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FALL-WINTER 2025-2026 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

As we move into the fall and winter months, I want to thank our community for your continued trust and support of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD). This season brings cooler weather, holiday traditions, and time with loved ones, but it also presents unique safety challenges. In this combined fall and winter newsletter, we are sharing essential tips to help keep your homes and families safe, along with updates on the great work happening within our department.

On behalf of all of us at LPFD, we are proud to serve you and wish you a safe and joyful holiday season.

Interim Fire Chief Aaron Lacey

DID YOU KNOW?

The Centennial Light Bulb

At Fire Station 6 in Livermore, you will find a piece of history that has been glowing for over a century. Known as the Centennial Light Bulb, this remarkable bulb has been burning almost continuously since 1901, making it the longest-lasting working light bulb in the world.

Recognized by Guinness World Records and Ripley's Believe It or Not, it is a symbol of community pride and a piece of history.

The bulb is currently on public display, inviting visitors to stop by and experience this incredible piece of history firsthand. Watch for upcoming details on the Centennial Light Bulb's birthday celebration, which is expected to be a truly memorable event.

Fun Fact: The Centennial Light Bulb has only been turned off a handful of times in its 120+ year lifespan, including when it was moved to Station 6 in 1976.

Where to See It:
Fire Station 6
4550 East Avenue,
Livermore, CA 94550

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

California's Joint Apprenticeship Committee Paramedic Program

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is proud to share that Firefighters Meagan De La Torre and Chase Rochin have begun California's Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Cal-Jac) Paramedic Program right here in Livermore.

This year-long hybrid program combines online and in-person classes, followed by hospital clinicals and internships with local EMS and fire agencies. With 35 students from fire departments across the Bay Area, the program is preparing firefighters to provide advanced life support care in their communities.

What makes this academy unique is that it is labor-driven and grant-funded, with support from San Mateo County Firefighters Local 2400. This model allows firefighters to pursue professional growth at no cost to participants while continuing to serve their communities.

"I'm honored and humbled by the opportunity to attend the Cal-Jac Paramedic Academy. This program has been a professional goal since I joined LPFD. I'm grateful to be part of a department that encourages and supports its members in achieving their goals and aspirations." – Firefighter Meagan De La Torre

Congratulations to Firefighters Rochin and De La Torre as they take this next step in their careers!

CANDLE & DECORATION SAFETY

Brighten the Holidays Safely

Candles and festive decorations bring warmth to the season, but they can also be fire hazards.

- Consider flameless candles for a safer glow.
- If using real candles, keep them at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Never leave candles unattended, and always blow them out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Inspect holiday lights for frayed cords or broken bulbs.
- Water live trees daily and keep them away from heat sources.

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

Stay Warm, Stay Safe

When the temperature drops, fire risks rise. Protect your home and family with these steps:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters.
- Have chimneys and fireplaces inspected and cleaned before use.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms, a critical safeguard in the winter months.
- Use flashlights, not candles, during power outages.

HOLIDAY COOKING SAFETY

Stay Fire-Smart in the Kitchen

The holidays bring friends, family, and food, but also a greater risk of kitchen fires. Most home fires start in the kitchen, so remember these quick tips:

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking, especially when frying or broiling.
- Turn pot handles inward to avoid spills.
- Keep towels, packaging, and decorations away from the stove.
- Set a timer to remind you what is on the burner or in the oven.
- Always keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires.

As we move into the holiday season and a new year, we encourage everyone to celebrate safely and look out for one another. Whether it's gathering around the table, lighting a candle, or staying warm during winter storms, simple precautions can make a big difference in keeping our community safe.

We would love to see you in person.
Stop by and say hello at these upcoming events:

City of Pleasanton
Hometown Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 6, 2025 (Rain or Shine)
5 p.m. – Hometown Holiday Parade
6:45 p.m. – Tree Lighting Ceremony with music, Mayor and City Council, and a visit from Santa

City of Livermore
Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 6–9 p.m.
Parade in Downtown Livermore, followed by a festive tree lighting at Lizzie Fountain at approximately 7:15 p.m.

From all of us at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, we wish you a safe, joyful, and healthy holiday season.

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