

Winter 2023

PLEASANTON

Vice Mayor Jack Balch



Upcoming Events

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

Hometown Holidays Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony (Downtown) - Dec 2nd @ 5 pm

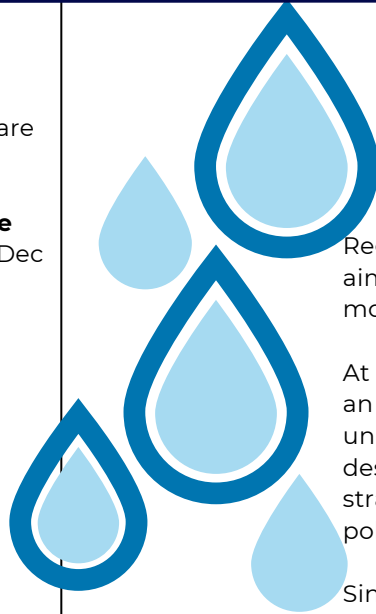
Fall Reading Challenge - Con't
(Pleasanton Library) - Sept 23rd - Dec 20th

STEAM Saturdays (Pleasanton Library) - Dec 2nd @ 11 am

Pleasanton Senior Center Holiday Social (Senior Center) - Dec 7th @ 2:30 pm

Winter Faire (Alviso Adobe) - Dec 9th @ 11 am

Lunar New Year Celebration (Save the Date - More Information Soon) - Feb 3rd



Regional Partnerships Critical for Water Supply Alternatives

Regional partnerships matter! This is what government should aim to do - solve problems while being efficient with taxpayer money!

At its October 17th meeting, the Pleasanton City Council received an update on potential Water Supply Alternatives. The council unanimously advanced a plan to pursue two new city wells - designated as Well 9 and Well 10 - on the west side of Pleasanton, strategically located outside the PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) plume.

Since no agreements or partnerships currently exist, a standalone approach was assumed. Costs were roughly estimated at \$23M to \$46M, with a completion timeline of nearly four years.

During its September 20th Board meeting, Zone 7 and its staff presented several items related to our valley's hydrology. In their presentation, they highlighted the need for two new wells, each with a capacity of 4 million gallons per day (MGD), for Zone 7's use. These wells are proposed to be located in Pleasanton, west of the PFAS plume. Zone 7's initial cost estimation for this project is \$29M, with a potential expedited completion within four years.

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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!



Dussehra Diwali Dhamaka Celebration



LTC Chris Miller Flag Line



Veterans Stand Down



Ivy Max President Volunteer Service Awards



APAPA & GLIFY AAPI Conversation with the Chief Event



Valley Humane Society's Tips for Change Event



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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 are temporarily being held at:

**City of Pleasanton
Operations Service Center
Remillard Conference Room
3333 Busch 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 UPDATED website at:

www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

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Regional Partnerships Critical for Water Supply Alternatives (Continued)

Furthermore, Zone 7 introduced the idea of enlarging these two new wells to accommodate Pleasanton's 3,500 acre-feet of water. By increasing each of two new proposed wells from 4 MGD to 6 MGD and entering into a cost-sharing partnership with the City of Pleasanton, Zone 7 estimates that the total construction costs could be reduced to approximately \$32 million (\$24 million in capital from Zone 7 and \$8 million for the City of Pleasanton). This approach presents a significant savings over the estimated \$52 million that might be incurred if each entity proceeded independently.

Partnerships to accomplish a common goal are crucial! Smart partnerships that save time, resources, and taxpayer money while benefiting our community are a Win-Win in my book.



Pleasanton City Council Chambers

Many residents may have noticed that the Pleasanton City Council has been convening at a location other than its usual chambers at 200 Old Bernal Road. This change is due to a remodeling effort designed to better serve the needs of Pleasanton.

The upgrades to the regular council chambers include an accessibility ramp to the dais, fresh paint, new carpet, enhanced lighting, and improved audio and video technology for both in-person attendees and TV30 viewers. These technology enhancements are also intended to complement the City's new agenda management software and the recently launched, renovated website (which went live in mid-November).

The Council is expected to resume meetings in the Chambers in January 2024.

Thank You, it's an Honor to have been your Vice Mayor!

As the year comes to an end, I'd like to express how it's been a true honor of my life to serve Pleasanton, as your Councilmember, but also as your Vice Mayor in 2023.

The Vice Mayor position customarily rotates annually in late December and as such, my term as your 2023 Vice Mayor is concluding. This newsletter will revert to 'Councilmember Jack Balch' in 2024, so stay tuned.

My family and I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year. To a prosperous, happy, and healthy 2024!

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