage, as well as parks, trails, and potential school sites.

The City Council recognizes that with public input this plan will continue to evolve over the next several months. By late 2014,



The view from East Pleasanton looking toward Livermore.

the Draft EIR and Draft Specific Plan will be available for public review and a series of community workshops will be scheduled to describe the draft plan and receive public comment.

Staples Ranch Landscaping Now Hydrated by Recycled Water

The Staples Ranch development which runs along I-580 north of El Charro Road and backs up to the Stoneridge Drive extension, is home to the new Stoneridge Creek retirement community, the new five-acre Stoneridge

17-acre community park.

Conserving water in the midst of the project development became a goal that led to a connection to recycled water for irrigation use. Instead of using valuable potable water for landscaping, recycled water purchased from the City of Livermore will be used at Staples Ranch. The recycled water is treated wastewater that has been brought to safety standards for the release onto landscaping. The new recycling program is projected to save 46,922,540 gallons of precious potable water annually.

In addition to the water saving benefit, using recycled water offers another great water conserving feature: all areas using recycled water have to pass inspections by the City to ensure water is being applied efficiently, without causing runoff or ponding of water. This helps to ensure that even the recycled water is being used in an efficient manner by qualified landscapers.



Creek Park, landscaped medians along El Charro Road and Stoneridge Drive, and future large landscape irrigation projects within the Staples Ranch property, such as a planned

Enroll Now for 2014 Citizen's Police Academy

Enrollment is currently underway for the 2014 session of the Pleasanton Police Department Citizens Police Academy. The 22nd class of the academy begins on Thursday, January 9, 2014 and concludes on April 15, 2014.

The Citizens Police Academy was designed to create closer partnerships with the public, explain law enforcement procedures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

All sessions of the academy are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department at 4833 Bernal Avenue. Classes are primarily taught by department personnel and cover topics such as community policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics investigations, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9 unit, evidence collection,

use-of-force issues, animal services, and the DARE program.

The program is open to adults only who live or work in the city of Pleasanton.

Applicants will be carefully screened and must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms, and be approved by the Chief of Police.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department or online at www.pleasantonpd.org. For more information, please call (925) 931-5240.





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SAFETY CORNER

BE AWARE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Pleasanton Police Department reminds everyone that the busy and chaotic nature of the impending holidays can create an opportunity for crime. In the rush to get through our respective "to do" and shopping lists, we often become a little careless, and more vulnerable to becoming a victim of crime. However, by taking a few extra precautions, this can be avoided. Here are a few important shopping tips to take you through the holiday season:

1. Don't leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. Lock gifts, electronics, backpacks, and other items in the trunk or hide them out of sight as best as you can.
2. See No. 1 above.
3. Keep your car doors locked and the windows rolled up tight.
4. Park in well-lit areas at night and as close as you can to your destination.
5. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Bring only the credit cards you need.
6. Keep a secure hold on your purse and packages. And don't set your phone or other electronic device down on the counter or store shelf. You inevitably will walk off without it and it will be gone.
7. Program non-emergency numbers for your area police departments into your cell phone. The Pleasanton Police Department number is (925) 931-5100.



8. Make eye contact with people. It's actually a great crime deterrent!
9. And most importantly, pay attention to your surroundings.

For more information on safety and crime prevention, call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100 or visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/police/prevention.



Another fabulous summer and fall in Pleasanton!

City Council	931-5001	City Meetings	All meetings are held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates and/or times are subject to change, please check www.cityofpleasantonca.gov calendar for current meeting information.
Jerry Thorne , Mayor		City Council	First and Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. (televised on Comcast cable channel 29)
Cheryl Cook-Kallio , Vice-Mayor		Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee	Fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. held at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard
Karla Brown , Councilmember		Civic Arts Commission	First Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Kathy Narum , Councilmember		Economic Vitality Committee	Third Thursday of noticed months, 7:30 a.m. held at Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road
Jerry Pentin , Councilmember		Energy and Environment Committee	Fourth Wednesday of every other month, (next meeting in December), 5:00 p.m. held at the Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road
City Manager	931-5002	Housing Commission	Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Nelson Fialho		Human Services Commission	First Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
City Attorney	931-5015	Library Commission	Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. held at Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue
Jonathan Lowell		Parks and Recreation Commission	Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Business License	931-5440	Planning Commission	Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
City Clerk	931-5027	Youth Commission	Second Wednesday of each month during the school year, 7:00 p.m. held at Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road, Conference Room
Economic Development	931-5038		
Facility Rentals	931-5340		
Graffiti Hotline	931-5245		
Human Resources	931-5048		
Job Hotline	931-5056		
Library	931-3400		
Community Services	931-5340		
Pet Licenses	931-5425		
Pleasanton Senior Center	931-5365		
Police/Fire Emergency	911		
Non-Emergency Fire	454-2361		
Non-Emergency Police	931-5100		
Operations Service	931-5500		
Water/Sewer Billing	931-5425		
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