

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Information About Larkspur's Upcoming Municipal Election and Local Measure G



Summer/Fall 2022

# What is the issue?

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- **Natural disasters have become a fact of everyday life, and Larkspur is working to be better prepared.**
- Recent heat waves in Spain and Portugal have killed over 1900 people. Last year the heat waves in the Pacific Northwest killed 600.
- The most likely disasters for our community are earthquake, fire, flooding and long-term power outages.
- **Rising inflation means the costs to upgrade and repair are getting exponentially more expensive the longer we wait.**

# Flooding & Sinkholes

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- Larkspur's 75-100 year old storm drains are aging and deteriorating rapidly. Many have not been repaired in over 25 years and are starting to create sinkholes.
- This is especially critical for major roads in and out of town and our neighborhoods that are prone to flooding and vulnerable to the impacts of long-term sea level rise.



# Repairing Larkspur's Storm Drains

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- Larkspur must repair our deteriorating storm drains before the costs of flooding, sinkholes, and other damage become even more expensive in the future.



# Long-term Power Outages

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- As we deal with the increasing challenges of climate change, long-term power outages are becoming more common.
- At this time, there is no current or planned County facility in the Larkspur City limits to provide cooling shelters and assistance to those most in need, particularly seniors and people with disabilities during an emergency event.
- In order to best meet the needs of our local residents, it is the goal of the City to provide a Larkspur based evacuation center.

# Recent Community Outreach

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- Over the Winter/Spring we solicited community feedback regarding your top priorities for the City of Larkspur as related to Disaster Preparedness and other community needs. Your top priorities:
  - Maintaining 911 emergency response times
  - Maintaining evacuation routes in case of Emergency
  - Repairing our storm drain system to prevent flooding, damage to roads, and to maintain our property values
  - Maintaining our roads, infrastructure, programs for children, youth and seniors, and keep our neighborhoods and parks safe.

# What is Measure G

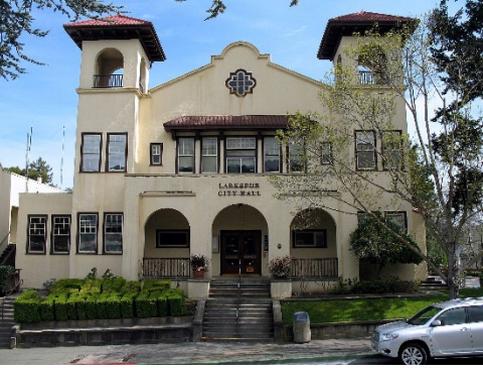
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- On July 20, 2022, the Larkspur City Council voted unanimously to place Measure G , Larkspur’s Disaster Preparedness and Essential Services Measure, on the November 8, 2022 ballot.
- Measure G is a ¼-cent sales tax and requires a 50%+1 vote of Larkspur residents to raise approximately \$700,000 a year to fund Disaster Preparedness and Essential Services



# Official Ballot Language

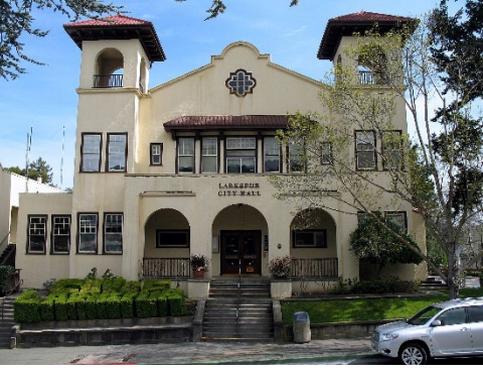


- **Larkspur Disaster Preparedness and Essential Services Measure.** To maintain city services, such as disaster/emergency preparedness, 9-1-1 emergency/medical response, clearing hazardous brush; repairing/maintaining storm drains to prevent flooding, road damage and spills of contaminated water; maintain streets, parks, and general government use; shall the measure establishing a 1/4-cent sales tax, providing approximately \$700,000 annually, until ended by voters, and requiring citizens' oversight, annual audits, all funds spent locally, be adopted?



# Measure G priorities

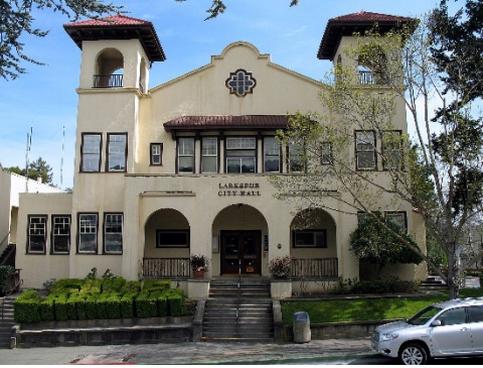
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- Based on community feedback, Measure G prioritizes funds for:
  - Disaster/emergency preparedness
  - 9-1-1 emergency/medical response
  - Clearing hazardous brush
  - Repairing/maintaining storm drains to prevent flooding, road damage and spills of contaminated water
  - Maintaining streets, parks, and general government use

# Is Measure G Fiscally Accountable?

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- Measure G continues Independent Citizens Oversight to ensure that all funds continue to be spent as promised to voters.
- Measure G continues independent financial audits and published expenditure reports.
- NO money will be spent on pensions or administrators' salaries.

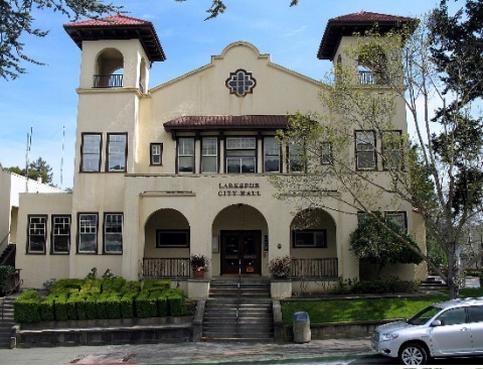


# Where Can I Get More Information?

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- For additional information visit [cityoflarkspur.org/DisasterPreparedness](http://cityoflarkspur.org/DisasterPreparedness)
- November is also the City's Municipal Election, including City Council races.
- For voting information visit [marincounty.org/depts/rv](http://marincounty.org/depts/rv) or contact the Larkspur City Clerk.

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# Questions & Discussion

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