



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 22, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council
Boards and Commissions
City Employees

From: Nelson Fialho, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

This week, we welcomed a delegation from our Sister City in Tulancingo, Mexico and presented a Leadership Day to over 25 members. For over 30 years, our two cities have been visiting each other in an effort to develop communication and promote friendship and understanding. These opportunities have also allowed us to learn from one another. I wanted to say thanks to the staff who assisted in planning and presenting the event: Susan Andrade-Wax, Michele Crose, Sidi Cruz, Julian De Anda, Brian Dolan, Noelia Gallo, Becky Hopkins, Steve Kirkpatrick, Terry Snyder, Samu Tiumalu, Dan Villasenor, and Sean Welch. You provided a wonderful experience for our friends from Tulancingo!

POLICE DISPATCHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Last week was Dispatcher Appreciation Week. As you know, emergency (911) dispatchers are the first people you talk to when you call with a crisis. Even though dispatchers can't see what's happening, they are the eyes and ears of emergency responders. I want to acknowledge the work of our Police Dispatchers who ensure that the right responders get to an emergency as fast as possible and keep responders safe as they help people in crisis. In Pleasanton, we have 13 full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers. Last year, they handled 109,446 calls for service, all of which included 911 calls, as well as non-emergency and wireless calls. Thanks to the entire team for providing this important service to our community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Community Development Department publishes an update every two months that provides information on notable projects, long-range planning efforts, and transportation and engineering projects, many of which are in a preliminary stage.

To read the most recent update click the link [Community Development Update 4.8.16](#)

REGIONAL PLANNING OVERSIGHT

Management Partners, the firm hired by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), has completed their analysis of a possible merger of MTC and ABAG for regional planning responsibilities. On Friday April 22, the MTC/ABAG Administrative Committee will consider seven alternatives and the recommendation by Management Partners. Over the course of this review effort, it appears that consolidation and/or operational change is needed to effectively address regional planning in a sustainable and cohesive manner to improve the overall management and oversight of transportation and housing policy. Friday's meeting will be an important first step toward reframing how regional planning is done in the Bay Area. Stay tuned for more information on this topic in the coming weeks.

KOTTINGER GARDENS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

It's been 10 years in the making! The Kottinger Gardens Project will redevelop the Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens senior housing developments into 185 units of affordable senior housing, which will be owned and operated by MidPen Housing. Save the date and plan to join the celebration at the Groundbreaking of Kottinger Gardens – Phase 1.

PG&E WORK ON SUNOL BLVD. ALMOST COMPLETED

In a few weeks, PG&E will be packing up its electronic message board and equipment that have been on Sunol Blvd. for several months. Their work is almost done and the majority of trench paving has been completed. Crews will be restoring areas that were potholed outside the main trench line and are scheduled to start grinding and repaving on Monday, May 2, 2016.

BART TO LIVERMORE UPDATE

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District is studying the extension of BART service to a new station within the I-580 median at Isabel Avenue. The proposed project consists of a 4.8-mile extension of the BART rail line along I-580 from the existing Dublin/Pleasanton Station to a new station in the vicinity of the Isabel Avenue interchange.

BART designers have made progress in their effort to minimize the impact to Pleasanton businesses. In the current design alternative, designers are proposing a cantilever freeway section adjacent to the Mercedes car dealership. The freeway will shift to the north between Hacienda and Santa Rita Road and from Santa Rita Road to El Charro Road. This northern freeway shift will minimize the right-of-way impacts to Pleasanton to two to five feet between Hacienda and Santa Rita and will eliminate any right of way impacts to residential homes.



CASTLERIDGE OPEN SPACE EFFORT

On March 28, 2016 the Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC) reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of the Castleridge Trailhead Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). On April 14, 2016 the Park and Recreation Commission reviewed and did not support the MOU, with some commission members stating that the proposed location and design of the parking and restroom improvements would adversely impact the ambience of the Alviso Adobe Community Park and nearby residents. This item with the recommendations from the BPTC and Parks and Recreation Commission will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the May 17 meeting.

If approved, it is projected that the Castleridge improvements will be completed within one year and the trailhead will be open to the public. The basic components of the agreement include:

- licensing provision to the East Bay Regional Park District for trail access from Old Foothill Road across from the Austin property
- needed improvements to Old Foothill Road and the conversion to one-way traffic
- construction of approximately 45-50 parking spaces to serve the trailhead (designed by City and constructed by the District)
- provision for a restroom and water at the trailhead, as well as a gate on the existing driveway, which serves the adjacent Messa and Segundo properties
- specifications related to operations and maintenance responsibilities
- District commitment to construct the Garms Staging area, located east of the Foothill Road/West Las Positas intersection within 5 years.

BIKE TO WORK AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

In preparation for National Bike Month in May, City staff has planned activities to promote bicycling in the community. Detailed information is provided on the City website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/bikeevents

A few highlights include:

Bicycle Safety Festival

The first ever Bicycle Safety Festival will be held on May 1 from noon to 3 p.m. at Amador Valley High School and is free to the community. Presented by the Economic Development, Police and Fire Departments, the festival will feature a variety of activities, such as the bicycle obstacle course, pedestrian safety course, minor bike tune-ups, bike helmet fittings, car seat inspections, bike safety trivia wheel, bike-powered juice blender and bike-powered music, as well as bike-themed arts and crafts and information tables. Food will be provided by the Pleasanton Police Officers Association and the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation.

Free Bike Safety Classes

Classes will be provided at no charge and taught by certified bicycling instructors through *Bike East Bay*.

April 23 - Family Cycling Workshop at Pleasanton Middle School, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

May 3 - One-hour Commuter Workshop at Veeva Systems for Hacienda employees/residents, noon – 1 p.m.

June 4 - Kids Bike Rodeo at New Leaf Community Market, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 11 - Urban Cycling Day 1 Workshop at Amador Recreation Center, 10 a.m. - noon

Bike to Work Energizer Stations and Bike to School Days

On May 12, the City will be promoting nine energizer stations in three cities. Location details and times are listed on the City's website. Cyclists who visit an energizer station will receive a Bike to Work Day bag (while supplies last) filled with free sponsor giveaways, coupons and bicycling information. Some stations will also be giving out free Bike to Work Day t-shirts (while supplies last).

New Leaf Community Market will host a Bike from Work "After Party" at their store, located at 3550 Bernal Avenue from 4 - 7 p.m. Attendees will enjoy food and drinks.

All three Pleasanton middle schools, Foothill High School, and Alisal and Mohr elementary schools are promoting Bike to School days in May. To get students ready to cycle, the City and Safe Routes to School will hold helmet fittings and giveaways at the middle schools and host the BikeMobile to provide on-site, minor bike repairs for free.

For this inaugural event, the City is partnering with the following groups and agencies: Alameda County Public Works Agency, Alameda County Safe Routes to School, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, City of Dublin, City of Livermore, Hacienda, Dublin Cyclery, Clubsport Pleasanton, REI Dublin, New Leaf Community Market, Mike's Bikes Pleasanton, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, My Buddy Bike Shop in Livermore, Foothill High School and Green Elementary School in Dublin.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES CONCLUDING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

To date, 530 members of the community have participated in the Education Series. Next week concludes this year's Series with two workshops on April 27 - *Transition to Middle School* from 4 -5 p.m. and *Transition to High School*, from 7 – 8 p.m. Both workshops will be held at the Pleasanton Public Library, located at 400 Old Bernal Road. For more information visit www.ptownlife.org

On April 13, the Youth Commission selected topics for the 2016-2017 Community Education Series. Proposed topics for the fall session include workshops on homework and study habits, college preparation and a film screening of *Screenagers*. Winter/spring topics include a partnership with students from Amador Valley High School, middle school relationships, building resilience, and continuing with the popular transitioning to elementary, middle, and high school series. Staff is working with PUSD to offer additional transitioning workshops in Spanish.

AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC OPENS

Axis Community Health has completed construction of its new clinic and opened its doors to patients in March. Located at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd., the facility features 27 exam rooms and seven counseling rooms to provide affordable health care to those in need. The City of Pleasanton provided funding for this project through the Housing and Human Services Grant program and worked on behalf Axis to facilitate



the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 Loan Application process. Axis patients are thrilled with the new space. Pictured to the right is the front entry of the Clinic and to the left an exam room. A grand opening will be held in the afternoon of Saturday, May 21 and Axis invites everyone in the community to join the celebration. For more details, visit

www.axishealth.org

ALL EMPLOYEE MEETING WRAP UP - TOP 10 LIST FOR 2016

Thank you to all the employees that participated in the All Employee Meetings. For those of you who were unable to attend, I have included a link to the PowerPoint presentation which highlights the top 10 initiatives and projects currently underway: [Top 10 Issues in Pleasanton-All Employee Meeting](#)

In an effort to continue improving communications and employee engagement, the All Employee Meetings will held two times a year.

I hope you enjoyed reading this update. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at nfialho@cityofpleasantonca.gov or (925) 931-5002.

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