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# DUBLIN DIGEST

A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF DUBLIN

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## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AT THE DUBLIN CIVIC CENTER

Santa Claus Joins in on the Fun



On Thursday, December 5, the lighting of the Holiday Tree at the Dublin Civic Center brought the community together for a fun and festive evening of holiday cheer. Local bands and school choirs, including Dublin's very own preschool class, provided merriment with wonderful performances, leading to the grand lighting of the 30-foot holiday tree. Santa Claus, Dublin Mayor Michael McCorriston, and Mayor-elect Sherry Hu joined in on the fun. Highlights included holiday tractor rides, arts and crafts, Letters to Santa, the Clover Express, and the popular "snow" play for kids and families.

Additionally, the Dublin Police caught the Grinch trying to "steal" the joy out of the holidays, so they placed him under arrest.



## THE WAVE TO BE CLOSED FOR ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE, DECEMBER 20 TO JANUARY 3

**Regular Programming Resumes January 4, 2025**

The Wave will be closed for essential maintenance from **Friday, December 20, through Friday, January 3**. Regular programming will resume on Saturday, January 4, 2025. To register for classes and fitness swimming through December 19, visit [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com).

## DUBLIN POLICE HOLD A "STUFF THE CRUISER" EVENT

**Families Donate to Children in Need**



Dublin Police Services collaborated with Target and Dick's Sporting Goods on Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7, to collect toys to donate to Hively, a local non-profit organization that provides a one-stop shop for families to obtain things like diapers, food, clothing, children's books, housewares, and resources for family counseling. Thank you to the many generous members of the community who stopped by the Police cruiser and donated toys, games, and other items for local families.

## FINAL WEEKEND WONDERS OF THE YEAR

### Families Get Crafty



This **Saturday, December 14**, Heritage Park will host its final Weekend Wonders of the year. This sold-out experience invites families to create beautiful winter wreaths using fresh tree branches, generously donated by Morning Glory Farms in Dublin. Participants will add a festive touch with various holiday decorations, making it a delightful way to celebrate the season together.

## DEPUTY JOHN MONEGO REMEMBERED AT DUBLIN POLICE'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT

### Deputy Monego Killed in the Line of Duty in 1993



On Saturday, December 7, a tree lighting ceremony was held to remember Dublin Police Deputy John Monego, who was killed in the line of duty on December 12, 1998. Current Dublin Police officers and staff, Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez, and former colleagues of Deputy Monego, gathered

to remember the slain officer. Deputy Monego's wife, Tammy, and son, Dominic, participated remotely this year.

## HOLIDAY DANCESCAPE AT THE DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER

### Participants Kicked Off the Season with Friends at the Annual Holiday Dance Social



The Dublin Senior Center's annual Holiday DancEscape, held on Friday, December 6, welcomed more than 120 seniors and participants for an evening of festive cheer. The CoolTones, a 15-member "Big Band" ensemble, featuring trombones, trumpets, guitars, drums, and vocalists, filled the room with lively holiday music that kept everyone dancing. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and sparkling apple cider while celebrating the season with friends. Thank you to all who joined and helped make this annual tradition memorable.

## VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER IN THE "DECK THE HOMES" HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

### Map of Homes Can be Found on the City's Website



Each year, the City of Dublin hosts the "Deck the Homes" Holiday Home Decorating Contest to support those who create festive holiday displays around town. Members of the City's Parks and Community Services Commission serve as contest judges and select winners. Winners receive a yard sign for display and a gift card to a local business, and are recognized before the Dublin City Council. Want to check out all the festive lights

around town? Use [this map](#) to plan your route and check out the 2024 "Deck the Homes" Holiday Home Decorating Contestants. Once you've seen them all, please vote on the ["People's Choice Award"](#). **Voting closes at 11:59 p.m. on December 15, 2024.** Winners will be announced on December 17, 2024.

## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CONCEPT PLANS FOR TWO NEW PARKS IN DUBLIN

### Parks Offer Opportunities for Both Active Play and Relaxed Recreation

Francis Ranch, a new development located in eastern Dublin, is being subdivided into six neighborhoods with two public parks. On December 3, the Dublin City Council approved both park concept plans. Amenities include playgrounds, fitness stations, picnic areas, restrooms, a dog park, one tennis court with an overlay of four pickleball courts, bocce ball, basketball courts, a meditation garden, and interior pathways for circulation and exercise. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025.



**Northern Park**



**Southern Park**

## PLAYGROUND COMMUNICATION BOARDS

### INSTALLED AT DUBLIN PARKS

#### Enriched Interactions and Inclusivity



Communication boards were installed this week at the playgrounds of Fallon Sports Park, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin Sports Grounds, and Don Biddle Park. By using the pictures on the boards, individuals with diverse communication abilities can express their intended messages. Designed with inclusivity in mind, these boards provide a supportive tool to facilitate communication, reducing barriers and empowering everyone to connect meaningfully.

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - DECEMBER 10, 2024

### Updating the Economic Development Element

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider an update to the General Plan's Economic Development Element, along with other items of discussion. The update to the Economic Development Element would ensure consistency with the Economic Development Strategy that was recently approved by the City Council. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the Economic Development Element.

## 2024 ALAMEDA COUNTY PIT COUNT

### Point in Time (PIT) Count Data Released by Alameda County

On January 25, 2024, Alameda County conducted a Point in Time (PIT) Count to understand the number and demographics of unsheltered individuals in the County. The final report was released by Alameda County on December 11, 2024, and it was determined that Dublin had 25 unsheltered individuals in the City on the day of the count, making

up less than 1% of the County's total. The results of the PIT Count will be used to inform policies and funding decisions for homelessness programs throughout the County.

## DUBLIN BUSINESS CORNER

### What's New in Dublin

The beauty salon, **Ryu Nail Bar**, plans to move into 8947 San Ramon Road, previously occupied by Good Nails.

## SHOWCASE YOUR DUBLIN-BASED BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL “SMALL BUSINESS NIGHT” AT THE DUBLIN FARMERS’ MARKET

Connect with Fellow Entrepreneurs and Dublin Residents



Join the City of Dublin at Emerald Glen Park (4201 Central Parkway) on **Thursday, May 1, 2025**, as we host our third annual “Small Business Night” at the Dublin Farmers’ Market. We invite Dublin small businesses to participate in this annual event, where you can showcase your business and network with fellow local business owners.

The City will be offering **free** booths for Dublin-based small and micro businesses, so don’t miss out on this opportunity to gain exposure and connect with the community. Whether you are looking to expand your customer base, build valuable relationships, or simply increase awareness about your business, the “Small Business Night” at the Farmers’ Market is the perfect platform. If you would like a booth, please [express your interest](#) by March 17, 2025. Please note that booth space is limited, and interested businesses will be selected through a lottery system.

## SALE OF AMADOR VALLEY INDUSTRIES

### Garbage Collection Days Will Not Change

Amador Valley Industries (AVI) provides the collection of garbage, recyclable, and compostable materials in Dublin. On August 20, 2024, the City Council conditionally approved the sale of AVI’s stock and

interest to Livermore Sanitation, Inc. The sale was recently completed. Your collection day and services will remain the same, as will AVI’s office and contact information. AVI will mail a postcard with information about the recent sale to residents and businesses in the coming weeks. To contact AVI, visit their website at <https://amadorvalleyindustries.com/> or call 925-479-9545.

## EASTERN DUBLIN CELLULAR SERVICE

### City Receives Overwhelming Response to Cellular Coverage & Service Survey



The City of Dublin recently posted a public survey to receive community feedback on cellular coverage and service in the eastern Dublin area. The survey, open to Dublin residents only, closed on December 6, 2024. The City received tremendous credible participation, receiving more than 2,000 individual responses. The survey responses will be evaluated and brought to a future Dublin City Council meeting in 2025.

## SCHEDULE YOUR JANUARY TEXTILE

### RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recycle Clothes, Bedding, Towels, and More



Do you have old clothes, shoes, or blankets lying around? Would you like to begin the New Year with a fresh start? Amador Valley Industries is hosting their FREE quarterly textile pickup for Dublin residents, **January 6-10, 2025**.

If you live in a single-family residence, call 925-479-9545 to schedule your curbside pick up at least seven days in advance of your scheduled trash collection day. If you live in a multi-family residence, have your property manager call to schedule your pickup. Visit [AmadorValleyIndustries.com](http://AmadorValleyIndustries.com) to learn more. Textile collections take place quarterly during the first week of January, April, July, and October. [Learn more.](#)

**Note:** All textiles must be placed in a **CLEAR** plastic bag and set out on your curb by 5:00 a.m. the morning of your scheduled pickup. Textiles will be collected by a separate driver who may service your block earlier or later than regular trash collection vehicles.

Accepted Items:

- Clean and dry clothing for adults, children, and babies, including shoes.
- Stuffed animals, bedding, blankets, and towels.

## HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

### Learn How to Recycle Your Holiday Tree



After the holiday fun is over, please remember to recycle your holiday tree. Recycling your tree into compost is an easy way to make sure your holiday celebration leaves a positive impact. Holiday trees must be free of flocking and tinsel to be composted and can be recycled in one of these ways:

- Boy Scout Troop 905 will pick up your tree on **Saturday, January 4**, for a \$10 donation. Reservations and donations can be made at [troop905.org](http://troop905.org) by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3.
- Place trees curbside for pickup by AVI on your regular collection day, from January 6 through January 31 (single-family homes only).
- Cut up and place your holiday tree into your compost cart along with your yard trimmings, food scraps, and food soiled paper.

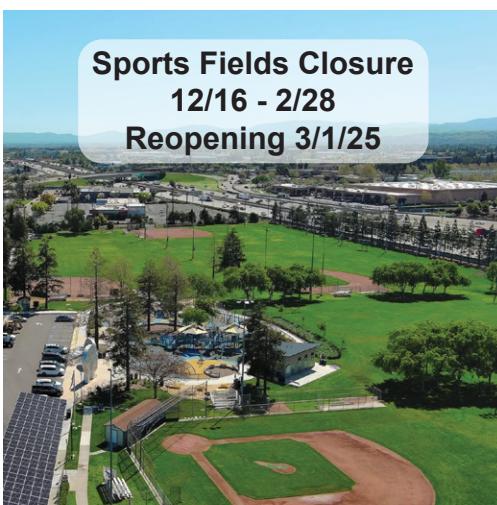
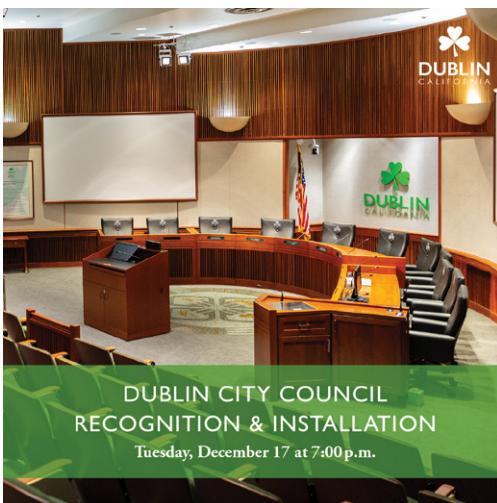
- Bring your tree to the Dublin Sports Grounds parking lot and place it into the holiday tree dumpsters between January 3 and January 31.

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# SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

OF THE WEEK



 **cityofdublinca**

A combination of High Wind Warnings and Wind Advisories will go into effect today and into Saturday, the National Weather Service reports.

Secure loose outdoor objects... [more](#)

 **Strong Winds Friday into Saturday**

**What**

- Strong south winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts up to 55 mph possible

**Where**

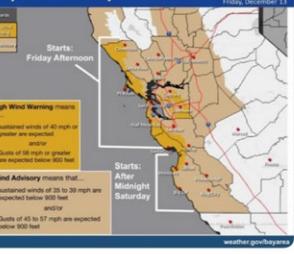
- High Wind Warning: Coastal areas and East Bay Hills
- Wind Advisory: Interior Bay Area and Interior Central Coast

**When**

- Bay Area Coastline and East Bay Hills: 10 PM Friday to 7 AM Saturday
- Coastal Central Coast: 4 AM to 10 AM Saturday
- Wind Advisories: Friday afternoon to 10 AM Saturday

**Impacts**

- Gusty winds could blow around unsecured objects
- Downed tree limbs could result in power outages

  
A High Wind Warning means that...

- sustained winds of 35 to 39 mph are expected for at least one hour and/or
- Gusts of 50 mph or greater are expected below 500 feet

A Wind Advisory means that...

- sustained winds of 35 to 39 mph are expected for at least one hour and/or
- Gusts of 45 to 57 mph are expected below 500 feet

Starts: Friday Afternoon  
Starts: After Midnight Saturday

Weather Forecast Office  
San Francisco Bay Area  
Friday, December 23

[View Details](#)

*The City of Dublin cordially invites you to join us*

# CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AND INSTALLATION

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

## PROGRAM

Adoption of Election Results  
from November 5, 2024

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Presentation to Outgoing Councilmember  
Janine Thalblum



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Oath of Office,  
Councilmember Michael McCorriston



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Oath of Office,  
Councilmember John Morada



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Oath of Office,  
Mayor Sherry Hu



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Selection of Vice Mayor for 2025

*VIP Reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Lobby*



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