

STATE OF THE CITY

ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead, I'm proud to share this year's State of the City publication—a snapshot of what's happening in American Canyon and how your city is working for you. Our goal is simple: to keep you informed, engaged and proud of our community.

Engagement is at the heart of everything we do. Through the National Community Survey, opportunities to serve on boards and commissions, Citizens Academy and more, we actively seek and value your input. Your voice shapes our priorities and guides the decisions that impact our shared future.

Our State of the City events celebrate progress and invite collaboration. From investments in infrastructure and sustainability to enhancements in public safety and community services, these gatherings at City Hall, the Adult Activity Center and the high school reflect the collective vision that drives us forward.

This publication highlights key achievements from the past year, including developments in housing, economic growth and investments in parks and recreation. Together, we're building a thriving community that works for everyone.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Your partnership and engagement are what make American Canyon great. Let's continue working together to create an even brighter future.



City Manager
Jason B. Holley

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WE LOVE EVERYONE IN AMERICAN CANYON.

That's a pillar of our community values that we're proud to embrace each year. In 2024, we celebrated and recognized several observances and milestones to formalize our love for our community:

- Black History Month
- International Day of Women & Girls in Science
- Holi
- Ramadan
- Red Cross Month
- Women's History Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Mental Health Matters Month
- National Bike Month
- National Building Safety Month
- National Nurses Week
- Older Americans Month
- Public Works Week
- Pride Month
- Juneteenth
- National Parks & Recreation Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Recovery Month
- National Suicide Prevention Month
- Filipino Heritage Month

We build community with our partners.

The City of American Canyon takes pride in building a thriving, connected community, thanks in no small part to the incredible partnership with the American Canyon Chamber of Commerce. Together, we're creating opportunities for businesses, residents and youth to grow and succeed.

The annual Meet Me in the Street Summer Series is a cornerstone of this partnership, convening more than 200 local businesses and bringing together over 8,000 community members in 2024. This fun event series is just one key way the Chamber fosters meaningful opportunities throughout the year.

From hosting ten Coffee Mornings and two Joint Mixers with more than 1,000 business attendees, to organizing events like the annual Holiday Marketplace and Halloween in the Plaza, the Chamber regularly provides spaces for collaboration and

growth. They also helped us welcome several new businesses to American Canyon in 2024, with ribbon cuttings for Valentina's Kitchen, The Ultimate Peaceful Place (TUPP), Hair Replacement by Itzel, The Birria Spot, Triumph Fitness and the County of Napa 5th District Supervisor's Office at City Hall.

2024 was also a landmark year for the Kids Commerce Program, a Chamber initiative launched in 2023 that encourages youth entrepreneurship. This year, the program helped 10 students obtain business licenses for the first time while supporting 17 young entrepreneurs in renewing theirs. Through multiple events, these young business owners had opportunities to showcase and sell their products, gain practical experience and contribute to our local economy.

American Canyon Chamber of Commerce

30

years serving
American Canyon

200+

local businesses at
Meet Me in the Street

8,000+

participants at Meet
Me in the Street



Youth thrive in American Canyon.

American Canyon's educational partners play an essential role in equipping our students for the future and creating a city where our youth flourish. Here are some key 2024 highlights from Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD), Napa Valley Education Foundation (NVEF), Napa Valley College (NVC) and Napa County Office of Education (NCOE):

NVUSD proudly serves more than 16,250 students from Transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade across 26 schools in the communities of American Canyon and Napa. In 2024, Measure A2, approved by American Canyon voters in 2022, continues to fund meaningful improvements for our schools. Recent upgrades include a fresh coat of paint that revitalized the exterior of American Canyon High School and new outdoor learning areas and lunch shelters for students and staff at Canyon Oaks Elementary School. Looking ahead, the Donaldson Way Elementary School community is eagerly anticipating the construction of a new Multi-Purpose Room and additional outdoor projects, set to begin in Summer 2025. NVUSD remains committed to serving the American Canyon community and investing in the bright future of our students!

NCOE and NVEF enhance education in American Canyon by providing academic services, enrichment opportunities and wellness programs. NCOE offers preschool, Career Technical Education pathways, and mentoring programs and countywide reading events, while NVEF supports youth mental health, music education and career readiness through partnerships and initiatives like the SHINE student wellness collaborative and Filipino Life and Generation Groups. NVC plays a vital role by offering accessible higher education opportunities, workforce training programs and dual enrollment options for local high school students.



In American Canyon, it's never too early to start civic engagement! Each year, we welcome the Donaldson Way Elementary second grade classes to our city hall. This year, they toured City Hall, engaged with staff and filled the council chambers as they learned about how our city runs.

We're proud to extend this youth involvement into formal programming and city positions with ACHS students. Our high school "Citizens Academy" brings local government civics into the ACHS classroom, with American Canyon staff leading sessions on how each aspect of the city functions and how students can participate in the process.

American Canyon also welcomes our high school students to serve on commissions, ensuring that our community reflects all the voices who call it home. Thank you to our 2023-2024 youth commissioners, De Andre Lendsey (Planning Commission), Alaina Rei Guido (Parks and Community Services Commission) and Allison Bencsik (Open Space, Active Transportation and Sustainability Commission) for your service! We're thrilled to currently work alongside Ramandeep Kaur Jawanda (Planning Commission), Heather Mora (Parks and Community Services Commission) and Calix Joel Delos Santos Mintalar (Open Space, Active Transportation and Sustainability Commission) in their 2024-2025 youth commissioner roles.



5
American Canyon schools



4,562
American Canyon students in grades K-12



75
American Canyon students assisted each school day at wellness centers K-12



599
of NVC students from American Canyon (Fall 2024)



101
American Canyon high school students taking NVC coursework (Fall 2024)



Citizen's Academy Fall 2024

We stay connected through service and engagement.

The traditional American Canyon “Citizens Academy” program is a hands-on, eight-week program designed to educate residents about the inner workings of local government. Participants learn directly from city leaders, explore key services and engage in interactive discussions about how policies and decisions shape our community.

Congratulations to our 2024 graduates of the Citizens Academy! Each year, our graduates cap off their experience with a collaborative community service project, creating a lasting impact for years to come. Thank you to our 2024 cohort, who beautified the picnic tables area near City Hall.



122
Amazing
Volunteers



455
Volunteer
Work Hours



Gateway Award Winner Kristin Einberger

Service is a cornerstone of our community. We're proud to recognize American Canyon volunteers each year at our Community Recognition Ball, where we celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in American Canyon and award our prestigious Gateway Award. You all nominated amazing individuals to be recognized, and it's an honor to have presented the 2024 Gateway Award to Kristin Einberger.

Kristin received the Gateway Award for her exceptional work with the 2018 Soroptimist of American Canyon, the American Canyon Parks and Community Services Commission, the Kiwanis Club of American Canyon, the American Canyon Relay for Life and her volunteerism at the Adult Activity Center teaching classes to the American Canyon senior community.



Photos from the 2024 Community Recognition Ball event.



WE'RE CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

In American Canyon, we are committed to creating a sustainable future for our community through innovative projects that prioritize environmental stewardship and resource reliability.

As an active partner in the Sites Reservoir Project, we have made significant investments since the project's inception in 2017 to secure a sustainable water future. This innovative off-stream reservoir will provide increased water reliability during dry years, supporting our community's long-term resilience. In 2024, California leadership announced plans to fast-track the project, bringing American Canyon closer to realizing this critical resource.

Closer to home, we are developing the Napa River Ecology Center in partnership with the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation (ACCPF). This center, conceptualized in spring 2020, will serve as a hub for ecology and environmental education. With \$850,000 in federal funding awarded in March 2024 and a \$1,000,000 investment from the City of American Canyon provided in September 2024, the project is on track for construction in 2026.

The future site of the project, previously used as our Corporation Yard, is being prepared for transfer to ACCPF, which is actively fundraising to close the remaining funding gap. Together, we are creating spaces and resources that reflect our commitment to a sustainable future for American Canyon.

American Canyon Action on Sustainability

Feb. 20, 2024: American Canyon adopted an ordinance to implement Industrial Commerce Centers Sustainability Standards.

Feb. 20, 2024: American Canyon adopted an ordinance to implement Industrial Use Greenhouse Gas Standards.

Feb. 20, 2024: American Canyon approved a 10-year contract renewal with Recology.

Waste Sorting Tips

In 2022, California law made composting a requirement for all residents and businesses. Throughout 2024, the American Canyon community has been working hard to adapt and reduce organic waste in landfills. Partnering with Recology, we offer waste collection services to support composting and recycling efforts. Learn more at [Recology.com/Recology-American-Canyon/Your-Three-Bins](https://www.Recology.com/Recology-American-Canyon/Your-Three-Bins).



We're excited to celebrate sustainability across our community in 2024! The Napa County Seed Library opened its seventh location right across from the community garden at 2235 Elliott Drive, thanks to local residents Kim Monero and Eagle Scout Addy Johnson. And don't forget, American Canyon offers free compost at the community garden, helping everyone grow greener, healthier plants. A huge shoutout to our amazing ACHS students who shone in the countywide water conservation video contest: Ryan Cooper took first place with "Save Water, Save Trees!", and Sarah Satake and Bailey Caruso earned third with "Tree Preservation: As Seen on TV." We're so proud of how our community is growing and thriving sustainably.

Fire and Weed Abatement

American Canyon, in partnership with Napa County Fire, Napa Firewise and the American Canyon Fire Protection District, continued our tradition of using sheep for fire and weed abatement in our parks and open spaces, working with a local pasture of sheep to manage vegetation overgrowth. This eco-friendly approach, introduced in 2023, helps reduce fire risks and maintain healthy landscapes as the sheep graze.



Apr. 2, 2024: American Canyon adopted a resolution approving a new environmental sustainability goal: "Demonstrate Leadership in Environmental Sustainability."

Winter 2024/Mid-2025: Napa County's final Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (RCAAP) in review process.

Dec. 3, 2024: Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to reduce pollution from single-use plastics and other materials.



A SAFE COMMUNITY STARTS WITH COLLABORATION.

Public safety is a cornerstone of life in American Canyon. Our police officers are dedicated to fostering trust, building strong relationships and ensuring the well-being of everyone in our community. Through events like “National Night Out” and “Coffee with the Cops,” the American Canyon Police Department (ACPD) creates opportunities for neighbors to connect, share concerns and experience firsthand how our officers are here to serve and support.



In 2024, ACPD also introduced new events — like “Chill with the Cops,” a casual event with free slurpees and conversations with officers — alongside these familiar events to bring the community closer together while reinforcing the importance of collaboration in maintaining a safe and welcoming environment.



Our Fire Protection District and Police Department also keep residents informed and engaged with regular updates shared through social media, online newsletters and detailed reports. Stay connected by signing up for the American Canyon Fire Protection District’s monthly newsletter, The News-Ladder, and be sure to check out ACPD’s 2024 Annual Report, available now!

Learn more about public safety in American Canyon by visiting AmericanCanyon.gov/Live/Public-Safety.


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ENGINE - 411

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WE'RE DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITY WITH CARE.



Community development in American Canyon is about more than constructing buildings – it involves careful planning for growth, enhancing neighborhoods and ensuring the city evolves to meet the needs of our residents and businesses.

This year, American Canyon celebrated a transformative milestone: the completion of our updated draft General Plan. Referred to as a city's "constitution for development," the General Plan is a long-term policy document that establishes the vision and framework for how the city will grow and thrive over the next 20 years. It outlines priorities in areas like housing, transportation, economic development, open space preservation and environmental sustainability.

Key elements of our updated General Plan emphasize creating a town center, expanding recreational opportunities, fostering local business growth and improving infrastructure to enhance connectivity and safety. It also prioritizes amenities that benefit the community as a whole, such as parks, trails and public spaces that promote a high quality of life.



Chicken Guy groundbreaking ceremony



646

Building Permits
Issued



\$136.7 MILLION

Construction Valuation of
Building Permits Finaled



333

Dwelling Units
Finaled

Chicken Guy restaurant

Chicken Guy opened for business on December 12, 2024.

Home2 Suites hotel

This hotel is under construction on Main Street between South Napa Junction Road and Antonina Avenue. The hotel website is accepting reservations in September 2025.

Watson Ranch

The Watson Ranch Specific Plan was amended in September 2023 which allows 1,439 dwelling units, 176,000 square feet of commercial space, 58,000 square feet of ancillary commercial space, a 200-room hotel, and an amphitheater. To date, among the seven different projects, there are 964 dwelling units entitled for construction; of those, 386 dwelling units are complete and inhabited, while 31 units are actively under construction. The 200-room hotel with conference facilities, a 3,300-seat amphitheater, and an 800-seat amphitheater are also approved.

Oat Hill multifamily project

Permits for all 291 residential units are issued. Currently, construction is active on five apartment buildings and a recreation building, as well as construction of the missing Napa Junction road segment at the base of Oat Hill.

Giovannoni Logistics Park

The first phase of this project includes two high cube 1.1 million square feet warehouse buildings east of Devlin Road. The grading permit is under review.

PG&E Regional Center completed construction in April 2024.

This Center, located on Boone Drive, consolidates Napa and Vallejo service centers into a more efficient, centralized regional facility.

SDG 217 warehouse completed construction in October 2024.

A 217,000 square feet wine warehouse near Commerce Court.

Napa Cove Apartments completed construction in November 2024.

An affordable 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartment rental home community.



Work

WE'RE PAVING THE WAY TO A SAFER AND BETTER-CONNECTED COMMUNITY.

In 2024, American Canyon made significant strides in improving our community's infrastructure, with the Benton Way Rehabilitation Project leading the charge. This transformative effort not only reconstructed Benton Way but also incorporated new design features such as bulb outs, curb ramp upgrades, high visibility crosswalks and green Class II Bike Facility markings to better accommodate bicyclists – creating a safer and more accessible route for all who travel through the area. As a critical connector in our city, Benton Way's revitalization will improve access to the American Canyon Middle School, Donaldson Way Elementary, Community Park II, Phillip West Aquatics Center and Boys and Girls Club.

Beyond Benton Way, American Canyon tackled projects to enhance accessibility, safety and quality of life. At Newell Open Space, we made ADA improvements to the parking lot and trail access, ensuring that more residents and visitors can enjoy the area's natural beauty. Meanwhile, maintenance at the Water Reclamation Facility, including vegetation removal in its ponds, kept this essential facility running efficiently to support our water sustainability efforts.





Upgrades to community facilities also took center stage this year. The Phillip West Aquatic Center received maintenance on the heating system, and the Adult Activity Center got a refreshed look with new flooring, ensuring these spaces remain welcoming and functional for residents of all ages.

Safety remained a top priority. New Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) installed at Benton and Huntington Way now help protect pedestrians crossing busy streets. Additionally, lighted road safety signage installed at American Canyon Road and Silver Oak Trail provides clearer guidance for drivers.

As for additional work completed in the 2024 calendar year, approximately 1-mile of Class I trails were added by private development, and routine hydrant flushing improved water quality and ensured reliable fire safety infrastructure.

In 2025, sidewalk gap closures and drainage improvements on Melvin Road will address long-standing issues and enhance walkability for the area. Underground utility improvements and street reconstruction projects will also commence on Knightsbridge Way and the eastern portion of the Rancho Del Mar neighborhood. Construction of a 4,200 foot segment of the Napa Valley Vine Trail will commence on Green Island Road from Commerce Boulevard to Paoli Loop as well as bike facility improvements and connections on Commerce Boulevard from Green Island Road to Commerce Court.



WE'RE BRINGING INNOVATION TO CITY HALL TO BETTER SERVE YOU.



Elections

2024 marked a pivotal year for elections in American Canyon, as the City welcomed a new Mayor and several new councilmembers who will help guide our community in the years ahead. Napa County voter turnout was an impressive 78.25%, with 72.56% of voters choosing to mail in their ballots and 5.70% casting their votes on Election Day. American Canyon's turnout stood at 70.36%, demonstrating strong local engagement in shaping our community's future.

New Virtual City Hall

We launched a completely updated website designed to serve as a digital counterpart to our in-person City Hall. The new Virtual City Hall makes it easier for residents to access city services online, including participating in public meetings, paying bills, submitting requests and exploring city programs. Visit American Canyon's Virtual City Hall at [AmericanCanyon.gov!](https://www.americancanyon.gov)

Financial Excellence

American Canyon was proud to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) in 2024 — the 10th consecutive year American Canyon has been recognized by the GFOA. This prestigious recognition highlights American Canyon's dedication to transparency and excellence in financial management.

OpenGov Procurement Launch

The rollout of the OpenGov procurement platform further advanced American Canyon's goals of efficiency and accountability. By consolidating the procurement process into one streamlined system, the platform enhances efficiency with automated deadline reminders and alerts. It also promotes transparency by allowing addenda and Q&A updates to be broadcast in real time, reaching all vendors registered for bid alerts simultaneously.

“Love Where You Work”

We're committed to a work culture that inspires and improves our community.

American Canyon Employee Academy Class of 2024



American Canyon staff across all levels at the Municipal Management Association of California Women's Leadership Summit



Aquatics emergency rescue training



86%

of our employees would recommend working for the city (higher than national average)

90%

feel positive about working here (higher than national average)

94%

plan to work here a year from now (higher than national average)

>8 in 10

gave high marks for the organization demonstrating respect for employees of different cultures and belief systems, exceeding national benchmarks.

Napa Regional Supervisor Academy graduates from American Canyon





In 2024, American Canyon rolled out seasonal Recreation Guides for Fall and Winter/Spring, joining the popular and award-winning Summer editions! Mailed straight to residents, these guides are a go-to resource for all the exciting programs and events happening around town.

Our summer guide was recognized by the California Association of Public Information Officials with an “EPIC Award” (pictured) and a “Silver Circle Award” from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association for its dynamic design and engaging content. Don’t miss out—stay connected and make the most of what American Canyon has to offer!



Play

WE’RE CREATING MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE IN AMERICAN CANYON.

In 2024, American Canyon took major strides to enhance recreation and play for residents of all ages. The highly-anticipated skatepark at Veterans Memorial Park officially opened on April 10, 2024, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that celebrated the completion of this year-long effort. Previously located in a temporary and restricted setting, the skatepark now offers a permanent home with modern features like a concrete mini-bowl, a larger big bowl, ledges, stairs and more. Open from sunrise to sunset, its central location, ample parking and accessibility make it an exciting and welcoming space for skaters in our community.

Via Bellagio Park also received a significant upgrade in 2024. The playground now boasts a fully accessible surface, creating a safe and inclusive environment where children of all abilities can play and explore together. Accessibility continues to be a cornerstone of our parks. In 2023, we proudly renovated and reopened Northampton Park, introducing Napa County’s first all-access universal play experience.

In March 2024, the Parks team introduced the Active Adult Newsletter, a monthly publication designed to keep residents informed about programs, events and activities tailored to active adults. This new resource makes it easier than ever to stay connected with the community and discover new opportunities for engagement.



American Canyon launched its first Adult Sports League in 2023 in response to a community needs assessment highlighting the demand for recreational opportunities for adults. The program kicked off with a Coed Softball League, bringing residents together for fun and friendly competition in Spring and Fall 2024.



Congratulations to the MCC Swingers for winning the Coed Softball Championship on June 23, 2024! In a thrilling game against the defending champions, the Bay Ballerz, the MCC Swingers secured a 13-12 victory with a walk-off at the bottom of the sixth inning. Shout out to all the teams who participated – 99 Problemz, Mood Swings, One Hit Wonders, and Bay Ballerz – for making this season such a success. Stay tuned for details on future leagues and new sports to join!



PARKS & REC HIGHLIGHTS



March 16
Community
Garden Cleanup

May 4
May the 4th
be with You

May 31-June 2
Citywide
Yard Sale

June-August
Meet Me in
the Street

June 16
ACCPF Father's
Day Fun Hike



April 21
Earth Day celebration
with ACCPF

May 27
Memorial Day
Ceremony

June-August
Summer
Camps

June 16
Juneteenth
Celebration

July 4
American Canyon
4th of July Celebration





Aug. 3
Annual Water
Carnival

Aug. 10
Smores and
Meteors

Oct. 4
Barktober
Fest

Oct. 31
Halloween at
the Plaza

Nov. 11
Veterans Day
Ceremony

Dec. 7
Reindeer
Run

Dec. 7-18
I Spy a Snowman
Scavenger Hunt

Aug. 6
National
Night Out

Sept. 21
Coastal Clean
Up Day

Oct. 19
Halloween Nerf
Battle

Oct. 31
Safe
Trick or Treat

Dec. 6
Magic of
the Season

Dec. 14
Donuts
with Santa





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Join us

STATE OF THE CITY OPEN HOUSE

February 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
American Canyon City Hall

Free food | Meet your Mayor & Council | Kids' activities

Meet the City Council, explore City Hall, and connect with staff while learning about key projects from 2024 and exciting plans for the future. Pick up a passport and visit different stations throughout City Hall to be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize! Don't miss this great opportunity to engage with your community — see you there!