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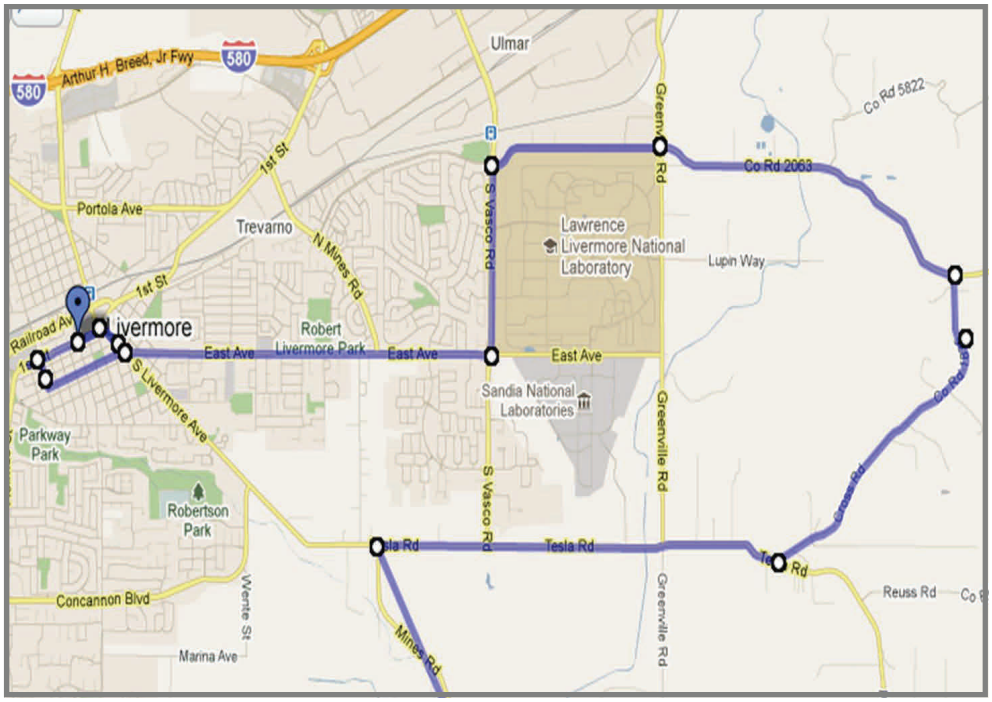
2011 Amgen Tour of California
Stage 4 Starts in Livermore

The City is excited to host the Stage 4 Start of the 2011 Amgen Tour of California on Wednesday, May 18th. The Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race that challenges the world's top professional riders along a state-wide course from May 15 - 22, 2011. Stage 4, an 83 mile route from Livermore to San Jose, is the only 2011 Bay Area segment for this internationally known cycling event. Hosting this event brings international prominence to Livermore, fills its hotels, brings residents and visitors to its restaurants and shops, and creates a family friendly fun experience.

Riders will depart from First and L Streets heading east with a parade loop through Downtown Livermore along South Livermore Avenue, then Third Street, then P Street and then First Street again. After the loop, the 124 riders will pick up speed along East Avenue, and continue past Sandia and Livermore National Labs on Vasco Road. A turn onto Patterson Pass Road sends the 16 teams to the Cross Road loop. Turning on Tesla Road, the riders will skirt the edges of vineyards before heading on Mines Road towards San Jose.

The City's Local Organizing Committee, a group of City staff and community partners including Livermore Downtown Inc. and the Chamber of Commerce, is organizing the event. Watch for future announcements about race day volunteers, sponsorships, temporary street closures, and more. Livermore's enthusiastic route crowds the past three years as a "pass through" community helped the City win one of the coveted stage starts this year. Livermore will shine in the 2011 Amgen Tour of California's local, national and international media coverage via Versus TV channels. Local bike-themed event, cycling related restaurant and retail promotions will entice all ages to join the fun and make some noise!



For more information, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com or the City's special AToC Facebook page. Email questions to livermoreatoc2011@yahoo.com.

Your Tax Dollars At Work

Trail Improvements in the South Livermore Valley

Construction was recently completed on two key multi-use trails in the South Livermore area. The two segments, known by their planning designations H-2 and F, were funded by a federal grant program and constructed at a cost of $584,000. Completion of these trail connectors along Wente Street and Marina Avenue allows trail users to travel from Concannon Boulevard to Sycamore Grove Park by use of the City's expanding trail network.

Isabel Avenue/Route 84/Interstate I-580 Interchange

Drivers can now view forty years of planning among local, regional and state transportation agencies with the current construction of the new I-580 Interchange. The finished project replaces the partial Portola Avenue / I-580 Interchange with a full-access interchange and direct connection from I-580 to State Route 84. A new flyover connection of Portola Avenue to North Canyons Parkway will enhance access to the North Livermore business and commercial area. Portions of these improvements will be completed in spring 2011. Full completion occurs in early 2012.

LAVTA Goes Rapid

On January 24th, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) launched the "Tri-Valley Rapid," a bus rapid transit system serving Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. The Rapid buses are powered by low-emission, electric hybrid technology. The Rapid route runs between the National Laboratories, the Downtown Transit Station, Dublin-Pleasanton Bart Station, and Stoneridge Mall. Other Rapid stops in Livermore are located along East Avenue, Maple Street, Railroad Avenue, and Stanley Boulevard. Fewer stops and special "queue jumper" lanes, where the bus can move ahead to the front of cars waiting at a red light at key intersections, provide for significantly reduced travel times compared to the Wheels Route 10 bus service. For information, visit www.trivalleyrapid.com or call LAVTA at (925) 455-7500.

BART In Brief

In response to questions raised during the Patterson Pass Neighborhood Meeting of August 26, 2010, a preliminary list of parcels potentially affected by the adopted BART alignment and a map showing potential right-of-way needs have been posted on the City's website. City staff created the parcel list and map based on information contained in BART's Final Program Environmental Impact Report, June 2010. The list is sorted by street address for easy reference. This information shows there are no residential properties identified east of School Street. Next steps for BART to Livermore include technical studies to refine the funding plan, maintenance yard needs and location, alignment into the Downtown station, and develop/phasing plan. For information contact the Engineering Division at (925) 960-4500 or visit www.cityoflivermore.net.

Business Highlights

Paragon Retail Outlets

Paragon Retail, formerly known as Prime Retail, is in the process of finalizing plans for a 550,000 square foot retail outlet mall south of I-580 at El Charro Road. The outlet mall will host over 150 national and international high end retailers, selling clothing and accessories, household items and electronics. In addition to improving shopping options, Livermore residents will also benefit from job creation and increased sales tax revenue estimated at $1.5 million annually. Mall construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2011 with an opening date anticipated no later than Spring 2013.

In the Spotlight

New City Website Coming Soon

The City of Livermore is proud to announce a new City website in early 2011. The new web design is easy to navigate, informative, and interactive. This vibrant, user friendly website with improved accessibility is a primary connection portal for online City resources. Look for the new website's debut in mid-March.

Library Lore and More

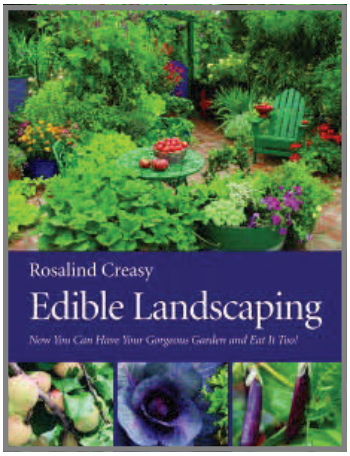
Programs for Adults at Civic Center Library

What's It All About - Bike Racing. Local bike racers Ron Castia and Patrick Dempsey - Sunday, March 20, 2:00 pm

The Life and Art of Vincent Van Gogh. Artist and educator Marlene Aron - Sunday, March 27, 2:00 pm

What's It All About - Bike Maintenance and Repair. Steve Howard, Livermore Cyclery - Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 pm

Back from Battle. Army Reserve Nurse Veteran and Author Mary-Ann Rich Saturday, April 9, 1:00 pm



Jack Poulsen and Nancy Rodrigue, Authors of *Tri-Valley Trails* - Sunday, April 10, 2:00 pm

Rosalind Creasy, Author of *Edible Landscaping* - Sunday, April 17, 2:00 pm

Programs for Children - Storytimes through May 13:

Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Avenue

- Baby/Toddler - Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 am
- Preschool - Wednesdays, 11:00 am
- Family storytime - Mondays, 7:00 pm
- "Babies Only" storytimes - February 1 through March 29, Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Rincon, 725 Rincon Avenue

- Baby/Toddler - Fridays, 10:30 am
- Preschool - Fridays, 11:00 am

Programs for Teens at Civic Center Library

- Teen Art Exposition & Contest - April 1 through 30 (entries accepted through March 31)
- Teen Artists' Reception - Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Top Teen Poet Contest - Saturday, May 14, 1:00 - 2:30 pm (entries accepted April 1 - May 7)
- Totally Amazing Careers in Science - Sunday, May 15 & Sunday, May 22, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Explore careers in sports medicine, forensic science, marine biology, aerospace engineering, and more.

For details and additional Library programs, visit our website www.livermorelibrary.net or call (925)-373-5500.

Public Safety Dispatch

Free Traffic and Road Updates via Texts

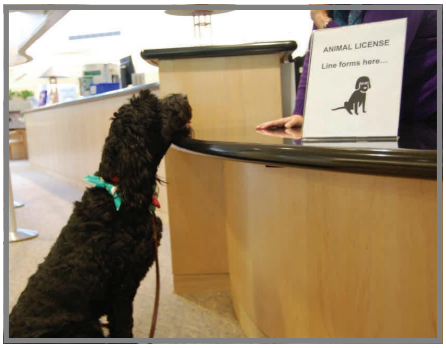
The City of Livermore invites residents to subscribe to Nixle – a free, quick and easy way to receive local crime alerts, traffic information and road closure updates via text messaging or email. Just log on to www.nixle.com and follow the instructions. The system is free to both the City and residents. For more information, contact the Police Department at (925) 371-4710.

Graffiti Masters Abatement Training

Stop Urban Blight, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the elimination of unwanted graffiti vandalism, will be hosting a full day of activities in Livermore on Friday, June 3, 2011. Activities include hands-on certificate training in the use of airless spray equipment, graffiti removers, graffiti resistant coatings and pressure washing followed by an open forum for concerned residents, volunteers and city employees to share ideas that are working in their communities. Then it's time to tee up for a fundraising golf tournament. All even proceeds will be used to aid communities in the elimination of unwanted graffiti vandalism. For information, visit the Stop Urban Blight website at www.StopUB.org.

Around Town

How to License Your Dog



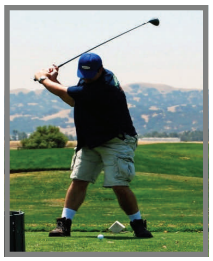
Did you know that State law requires all dogs over the age of four months be licensed in the area that they live? Dog licenses range from $5 - $11 per year. If your dog is lost or injured, this identification makes it possible to contact the dog's owner. When an unlicensed stray is picked up, a citation is issued to the owner. The owner must pay a fine, plus the license fee to recover the animal from the shelter. Contact the Finance Division to obtain a license. Be ready to provide current rabies vaccine information from a licensed veterinarian and documentation if your dog has been spayed. For more information, contact the Finance Division at (925) 960-4315.

Think Green

Litter travels through streets and parks, and ultimately into our waterways. Takeout food containers, snack wrappers, plastic bags, and cigarette butts greatly impact our local environment. Litter is unsightly and its clean-up costs all local taxpayers. Recent regulations require Livermore and other local municipalities to reduce trash from storm sewer systems by 40% in 2014 and 100% by 2022. You can make a difference by helping Livermore reach its sewer system trash reduction goals and reduce clean-up costs by following these simple ways of preventing litter:

- If you drop something pick-it up.
- Place your trash in bins or cans when visiting parks or other public areas.
- Never let trash escape from your car.
- Tightly seal household garbage cans.
- If you smoke, use an ashtray and dispose of the contents properly.

On the Course



Las Positas Golf Course is gearing up for Spring and can get your golf game ready with a number of lessons for all golfers.

Beginner Golf Lessons: Tony Guerrero, ranked among the top college golfers in the State is offering five Saturday morning lessons for $99.

Lessons for Intermediate-Advanced Golfers: Need help breaking 100, 90, or 80? Andy Nisbet, rated one of the top 50 instructors in the U.S. is offering six intermediate/ advanced lessons through March for $200.

Left-Handed Golfer Lessons: Head Golf Professional Jeff DeBenedetti, rated the #1 left-handed golf professional in Northern California, is now offering $50 lessons specifically tailored to southpaw golfers through March. For information on lessons and other programs, call (925) 455-7820.

Mark Your Calendars

Livermore Wine Country Festival - Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2011, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, downtown, FREE Admission - Sponsor: Downtown Livermore, Inc. Information: (925) 373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com

Sunday Farmers' Market - Every Sunday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 2nd Street between J and K Streets in Downtown Livermore Information: (925) 373-1795 or www.livermoredownton.com

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