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City Launches New Website

The City of Gilroy has just launched its new website (www.cityofgilroy.org). The new website is easier to use, navigate, is more functional, has a more contemporary look, and will support the City's new online web services such as online police reports, online class registration, and future services such as paying utility bills online and video news releases, some of which are in beta testing now.

Over ten months ago, a Website Redesign Committee was created with a representative from each department. The Web Redesign Committee reviewed hundreds of public and private sector websites selecting some of the best features from these websites for our new design. The committee invested many hours in working through a functional structure, easy-to-use navigation, and finally the content.

An advantage to well-designed websites is they can always be improved with new content ideas and services. This new website will constantly evolve around the basic framework now presented. Another major change, though not visible to the public user, is that the new site is now hosted internally on City of Gilroy Servers. This is a major change as the previous site was designed, hosted and maintained by a second-party contractor, Infolane, of Oakland, CA.

The first City of Gilroy website was launched in 1987, followed by a major redesign in 2003. In 2007 the City created and filled a new staff position of webmaster, in part to begin development and maintenance of the new site. The City website continues to be a valuable and much used tool for communicating information not only about city government and services, but also as a pathway to useful and interesting information of all types.

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