

Newsletter Article from District 4 Council Member, Fred Simon

Good day Manor residents. Thank you all for working together to make the Manor a wonderful place for us all. Feel free to stop by my community chat on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM at the Greenhouse Marketplace in front of Great Clips to share concerns or ideas. You can also email me at: FSimon@sanLeandro.org.

Here are some updates on city projects and programs as well as projects from the Oro Loma Sanitary District where I am also a Board Member.

City of San Leandro Updates

Green House Market Place

Ace Hardware is moving into the former 99 Cents store; the owners continue to make progress on its interior renovations and anticipate opening before the end of the year. Three new businesses will be moving into the former Goodwill building: Claw King arcade/gaming will have popular arcade machines like in Japan and Taiwan where you use a mechanical claw to grab stuffed animals/toys, Truwin Restaurant will have dessert drinks like boba tea and coffee; and Tang Bao Restaurant will have casual Asian fare like noodles and steamed buns. We look forward to the new additions to the Greenhouse!

Lewelling Interim Housing and Drop-In Center

The Lewelling Interim Housing and Drop-In Center, located in the renovated Nimitz Hotel on Lewelling Boulevard next to the Green House Market Place, opened in March 2025 with twenty-nine housing units and essential day services. The project was funded through \$11.2 million in state, federal, and City resources. In partnership with the Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB) and Building Futures, the project has been successfully operating and provides stability and dignity for unhoused residents while demonstrating how collaboration and investment can deliver direct community impact.

Lewelling Boulevard Class IV Bikeways Project

The project will construct complete street improvements in an area that covers approximately one mile of Lewelling Boulevard between Wicks Boulevard and Washington Avenue, including the intersections at both ends and Fargo Ave. Both the San Leandro Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the San Leandro Local Roadway Safety Plan identify Lewelling as an area where enhanced safety and mobility is needed for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages. Complete street improvements will include Class IV protected bikeways with physical barriers, new curb ramps, bulb-outs, enhanced crosswalk markings, signage, and striping. To accommodate these enhancements, the project may require changes to lane geometry that could result in lane width reductions or removal of a travel lane in certain areas. However, impacts to medians and loss of parking spaces in this segment of Lewelling Boulevard will be

minimal. City staff presented the project at the October 15, 2025 Manor HOA meeting and the community shared concerns of traffic impacts (particularly at the intersection of Lewelling and Washington during Arroyo High School start and end times) and recommended temporary cone testing to verify traffic impacts. You can voice your concerns through the Spring of 2027, the sooner the better, as the City continues to refine the design.

Community Ring Camera Initiative

The San Leandro Police Department is proud to introduce a new community safety initiative aimed at enhancing neighborhood security through the distribution of Ring cameras to residents and local businesses. This proactive program is designed to deter criminal activity and support investigations by providing timely and valuable video evidence in the event of crimes.

Participation in the program is entirely voluntary. In keeping with our strong commitment to individual privacy and community trust, video footage from these cameras will only be accessed with the consent of the device owner or through lawful means.

By expanding access to this technology, the police department aims to enhance public safety partnerships and foster safer communities throughout San Leandro. If you are interested in receiving a Ring camera through the San Leandro Police Department's Community Safety Initiative, please apply online at www.sanleandro.org/1500/Community-Safety-Program.

Mulford-Marina Branch Library

The Mulford-Marina Branch Library Project will replace the existing ageing library at the corner of Aurora and Fairway Drives with a larger and more modern facility to serve the needs of the Mulford neighborhood and surrounding communities. The project received a \$4 million grant from the Building Forward Library Infrastructure Program administered by the California State Library and a generous donation of \$800,000 from the San Leandro Library Foundation. The new facility will be a welcome resource to our community and incorporate emerging technology and best practices in library design. Features of the new facility include, over 2,500 of additional floor space, a separate Children's alcove, A multipurpose room, and outdoor seating and terrace. Construction of the new library started in September, 2025 and is scheduled for completion October, 2026.

Oro Loma Sanitary District Updates

Love Our Bay Campaign

The "Love Our Bay" campaign is officially underway to help protect our environment. The campaign will be launched using digital and multilingual customer surveys. All

residents will receive a postcard introducing the campaign and survey. Staff are also producing stickers, shirts, and tote bags to promote engagement at community events.

Oro Loma Social Media Campaign

Our Communications team has officially kicked off its social media efforts by posting on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. There will be additional content, including project highlights, community outreach, and tips and education on holiday waste sorting and proper fat, oil, and grease disposal.

Oro Loma Smart Trucks

Oro Loma uses smart trucks to collect your garbage and recyclables. Smart trucks have cameras that enable truck drivers to take a photo of garbage and recycle bins so that they can identify overfilled garbage bins and contaminated recycle bins and send notifications or bills, as appropriate. Residential contamination is only 2-3% while commercial bins have a much higher contamination rate. We need to do more work to get our commercial clients into compliance.

Point-of-Sale Sewer Lateral

Point of sale sewer lateral replacement will be required at the sale of your home starting July 2026, if a test shows that you have a leak in your lateral. This will help reduce the demand in the sewage treatment plant during storms (stop inflow of rain water through broken sewer laterals) and protect the environment (stop outflow of sewage into the ground from broken laterals).