



Spring 2024



Councilmember Jack Balch



Upcoming Events

There are a lot of wonderful events going on around Pleasanton! Here are just a few highlights;

Spring Book/Media Sale (Pleasanton Library) - March 21st through March 24th (hours vary)

Spring Egg Drive (Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center) - March 23rd @ 1 pm - 3 pm

Incredible Edible Plant Sale (Pleasanton Senior Center) - April 13th & 14th @ 9 am - 4 pm

KIDS Night Out (Veterans Hall) - April 19th @ 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Earth Day Celebration (Alviso Adobe) - April 20th @ 11 am - 2 pm

Party on the Patio (Pleasanton Senior Center) - May 9th @ 3:30 pm - 5 pm

Pleasanton City Survey

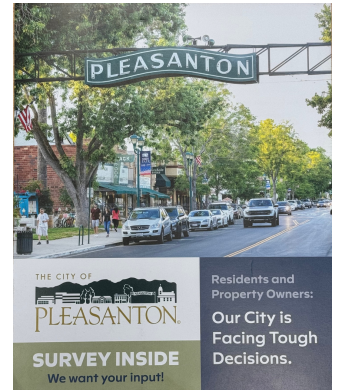
Residents should have recently received the Pleasanton City Survey in their mailboxes.

While the survey focuses on several, difficult to prioritize items, I believe the survey missed an opportunity to hear your voice on other budget options that the City may consider. These include choices such as; potentially delaying new amenities (such as the Skatepark), how the community would like the Council to prioritize future projects (Century House, Lions-Wayside Bandstand, Water, and Sewer projects), and how the community would like to see their government investing in our economic development opportunities to help increase revenues and vibrancy in our community (Stoneridge Mall, Costco, Downtown, etc).

While the survey offers an OTHER PRIORITY box that respondents may complete, I would have preferred this to be more robust, for additional feedback.

I encourage you to please complete the survey by March 31, 2024 either online at the City's homepage (www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) or my mail.

You may always email your city council, please let us know YOUR priorities and expressing YOUR voice for our future! Thank you.



Around Town....

Did you get snapped at an event? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!



Hometown Holidays



BAY EAST Installation Event



24th MLK Breakfast by Pleasanton Community of Character



State of the Pleasanton Chamber



PPD Officer Installation Event



Taste Tri-Valley Opening Night Dinner Celebration



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City Council Meetings

**Your opportunity
to be heard!**

Pleasanton City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning @ 7pm.

In person meetings have now returned to the remodeled City Council Chambers located at:

**City of Pleasanton
City Council Chambers
200 Old Bernal Road
Pleasanton, CA 94566**

Meetings are streamed live via Zoom, TV30 and YouTube. Public Comments must currently be made in person during the meeting or by emailing prior.

City Council agendas (including Zoom information), meeting minutes, and recordings of past meetings are available at the city's website at:

www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

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Public Safety

Pleasanton Police Department Staffing

As we all know, public safety is extremely important. Not just the statistics of being safe, but the FEELING of being safe in our community matters!

The City Council recently received a memorandum regarding our Pleasanton Police Department staffing levels. This memo is public and available to everyone on the City's website at:
<https://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/assets/our-government/police/01-29-24-pd-staffing-memo.pdf>

In summary, the Pleasanton Police's deployable sworn staffing levels decreased to ~71% toward the end of 2023 when higher levels (80% and above) were previously normal. This undesired reduction is due to employee leave (12 sworn officers on workers' compensation cases) and vacancies (12 open positions at 2023 year end).

The memo speaks to the focused recruitment and retention efforts underway and the recent hiring of 5 new officers, sworn in on February 14, 2024. Of these 5 new officers, 1 is a police recruit who will graduate from the academy in May 2024 and 4 of these officers will start the 6-month police academy February/March. The department expects deployable strength to increase in June when they complete their training.

Our Police are essential to the fabric of what makes this community great! Their hard work on the Alternative Response to Mental Health recently was recognized by Cal Cities and was awarded the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence. Our School Resource Officers reduce barriers between our youth and law enforcement and help foster communication.

When you see an officer, thank them for their dedication to Pleasanton. Cone with a Cop is coming up in May 2024. Please join me at the event. Showing them our community's support matters.

Libby. The library reading app

Yes, I know... you already have a lot of apps.... but... the Pleasanton Library is online with the Libby app!



Once you download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, you can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more from our Pleasanton Library for free!

It opens up incredible content to users and, if you need support, you can easily visit our local library and they can help you! Call (925) 931-3400, x4 for information on how to download or use the Libby app today!



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