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Thanks to the efforts of Quest Science, the City of Livermore was a recipient of a NASA Moon Tree. This sequoia sapling tree was grown from a seed that traveled around the moon in 2022.

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LivermoreCA.gov/NasaMoonTree

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CITY OF LIVERMORE CHANNELS \$2 MILLION TO EMPOWER 12 LOCAL NONPROFITS, BOOSTING COMMUNITY RESOURCES!

Over the past year, the City secured about \$2 million from various funding sources to support low-income community members, including families, unhoused individuals, people with disabilities, seniors, and veterans. The funds were distributed among 12 nonprofits, enabling significant initiatives like the grand opening of the Vineyard Housing and Resource Center, which features a 20-bed overnight shelter. Other efforts include rebuilding Tri-Valley Haven's

emergency shelter, improving access to medical care, providing rental assistance, and offering hotel vouchers for medically fragile homeless individuals during winter. While affordable housing and homelessness remain national challenges, the City's comprehensive services have helped reduce the unsheltered homeless count compared to previous years.

FY 2023-24: Community Impact Highlights

13,586 overnight shelter stays provided

720 nights of winter hotel vouchers

3,013 people provided case management or counseling services

73,533 hot meals served

5,045 shower and laundry services



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN
\$805,745

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN serves adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness in the Tri-Valley area. Services such as shelter, counseling and transportation.



VINEYARD HOUSING AND RESOURCE CENTER
\$401,660

VINEYARD HOUSING AND RESOURCE CENTER provides over 23 units of permanent, supportive housing and wrap-around services for the community, including a 20-bed overnight shelter, hot meals, shower and laundry services, case management and housing navigation.



CITYSERVE OF THE TRI-VALLEY
\$385,000

CITYSERVE OF THE TRI-VALLEY offers outreach, intervention, and case management to unsheltered population, provides deposit and rental assistance to unsheltered individuals and housed individuals at-risk of homelessness.



ABODE
\$140,790

ABODE assists low-income, un-housed people, including those with special needs, to secure stable, supportive housing.



BLOCK BY BLOCK
\$288,010

BLOCK BY BLOCK provides bio-hazard clean-up and safety services for the unsheltered population. They collaborate closely with Livermore Police Department Homeless Liaison Officers, local service providers, and non-profit organizations to maintain community cleanliness and facilitate connections to services.



Unsheltered Persons

Community Health

Seniors



\$30,000

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST church offers showers, laundry service, clothing and hygiene supplies to unhoused community.



\$25,057

AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH

AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH provides affordable, compassionate care to promote community well-being, including primary care, pediatrics, women's health, mental health, dental care, acupuncture, and chiropractic services.



\$11,563

THE CHILD ABUSE, LISTENING, INTERVIEWING, AND COORDINATION (CALICO) CENTER

CALICO provides child abuse intervention services to Livermore children and their caretakers through forensic interviewing and family support services.



\$12,188

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CRIL)

CRIL advocates for individuals with disabilities to enhance lives and ensure community accessibility. CRIL provides self-sufficiency services, peer support, and self-advocacy training to empower vulnerable members to live independently.



\$37,730

SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SERVICES

SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SERVICES delivers nutritious meals and provide safety checks to homebound elderly Livermore residents.



\$23,000

OPEN HEART KITCHEN

OPEN HEART KITCHEN provides meals to seniors in Livermore



\$8,000

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS offers free legal services and health insurance counseling, along with community education to help seniors and providers make informed choices and advocate for themselves.

STAY HOUSED

Free Tenant Rights Workshops & Legal Services in Livermore

Is your housing at risk? Centro Legal partners with the City of Livermore to provide FREE legal services for qualifying Livermore tenants. Centro Legal can help tenants with a variety of issues to help families stay in their homes.

- 🏠 Receive help in defending yourself against an eviction and stay housed.
- 🏠 Protect yourself against landlord harassment and learn best practices.
- 🏠 Demand repairs for legally required living conditions.
- 🏠 Learn about your security deposit rights and how to collect your money.
- 🏠 Verify if you received a valid rent increase before agreeing to pay more.
- 🏠 Attend a presentation and learn about your rights as a tenant.

Make an appointment today for a legal consultation on these or other tenant-related issues.

Contact Centro Legal directly at **TenantsRights@CentroLegal.org** or **(510) 437-1554**, and follow the City of Livermore on social media for more information on our FREE monthly workshops.

Centro Legal can only provide services to low-income tenants with incomes below 80% of the area median income (AMI).



Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program

In March 2024, the City Council adopted an updated Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) plan, reallocating grant funds to support critical services provided by local nonprofit organizations, such as Open Heart Kitchen, CityServe, and Housing Consortium of the East Bay. The total award of \$1.2 million will support shared housing rehabilitation projects, rental assistance, housing navigation, supportive case management services, and shelter operations at Vineyard 2.0, which are vital to addressing the issues of affordable housing and homelessness.

Family Homelessness Challenge Grant

Thanks to the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Program from the California Interagency Council for Homelessness, the City of Livermore has been awarded a total of \$861,168 across two rounds of funding, first in 2022 and again earlier this year. This supports housing assistance for families from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District experiencing homelessness, offering housing units, rent subsidies, temporary housing, job training, moving assistance, and supportive services. And new this year, an extended after-school program was introduced at Leahy Square, a public housing community in Livermore.



Make Your **Vote Count!**

Livermore voters can submit their ballot in multiple ways for the **November 5, 2024**, General Municipal Election.

1. Vote-By-Mail

All registered voters in Alameda County will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

Ballots being returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office by **November 12, 2024**. No postage is necessary.

2. Vote In Person at a Vote Center

Location	Voting Days Available	Before Election Day: Dates and Hours	Election Day: Date and Hours
Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street	11 Days	October 26 – November 4, 2024 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	November 5, 2024 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Celebration Church 1135 Bluebell Drive		4 Days	
Livermore Valley Academy 557 Olivina Avenue			
Hindu Community And Cultural Ctr 1232 Arrowhead Avenue			
Martinelli Center 3585 Greenville Road			
Holy Cross Lutheran Church 1020 Mocho Street			

A complete list of locations throughout Alameda County can be found at [ACVote.org](https://www.acvote.org).

3. Drop Your Ballot in a Livermore 24-Hour Drop Box

Make your vote count—remember to sign the back of your return envelope!

24-hour drop box locations are open from October 7, 2024, until 8 p.m. on Election Day (**30 Days**).

LIVERMORE CITY HALL
1052 S Livermore Avenue

LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY
725 Rincon Avenue

SUMMIT PARK
6329 Tioga Pass Court

ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACE

Binny Says, “Don’t Trash the Good Stuff!”

Binny the Green Organics Cart has been helping Livermore residents recycle right for years. When food scraps go in the garbage, bad things happen. The food scraps take up precious space in landfills and create methane gas—a leading cause of climate change. But when food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste go into Binny, they are made into magical compost.

But Binny can’t do the magic by himself! It is up to you to feed Binny the right stuff. Please place all your food scraps – raw, cooked, and rotten – in Binny the Green Organics Cart. This will make rich compost for our community. It’s the law in California, and it’s the right thing to do.

Visit LivermoreRecycles.org for more info.

BE THE MAGIC: SORT IT RIGHT FROM THE START!



U.S. Department of Energy Recognizes Livermore EV Charging Project

The City of Livermore is driving on sunshine! Earlier this year, the City installed two solar electric vehicle chargers on the Civic Center campus. The chargers are off-the-grid and have a battery that can be used for power during emergencies.

The City paid for the chargers with a rebate from the U.S. Department of Energy. Livermore’s project was the first to be awarded under this new rebate program.

Representatives from DOE hosted an event at the Civic Center Library on August 30 to celebrate this achievement.

Learn more about the City’s sustainability and resilience efforts at LivermoreCA.gov/Sustainability.

Exciting Transformations Ahead for Springtown Open Space

The City of Livermore is transforming a portion of the 85-acre Springtown Open Space, a former golf course, into a recreational and scenic area protected by Measure FF since 2016. After gathering community input in 2023 and 2024, the project will feature an 18-hole disc golf course, a multi-purpose field, various playgrounds, a community park, sports courts, educational kiosks, and more.

The environmental document and preliminary plans are underway and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in early fall. Construction is expected to begin in the summer or fall of 2025.

Learn more at LivermoreCA.gov/SOS.





Exciting Upgrades Ahead in Downtown Livermore



Farmers Union Restaurant

Get ready for a new dining experience! Located at S. Livermore Avenue and Second Street, Farmers Union will open in winter 2025. This restaurant will feature a raised patio, rooftop dining, a spacious dining room, a full bar, and elevator tower. The historic building's architectural features will be preserved, blending old charm with new amenities.



Blacksmith Square

Blacksmith Square is expanding! Three new buildings on S. Livermore Avenue between Railroad Avenue and Veterans Way will add 13,200 square feet of retail and restaurant spaces. The largest building, at the corner of Livermore Avenue and Veterans Way, will offer rooftop and 2nd-story seating overlooking Stockmen's Park. This project is currently under construction and is expected to take about a year and half to complete.



Flagpole Plaza

Flagpole Plaza, once a beloved public gathering area with a large grass lawn, was transformed into an outdoor dining space during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. To accommodate this change, the grass was replaced with decomposed granite. Now, the City is excited to announce plans to renovate Flagpole Plaza, returning its role as a community hub while retaining outdoor dining options. The nearly complete design maintains strong connections between the flagpole, fountain, and plaza. Construction is expected to begin in early 2025.

Prepare for Winter Rains

The rainy season is coming, so please consider the below tips to help with safety on and off the road. Check out the City's storm preparedness information on our website to see where sandbags are available, who to contact for storm-related issues, and if you live in a floodplain.

PREPARE

- Determine if your property is located in a flood zone by contacting the Engineering Division at **925-960-4500**.
- Purchase flood insurance. For more information, call **1-877-336-2627** or visit **FEMA.gov/Flood-Insurance**.
- Protect your property and keep emergency supplies in your home, car, and place of business.
- Sign up for emergency alerts from PG&E (**PGE.com**) and Alameda County's emergency alert system, AC Alert (**ACAlert.org**).
- Clean out your gutters. Keep drainage channels and pipes free of obstructions and debris.
- Acquire and use sandbags preventatively.

STAY SAFE

- 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 into 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 your vehicle's undercarriage.



Livermore City Hall is located at
**1052 S Livermore Ave,
Livermore, CA 94550**

JOIN THE LIVERMORE TEAM Your Community, Your Career

Consider a career close to home with the City of Livermore. The City is hiring for various roles in Police, Dispatch, Fire, Public Works, Community Development, and more. Join us to make a meaningful impact and serve the community you love.

Apply today at LivermoreCA.gov/Jobs.



LIVERMORE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM Honor Hometown Heroes

The City of Livermore has introduced a new Military Banner Program in which local veteran or active-duty service members are honored on pole banners along Veterans Way from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.



Interested community members can purchase a banner for \$185. Visit LivermoreCA.gov for more information and to apply.

(925) Area Code

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor960-4020
City Council960-4010

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Information..... 960-4000
California Relay Service.. 7-1-1
www.LivermoreCA.gov (website)
info@LivermoreCA.gov (email)
Sign up for City's e-newsletter
<https://bit.ly/3MO46ZT>

CITY OFFICES

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline.....	371-4824	Graffiti Hotline.....	960-8060
Airport.....	960-8220	Housing & Human Services.....	960-4580
Animal License.....	960-4315	Human Resources.....	960-4100
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 & Economic Development.....	960-4140	Public Works.....	960-8000
Engineering.....	960-4500	Utility Billing.....	960-4320
Fire Department.....	454-2361	Water Resources.....	960-8100
		Water Resources Emergency.....	960-8160