



CITY REPORT

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CITY OF DUBLIN MISSION

The City of Dublin promotes and supports a high quality of life which ensures a safe and secure environment that fosters new opportunities.

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CITY OF DUBLIN LAUNCHES REDESIGNED WEBSITE

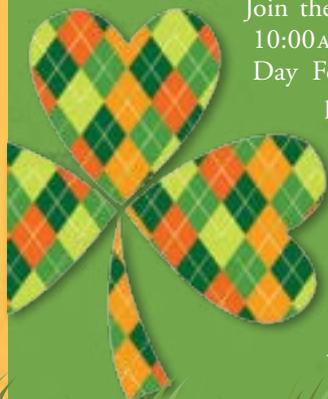
The City of Dublin has launched a redesigned website to help share timely information with residents, visitors, and prospective businesses. The website is the City's primary communication tool with the community, and the development of the City's new brand, "Dublin: The New American Backyard," presented an opportunity to modernize features and improve usability. Key improvements include:

- The site has "responsive design," which means that it is fully-functional on mobile devices. It looks the same on a mobile phone, tablet or full-size computer screen.
- The site is clean and easy to navigate, with streamlined links to pages and information. It includes a new "I Want to..." section for quick answers to resident requests.
- A new "Explore" section was built with visitors and potential business owners in mind. It includes a new shopping page, dining guide, links to recreational opportunities, and a community and economic profile for businesses.
- A prominently displayed translation feature encourages usage for all members of the City's diverse community.

Residents will continue to find a "Notify Me" link, where they can sign up to stay informed with the latest news of the City, as well as a "Report an Issue" tab to notify the City of issues they see in the community. The City's updated mobile app, "My Dublin CA," was also released on iTunes and GooglePlay (see page six).



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!



Join the community on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at Dublin Civic Center for the annual St. Patrick's Day Festival. The event features three stages of Irish entertainment, plenty of Irish-themed food and beverage, over 250 craft and commercial vendors, an Irish Marketplace, carnival rides for all ages, and an authentic Irish Tea Cottage serving freshly brewed tea with scones and shortbread. Admission and parking are free. And don't miss the Dublin Sister City Association's Green and White Gala, the Alameda County Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast, the Dublin Lions Club Parade, and the Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk. Detailed information is available at www.dublinstpats.com, or by calling (925) 556-4500.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

March 2016

Greetings to the Dublin Community,

On behalf of the Dublin City Council, I am honored to present the 2016 City Report. This newsletter is one of the City Council's many efforts to keep our residents and businesses informed about community news. It is a pleasure to share with you information about what's been happening in the City during the past year, and what we have to look forward to in the next 12 months.

Our community has much to celebrate. We have beautiful, safe neighborhoods; award-winning schools; a wide range of retail and dining options; beautiful public facilities; 18 parks and open spaces (with more to come); and a citizenry that invests time in making the community stronger. We are committed to environmental stewardship and have robust energy saving programs, including an exemplary commitment to conserving scarce resources. In partnership with Dublin San Ramon Services District, we have been using recycled water in Dublin since 1999, and now use recycled water for nearly 90% of our municipal operations. Nearly all roadway medians, school landscaping, and parks are also using recycled water, as well as newer large commercial areas and apartment complexes in the City. This saves Dublin 164 million gallons in potable water each year. While we are experiencing more rainfall this year due to El Niño, water conservation remains a long-term priority and the City will continue to carefully monitor our usage and seek savings.

While still a young city at only 34 years old, we are beginning to mature into a dynamic, diverse community, and the City Council remains committed to maintaining a high standard of quality throughout Dublin. Last year, the City Council asked residents to complete a survey to learn the top community priorities. Overwhelmingly, police and fire protection, and maintaining the long-term financial viability of the City, were the highest priorities. Strong financial stewardship, combined with new developments over the past decade, has enabled the City to invest in our outstanding facilities, parks, and City services. However, as the City transitions into a built-out community, costs for maintenance and public safety services will continue to increase. Current projections show a budget deficit in the next 6-10 years. Some hard decisions must be made in the very near future to ensure the continued safety and vibrancy of our community, in addition to maintaining a strong infrastructure.

We understand that clear, effective communications with our residents, visitors, and prospective businesses are critical to our future. Our City's website and our mobile application were redesigned to include new features such as a translation tool to increase usage. We are expanding our usage of social media and other tools to promote civic awareness and share news more quickly. Please visit the website regularly and sign up to receive regular news updates and alerts so that you don't miss a thing taking place in the "New American Backyard."

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for your efforts to engage and participate in our community. We hope to see you out at the 33rd St. Patrick's Day Festival, taking place on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13.

Sincerely,



Christopher L. Foss

CITY COUNCIL

David Haubert, Mayor

Abe Gupta, Vice Mayor

Don Biddle, Councilmember

Kevin Hart, Councilmember

Doreen Wehrenberg, Councilmember



DUBLIN'S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

It is important that we are prepared for any emergency that may strike our community. The City posts important information on our website, including emergency tips to keep you, your family, and your home safe in the event of a disaster. However, it is important that we are able to send notifications to residents, as well. To receive Emergency Alerts, please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/alerts. In the event of an emergency in the City, alerts will appear on the website, and an e-mail notification will be sent out.

The City of Dublin is also partnering with Alameda County on a new emergency notification system, "AC Alert," powered by EverBridge. For several years, the City has used the CodeRED system. Both programs are ultra high-speed telephonic communication services used for emergency notifications, which send messages to the community. Generally, such messages are sent during emergencies, but they can also contain general information about road closures or any other important news. The partnership with the County will save the City money as well as enable better emergency information sharing among local agencies in the County. The first year of the new system is free to the City as a result of grant funding. Contact information for landlines within the community is provided to the City through an agreement with AT&T; however, cell phone lines and e-mail addresses require registration by each resident in order to receive notifications. Please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/acalert to register your household.

STORM PREPAREDNESS

During heavy rains, the maintenance staff at the Department of Public Works is on full alert, circulating throughout the City to remove downed trees and limbs, clean storm drains, and remove leaves and debris, which can lead to flooding.

Public Works also offers free sandbags to Dublin businesses and residents who may feel that their property is being threatened by flooding. Sandbags can be picked up from the City's Public Safety Complex, located at 6363 Clark Avenue, or at the City of Dublin Corporation Yard, located at 5709 Scarlett Court. A sandbag-filling station will also be present in the event that the pallets of sandbags are empty. Public Works will provide a mound of sand, shovels, and bags so that residents can fill up to 10 bags.

To report flooding or downed trees on public roads or public property, please contact Public Works at (925) 833-6630. If you are calling after regular business hours, please call Dublin Police Services at (925) 462-1212.

During times of heavy winds, rain, or possible flooding, there is a potential for power outages in the area. To report a power outage, please call PG&E at (800) 743-5002. If you see damaged power lines or electrical equipment, call 911 immediately.

While California has seen some heavy storms providing significant rainfall this winter, El Niño rains may not be enough to erase signs of a four-year drought. We urge residents to be ever vigilant when it comes to water conservation.

To learn more safety tips, visit www.dublin.ca.gov/stormpreparedness.

INCLUDE YOUR PETS IN EMERGENCY PLANNING

During recent wildfires, many pets were left behind to fend for themselves, resulting in injury, death, or disappearance. Having a plan for your pets is just as important as having one for your family. It is always a good time to develop a pet emergency plan. Here are some tips on what to include in your pet plan:

- If your pet doesn't have a microchip, ask your veterinarian about the possibility. Make sure your pet's tags are up-to-date and fastened to its collar.
- Make sure your pet's immunizations are current, and keep a copy of the veterinary records with you.
- Take a photo of your pet, and keep it with you for identification purposes.
- You should have enough pet food, bottled water, and medications for three days. Also, pack cat litter and pan, manual can opener, food dishes, leash and collar, brush, blankets, a first aid kit, and other supplies.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in an emergency, or if you are forced out of your home.
- Make a buddy system with your friends or neighbors as a back-up emergency plan if you cannot care for or evacuate your animals yourself.

For more information, please visit www.ready.gov or www.cal-cares.com/personal-family.





DUBLIN CELEBRATES 2015 MANUFACTURING DAY

GOOD THINGS ARE MADE IN OUR BACKYARD

The City of Dublin participated in national Manufacturing Day on Friday, October 2, 2015. More than a dozen students from Dublin High School, Valley High School, Las Positas College, as well as several other community members, attended tours at MicroDental Laboratories and AMP Printing in Dublin to learn about rewarding careers available in Dublin. Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers.

DISCOVER DUBLIN AND “SHOP LOCAL”

In 2015, the City of Dublin and the Chamber of Commerce began promoting the Dublin Shop Local Campaign year-round. Originally geared toward the holiday shopping season, the campaign now promotes Dublin businesses throughout the year, including “Restaurant Month” in January, Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day, graduations, back-to-school shopping, and more. Information is posted and shared on the Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/DiscoverDublin, when new businesses are introduced to our community, or when shops are having special promotions. We know that a healthy Dublin economy means a vibrant Dublin community: every taxable dollar spent in Dublin benefits the community through services such as public safety, enhanced programs for seniors and children, and street and park maintenance.

When you are out shopping in Dublin, look for the “Shop Local” clings in the windows of local storefronts, and “like” the Facebook page to learn more!



PROUD TO BE IN THE NEW AMERICAN BACKYARD



NEW BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Persimmon Place, Dublin’s newest retail center, has become a great gathering place to shop and to dine. The center officially opened in May 2015 with **Nordstrom Rack**, **Home Goods**, **Whole Foods Market**, and **Starbucks** among the first establishments to welcome Dublin shoppers. Now nearly complete, the center also includes **Hand & Stone Massage and Facial**, **Urban Plates**, **Sur La Table**, **Patxi’s Pizza**, **LunchBOX**, **Vitality Bowls**, **Yalla Mediterranean**, **Chipotle**, **The Habit**, **Verizon**, **Orangetheory Fitness**, **Monaco Hair and Nails**, **Pacific Catch**, **Ethan Allen**, and **Persimmon Dental Care**. Still to come... **Firehouse Subs** and more.

Fallon Gateway has also become a thriving shopping and dining destination with the opening of several new businesses, including **Chaat Café**, **Gum Kuo Restaurant**, and a drive-through **Starbucks** and **El Pollo Loco**. Other eateries coming soon to the center are **Lin’s Express** and **Little Dipper Restaurant**.

The City of Dublin was also pleased to celebrate the opening of **Tesla Motors** in Downtown Dublin; the **Great Harvest Bread Company** at The Eclipse; **Fish on the Grill** at Hacienda Crossings; **The Banana Garden** at Grafton Station; and **The Mix Creamery** at Tralee.

City staff will continue to work to attract exciting new places for residents to shop, dine, and work.

DUBLIN FARMERS’ MARKET RETURNS TO EMERALD GLEN PARK ON APRIL 14

The Dublin Farmers’ Market will return to Emerald Glen Park for its sixth season on Thursday, April 14. The Market will run each Thursday, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, through September 22.

The City of Dublin partners with the Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association to provide the freshest California-grown produce, baked goods, hot foods, and other healthy, delicious treats. In addition to having a wide product selection, the Dublin Farmers’ Market provides a wonderful sense of “community” with its weekly special events, including concerts, wine and beer tastings, cooking demonstrations, cook-offs, and children’s games and activities. Please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/farmersmarket for more information, or call (925) 556-4500.



BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



Mid-block crosswalk on Amador Valley Boulevard

Committed to making Dublin a more walkable and bicycle-friendly city, the City Council adopted the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to connect neighborhoods to key destinations in the “New American Backyard.”

Dublin has an extensive on-street bicycle lane network, totaling 47.84 miles and an off-street trail network of 23.6 miles. The City is enhancing this bicycle network by continuing to implement improvements. Recently, the City created buffered bike lanes along eastbound Amador Valley Boulevard from San Ramon Road to Village Parkway and on both directions of Village Parkway from Amador Valley Boulevard to Kimball Avenue. Other bicycle improvements include the striping of green roadway markings at vehicle/bicycle conflict zones at key intersections, enhanced bicycle detection at traffic signals, and installation of bike racks at new commercial developments and City facilities.

Improvements in the Pedestrian Plan also continue to be implemented, including the striping of advance stop bars along portions of Dublin Boulevard, Amador Valley Boulevard, and Village Parkway; continued updates to pedestrian curb ramps; and safety upgrades to the mid-block crosswalk on Amador Valley Boulevard between Regional Street and Starward Drive. These upgrades include the creation of a pedestrian refuge island, rapidly flashing pedestrian warning lights, and upgraded

pedestrian warning signs and roadway markings.

On Amador Plaza Road, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project will take place from March through May 2016. Improvements will include the construction of two mid-block crosswalks with rapidly flashing pedestrian warning lights, and construction of a raised median with left turn pockets at the southern entrance into the Safeway parking lot. This median will restrict left turns for exiting vehicles in order to improve the flow of traffic and reduce driver confusion in that area. During construction, certain sections of sidewalk may be closed for short periods of time, but no traffic lanes are expected to be closed, and access to all businesses will remain open. Later work will involve a slurry seal application and re-striping of the road to include the installation of bike lanes. At that point, parking spots will be removed along the eastern side of Amador Plaza Boulevard to accommodate the bike lane.

Another project underway is the Iron Horse Trail Feasibility Study which aims to identify potential trail improvements along the segment from Dougherty Road to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station that will better connect the trail to BART. Multiple workshops have been held to gather feedback from trail users and other members of the community to improve this passage.

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK IN DUBLIN

MEASURE B AND MEASURE BB FUNDING

Did you know that, for three straight years, the City of Dublin has topped the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's list for best paved roads in Alameda County? Last summer, the City utilized Measure B Local Street and Road funds to continue the City's Annual Street Overlay Project. Dublin Boulevard was resurfaced from San Ramon Road to Village Parkway. The work was comprised of removing and replacing failed asphalt concrete (AC) pavement, resurfacing the street with two-inch AC, and re-striping traffic markings. The City also added Shared Bike Lane “sharrows” markings, indicating the location for bicyclists and motor vehicles to share the road. Additionally, the City resurfaced approximately 660,000 square feet of various roadways; 16,000 square feet of new street pavement at various locations; and 370,000 square feet of pavement crack sealing to enhance the service life of roadways.

The City also utilized Measure B funds for bicycle and pedestrian safety projects. These projects include: creation of a trail maintenance plan; partnering with Safe Routes to School to organize the “Walk and Roll to School” event; hosting educational outreach programs to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety; and hosting two “Bike to Work Day” Energizer stations. The Alameda County Transportation Commission

(ACTC) oversees distribution of Measure B funds.

In November 2014, voters in Alameda County passed Measure BB, which renews the 0.5 percent transportation sales tax approved in 2000, and increases the tax by 0.5 percent. This one percent sales tax in the county will be dedicated solely to transportation expenses. The City is currently developing various projects that would be funded by Measure BB for years to come. For more information on Measure B or Measure BB, contact the City of Dublin Public Works Department at (925) 833-6630, or visit the Alameda County Transportation Commission website at www.alamedactc.org.

MEASURE F - VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

The Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program was approved by voters in November 2010. The measure allows for the collection of a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee, which began in May 2011. This fee generates about \$11 million per year, and the Alameda County Transportation Commission oversees distribution of funds to Alameda County cities. The City of Dublin used VRF Funds to provide funding for all traffic signal and street light maintenance work, and to minimize congestion by managing the flow of traffic through signal coordination.





DUBLIN PRIDE WEEK: APRIL 30 TO MAY 7

Dublin Pride Week is a week-long celebration of community, volunteerism, and our environment. Join us on Saturday, April 30, as Dublin Pride week begins with Dublin's annual Volunteer Day. Volunteers meet at 8:00 AM for a light breakfast, provided by the Office of Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and then head out to work on projects that help local schools, parks, creeks, and seniors. At noon, there will be a BBQ sponsored by the Dublin Lions Club. To volunteer, or to find out about other events, go to: www.dublinprideweek.com.



REGIONAL STORMWATER PERMIT UPDATE

On November 19, 2015, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) issued the second Municipal Regional Permit (MRP 2) to 75 jurisdictions in the Bay Area, including the City of Dublin. This permit regulates storm water runoff discharge from the City into various creeks. This discharge can contain many types of pollutants from the urban and industrial landscape. Storm water runoff is the single largest factor in Bay Area surface water pollution. The permit requirements help to reduce pollutants in runoff and therefore improve the water quality of our creeks and the San Francisco Bay. In addition to previous permit conditions, the new permit has additional requirements on reducing trash in runoff, testing and monitoring of various pollutants, and developing a Green Infrastructure Plan for public and private improvements. To learn more, visit www.waterboards.ca.gov.



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each February, the City of Dublin hosts its annual Volunteer Recognition Awards. These awards honor outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin in the past year. Nomination criteria are based on the Dublin Integrity in Action Program's 10 Characteristics: Responsibility, Respectfulness, Caring, Giving, Positive Attitude, Trustworthiness, Cooperation, Doing One's Best, Honesty, and Self-Discipline. Congratulations to the following 2015 award winners:

Organization of the Year
Tri-Valley YMCA

Citizen of the Year
Terri Dyer

Young Citizen of the Year
Nicole Chen

Mayor's Legacy Award
George Zika

Mayor's Award
OneDublin.org:
James and Mary Morehead
Michael and Katherine Utsumi

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF DUBLIN

The City of Dublin's Human Resources Department has the primary role of supporting the City of Dublin organization by providing services related to human resources management to the more than 85 full-time and over 150 part-time employees, and to many volunteers serving the City. The City prides itself on hiring dedicated professional employees to provide the highest quality services to our residents.

Available positions in the City vary, but can include a host of full-time, part-time, and seasonal opportunities.

To find current opportunities available at the City of Dublin, please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/jobs.

CHECK OUT OUR MOBILE APP!

Following the redesign of the City's website, the City's mobile app, "My Dublin CA," was also redesigned and updated to reflect Dublin's new brand. The app features links to news, calendar items, the Restaurant and Dining Guide, special events, employment opportunities, and more. It also includes a "Report an Issue" link, so if you are out and about in town and see an issue that needs to be addressed, such as a dark streetlight, you can alert City staff. Be sure to download the latest version of the app for free at iTunes or GooglePlay.



JOIN A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP!

Are you new to Dublin and looking to get to know your community and your neighbors? Neighborhood Watch is a wonderful program that brings together the community's interests in crime deterrence, volunteerism, and neighborhood emergency preparedness. Neighborhood Watch is a "team" approach in which residents work with each other, with City staff, and with Police Services to reduce crime in Dublin. When neighbors organize, communicate, and watch out for each other, the opportunity for crime is drastically reduced.

Each Neighborhood Watch Group is maintained by a Block Captain. Block Captains serve as liaisons between the City of Dublin and their Neighborhood Watch members. They disseminate safety information and program notifications to their respective groups, and organize regular meetings or activities to discuss local issues. It is up to the Block Captain to keep up-to-date rosters and to facilitate meetings with the Dublin Crime Prevention Unit.

To start a group in your neighborhood, or to find out if there is a Neighborhood Watch group in your community, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (925) 833-6677, or visit: www.dublin.ca.gov/neighborhoodwatch.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT REACHED WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Dublin's fire and emergency services provider, the Alameda County Fire Department, has recently initiated an automatic mutual aid agreement with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department to enhance services to each of the communities served by the agencies.



Mutual Aid is when a call has been dispatched and the first responder at the scene determines that more

resources are needed, thereby requesting aid from another department. Historically, this mutual aid had inherent response delays due to the necessity of requiring additional approval from the agency providing assistance. The new agreement now enables fire or rescue units from different agencies to be dispatched automatically on the initial alarm.

This Automatic Aid Agreement ensures that residents in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and the nearby unincorporated County have the closest fire department resources responding to their emergencies in the quickest means available.

Alameda County Fire Chief David Rocha stated, "This sort of regional cooperation is a meaningful way of providing superior customer service in an efficient manner."

THERE'S A NEW CAPTAIN IN TOWN

As Dublin has changed from a sleepy bedroom community to a growing, thriving city, that growth has also necessitated the need for added infrastructure, capital improvements, and neighborhood investments, such as parks and public safety. Last February, with the retirement of Police Chief Tom McCarthy, Dublin welcomed new Chief Dennis Houghtelling. After a few months, Chief Houghtelling reorganized the department to enhance its 24-hour, seven-days-a-week system for management, accountability, and community safety. In addition to creating traditional Watch



Left to right: Captain Garrett Holmes and Chief Dennis Houghtelling

Commander roles for Operations, Dublin Police also welcomed the return of Captain Garrett Holmes to Dublin. Captain Holmes, who left Dublin in 2009, returned to oversee

Operations and Administration of the department, and to serve as second-in-command for Chief Houghtelling.

Captain Holmes first came to Dublin Police in 1999 as a patrol officer, and during his decade of service to our community, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. After Dublin, he served in several roles with Alameda County and, most recently, as Captain at Oakland Airport Police Services from 2012 to 2015.

While at the Oakland Airport, he worked very closely with the FBI on a two-year investigation into a drug trafficking ring that ended with the arrest of over 30 people across the country, including airport employees who had been using their airport access to send drugs across the country. It also resulted in the creation of an Insider Threat Task Force at the Oakland Airport. While this long-term case had a satisfying ending, Captain Holmes is happy to be back in Dublin, where he says our seasoned local police officers are able to solve cases much more quickly.

Here are some fun facts about Captain Holmes:

- He grew up in nearby Pleasanton, and has called the Tri-Valley "home" for over 40 years.
- In 2011, he spent 10 weeks training at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.
- His image, representing Dublin Police, is featured on the mural underneath the 680 overpass on Dublin Boulevard near McDonald's.
- He is married with two daughters and one son.

While Chief Houghtelling and Captain Holmes spend most of their time at the Dublin Police station, you will surely find them out and about at City events. If you see them, please stop by and say hello!





USE CAMP CONNECTOR FOR A SMOOTH CAMP EXPERIENCE!

The 2015 summer camp season offered an expanded Camp Connector program, which provided additional options for participants to fully customize their summer camp experience. Camp Connector allows participants to link separate morning and afternoon camps, and decrease the number of trips made by parents throughout the day. The program, available for Summer 2016 camps, includes supplemental pre-camp morning care, extended care during the noon hour, and post-camp afternoon extended care. The expansion of the program also increased the number of connector sites, which included Shannon Community Center, Fallon Sports Park, Passatempo Park, Stager Gymnasium, Kolb Park, Dublin High School, Dublin Swim Center, Dublin Library, and Heritage Park. The extended morning and afternoon care options allowed participants to be dropped off at camp early and/or picked up from camp later. Last summer, over 750 camp registrants participated in the Camp Connector program. Designed with family convenience in mind, the program provides a comprehensive, well-rounded, and customizable summer camp experience.

SEAN DIAMOND PARK UPDATE

The City of Dublin is starting the final design for the future five-acre neighborhood park located on East Cantara Drive across from Jose Maria Amador Elementary School. In September 2015, the City conducted a series of public workshops and surveys to gather community input to develop the preferred conceptual park plan. The park plan features a central gathering area surrounded by gardens, picnic areas, play areas, walking paths, benches, and a restroom. The City Council approved the conceptual playground design in February 2016. To learn more about Sean Diamond Park, please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/seandiamondpark.

CITY INHERITS HISTORIC KOLB RANCH TRUCK

Look for Dublin's latest historic acquisition – a lovingly restored green Ford Model AA truck that belonged to one of Dublin's founding families – to make its inaugural appearance in the Dublin Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, and remain on display throughout the weekend at the St. Patrick's Day Festival.

The beautiful truck, emblazoned with the words *Kolb Ranch, Dublin, Calif.* on its doors, is the generous gift of Carol Kolb Strom. This vintage farm vehicle is a perfect complement to her family's earlier gift of their furnished 1911 craftsman bungalow home and barns, now on display at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums (6600 Donlon Way).

The Kolb Ranch truck was originally owned by her father, Harold Kolb, who purchased it new in 1929 from Garibaldi Ford on Main Street in Pleasanton for \$619.25, at the time more than a year's salary for the average farmhand.



Harold Kolb used it daily to deliver feed to the family's cattle in pastures along Foothill Road, make weekly trips to Hayward to deliver chicks and eggs, and travel into town to pick up supplies or visit friends. The truck was retired from farm service in the mid-1960s and stored in a barn until Carol and her late husband, Gene Strom, had it fully restored by Larry Ryder in 1997.

Today the truck is worth an estimated \$36,200.00, but it is priceless in its historic significance. The City will provide secure, temperature-controlled indoor storage for the truck, and arrange care and maintenance to ensure the truck remains well-preserved and functioning for many years to come.

The City plans to display the Kolb truck at special events and public functions and incorporate it into Heritage Park and Museums programs. This iconic truck provides a unique opportunity to tell the story of Dublin's authentic farming heritage and help residents and visitors connect with the past.



EMERALD GLEN RECREATION AND AQUATIC COMPLEX

In March 2015, ground was broken on the decade-in-the-making Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Complex. In one year's time, great progress has been made on the facility, which is on schedule to open in early Spring 2017. This 31,000-square foot facility will feature two pools – an outdoor pool for competitive swimming, water polo, and recreational use; and a natatorium (an indoor pool) for year-round swimming, lessons, and exercise programs. The facility will also feature a slide tower with six slides, and a splash pool, featuring a beach entry and a play structure for the little ones.



Additional features will include a community room and locker rooms, group picnic areas with shade structures, a party rental space, and table tennis. Adjacent to the facility will be a new 2,000 seat amphitheater, where the City will hold summer concerts and other performances.

View a time-lapse view of construction of the facility at www.workzonecam.com/projects/CityofDublin.

This facility will provide needed space for swim instruction, athletic competition, and recreational use. It represents the City's commitment to ensuring adequate recreational space and high-quality amenities for Dublin residents.

The City is aware of the concerns regarding constructing this facility in light of current drought conditions. The City has been a long time steward of responsible water use. The City's conservation and recycled water efforts save significantly more water annually than this facility will use. We are hopeful that El Niño conditions will help lessen the recent extreme drought conditions. We will continue our leadership in the area of water conservation during the construction and entire operation of the facility.

CAMP PARKS MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

Dublin has, quite figuratively and literally, grown up around Camp Parks, as the military base was established here in World War II. This year, the City and Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area – United States Army are collaborating on a new facility that will honor our shared past.

The Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center, expected to open in late 2016, will be housed inside the Camp Parks Visitor Center, located at the new Main Gate on Dougherty Road. Exhibits will highlight the connection between the Dublin community and the United States Armed Forces, through stories of the people who lived, worked, and served in Dublin, transforming the region and influencing the world.

Current plans call for the Military History Center to be primarily self-guided and minimally staffed with volunteer greeters. However, the City may occasionally offer special programs and guided tours at the facility, such as commemorating Memorial Day or Veterans Day. The center is also expected to have a small community meeting space available to the public.

Look for more news on the Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center in Fall 2016.



STILL TO COME...

Dublin Library Expansion – This project improves an expansion space at the Dublin Library into a center for 21st Century skills. Construction is anticipated to begin in late spring or early summer of this year.

Fallon Sports Park (Phase II) – This project, to expand Fallon Sports Park with additional soccer fields, a baseball field, and other amenities, has gone out to bid. If a contract is awarded in early spring, construction should begin soon thereafter.

Jordan Ranch Neighborhood Park – City Council recently approved the Park Improvement Agreement, which stipulates that the developer of the Jordan Ranch neighborhood will also build the park. Plans have been designed and approved, and the park should be completed by early Spring 2017.

Dublin Crossing Community Park – A park Master Plan is expected to be completed in Spring 2016. This park will be centrally located along Dublin Boulevard on former Camp Parks land.

Dublin Sports Grounds – A renovation Master Plan is in the works, and park improvements will be phased in as funding becomes available.

POSITIVE IMPACTS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Dublin Human Services Grant Program provides grants to community-based, not-for-profit organizations that provide services for critical human needs to income-eligible Dublin residents. Grant funding sources include the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant and funds from the City's General Fund. Last year, the City provided \$197,812 in grant funding to 20 organizations that provided 23 service programs geared toward helping Dublin residents in need. These programs included medical care, child abuse intervention, early child education, job placement services, independent living for the disabled, meal programs, senior services case management, domestic violence services, and homeless services. An estimated 22,390 Dublin residents have benefitted from the availability of these services. For more information, please visit our website at www.dublin.ca.gov/grants.

WI-FI COMING TO DOWNTOWN DUBLIN

The City Council approved a pilot program for a free Wi-Fi system for part of Downtown Dublin, planned for later this year. To start, about 30% of the Downtown District will be covered, most notably near the West Dublin BART station toward Dublin Boulevard, and along Village Parkway. It is hoped that the free Wi-Fi will encourage shoppers and diners to spend time in Downtown Dublin. For more information, visit www.dublin.ca.gov/DowntownDublin.

ROAD REPAIRS TO IMPACT TASSAJARA ROAD

Beginning in May, drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians will be unable to use Tassajara Road/Camino Tassajara to travel between Dublin and the San Ramon/Danville area, as a portion of the road will be closed in order to replace a failing culvert which runs under Tassajara Road just north of the Fallon Road intersection. This project, which will last a minimum of five months, will provide greater safety for motorists, and reduce the likelihood of emergency road closures in the future. Those needing to travel between Dublin and Contra Costa County will need to take alternate routes. Alternatives include both Windemere Parkway and Bollinger Canyon Road.



Other upcoming roadwork projects in Dublin include a widening of Dougherty Road; a Tassajara Road overlay; and pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Amador Plaza Road (see page five).

The City of Dublin thanks you for your patience during these projects, as we work to maintain and improve the safety and quality of our roads. For more information, call the City of Dublin Public Works at (925) 833-6630, or visit www.dublin.ca.gov/roadwork.

NEW VETERANS HOUSING PROJECT UNDERWAY

Construction began on Veterans Day on a 66-unit affordable housing development targeted for veterans of the United States military and their families. The development is located in Downtown Dublin, within walking distance to schools, job centers, retail stores, and the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Residents will have access to on-site support and services, as well as building amenities, such as a large community room; technology center; two outdoor decks and patio areas; two playgrounds; and a fitness center.

The project has been made possible through the collaborative efforts

of Eden Housing Inc. (developer and operator), the City of Dublin, Alameda County, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and multiple other financing sources.

The units should be complete and ready for occupancy in early 2017. Eden will begin accepting applications several months prior to completion. To put your name on an interest list, contact Eden Housing Inc. at (510) 582-1460.

To learn more about affordable rental and ownership opportunities in Dublin, visit: www.dublin.ca.gov/housing.



WHAT IS SPLATTER?

Art. Wine. Food. Sounds like your average, ordinary art and wine festival...certainly not Splatter. If you've never had an opportunity to attend the City of Dublin's Splatter festival, you are missing out on a one-of-a-kind experience—an event featuring out-of-the-ordinary art displays; cooking demonstrations; food trucks; phenomenal music and entertainment from around the world; a carnival and children's games; an Art and Culinary Marketplace; and a 14,000 square foot Tasting Pavilion, featuring world-class Livermore Valley wines paired with delectable dishes from the Tri-Valley. Splatter returns to beautiful Emerald Glen Park on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Don't miss this unique celebration of the food, wine, and creative culture that makes up the Tri-Valley region.



GET INVOLVED

Have you ever thought about getting involved in our community, but didn't know where to start? Inside Dublin, sponsored by the City of Dublin, is a seven-week program designed to teach participants about municipal operations and issues facing the community, and to encourage community involvement. The program includes presentations on topics such as education, infrastructure, public safety, local government, and community development. The classes, limited to the first 25 applicants, are held on Thursday evenings in the fall. You must live or work in Dublin to participate. Please call (925) 833-6650 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING

- Teen Job & Career Fair
- Dublin Sister City Association's Green and White Gala
- Alameda County Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast
- Dublin Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Parade
- St. Patrick's Day Festival
- Shamrock 5K Fun Run & Walk
- Spring Eggstravaganza
- Youth Benefit Concert
- Dublin Farmers' Market
- Dublin Pride Week
- Be a Sustainable Citizen Workshop
- Spring Faire
- Farm-to-Table Tea Lunch
- Bike to Work Day

SUMMER

- Dublin Farmers' Market
- Family Campouts
- Picnic Flix Outdoor Movies
- National Night Out

FALL

- Red Ribbon Week
- Splatter
- Harvest Fair
- Spooktacular Safety Fair
- Hometown Heroes Celebration
- Holiday Boutique

WINTER

- DancEscape
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Holiday Teas
- Breakfast with Santa

For more information, please call
Dublin Parks and Community
Services at (925) 556-4500.



CITY MEETINGS

Agendas are posted prior to all meetings at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza), Dublin Senior Center (7600 Amador Valley Blvd.), Dublin Library (200 Civic Plaza), Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue), and on the City's website.

City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Dublin Civic Center, City Council Chambers

Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Dublin Civic Center, City Council Chambers

Human Services Commission

4th Thursday of the month in January, March, May, July, September; 3rd Thursday in November at 7:00 PM, Dublin Civic Center, City Council Chambers

Parks and Community Services Commission

3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Dublin Civic Center, City Council Chambers

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Dublin Civic Center, City Council Chambers

Senior Center Advisory Committee

1st Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM, Dublin Senior Center

Youth Advisory Committee

4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Shannon Community Center

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