

# Community NEWSLETTER



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On August 2, Livermore Police, City Council Members and City staff visited nearly 60 neighborhood parties during National Night Out. It was a huge success helping build relationships and trust with the community. Looking forward to next year!

Pictured: Officer Robert Pereira and K9 Max.

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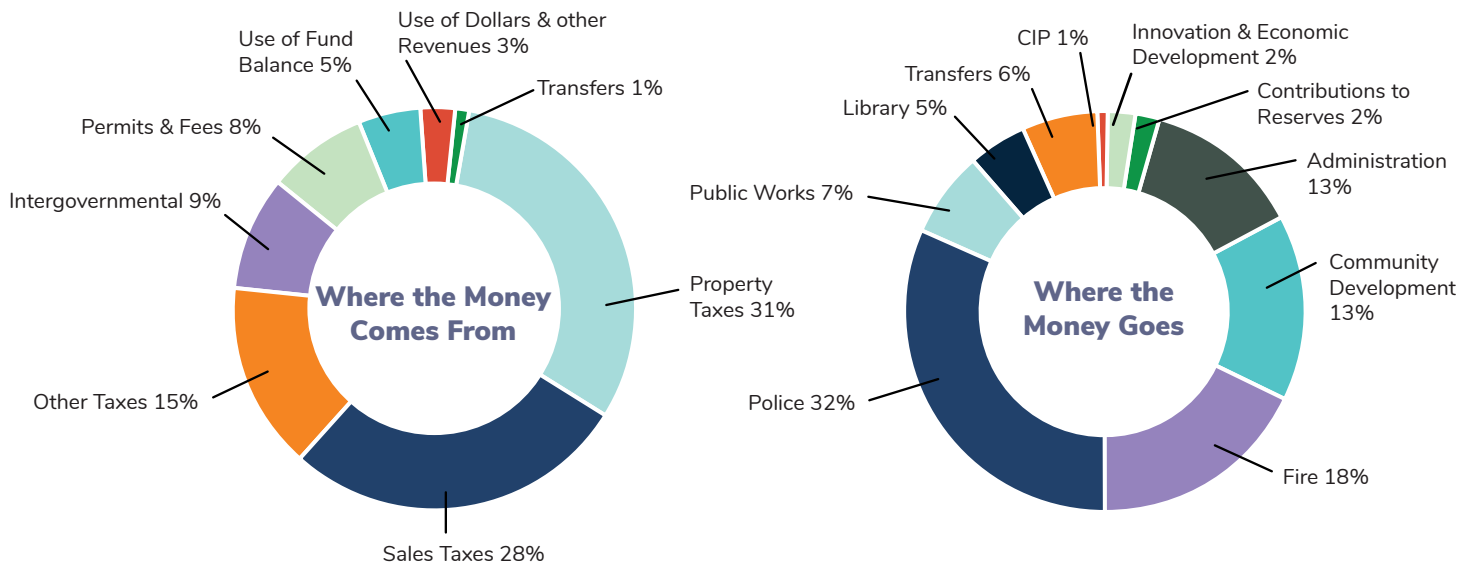


## Budget-in-Brief

The Fiscal Years 2021-23 Financial Plan Update revises revenue and expenditure projections from the original FYs 2021-23 Financial Plan adopted by the City Council in June 2021. The Plan Update shows the City’s revenues recovering to more normal levels of growth than originally expected. As a result, the Plan Update presents a spending plan that:

- improves services,
- invests in much needed IT infrastructure, equipment, and software,
- provides a total of \$56 million in General Fund reserves,
- fully funds the I Street Garage Expansion project, and
- fully funds the General Plan update, all of which address City Council priorities.

These charts are the FY 2022-23 General Fund resources and expenditures. For questions or to view the Plan Update, please visit [LivermoreCA.gov/Budget](http://LivermoreCA.gov/Budget) or email the City’s Finance Division at [Finance@LivermoreCA.gov](mailto:Finance@LivermoreCA.gov).



## Back-to-School Means Sharing the Road

- When backing out of a driveway, be conscious of the fact that many young students are making their way to and from school or the bus stop on foot, by bike, scooter, or skateboard.
- Cell phone use should be put on **HOLD**.
- Never use a handicap or emergency vehicle lane to drop or pick up children from school.
- Look out for children when near a school bus; **DO NOT** pass a school bus that is picking up or dropping off students.
- When driving in a school zone, never pass other vehicles, change lanes or make U-turns.
- Be on the lookout for Crossing Guards and pay attention to their direction.
- Don't double park near schools, it blocks visibility for children and other drivers.



**Be alert!! Children are often unpredictable and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.**



# Capital Improvement Projects

The City of Livermore's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a 20-year plan that serves as a blueprint for future public projects. From road repairs to water treatment plant rehabilitation to public art installations, CIP projects are important investments in the community that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors. Most of the CIP is funded from non-general fund sources such as outside agency contributions, grants, user fees and local development fees.


The 2021-23 Capital Improvement Projects include:

**\$128** Million Dollar Budget

**88** Projects Covered


**2** Year Project Period

Here are a few projects that have begun recently or are on the horizon:

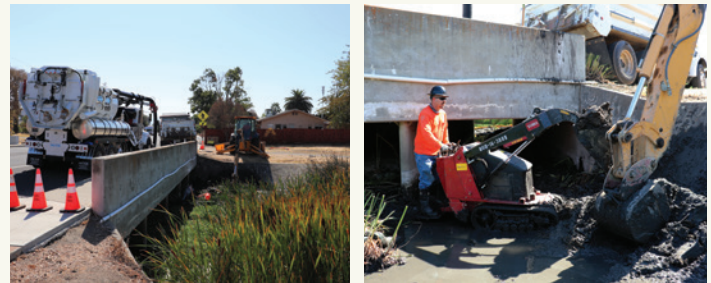
 **Springtown Sculpture Installation**


A new sculpture entitled "Influx" by artist Cecilia Lueza will be installed near the Springtown Library. Selected by the Commission for the Arts, this sculpture explores visual effects of color and geometry while providing a bright and engaging focal point for viewers. Installation is anticipated this fall.



 **Stream Maintenance in Arroyo Las Positas**

Contractors will remove vegetation and silt in Arroyo Las Positas between Heather Lane and Bluebell Ave. to reduce flooding. Work is anticipated to begin this fall.




 **Water Reclamation Plant Treatment Improvements**

To increase the efficiency and reliability of plant operations and extend the useful life of the related structures, the Water Reclamation Plant primary and secondary treatment facilities will be rehabilitated and process improvements such as new fine screening and electrical equipment will be implemented. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall and will continue through 2024.

 **Street Resurfacing**

To increase safety and comfort and to extend the life of city streets, the street resurfacing program will rehabilitate 18 different city street segments, rebuild and install 120 curb ramps, and include buffered bicycle lanes. Construction is anticipated to take place in 2023.

 **L Street Parking Garage and Surrounding Improvements**

Phase one is underway to reconfigure a surface parking lot behind the First Street businesses, construct a trash enclosure, and install underground conduits for electric vehicle fast charging stations. This phase will continue through spring 2023. Under phase two, the 4-level, 452-space L Street Parking Garage will be constructed northeast of the First and L Street intersection to serve nearby businesses and new facilities planned for the area. A new pedestrian pathway, access road, and landscaping improvements will complete this phase, which is anticipated to begin in early 2023 and continue through summer 2024.

 **Railroad Avenue Street Improvements**

Railroad Avenue east of Livermore Avenue will be widened to extend the turn pocket into the existing parking garage and accommodate the additional demand resulting from the newly completed I Street Garage. Modifications to traffic signals, upgrades to curb ramps, and a new crosswalk at K Street and Railroad Avenue will improve pedestrian safety in the area. Construction is anticipated to occur from winter to fall 2023.

Learn more about Livermore's CIP at [LivermoreCA.gov/CIP](https://livermoreca.gov/CIP).



## Prepare For Winter Rains

When the rainy season is upon us, please consider the below tips to help with safety on and off the road. Also, check out the City’s storm preparedness webpage at [LivermoreCA.gov/storm](http://LivermoreCA.gov/storm) to see where sandbags are available, who to contact for storm-related issues such as downed trees or power lines, and to find out if you live in a floodplain by contacting the Engineering Division at (925) 960-4500.

### Prepare

**If you have a life-threatening emergency**, call 9-1-1.

**Do not approach, drive over, or touch downed power lines.** Assume they are energized.

**If your property is in danger of flooding**, turn off your power and contact PG&E at 1-800-743-5002.

**Tune in to local weather channels** and emergency sources: KCBS 740AM, NOAA Weather Radio (frequencies 162.425, 162.400).

**To report flooding**, contact the Water Resources Division at (925) 960-8100.

**Do not drive into water** that is high enough to reach the undercarriage of your vehicle.

### Stay Safe

**Determine if your property is located in a flood zone** by contacting the Engineering Division at (925) 960-4500 or checking the City GIS map at [LivermoreCA.gov](http://LivermoreCA.gov).

**Purchase flood insurance.** For more information, call 1-888-FLOOD29 (1-888-356-6329).

**Protect your property** and keep emergency supplies in your home, car, and place of business.

**Sign up to receive emergency alerts** from PG&E ([pge.com](http://pge.com)) and Alameda County’s emergency notification system, AC Alert ([acalert.org](http://acalert.org)).

**Clean out your gutters.** Keep drainage channels and pipes free of obstructions and debris.

**Acquire and use sandbags** preventatively to build a barrier and help divert and stop water from getting inside vulnerable doors and around foundations.

## SHARE YOUR TALENTS



### CONSIDER JOINING A CITY ADVISORY BODY

#### CHECK OUT THE MANY CITY ADVISORY BODIES

See what each body is involved with.

#### ATTEND A MEETING

See upcoming meetings at [LivermoreCA.gov/agenda](http://LivermoreCA.gov/agenda).

#### PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

Provide public comment, or comment during Citizen's Forum.

#### DO MORE THAN COMMENT

Consider volunteering to be on a commission or committee. Look for notices of openings at [LivermoreCA.gov/AB](http://LivermoreCA.gov/AB), submit an application, interview with a Council Subcommittee, and then share your talents with the community!

[LivermoreCA.gov/AB](http://LivermoreCA.gov/AB)  
[cityclerk@LivermoreCA.gov](mailto:cityclerk@LivermoreCA.gov)  
 925-960-4200

Apply by October 14.





## Winter Reading Is Coming



You read that right – this year Livermore Public Library has developed a new reading program to encourage everyone to read more during the year: The Winter Reading Program! From December 1, 2022, to January 15, 2023, your Library will host reading challenges for all ages. Prizes will be made available to anyone who signs up, and those who participate will earn tickets to enter drawings that will be held at the end of the program. Let's cozy up with many good books this winter, Livermore!

Look for more information about the 2022 Winter Reading Program on the Library's website at [Library.LivermoreCA.gov](http://Library.LivermoreCA.gov) or download the Beanstack App and sign up to be notified when the program begins.

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## Livermore Public Library Offers Scholarships to Earn A Diploma

As part of Livermore Public Library's commitment to lifelong learning, the library has announced an exciting new opportunity for local adults to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate through Career Online High School (COHS), an accredited national online high school district. Prospective students who qualify will be awarded a scholarship by the library to attend the fully-online high school program. COHS provides a 24/7 online classroom, personal academic coaches, and real-world career training. In addition to an accredited diploma, COHS students graduate with a certificate in their chosen career path, plus a resume, cover letter, and other tools to start or advance their careers.



To learn more about the program, including how to enroll and available scholarship opportunities, visit [Library.LivermoreCA.gov](http://Library.LivermoreCA.gov).

### JUMPSTART YOUR FUTURE!

Adults can earn an accredited high school diploma and a career certificate.

- FREE THROUGH THE LIBRARY
- 100% ONLINE
- 1-ON-1 SUPPORT
- NO STANDARDIZED TESTING

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## Prioritize Your Trees During Droughts

The best way to save water during a drought is by reducing outdoor irrigation. But after years of drought, trees are feeling the stress. Here’s how you can make sure your trees have enough water, even if you have completely turned off your irrigation system.

### Add Mulch

A thick layer of mulch will keep moisture in the soil longer and protect roots from the summer heat. Spread mulch in a 4 – 6-inch layer around your tree, starting 2 – 3 inches from the tree trunk and extending out as wide as the canopy.

### Watering Tips for Young Trees

Trees that are less than three years old typically need five gallons of water a few times per week. You can water them with a bucket, and if you use biodegradable soap and shampoo, you can even reuse your shower water!

### Watering Tips for Mature Trees

Established trees (3+ years old) need to be watered once or twice a month until the water soaks 12 – 18 inches into the soil. You can water them with a soaker hose that is coiled around the tree and connected to a hose timer.



Find more tree care tips at [LivermoreCA.gov/Drought-Tree-Care](http://LivermoreCA.gov/Drought-Tree-Care).

## City Connections

(925) Area Code

### CITY COUNCIL

Mayor .....960-4020  
City Council .....960-4010

### GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Information .....960-4000  
California Relay Service....7-1-1  
[LivermoreCA.gov](http://LivermoreCA.gov) (website)  
[info@LivermoreCA.gov](mailto:info@LivermoreCA.gov) (email)

### CITY OFFICES

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline ..... 371-4824  
Administrative Services.....960-4300  
Airport.....960-8220  
Animal License .....960-4315  
Building Inspections (24hr Rec)....960-4430  
Business License .....960-4310  
City Attorney’s Office.....960-4150  
City Clerk’s Office.....960-4200  
City Manager’s Office.....960-4040  
Community Development.....960-4400  
Innovation &  
Economic Development.....960-4140  
Engineering .....960-4500  
Fire Department.....454-2361

Graffiti Hotline.....960-8060  
Housing & Human Services .....960-4580  
Human Resources.....960-4100  
Job Hotline.....960-4120  
Library.....373-5500  
Maintenance.....960-8020  
Neighborhood Preservation.....960-4444  
Permit Center.....960-4440  
Planning .....960-4450  
Police.....371-4900  
Public Works.....960-8000  
Utility Billing.....960-4320  
Water Resources.....960-8100  
Water Resources Emergency.....960-8160