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VOTING INFORMATION

Mail ballots arrive:
Week of February 3

Last day to register to vote in this election:
February 17

Last day to request a mail ballot:
February 25

Find your polling place:
Visit www.acvote.org

Not registered to vote?
Sign up at www.registertovote.ca.gov

LOCAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY

For nearly two decades, Union City’s Public Safety Parcel Tax has provided approximately $4 million in annual funding dedicated to public safety. This funding has helped keep police officers patrolling our streets, helped maintain response times to emergency calls, created youth violence prevention programs, helped decrease youth and property crimes by nearly 30% and provided many other critical public safety programs and services. Unless renewed by voters, this funding will automatically expire in June 2021. Without this funding, reductions in critical public safety services and programs will likely occur, resulting in slower response times and further reductions in on-duty police officers, firefighters and paramedics.

RENEWING LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING

To prevent further cuts to funding that supports public safety in Union City, the City Council has placed a Public Safety Parcel Tax Measure on the upcoming March 3, 2020 ballot. This funding would generate approximately $5 million for police, fire, paramedic and youth violence prevention programs. If approved by at least two-thirds of Union City voters in the primary election, this measure would continue to provide funds to be used for your top priorities, including:

- Preserving 911 emergency response and disaster preparedness
- Maintaining youth violence prevention, gang intervention and crisis response for greater school and community safety
- Maintaining neighborhood police patrols
- Preventing additional fire station closures and reductions in on duty firefighters and paramedics

LOCAL FUNDS FOR UNION CITY

- No funds can be taken away by the State, the County or other cities
- Businesses will continue to pay their fair share so homeowners do not shoulder the entire cost
- Low-income residents will continue to be eligible for an exemption
- Independent financial audits and yearly reports to the community would continue to ensure funds are spent as promised

ELECTION DAY: MARCH 3, 2020
Union City Ranks Among Best in Region for Pavement Condition

Union City continues to rank among the best cities in the Bay Area for quality of pavement on local streets and roads.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission released an annual report analyzing pavement condition across the Bay Area, and found that the average pavement condition index (PCI) for cities in the region is 67 out of a maximum 100 points. The report analyzed nearly 43,500 miles of streets and roadways during 2018. Union City received an average PCI score of 80, ranking in the “Very Good” category. The highest-ranking city in the region is Dublin, which had a score of 86.

Shawn Vinson, Streets Supervisor for the City of Union City (pictured left), can attest firsthand to the high quality of pavement in Union City. He has worked for the City of Union City for 33 years, and says that the pavement has “absolutely” gotten better in that time. He notes that the city’s engineering department “is spearheading a large slurry seal program and investing a lot of money back into our roadways, allowing us to invest in other projects such as our overlay project,” which will help protect roadways from deterioration.

Your SB-1 Tax Dollars Put to Work

The City of Union City is expected to receive approximately $2.7 million dollars from SB-1, the voter-approved tax measure, for road maintenance and rehabilitation for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. As a result, the city has begun road rehabilitation projects including on Decoto Road, Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City Boulevard, and other heavily used arterial roads in the city.

“We’re pretty proactive on pavement management because it’s what our residents want. We put a lot of emphasis on that,” says Vinson.

Maintaining and preserving local streets can reduce drive times and resulting traffic congestion, ensure that emergency services have safe and reliable streets to respond to emergency calls, support the local economy, and improve bicycle safety. We are thankful for our Engineering and Street Maintenance team!

PG&E Power Safety Shutoffs: Plan and Prepare

PG&E has informed the public that Public Safety Power Shutoffs may likely become the norm in order to combat wildfires. The City organization, like our residents, must plan and prepare for how to get through a Power Safety Shutoff to ensure that City services can still be provided to our residents without interruption.
PG&E recommends that customers plan in advance for a power shutoff to last at least 48 hours. PG&E recommends several preparation steps to take that include:

- Create a safety plan for all members of your family, including pets. A Public Safety Power Shutoff can happen at any time of day or night, due to changing weather conditions.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit. Include enough water and nonperishable food to last your household one week. Be sure to refresh your kit once a year.
- Keep cash on hand and a full tank of gas. ATMs and gas stations may not be available during an outage.

More tips can be found at www.pge.com. In addition, we encourage residents to make sure that PG&E has your most current information because they will notify you directly when an Power Safety Shutoff is planned to occur in your area. We also encourage you to sign up for emergency alerts from Alameda County at acalert.org.

Union City Police Department Patch Project

The UCPD Patch Project is a project that is designed to help raise funds through the awareness, sales and promotion of commemorative police patches. It is the goal of the Union City Police Department to promote and educate the public about early detection, prevention and raising awareness. Through this project, we can help further the research, treatment and care for those who are battling, have battled, or are living with the effects of Autism, Childhood Cancers and Breast Cancer (pictured above in order from left to right).

These commemorative patches are available for purchase throughout the year and are highlighted during the months of awareness. The patches can be purchased for $10 through PayPal (a link will soon be placed on the City's website) or at the front counter of the Union City Police Department.

For any questions regarding this project or about these charities please contact Officer Russell Orlando at the Union City Police Department at russello@unioncity.org | (510) 458-3727 or Audrey Villalobos at audreyv@unioncity.org | (510) 675-5247.