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### **Livermore Housing Element Update**

The City is updating its Housing Element, a part of the General Plan that analyzes demographics, land availability, and housing needs and provides a plan for meeting those needs.

The State of California legislature has passed several laws requiring local governments to plan for a minimum number of new housing units that meet a variety of different income levels through the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Between 2023 and 2031, the Association of Bay Area Governments has determined that Livermore's share of the RHNA is 4,570 new housing units, which are divided into a range of affordability levels based on the area median income. The Housing Element must include sites zoned for enough capacity to meet the RHNA goals as well as policies and programs that can expand housing supply and increase affordability.

Housing that is planned for does not necessarily reflect the housing that will be built. Cities rely on state funding for affordable housing projects and infrastructure that support housing development, such as water and power infrastructure.

The City has been working on the Housing Element since 2021 and is near the final submission. The City has gathered community input and shared several drafts of the Housing Element that have responded to feedback



from community members, City advisory bodies, the City Council and the state. Next, the City will host a Planning Commission Meeting and a City Council Meeting to review and approve the final Housing Element.

View the Housing Element and learn more about planning for housing in Livermore at <a href="mailto:livermore2045.org/">livermore2045.org/</a> <a href="https://livermore2045.org/">Housing-Element</a>.

#### The Future of Livermore's Assets

What is an asset? Simply put, an asset is something that you own that requires maintenance and eventual replacement. In our personal lives, an asset might be our car, our roof, or our computer. For the City, assets include things like roads, traffic signals, pipes, buildings, and more. These assets all have one purpose in common: deliver services to the public.

The City owns over \$3 billion worth of infrastructure. That's over \$33,000 per person in Livermore! The City's Asset Management Program was developed in 2016, and since then, the City has made much progress, including but not limited to:

- Conducting citywide data collection efforts, including a tree inventory survey, trail survey, and sidewalk/ADA assessment.
- Hiring a GIS expert for Asset Management.
- Developing software to enable the public to easily submit, manage and monitor service requests, and streamline the process while providing real time updates.
   This includes implementing a 311-service request mobile and a desktop application called Livermore Connect.
- Developing fact sheets for all asset classes to help educate the community.

While there is still a lot of work to do, the City remains committed to improving and preserving Livermore for generations to come. To learn more, please visit <u>LivermoreAssets.net</u>.



LIVERMORE 2045





The City of Livermore is updating its General Plan. This plan guides decisions about where we shop, work, live, recreate, how we travel around the city, how we conserve our resources, and more. This update will revisit and refresh this important plan to reflect today's issues, ideas, and aspirations and plan for the next 20 years.

In 2022, Livermore residents started the General Plan Update by establishing a community-wide vision for 2045 of Livermore as a diverse community working together to maintain our high quality of life. The next step will be to express the community's vision through the General Plan Land Use map, which regulates what can be built and where.

This is where we need you! The Livermore community will be invited to provide input on different land use alternatives beginning this spring. Get involved! The success of the General Plan depends on your voice. Sign up to receive email updates and learn about future meetings and online activities at ImagineLivermore2045.org.



Residents write down their ideas and vision for the future of Livermore









## The Future of Livermore's Police Training is Here

Law enforcement officers must frequently make quick, difficult decisions under tense and uncertain circumstances. To prepare our officers for the future, the Livermore Police Department has recently invested in a virtual reality training simulator called **VirTra**.

The VirTra simulator is a 180-degree immersive training environment that exposes and prepares officers for real-life incidents, including: de-escalation, autism awareness, crisis intervention, mental illness response, time-compressed decision-making, and judgment related to the use of force. With over 300 training scenarios and dozens of customizable options, officers can receive thousands of hours of training. VirTra is another tool in our comprehensive training program, enabling our officers to best serve our community.



#### **Our Climate Future**

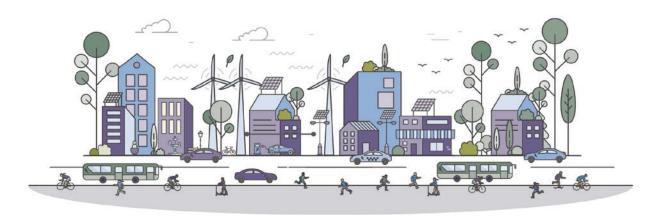
Join the Livermore Resilient Hub online to find actions you can take to protect your home and family, reduce energy use and waste, and save money. Track your progress and invite your friends and neighbors to take action too.

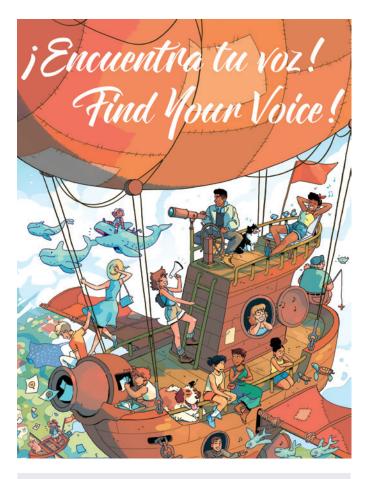
The City created the Livermore Resilient Hub shortly after the City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Climate Action Plan (CAP) in November 2022. The Plan outlines strategies to prepare our community for climate impacts and establishes a pathway to carbon neutrality by the year 2045. The Plan was developed over a three-year period in collaboration with a resident Advisory Committee, a City Council Climate Change Subcommittee, community stakeholders, and the public.

The choices we make now will determine our future in Livermore. Join the Livermore Resilient Hub at LivermoreResilientHub.com.

# The City's short-term priorities under CAP are to:

- Hire a full-time Climate Action Manager to coordinate efforts with multiple public and private partners.
- 2 Expand communications and engagement activities related to climate action.
- Update codes and policies for zero emission buildings and electric vehicle infrastructure.
- 4 Cultivate partnerships with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, East Bay Community Energy, and other key stakeholders.





Summer 2023 Theme: "Find Your Voice"

# Summer Reading 2023: For All Ages!

It's never too early to start thinking about summer reading! Your Livermore Public Library is already hard at work planning events and programs to make reading over the summer that much more fun. The theme of 2023 is "Find Your Voice." Like previous years, participants will have the choice of keeping track of their reading online via the Beanstack app or by the paper game board once they've registered for the program.

Last year, we were so close to reaching our community-wide reading goal of 3 million minutes that we're going to try for this same goal again. Our community all together read for 2,766,917 minutes, which was only 233,083 minutes shy of the goal. Let's crack open those books, fire up our eReaders, download those audiobooks, and log those minutes, Livermore!

Prizes are available for all age levels, including a prize just for registering. Registration will begin in May, and registration prizes can be picked up starting on June 1, 2023, when the program officially begins. As in past years, there will be plenty of events and activities to complement the ongoing reading challenge all summer long. Come and spend your summer at the Library!



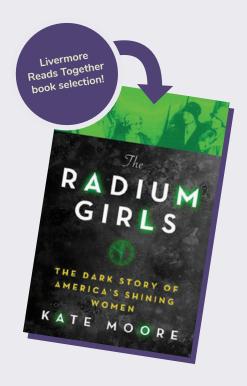
### **Livermore Reads Together 2023**

The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore will be the featured book for the 17th Livermore Reads Together (LRT) in March 2023. LRT is the Library's annual community reading program sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library.

Last July, the community was asked to choose the book for the next LRT program by voting for one of four books. *The Radium Girls, a New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal,* and Amazon bestseller, was the overwhelming community favorite.

Moore's *Radium Girls* fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium and their strength in the face of tragedy. Moore skillfully highlights the efforts of scientists and medical professionals to uncover the truth of what happened to the factory girls at the United States Radium Corporation. Borrow a copy of this compelling nonfiction at all Livermore Public Library locations.

As part of LRT, the Library will host a series of events for all age groups honoring Women's History Month and the themes in *Radium Girls*. LRT programs include a virtual talk and Q&A with the author Kate Moore, a family science day with Quest Science Center, craft activities for youth, film screenings and more. All Library programs are free and open to the public. For additional program information, visit <u>Library.LivermoreCA.gov</u>.



#### **New CCTV Truck Comes to Livermore**

Deep underneath Livermore's streets lies a vast 300-mile network of sewer pipes that allow wastewater to flow to the Livermore Water Reclamation Plant on W. Jack London Blvd. for treatment.

To ensure these pipes are in good condition, the City inspects them with closed-circuit television (CCTV). CCTV allows our crews to get eyes inside the pipe by inserting a small camera through a manhole. As the camera is propelled through the pipe, its operator views live video footage inside our specialized CCTV truck.

CCTV is an important part of the City's sewer system maintenance program, allowing staff to identify obstructions and gather data on a pipe's condition to plan future repair work.

To better serve our community, the City of Livermore recently upgraded its CCTV truck. This new hybrid vehicle is equipped with 360 HD digital video capabilities and software that incorporates geographic information systems (GIS) mapping technology. By performing more inspections and preventative maintenance, the City will continue to provide quality sewer service. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.





Livermore's new hybrid CCTV truck

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# GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **CITY OFFICES**

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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	
Planning	960-4450
Police	371-4900
Public Works	960-8000
Utility Billing	960-4320
Water Resources	960-8100
Water Resources Emergency	960-8160