

# Community NEWSLETTER

  
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On Saturday, May 6, the Livermore community showed up for Community Service Day. A total of 369 volunteers generously gave their time and efforts to beautify Livermore. Thank you to all who participated and we're looking forward to next year!

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# Livermore's Five-Year Strategic Plan





## Overview

Livermore’s Strategic Plan is a five-year road map to guide the organization’s budget and work plan. The Strategic Plan reflects the community’s values and is informed by the City’s vision, mission, values and community input from a variety of sources including the National Community Survey. Additionally, the Strategic Plan is informed by many of the organization’s guiding documents, such as the General Plan, Climate Action Plan and Financial Plan.

Over decades, the Livermore City Council has been forward-thinking with a remarkable ability to focus on the City’s long-term fiscal sustainability. The five-year Strategic Plan creates a framework for allocating our limited resources in accordance with the organization’s goals, focusing our investment on areas deemed most important.

The Strategic Plan is organized around five broad Community Pillars. Community Pillars are broadly defined building blocks that reflect the community’s values, and the City’s vision, mission, and organizational values. Each Pillar identifies specific goals and objectives which will be implemented to uphold each Pillar. Goals are generally broad, achievable outcomes. Objectives are shorter-term, measurable actions to achieve each goal. Goals and objectives are time-defined and have assigned departmental implementation responsibility. Stay tuned for updates about progress made on the Strategic Plan at future City Council meetings and through the City’s website.

Learn more: [www.LivermoreCA.gov/StrategicPlan](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/StrategicPlan).

## Some of the City’s recent accomplishments include:

### Community Pillar—A Safe Community That Thrives

Celebrated the opening of Avance, which offers 44 units of affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Expanded Horizons Family Counseling school-based services to six elementary schools.

### Community Pillar—Economy That Prospers

Administered the City’s Incentive Program, assisting three businesses that collectively brought more than \$5.8 million in sales tax revenue and generated more than 3,000 jobs in Livermore in FY 2021-22.

### Community Pillar—Environmental Stewardship

Completed extensive community outreach and resident advisory body meetings and ultimately gained City Council approval for the 2022 Climate Action Plan update.

### Community Pillar—Inclusive & Inviting Spaces & Places

Hosted more than 170,000 visitors to our libraries, and fulfilled nearly 20,000 information requests.

Opened the I Street Garage with 274 parking spaces including 12 spaces with electric vehicle chargers, and signs that display real-time parking availability.

### Community Pillar—A City That Works

Conducted the National Community Survey in English and Spanish to capture resident opinions and affirmed once again the community’s positive view that Livermore is a great place to live with a high quality of life.



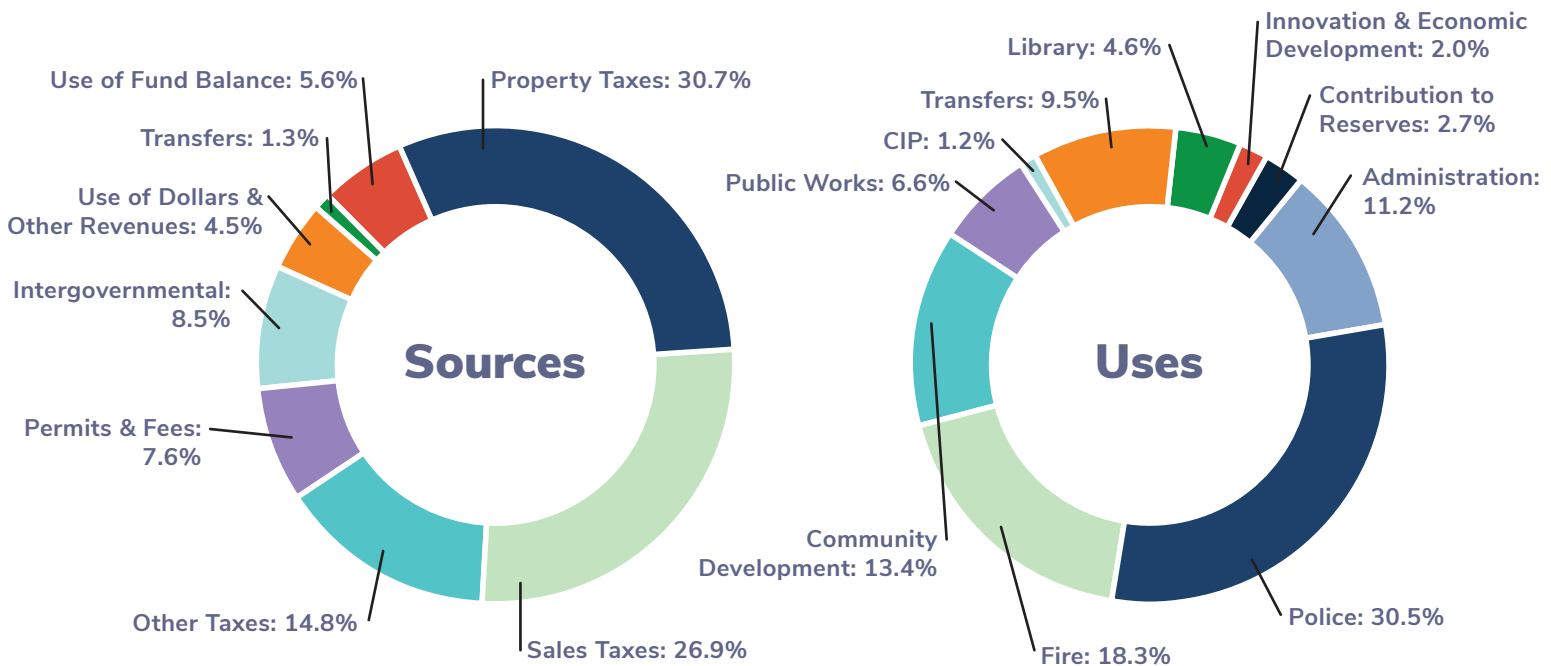




## Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget in Brief

The City of Livermore Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget is a two-year financial blueprint for providing City services. It reflects City policies, goals, and priorities for the community and provides an overall plan for allocating City resources to a variety of programs and services. The City remains financially healthy and is expected to substantially improve with increased tax revenues from new development, particularly in the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan area and downtown. With the new tax revenues, the City will be able to add positions that were cut during the Great Recession to meet the community's service needs, including sidewalk maintenance, public safety, and library services. Below are the FY 2023-24 General Fund resources and expenditures. You can view the entire Budget document at [www.LivermoreCA.gov/Budget](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/Budget).

### General Fund / FY 2023-24 Budget / \$145,424,367





# Your Tax Dollars at Work

## Measure B, Measure BB, Vehicle Registration Fees and SB1 Projects



Downtown Streetscape



Collier Canyon Creek Silt Basin



Downtown Flagpole Plaza

Did you know that a portion of your tax dollars come back to the City to help plan, construct, and maintain our transportation infrastructure? The City of Livermore has 688 lane miles of streets, 40 miles of bike and pedestrian paths, 69 miles of bike lanes, over 100 traffic signals and approximately 8,000 streetlights.

The primary sources of funds used to maintain the transportation network come from Measure B, a half-cent transportation sales tax passed in 2000, Measure BB, an additional half-cent sales tax passed in 2014, Local Vehicle Registration Fees, State gas taxes and SB1 funds. SB1 gives the City of Livermore approximately \$1.5 million annually, from a combination of fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. The City will be spending approximately \$3.7 million this year from these taxes on transportation projects in the City. These projects address pavement, sidewalk, crosswalk safety and trail repairs and improvements. Projects currently underway include:

- > Downtown Streetscape Improvements
- > Foley Road Realignment
- > Arroyo Road Path Improvements
- > Collier Canyon Creek Silt Basin Improvements
- > Multi-Use Trail Repairs to Selected Trail Sections
- > Montage Trail—New Connection to Collier Canyon Road
- > Arroyo Road Trail—New Trail Connection along Wetmore Road to Sycamore Grove Park
- > Downtown Sidewalk and Access Ramp Improvements
- > Slurry Seal Application at Selected Locations
- > Railroad Avenue Street Improvements
- > Stanley Boulevard at Isabel Avenue Connector Ramp
- > Flagpole Plaza Improvement

For more information regarding SB1, Measure B, Measure BB, and Vehicle Registration Fees, please visit the City’s website at [www.LivermoreCA.gov](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov) and the Alameda County Transportation Commission website at [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org).



## Jazz in July Series

Jazz in July, an annual Livermore tradition, will once again take over the Civic Center Library for four programs by diverse groups of jazz artists. This annual series helps the Library affirm equity and inclusion by embracing diverse offerings and programs.

All programs are on Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Civic Center Library's Storytime Room. All events are free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. No reservations are required, but parking and seats are limited, so get to the Library early. This year's lineup includes:

### July 2—The Duo

Tia Carroll and Frankie G. will play traditional and contemporary blues and jazz, complemented by a mix of contemporary ballads.

### July 9—The Dave Rocha Quintet

This quintet plays an eclectic mix of jazz standards, pop tunes, and original compositions.

### July 16—The Faye Carol Team

Legendary vocalist Faye Carol will perform a mix of jazz, blues, and R&B.

### July 30—Danielle Perez with the Dan Marschak Trio

This group, composed of Las Positas College faculty and alums, will play a mix of jazz standards and originals.



## National Night Out



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with the goal of making our neighborhoods even safer. It is held annually on the first Tuesday in August in neighborhoods all over the country. The goal is to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and foster police-community partnerships.

Visit [www.LivermoreCA.gov/NNO](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/NNO) or Livermore Police Department's social media platforms for more information and to register your neighborhood party for a visit from the Livermore Police Department and partnering agencies on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.



Register your local event online!

### 2022 National Night Out at a Glance:

- > 50+ neighborhood block parties
- > Thousands of neighbors participated
- > Livermore Police, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire, CHP, LARPD and City of Livermore staff participated



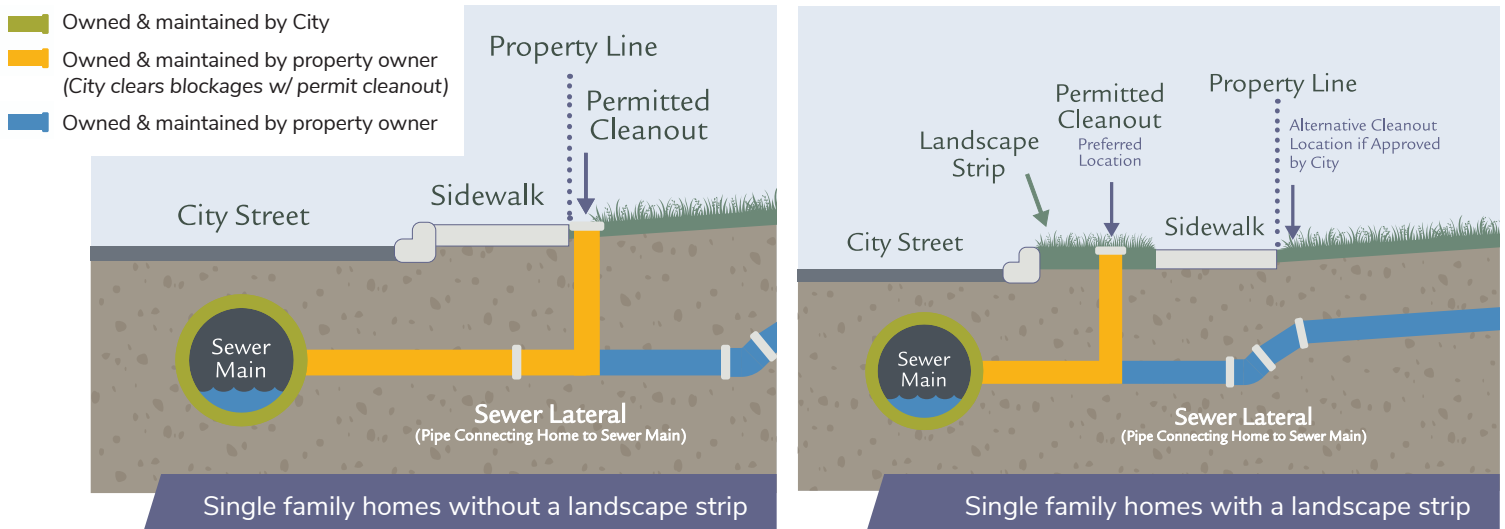
## Sewer Issues? Remember to Call Us First

If your home had a sewer backup, what would you do? Many homeowners would immediately call a plumber to fix the problem. However, plumbers charge for house calls, even if they determine that the issue is the City of Livermore's responsibility to fix.

All buildings have a sewer lateral, which is a small pipe that connects the building's plumbing to larger pipes known as sewer mains. Typically, sewer mains are found underneath city streets. In Livermore, maintaining sewer mains is the City's responsibility, while the property owner is responsible for the sewer lateral.

If you have a sewer backup, call the City of Livermore before contacting a plumber. City staff will inspect the sewer main and perform any necessary maintenance at no charge. Additionally, if you live in a single-family home with a permitted cleanout, City staff will clear any blockages found between the sewer main and the cleanout at no charge.

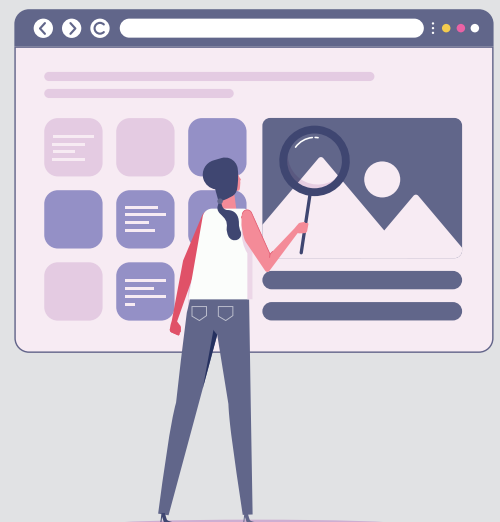
To report a sewer backup, call the City of Livermore Water Resources Division at (925) 960-8100 Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or (925) 960-8160 on weekends, holidays or after hours. Learn more at [www.LivermoreCA.gov/Lateral](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/Lateral).



## Public News Literacy Lecture Series

This summer, come to the Library to increase your understanding of news literacy and responsible consumption of information in environments such as social media, television, YouTube, user-generated content, emerging communications platforms and evolving technologies like artificial intelligence.

Join former award-winning journalist from UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism and current Communications Specialist for District 1 of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, Robert Rogers, for a public lecture series that is designed to give you the tools to understand the news you consume and to deepen your civic engagement. These events further the Library's goal of promoting literacy in all its forms.



This free lecture series is offered on August 16, August 23, and August 30, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Civic Center Library. For more information call (925) 373-5505.



### New Short Term Rental Portal



The City adopted a new ordinance that regulates short-term rentals (STR), including new permitting requirements. A short-term rental is a residence, or portion thereof, made available for rent for a period of 30 consecutive calendar days or less. The new Short-Term Rental webpage is now available at [LivermoreCA.gov/ShortTermRental](http://LivermoreCA.gov/ShortTermRental). Here you can find information on the regulations, FAQs, Good Neighbor Guidelines, and how to pay transient occupancy tax. Permit applications for existing STRs are due by June 30, 2023.



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## Fireworks Return to Robertson Park!

Join us as we celebrate the 4th of July with community, food, music and fun! We're excited to welcome everyone back to Robertson Park (3200 Robertson Park Road) for the City of Livermore's "Salute to the 4th of July" fireworks show on Tuesday, July 4. Entry gates open at 4 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m., with the fireworks show beginning at 9:30 p.m. and lasting 20 minutes. Gates will reopen after the show has ended. Pre-paid parking passes are available online. Please visit [www.LivermoreCA.gov/Fireworks](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov/Fireworks) for more information.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All fireworks are illegal in the City of Livermore, including "safe and sane" fireworks that may be legal to purchase in other cities. The City Council recently approved amendments to the City's fireworks ordinance (Chapter 9.40) to include a social hosting provision that goes into effect June 22, 2023. The property owner or person in charge of hosting a gathering where fireworks are being discharged will be liable for their guests' actions on their property. The provision applies when the guest using the fireworks cannot be identified.



## 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  
[www.LivermoreCA.gov](http://www.LivermoreCA.gov) (website)  
[info@LivermoreCA.gov](mailto:info@LivermoreCA.gov) (email)

### CITY OFFICES

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline ..... 371-4824	Graffiti Hotline ..... 960-8060
Administrative Services.....960-4300	Housing & Human Services ..... 960-4580
Airport.....960-8220	Human Resources ..... 960-4100
Animal License .....960-4315	Job Hotline.....960-4120
Building Inspections (24hr Rec).... 960-4430	Library.....373-5500
Business License .....960-4310	Maintenance.....960-8020
City Attorney's Office.....960-4150	Neighborhood Preservation..... 960-4444
City Clerk's Office.....960-4200	Permit Center.....960-4440
City Manager's Office.....960-4040	Planning .....960-4450
Community Development.....960-4400	Police .....371-4900
Innovation &	Public Works.....960-8000
Economic Development.....960-4140	Utility Billing.....960-4320
Engineering .....960-4500	Water Resources.....960-8100
Fire Department.....454-2361	Water Resources Emergency ..... 960-8160