

the OUTLOOK



of Pleasant Hill, California



Pleasant Hill
Fourth of July Commission

4th of July in Pleasant Hill

The 4th of July is on a Thursday this year and the Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission is planning another outstanding celebration!

The Grand Marshal for the 2013 parade is Jim Alkire. Jim was the Pleasant Hill City Manager from 1970-1988, and he and his wife Margi have lived in Pleasant Hill for over 40 years. Jim is an Emeritus member of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation, a past president of Pleasant Hill Rotary Club, and was on the original 4th of July Commission.

This year's theme is "We the People—An American Melting Pot" and the commission has organized the following events:

★ 9th Annual Firecracker 5K Fun Run

Since this tradition started the Fun Run has generated approximately \$71,000 for local schools. It is for all ages and begins with a 100-yard dash for the kids. Register online at www.phjuly4.com and designate a Pleasant Hill school to support. The race starts promptly at 8:00am on Crescent Drive.

★ Parade

The Pleasant Hill hometown parade has something for everyone. Always entertaining, various groups and businesses participate and are cheered by the crowds watching along the

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Sign up for Community Service Day!

Volunteer and project registration is now open for the 9th annual Community Service Day on Saturday, September 28.

Churches, neighborhoods, schools, businesses...find a project and register it on the city website at www.pleasant-hill.net/csd.

Volunteers of all ages can sign up online at www.pleasant-hill.net/csd.



All volunteers receive a free pancake breakfast (served up by the Lions Club) at Pleasant Hill Park on the morning of the event. The first 600 volunteers to

register at the park receive a free event T-Shirt plus snacks and drinks to take with you to your project sites.

Senior residents—do you need help at home with yard work?

The Senior Center and PH Civic Action Commission are exploring the possibility of assisting seniors who are in need of yard work and other outdoor chores at their residences. If you are interested in receiving assistance from Community Service Day volunteers, or have any questions about this project, please call Dana at 798-8788 or email her at dkrider@pleasanthillrec.com. ♣

For more information contact Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or call 671-5229.

ShopPleasantHill.org website launched

The City has launched a new website, www.ShopPleasantHill.org, to promote local shopping and provide quick access to information about services, dining, lodging, and things to do around Pleasant Hill.

Also check out the Shop Pleasant Hill facebook page for coupons and discount offers from local retailers and businesses at www.facebook.com/ShopPleasantHill.



Pleasant Hill Education Initiative (PHEI) update

Over the past four months, PHEI has moved forward with recruitment of volunteers and development of six educational programs scheduled to be implemented in the next school year.

These programs include:

➤ The Green Team

This team will focus on interdisciplinary education about organic gardening, healthy food & nutrition, sustainability and recycling. The intent is to integrate the program with common core by applying these principles and practices in conjunction with STEM programs, engineering, and possibly AP Environmental Science.

➤ Reading Readiness & Tutoring

The Initiative is seeking volunteers to assist with reading in Elementary Schools.

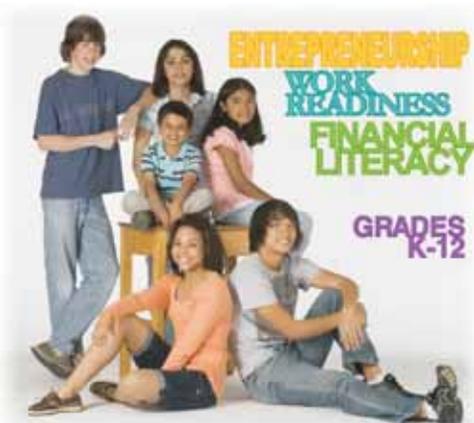
➤ Career Readiness

This program will involve business leaders engaging with students to discuss future careers and professions. It could take the form of several Career Day events or a monthly program with guest

speakers. The Initiative is seeking volunteers from the business community to participate in this program.

➤ Junior Achievement

This is a national program designed for K-12 students to inspire and prepare them to succeed in the global economy.



The Initiative is hoping to expand this program to schools in Pleasant Hill. More details about the program can be obtained at www.bayarea.ja.org.

➤ Parent Education Forums

These forums are intended to provide information to parents for students entering elementary, middle and high school. The Pleasant Hill Education Commission will host a “Navigating Middle School” forum for parents and students in October 2013.

➤ Night of a 1,000 Inventions

This event takes place at the Pleasant Hill Library with students participating in interactive experiments and scientific projects. Contact Patrick Remer at premer@ccclib.org for more details.

If you wish to sign up as a volunteer go to www.pleasant-hill.net/phei. For more information on the Initiative or any of the programs mentioned, please contact Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or by phone at 671-5229. ♣



Help “rebrand” this organization!
See page 16 for the PHEI goals and naming contest.

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route. Participants in past parades included the Harley Motorcycle group and Concord Blue Devils. The parade starts promptly at 9:30am at Woodsworth and Contra Costa Blvd., continues down Crescent Drive in front of the theater, and ends after turning on Boyd Road.



★ Party in the park

Immediately after the parade, head over to Pleasant Hill Park, just a block away, for kids games, a petting zoo, and inflatable games. New this year for the kids, ZORBS!

Back Forty Texas BBQ will provide a variety of food for purchase. Buy lunch and enjoy listening to the Buzztones, followed by Jinx Jones. The popular watermelon-eating contest is back again this year for the older kids and adults. Sign-ups will be at the park. Park activities will wind down about 1:30pm in time for all to take a break and recharge for the evening events!

★ Evening events at College Park High School

Musical entertainment will be local favorites, Cover2Cover. The fireworks show draws a huge crowd, so arrive early. Don't forget to bring a blanket and sweater or jacket just in case. PyroSpectacular will commence the fireworks show at dusk, around 9:20pm. Slow Hand BBQ will return to provide food and beverages for sale. Cold Stone Creamery will also be on site and will be selling shaved ice, fried ice cream, and funnel cakes!

The only way this outstanding Pleasant Hill tradition is able to continue year after year is because of generous donations from the Community. Go to www.phjuly4.com and click on Contributions for a list of Contributors to date. Look for the donation buckets and barrels at the parade and fireworks. Find the Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission on Facebook or go to the website at www.phjuly4.com. Want to volunteer? Questions? Contact Allen Vinson at 938-2373. Thanks to all! ♣



Corner Bakery Café now open in Downtown Pleasant Hill

The latest addition to our growing number of Downtown eateries is Corner Bakery Café which opened just a few weeks ago. The café began life as a small bakery, supplying freshly baked bread to happy customers around town. People loved their breads so much that they evolved into a cafe serving equally remarkable sandwiches. Their menu now includes delightful sweets, savory panini, fresh salads, and hearty bowls of soups and pasta.

- Corner Bakery Cafe, 35 Crescent Drive, Suite 12A-B Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Phone: 363-6267
- Mon–Thu: 7:00am–9:00pm; Fri–Sat: 7:00am–10:00pm
Sun: 7:00am–9:00pm

National Night Out in its sixth year at City Hall

National Night Out was developed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and partnerships between Law Enforcement and the Community in an effort to lower crime. Celebrated across the country on the first Tuesday evening in August, this will be the City of Pleasant Hill's sixth annual event.

National Night Out will feature music, good food, and a bouncy house for the kids as well as tours of a Police Car, Fire Truck, and Ambulance. Join us for this special celebration.



- **Date:** Tuesday, August 6
- **Time:** 6–8 pm
- **Place:** Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

Free! Sunset By The Lake Summer Concerts

On the lawn by the lake at **Pleasant Hill City Hall**
Gregory Ln & Cleaveland Rd

LIVE Music
6-8pm!

FOOD & Fun
every concert!



Jul 7...Spin Out
Rockabilly/Oldies



Jul 21...Patron Latin Rhythms
Latin, Mambo, Salsa, R&B



Aug 4...Dave Martin House Party
Funk/R&B/Dance/Classic Rock



Aug 18...Cover2Cover
High Energy Dance Music

And on Sep 1...Gumbo Stew!

The following restaurants are tentatively scheduled to sell food:	Jul 7	Covey Pizza	Ice cream and shaved ice available for purchase at all concerts!
	Jul 21	Zachary's Pizza	
	Aug 4	Kinder's BBQ	
	Aug 18	Kinder's BBQ	
	Sep 1	Taqueria Los Gallos	

Visit www.pleasanthillconcerts.com for all concert information.
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Commission vacancies...



You can make a difference!

The City is seeking candidates for openings on the following committees:

➤ Commission On Aging

The Commission on Aging makes recommendations to local agencies on programs of benefit to aging citizens in the community. The Commission on Aging meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall.

➤ Contra Costa County Advisory Council On Aging

This County Advisory Council advises the County Area Agency on Aging on matters related to the development and administration of senior programs throughout the County. The Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30am to noon in Pleasant Hill.

➤ Architectural Review Commission

The Commission primarily reviews site plans, architectural structures and signage related to new development in Pleasant Hill. Candidates must have demonstrated talent in aesthetics and architectural design through training, education or occupation. Pleasant Hill residency is not required. The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00pm. at City Hall.

Applications for all positions will be accepted through Monday, July 22, 2013. ♣

For an application or information contact Juanita Davalos at 671-5267 or jdavalos@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

Senior moment or something more serious?

—the Pleasant Hill Commission on Aging

We have all experienced walking into a room and forgetting what you were going to do there. Are these senior moments just the normal forgetfulness of the aging brain or the early warning signs of a more serious disease related mental decline?

This is the first of a two-part article to help you discern whether you or a loved one may have “Red Flag” warning signs or just normal “Green Flag” forgetfulness. Check out the Alzheimer’s Association website for additional information: www.alz.org or call the local branch in Lafayette at (925) 284-7942 to request a brochure about the 10 early warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease. Here are some of the signs the Alzheimers association recommends to watch for:

Forgetfulness



“I’m sorry, I’ve forgotten your name. It’s been quite a while since we met at my cousin’s wedding.”



If forgetfulness starts interfering with your daily life, then it’s time to talk to your doctor. For example, do you consistently forget appointments; ask for the same information or repeat the same story over and over again; and/or have a blizzard of reminder post-it notes up all over the house?

Problem solving



“Drat, I made a mistake in my checkbook but now I’ve figured it out using my bank statement.”



If you have trouble making plans, following instructions, and/or have started making a lot of arithmetic or spelling errors, it may be time to see your doctor. For example, do you consistently forget to pay all your monthly bills although there’s money in the bank; have trouble organizing your paperwork for taxes; or take much longer to cook from a favorite recipe than you used to?

Completing tasks



“Arrgh, Comcast has changed the way I record a TV show. I need help figuring out how to do it using my remote.”



If you are having difficulty completing routine tasks, it’s time to talk to your doctor. For example, do you get lost going to a familiar location such as the grocery store; do you have difficulty recalling the rules for your favorite card game; and/or does the monthly spreadsheet from the boss at work no longer make sense to you?

In the next issue of the Pleasant Hill OUTLOOK, we will detail more of the “Red Flag” warning signs of disease related memory decline. ♣

Senior Center events/activities

■ 4TH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BOUTIQUE

Start your holiday off with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and OJ. After breakfast, shop at their boutique with lots of handmade treasures.

- ❑ Thursday, July 4, 8:00-10:00am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room
- ❑ Adults (11 & up): \$5
Children (5-10): \$3; 4 & under free

■ WAKE UP! YOU’RE SNORING

This clinic is free and will provide info on the causes and effects of snoring, plus tips and advice on how to control your snoring. This workshop is helpful for anyone who struggles with snoring, whether



it’s a light or moderate problem you can help through lifestyle changes, or if you have a more serious condition such as sleep apnea.

- ❑ Thursday, July 25, 5pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Arts & Crafts Room
- ❑ FREE. Sign up at 798-8788

■ TASTE OF THE VINE

Sip a glass of wine with friends and relax. A variety of red and white wines available for you to choose from plus light hors d’oeuvres will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages available.

- ❑ Friday, August 23, 5pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Dining Room
- ❑ Tickets \$10; \$15 at the door if available

■ SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A BOOK?

Please join us as we present a panel of block-buster local authors who will discuss their writing and publishing experiences. A Q&A session follows. If you have any interest in writing and/or being published, this is a must attend event! Free for all ages

- ❑ Tuesday, August 13, 2pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room



Why NOT recycle?

—Liz Fisher

It's so much easier to recycle today than it used to be. You no longer have to take labels off bottles, flatten everything, or schlep it clear across town to be recycled. Now just put it in the recycle bin instead of the trash bin. How hard is that?

Almost everything can be recycled these days—all papers, metals, glass, and plastic. Pleasant Hill even recycles plastic bags, rigid plastic items like buckets, crates, trays and plastic toys, and peripherals like a mouse, keyboard or speakers.

Since the materials get washed multiple times during the recycling process, a little food clinging to the pet food can doesn't make it unrecyclable; it just makes it messier for the workers in the recycling facilities. Don't put half full jars of mayonnaise in the recycle bin, but don't think you have to choose between putting everything in the dishwasher before recycling or not recycling at all. Recycle it!

It's quite eye-opening to tour the Transfer Station where the garbage trucks, that collect our curbside trash, dump their contents for consolidation into a bigger trailer

for hauling to the Antioch landfill. The quantity of waste we produce is overwhelming! Public tours are scheduled for August (*see sidebar on right*).

Tour the Pleasant Hill Recycling facility in July where recyclables from commercial accounts get sorted and baled in preparation for the trip to various destinations: Bay Area mills for steel, North Carolina for PET bottles (aka PETE or recycle symbol "1"), US wheel manufacturers for aluminum, China for cardboard and paper, and a variety of additional processors for other materials.

Why not recycle? Recycling might be the easiest way to make a difference without changing your lifestyle. Our parents and grandparents made the transition to flush toilets; can we make the transition from trash dumpster to recycle bin? Recycle it! ♣



The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Green Committee and members tour the recycling facility.

—photo by Susan Wood

Liz Fisher is a member of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Green Business Committee. You can visit the Green Committee website, pleasanthillchamber.com/greenbiz.php, or follow them on Facebook.



Transfer Station and Recycling facility tours in July and August

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Green Committee is hosting free tours for anyone interested in seeing how our trash and recyclables are managed after they're collected from our curbside carts. The tours are about 30 minutes long. Sign up with ABaker@republicservices.com or call Allied Waste at 671-5806

► Tour the Pleasant Hill Recycling Facility located at 1320 Galaxy Way in Concord.

- ❑ Thursday, July 11 at 10am
- ❑ Thursday, July 18 at 10am
- ❑ Thursday, July 25 at 10am

See where recyclables from schools and businesses are sorted and baled before being sent out for processing. This is also a general public redemption facility for pre-sorted recyclables. Visit to see and learn a lot about recycling.

► Tour the Allied Waste Transfer and Recovery Station located at 951 Waterbird Way in Martinez.

- ❑ Tuesday, August 6 at 10am
- ❑ Wednesday, August 14 at 1pm
- ❑ Thursday, August 22 at 10am

See where the garbage trucks that empty our trash carts and dumpsters consolidate their contents into larger trucks for hauling to the Antioch landfill. The general public can also drop off materials here for waste disposal or recycling. Visit to see how they manage all the waste we produce. ♣



Backyard composting workshops at City Hall

The City of Pleasant Hill is hosting free backyard composting workshops and offering residents high-quality compost bins for \$40 (retail \$129) for those who attend a workshop.

Composting your yard trimmings and food scraps is easy, great for your yard and garden, kind to our environment, and good for you, too! Save money, save water, and conserve natural resources.



Find out how by attending a free workshop—register now by calling Annette Kaufmann at 671-5265 or go to www.pleasant-hill.net/compost.

Compost bins are regularly \$75 for residents and \$100 for non-residents but residents who attend a composting workshop only pay \$40.

The workshops are one hour in duration. Dates for upcoming compost workshops at the Large Community Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane are Tuesday, **July 16** and Tuesday **August 20**. All workshops are from 7–8pm. ♣

Sign up for workshops at
www.pleasant-hill.net/compost.



FREE E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill



Got E-Waste?

We can help you recycle your old, unwanted electronic equipment at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College, located at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill, on Saturdays, July 6 and August 3, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The event is open to any California resident, business, school, etc. This is a monthly event that will take place the first Saturday of each month. Dropping off of your E-waste is FREE and items accepted include TVs, monitors, computers, and more—with no limit! Visit www.NoEwaste.com or call toll free, (866) 335-3373 for electronic items accepted and detailed event info. Sponsored by Electronic Waste Management, a state-approved e-waste collector. ♣

Lose a lawn—get a garden

A workshop on how to replace your lawn with a beautiful water-wise landscape.

This three-hour workshop will include garden design, choosing plants, drip irrigation, lawn removal, and more. Talk with garden designers and irrigation experts. The workshop will be held on two dates to accommodate the anticipated number of participants.

- **When:** Saturday, August 24 from 9am to noon and Saturday, September 21 from 9am to noon
- **Where:** Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord
- **Cost:** \$20
- **Signup:** Sign up on-line at www.gardenshf.org or call 947-1678
- **Presented by** the Gardens at Heather Farms and Contra Costa Water District.



FPHE Awards \$38,000 to Pleasant Hill Schools

In May 2013, the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) awarded just short of \$38,000 to support educational activities in Pleasant Hill public schools. The grants were funded by FPHE's 2013 Annual Campaign and various other 2013 fundraisers.



Since 2009, FPHE has awarded over \$157,000 and 187 grants to the eleven public schools within the College Park High School feeder pattern.

This year, the Foundation awarded 37 grants. Every school that requested a grant received one. FPHE grants are awarded based on a combination of criteria including the number of students impacted and the contribution to or support of language arts, math, science, or other key curriculum areas. A detailed list can be found below.

FPHE thanks and applauds all 2013 donors and business partners for placing a high priority on local education and realizing that strong schools benefit the entire community.

For more information about FPHE or to donate, visit www.fphe.org.

2013 FPHE grant awards

- **College Park High School—**
WARD'S Ecosystem: Oil Spill; Cleanup lab program (Environmental Science classes); Technology grant (Special Education Department); Stage/performance tools and supplies (Theater Arts Department)
- **Pleasant Hill Middle School—**
Student Response System clickers (6th Grade); Classroom sets of core literature: Boy of the Painted Cave and Rats of NIHM (6th Grade); Technology grant (Language Department); Stage lighting (School-wide use); Multi-Use Room sound system (School-wide use)
- **Sequoia Middle School—**
Density Inquiry set (Science Department); Classroom set of Almanacs (6th Grade); World religions program (6th Grade); Nook tablets (6th Grade); TV monitors for Raspberry Pi systems (Computer Science Department); Stage lighting (School-wide use)
- **Valley View Middle School—**
Video camera and accessories (Computer Technology Department); Class set of English-Spanish dictionaries; Technology grant; Classroom literature sets: My Brother Sam is Dead and Nothing But the Truth (8th Grade)
- **Fair Oaks Elementary—**
Want to Soar early readers and online program (Kindergarten); African Ngoma drum (Music Department)
- **Gregory Gardens Elementary—**
A Place for Everyone classroom carpet (3rd Grade); Technology grant; Water Water Everywhere ecology program (5th Grade)
- **Hidden Valley Elementary—**
Class sets of flash drives (5th Grade); USA Studies weekly history magazine (5th Grade)
- **Pleasant Hill Elementary—**
SRA Reading Lab (1st Grade); Technology grant; Fruit trees, wood, and gardening supplies (5th Grade)
- **Strandwood Elementary—**
Singapore math practice books (1st Grade); Scholastic News science and social studies weekly (1st Grade); Technology grant; Music supplies and instruments (Music Department)
- **Valhalla Elementary—**
Being a Writer book sets (2nd Grade); Technology grant; Assistive technology grant (Special Education Department)

News from the Pleasant Hill Lions Club

After tornadoes ripped into Moore, Oklahoma, causing widespread devastation, Lions International sent \$100,000 to the Lions Club of Moore for them to distribute to the victims. The local Lions District of Alameda and Contra Costa contributed \$5000. This is an example that Lions act globally, not just locally. The money is sent with no red tape or bureaucracy; it's sent directly to the people who need it!



On June 1 the Pleasant Hill Lions Club served a complimentary breakfast to the participants in Relay For Life, an American Cancer Society fund raiser. The relay lasted 24 hours with many participants walking to raise funds for such an important cause.

Coming up in September the Pleasant Hill Lions Club will serve breakfast to some 600 volunteers on Community Service Day in Pleasant Hill Park. On October 18 the club is hosting a Bingo-Pasta Night which is fun for all generations! More information will come out in the next OUTLOOK, but save the date!

If you enjoy serving the community with a fun group and would like to learn more about joining the Lions Club, call Don Flaskerud, current Club President at 925-676-5859 ♣

Pleasant Hill Community Foundation announces Community Grants

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation has announced its 2013 Community Grant awards. All of the recipients provide recreational, educational and cultural services to the residents of Pleasant Hill.

Community Grant Chair Adrienne Roe states, "We received requests to fund such a wide variety of projects this year. We are very happy that we are able to support new projects like the Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm & Teaching Garden and long-rooted establishments in our community like the Pleasant Hill Library."

All of the grants were provided from donors who generously gave to the Annual Giving Campaign last fall. A full listing of the awardees follows:

- **College Park High School** – Grad Night
- **Friends of Rodgers Ranch** – Brochures with new name of Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center
- **Meals on Wheels** – New brochures to promote program
- **JFK University** – Life Skills Workshops for their LEAP (sports psychology) classes
- **Pleasant Hill Library** – 50 nonfiction books to support educational, recreational and cultural interests
- **Pleasant Hill Middle School** – laptops to support Spanish language classes
- **Pleasant Hill Senior Center** – Microphone headset for the hearing impaired for use in exercise classes
- **Pleasant Hill Teen Center** – Wii interactive game system
- **Rehabilitation Services of Northern California** – Professional grade shade canopies for the Mt. Diablo Center
- **Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm & Teaching Garden** – Soil, shade cloth and supplies for the Urban Farm
- **Sequoia Middle School** – New video camera and supplies to produce anti-bullying service announcements
- **Walnut Creek United Methodist Church** – Tutors for Pleasant Hill Elementary School's English as a Second Language students
- **Fair Oaks Elementary School** – Art and music program provided by AAUW – Provided by Mary Walters Memorial Fund



For more information on the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation and the work they do in the community, please visit the website at www.PHCommunityFoundation.org.



Host families needed for Rotary Youth Exchange Student

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is sponsoring Rita Gebert, a Youth Exchange student from Austria, for the 2013-2014 College Park High School year. Rita is 16 years old and will be a junior at College Park starting in August. While German is her native language, Rita speaks fluent English. She is very musical (playing the clarinet, guitar and piano), enjoys singing, and is in her school chorus. She also plays handball and soccer. According to her teachers, Rita is a "top student with outstanding talents in science, languages, music and sports." Rita will arrive in mid August and return to her native Austria in mid July 2014.

PH Rotary is looking for volunteer host families to host Rita, each family for a 3-1/2 to 4-month period for the fall, winter, and spring. Host families come in all shapes and sizes that might include young children, older children, or no children at all. The Pleasant Hill Rotary Club and members will provide her with a monthly allowance of approximately \$200 for sundry expenses. The student should have her own money for anything extra.

As a host family, you will be asked to provide Rita with a safe, nonthreatening, respectful, and appropriate home environment, where she has her own bed (she may share a room, but only with a sibling of the same gender and around the same age), a private area to study, and her daily meals. In addition to providing room and board, host parents are expected to exercise general parental supervision, as would the exchangee's own parents...in other words, **MAKE HER PART OF YOUR FAMILY**



For more info, please contact Jennifer Grossi of the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill at (925) 285-1004 or jennifergrossi@grossigroup.com.

PH Library activities...

► Summer Reading

June 8–August 17

“Reading is so Delicious!” Pick up a reading record for all ages at the library and read away for amazing prizes.

► The Idea Box will be out all summer

The Idea Box has returned in miniature. Kids, submit your ideas and together we'll bring them to life.

► Film Series at the Senior Center—Muslim Journeys

“Koran by Heart”, Tuesday, July 23, 1pm. “Prince among Slaves”, Tuesday, August 27, 1pm. *Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association.

► World Party

Saturday, July 20, 2:00pm

A multiethnic extravaganza with fun, food, and games! Organized by the library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).

► Fur Scales & Tails

Tuesday, July 30, 6:30pm

17 different animals to see and touch!

► Mr. Horsefeathers

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30pm

Magic, juggling, and comedy.

► Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training—Help an Adult Learn to Read!

Registration starts August 7. Training on September 18, 21, and 28. All three sessions are required. No previous teaching experience is required. More info: www.ccclib.org/psc or 927-3250.

► Doorstep Farmers

Every Tuesday, 5:00-7:00pm

Pick up a box of organic fruits and vegetables every week at the Library! Contact Doorstep Farmers directly to sign up: 349-4568 or www.doorstepfarmers.com. All subscribers who request delivery at the Library have the option to donate 5% to the Pleasant Hill Library.

► Lego Creator's Club

Every Saturday, 2:00pm

Make anything you can imagine with our huge collection of legos! Plus new challenges and tips every meeting.

► One-on-One Computer Tutor

Wednesdays and Saturdays

Tutors assist with setting up email, Microsoft Word, basic Internet searches, printing and saving, and also with digital gadgets like laptops, smart phones, eReaders, and cameras. Please call or make an online reservation at www.ccclib.org.



► English Conversation Practice for Adults

Every Wednesday, 1:30–2:30pm

Tutors assist with setting up email, Microsoft Word, basic Internet searches, printing and saving, and also with digital gadgets like laptops, smart phones, eReaders, and cameras. Please call or make an online reservation at www.ccclib.org. ♣

Pleasant Hill Library Meeting Room

Available during library open hours. Details on how to reserve the room, the meeting room application, and usage policy can be found on our Website at www.ccclib.org.



Just for teens

► Teen Chess & Board Games

Every Friday, 3:00-5:00pm

Gather for friendly chess matches or raucous Apples to Apples tournaments! The Library has a variety of board games such as checkers, Connect Four, Pictionary, Candyland, Scrabble, and Battleship.

► Teen Advisory Group

Every second Wednesday

3:30-5:00pm

Meet with other community teens and the young adult librarian to share and plan what you want to see happen at the library.

Storytimes

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 11:15am, plus Friday afternoons, 1:15pm

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of words at any of our fun and musical storytimes!



Please check the library's Website for additional information and details on all events at www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html

New leadership at JFK University

7th President in 50 years of education

Dr. Charles "Mac" Powell has been named President of John F. Kennedy University, having served as Interim since January.

Dr. Powell has been with the National University System in a variety of roles since 2002, most recently serving as President of WestMed College and previously, as Dean of the National University Golf Academy and as Executive Director of the National University Center for Performance Psychology.

The seventh JFK University leader in the institution's 50-year history, Dr. Powell says he is honored to be President of such a

distinguished institution, one that remains committed to educational access, lifelong learning, and community service. "We focus on providing a quality academic experience in a format that meets the needs of our unique student body of lifelong learners," he explains.

The new President, taking on the permanent role in June, holds bachelor's degrees in philosophy and sociology; master's degrees in business, sociology, and clinical psychology; and a Ph.D. in



Sociology from the University of Missouri. Dr. Powell is a Class "A" member of the Professional Golfers Association of America, has worked with players at all levels of golf, and has spoken around the world in the fields of athletics, coaching, and performance psychology. ♣



News from PHR&PD

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District breaks ground on final bond project

On May 30 multiple golden shovels dug into a pile of ceremonial dirt at Pleasant Oaks Park to officially mark the beginning of the last of four Measure E bond projects. Improvements at Pleasant Oaks Park include one full size soccer field, five softball fields, ADA compliant pathways throughout the park, picnic areas, a preschool play structure, and resurfacing of the parking lots. During

construction regular field user groups such as Pleasant Hill Baseball Association and the Pleasant Hill/Martinez Soccer Association are relocating to various fields throughout Pleasant Hill and Martinez.

Other projects funded by Measure E include the Teen Center which opened in October of 2012, the Senior Center which opened in January of this year, and the Community Center which is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed at the end of this year. For more information on the bond projects and to see up to date photos visit www.pleasanthillrec.com. ♣



Architect Phil Abey; District Board Members Bobby Glover, Sandra Bonato, Zac Shell, and Sherry Sterrett; and Goodland Landscape Construction Superintendent Joe Trigo wielded the golden shovels.



Adult & Pediatric CPR

Adult, child & infant CPR; rescue breathing and aid for an obstructed airway. A book of content is provided along with a 2-year certification card upon successful completion of course.

- Saturday, August 24, 10am-2pm
- PH Senior Center; Classroom 1&2
- \$34 District resident, \$42 non-resident; plus \$15 lab fee payable to instructor.
- Pre-registration required!



Gardens sought for 2014 "Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour"

Gardens are now being sought to participate in the spring 2014 "Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour," which showcases pesticide-free, drought-tolerant gardens that provide habitat for wildlife and contain 60% or more native plants. The gardens featured in this tour will demonstrate that—from postage stamp-sized yards to large lots—beautiful California native plant gardens are possible for anyone. Garden visits will begin in May and continue through July.

The goals of this FREE tour are to:

- Provide homeowners with the opportunity to see first-hand a garden containing 60% or more native plants.
- Illustrate that healthy, attractive gardens can flourish without the use of synthetic chemicals, and with little water.
- Motivate residents to garden with native plants, and use natural gardening techniques in their own gardens.

Interested in having your garden on the tour?

Applications for including your garden can be found at www.bringingbackthenatives.net/garden-host-application. If you have a garden to offer, please return the application, along with the list of native plants in your garden as soon as possible. For more information e-mail Kathy Kramer at Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call (510) 236-9558 between 9am and 9pm. ♣



Derby Day

All ages are welcome! Test your engineering skills and design a boat out of cardboard, recyclables and duct tape.



All boats will compete in races across the pool. Wear your swimsuit and prepare to get wet! Pre-registration required by July 17.

- Friday, July 19
- 2pm at the PH Aquatic Park, 147 Gregory Lane
- For rules and more information, call 680-0896.

Get Cash Back for water-saving upgrades

For a limited time, Contra Costa Water District will give you a cash rebate to replace your lawn or to buy water-wise appliances.

Current Programs offer rebates up to:

- \$100 - High-Efficiency Clothes Washer
- \$125 - High-Efficiency Toilets
- \$144 - Smart Sprinkler Timers
- \$500 - Lawn to Garden Conversions
- Additional commercial property rebates are available



For more information and program eligibility, call 688-8320 or visit www.ccwater.com/conserv

Funding is limited, so call today!



Rodgers Ranch *HAPPENINGS*

- **July 14**—Northern California Unit of the Herb Society of America celebrates “Elderberry Herb of the Year” at their annual Herb Day at Rodgers Ranch, 315 Cortsen Rd. from 11am–4pm. Herb related vendors will be present and following presentations will be given:

- Yoga in the Garden—11:30am
- Introduction to Flower Essences—12:30pm
- All about Elderberry—1:30pm
- Tips for beginning an Herb Garden—2:30pm
- Easy to make herbal Salad Dressings—3:15pm

Want more information? Contact
NCUHSA@gmail.com.

- **August 6 and August 8**—Round Up Heritage Days
- **August 10**—Barbecue fundraiser at the Mangini Farm. More information to come on this event.

The ranch is seeking volunteers to help at the ranch and on committees. Contact them at rodgersranch@yahoo.com or call Denise at 387-0158.

Location: 315 Cortsen Rd, Pleasant Hill

Rodgers Ranch is owned and maintained by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY **BARK FOR LIFE™** A CANINE EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

“Bark for Life” in Pleasant Hill

Dog lovers are invited to “take a bite out of cancer” at the third annual Bark for Life of Pleasant Hill. This cancer-fighting fundraiser will be held from 9am to noon on Saturday, August 3, on the lawn area at Pleasant Hill City Hall.

Dogs are important caregivers for many cancer patients, and this event is a way to honor the dogs while raising money for the American Cancer Society. At the Bark, people walk their dogs on a leash around a small track. There will be special events for dogs and their masters with prizes for the winning dogs. Each dog will get a goodie bag.

The Bark for Life is an extension of the Pleasant Hill Relay For Life, which was held on June 1 and 2. The Relay raised \$55,000, and donations are still being taken through August 31.

To support the Bark, register your dog for \$25 and then solicit donations from your dog-loving family and friends.

For more information and to register, go to www.relayforlife.org/barkpleasanthillca. You may also call 944-4898 or send an e-mail to lmaseo@yahoo.com. ♣



Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District celebrates the 12th annual American Iron Car Show! Register your pre-80s American car. But register early, space is limited

- Sunday, August 11
- Downtown Pleasant Hill, 10am–3pm
- Please call 682-0896 for details or visit www.pleasanthillrec.com

Free Concerts in Downtown Pleasant Hill

Downtown Pleasant Hill is hosting FREE live music in the Plaza this summer on the third Thursday of July through September from 6:30pm–8:30pm.

The bands perform in the Downtown Plaza, next to Jack's Restaurant and Sweet Tomatoes.



July 18 FAST TIMES

Participating merchants will be providing special concert promotions and discounts for each of the concert nights along with special dinner menus and late night Happy Hours.

Bring a low back lawn chair or a blanket or just your own two feet to dance

the night away! Enjoy a fun night under the stars in Downtown Pleasant Hill.

Chamber wine tasting

For wine lovers, the Pleasant Hill Chamber will also be having Wine Tasting from 5:30pm–8pm. Tickets are available for pre-purchase at www.pleasanthillchamber.com or call



August 15
DAVE MARTIN'S
HOUSE PARTY BAND



687-700. You can also purchase tickets each night of the concerts. The concerts are co-sponsored by the City of Pleasant Hill, Jack's Restaurant & Bar, and Corner Bakery.

Visit ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com and "Like Us" on Facebook to get a complete line-up for the Summer Concert Series. For more information contact Kim Kelley at 800-762-1641. ♣

Band Schedule

- July 18–Fast Times
- August 15–Dave Martin's House Party Band
- September 19–The Fundamentals

Mothers' Club Picnic at Rodgers-Smith Park

The Pleasant Hill/Walnut Creek Mothers' Club is hosting its annual Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 20 at Rodgers Smith Park from 10am to 2pm. Admission is free, and Dickey's Barbecue Pit will cater lunch—\$5 for kids; \$10 for adults.

Families who want to learn more about this non-profit, all-volunteer club are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP by July 15 to phwcdirector@gmail.com and indicate the number in your party. Up to 40 names will be drawn that day and winners will receive a free lunch.

For more information, please visit www.phwcmothersclub.org.



Dog Obedience Training

Training your dog is the key to having a happy, healthy, well-rounded canine companion. Teach your dog the simple household commands of "watch me, sit, down and stay." For dogs five months and older with a current rabies vaccine. Instructor: Kou Nelson, The Collaborative Dog

- Saturdays, July 13-August 3, 10am-10:50am
- Old School House Parking Lot, corner of Wendell Lane and Oak Park Blvd
- 4 weeks: \$85 District Resident, \$100 non-resident
- Pre-Registration Required. Call 682-0896 or visit the District Office



LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

Diablo Theatre Company's STARS 2000, a Pleasant Hill-based Teen Theatre Company, will present the delightful and hilarious Broadway musical *Legally Blonde* at DVC July 26–August 4, 2013. This marks the twenty-first Anniversary of STARS 2000, a prestigious, pre-professional company. Many alumni from STARS 2000 have gone on to perform in professional theatre companies around the world and on Broadway.

Legally Blonde is a musical with music and lyrics by Laurence O’Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach. The story is based on the novel *Legally Blonde* by Amanda Brown and the 2001 film of the same name.

Elle Woods appears to have it all, but her life is turned upside-down when her boyfriend dumps her so he can get “serious” about his life and attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle uses her charm to get into Harvard Law, but struggles with peers, professors, and Warner (the elusive boyfriend). Elle, with her best friend “Bruiser” (a Chihuahua) quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Reserve your tickets for *Legally Blonde* by calling 324-7359. Tickets may also be purchased at the door as availability allows. Tickets range from \$13 to \$20 with special pricing for students, seniors and groups. For additional information, please visit the website, www.diablotheatre.org. ♣



“Double cast” leads (left: Kai Baines; right: Adria Swan, DVC student). Pleasant Hill residents Derek Miller (Emmett) and Jacob Judd (Professor Callahan) also perform in key roles.

- ★ STARS 2000’s Summer Production of *Legally Blonde*
- ★ July 26–August 4
- ★ Diablo Valley College Performing Arts Center, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill.*

*wheelchair accessible

Our rockin’ community! Events for July and August 2013...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jul 4	Race, Parade, Music, Fireworks!	PH Downtown & CPHS	4th of July Commission	938-2373
Jul 6	E-Waste Recycling Event	Diablo Valley College	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Jul 7	Concert by the Lake, Spin Out	Pleasant Hill City Hall lake	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Jul 11, 18, 25	Recycling Facility tour	PH Recycling Facility	PH Chamber of Commerce	671-5806
Jul 13-Aug 3	Dog Obedience (Saturdays only)	Old School House parking lot	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jul 16	Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Jul 18	Plaza Concert, Fast Times	Downtown PH	Downtown Pleasant Hill	800-762-1641
Jul 19	Derby Day	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jul 20	PH/WC Mothers’ Club Picnic	Rodgers Smith Park	PH/WC Mothers’ Club	www.phwcmothersclub.org
Jul 23	“Koran by Heart”	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Jul 23	Concert by the Lake, Patrón Latin Rhythm	Pleasant Hill City Hall lake	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Jul 25	Wake Up! You’re Snoring	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jul 26-Aug 4	“Legally Blonde”	DVC Performing Arts Ctr	Diablo Theatre Company’s STARS 2000	324-7359
Aug 3	Bark for Life	Pleasant Hill City Hall	Relay For Life	944-4898
Aug 3	E-Waste Recycling Event	Diablo Valley College	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Aug 4, 14, 22	Transfer & Recovery Station tour	Transfer and Recovery Station	Allied Waste	671-5806
Aug 4	Concert by the Lake, Dave Martin’s HP	Pleasant Hill City Hall lake	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Aug 6	National Night Out	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	288-4637
Aug 6, 8	Round Up Heritage Days	Rodgers Ranch	Friends of Rodgers Ranch	387-0158
Aug 10	BBQ Fundraiser	Mangini Farm	Friends of Rodgers Ranch	387-0158
Aug 11	American Iron Car Show	Downtown PH	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Aug 13	So You Want to Write a Book?	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Aug 15	Plaza Concert, Dave Martin’s House Party	Downtown PH	Downtown Pleasant Hill	800-762-1641
Aug 18	Concert by the Lake, Cover2Cover	Pleasant Hill City Hall lake	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Aug 20	Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Aug 23	Taste of the Vine	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Aug 24	Lose a lawn workshop	CCC Water District	CCC Water District/Gardens at Heather Farms	947-1678
Aug 24	Adult & Pediatric CPR	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788

...and fresh produce and new friends at the Farmers' Market!

Summertime and the livin' is easy, as they say. Come and take a stroll through the Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market and enjoy a visit with your farmers, your neighbors, and your friends. Listen to great music and pick out a bonanza of fabulous summer produce to toss on the grill for the 4th of July and for all your summer gatherings.

July and August is summer vegetable time. Mounds of fat eggplant and fresh herbs from Chou Farms, stacks of luscious heirloom tomatoes from Rose Lane Farms, and heaps of summer squash from Garcia Farms are now available. Lest we forget, year-round veggies are here as well. Basics like potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, and more are always here to enjoy. Lettuce is especially nice right now, so add some Romaine or red leaf lettuce to your cool summertime salads.



Bell peppers are one of those versatile vegetables that we don't think much about, but they're sweet and crunchy this time of year. Think about adding strips to your veggie sautés or fajitas, chop into big green salads or cool potato salads, or cut in quarters and just add your favorite dip for a healthy nosh.

Summer stonefruit is here from J&J Ramos Farms. Sweet juicy apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, pluots, and apriums fill the tables. Great on the grill, in salads, desserts, and smoothies, they're the perfect summer accompaniment to your picnic or barbecue.

And let's not forget that glorious summertime treat—sweet corn! Our farmers bring white and yellow corn for grilling and for making corn relish, cornbread, corn salad—you get the idea. But with corn only lasting a short few months, think about ways to keep it once the season is over to enjoy in winter. Remove from the cob and freeze it or make some corn relish.



The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market will be here every Saturday, 9am to 1pm, through November 16, at the Downtown Plaza so stock up on all your fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, flowers, bakery items, and more. ♣



PLEASANT HILL FARMERS' MARKET

Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm

In Season: Stonefruit is here in all its summer glory. **Zaiger Farms** is here with peaches, nectarines, & apricots. Try some of their dried fruits & nuts, too!

J&M Farms is here with lots of greens! Organic Romaine lettuce & mixed salad greens, peas, carrots, summer squash, beans & onions.

Crescent Dr. at Downtown Plaza



Fresh Confetti Corn Salad

- 2 cups fresh sweet corn, removed from cob, quickly cooked to retain crispness
 - 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in half
 - 1/2 cup yellow pear tomatoes, cut in half
 - 1 small can sliced black olives
 - 1/2 red onion, diced
 - 2 green onions, chopped
 - Vinaigrette or Italian dressing of your choice
- Toss all ingredients together and chill. Great as a side salad next to grilled chicken or meat, or as a light main course with crisp baguette toasts. (Add a cup of chopped cooked chicken for a heartier main course.)

—Recipe: Debra Morris, PCFMA.



**SATURDAY, JULY 27TH 2013
12-6PM PLEASANT HILL PARK**

BEER TASTING

**VIP ACCESS 12-5PM: \$55 ADVANCED PURCHASE ONLY (LIMITED QUANTITY)
GENERAL ADMISSION 1-5PM: \$35 IN ADVANCE/\$45 AT THE DOOR
(ONLY TASTING TICKET HOLDERS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO TASTING TENT)**

FREE MUSIC FEATURING

THE CANDYE KANE BAND

THE CHRIS CAIN BAND ★ CAROOMPAS ROOM

JINX JONES & THE KINGTONES ★ FRANKIE G. & THE CONVICTION ★ RED EYE REVUE

FRIDAY NIGHT PRE-PARTY CONCERT

**FRIDAY, JULY 26 - FEATURING THE BIG JANGLE - 6-9PM
FOOD - BEER - WINE**

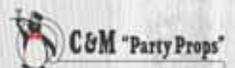
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Economic Development/Business News in Pleasant Hill...welcome to new businesses!

The City of Pleasant Hill is committed to promoting and supporting the business community within the City. The economic vitality of Pleasant Hill is dependent on a strong business sector, and the City plays an important role in making this happen. To find out more about Economic Development efforts in Pleasant Hill or for additional information on locating or expanding your business operations in the City, please contact Kelly Calhoun at 671-5213 or Kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.



New businesses April 2012

Anita Bottari (Bookkeeping Service)
140 Mayhew Way, #701
925-932-3300

Big Dave's Bikes
(New Bicycle Sales & Service)
609 Gregory Lane, #120
925-212-2553

Bunch Psychotherapy Services
399 Taylor Blvd., #210
510-508-5241

Diaspora Arts Connection (Promote
New Artists/Organize Concerts)
925-323-1884

Fantasy Nails By Marina
(Manicurist)
1571 Oak Park Blvd.
925-435-7008

My Makeup Tattoo & Lashes (Eye-
lash Extensions/Waxing/Makeup)
2649 Pleasant Hill Road
925-389-2211

Savvy's Sweet Shoppe
(Cottage Food/Candy)
925-451-3055

Conrad's Photography
(Home Office/Photography)
925-947-6648

John Hand-Hands On (Handyman)
925-980-4988

Field's Book Store (Home Office
for Web-Based Book Store)
415-673-2027

Myers Homegrown Heirlooms
(Home Office for Produce/
Flowers/Farmers Market)
925-302-6466

Nasrin's Drapery (Home Office
for Drapery Sewing)
925-293-4483

Rangoon Super Stars
(Home Admin Office)
925-680-4677

Savory Cook
(Cottage Food Operation)
415-810-1249

New businesses May 2013

Cindy Yvette Lipton
(Massage Therapy)
2367 Pleasant Hill Road
415-302-0773

East Bay Pharmacy
(Closed Door Pharmacy)
3474 Buskirk Ave.
925-207-4233

Eugene J. Burbige, MD
400 Taylor Blvd., #304
925-363-0069

Jessica Griffin Massage Therapy
1610 Oak Park Blvd., #2
925-943-2222

Kai Pang
(Acupuncture/Acupressure)
1630 Contra Costa Blvd., #C
925-689-9888

Moshy Motorsport, Inc.
(Retail Used Car Dealer)
140 Mayhew Way, #501
925-945-1792

Q Nails (Nail Salon)
508 Contra Costa Blvd, "F"
925-798-0606

Rehab Care (Healthcare Services)
399 Taylor Blvd., #208
925-692-1160

Renee's Hair Affair (Cosmetologist)
1926 Oak Park Blvd.
925-812-2070

Subway
2360 Monument Blvd., "C"
925-826-5088

Lombardi Court Reporting Service
925-979-0225

Max Effort (Online Clothing Sales)
510-734-1814

**Murphy & Murphy Mosquito
Maulers** (Office for Pest Control)
925-262-8453

Sublime Housekeeping (Janito-
rial/Cleaning – Residential, Office)
925-518-8271

You Won't Designs
(Online Apparel Sales)
925-890-9658



City Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 1 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 3 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 1 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 4	City Hall closed for 4th of July Holiday	
Tue 9 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 9 7:30pm	Planning Commission	Council Chambers
Thu 11 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Thu 11 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 15 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Thu 18 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
July 22 6:30pm	Joint City Council & Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District meeting	Council Chambers
Tue 23 7:30pm	Planning Commission	Council Chambers
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Wed 28 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Community Room



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City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 28, U-Verse Channel 99, and Astound Channel 29 on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Meetings are also available on the City website under "Media Center."

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday–Wednesday 8:30am–5:00 pm
Thursday 8:30am–6:00 pm
Friday 8:30am–1:00 pm



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for Sep/Oct is August 9. Ideas are always welcome. Local non-profit groups may submit articles to the Public Information Officer at 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For information, call Martin Nelis at 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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Pleasant Hill Education Initiative naming contest—submit your entry today!

The Pleasant Hill Education Initiative (PHEI) was launched in February 2013. The Initiative's goal is to establish a community wide volunteer effort to enhance the quality of education for students in Pleasant Hill.

The group is now looking to rebrand the name of the organization and is asking the public to submit names. The entries will be voted on by the PHEI Steering Committee and the winner will be awarded a \$100 gift card to a Pleasant Hill restaurant.

Contest entries should:

- Be fairly short
- Be easily memorable/recognizable for marketing purposes
- Ideally, include a 'Pleasant Hill' reference in the name
- Represent the PHEI goal of bringing our community together to enhance local education
- Include an optional tagline and/or logo or graphic

The objectives of the Initiative are to:

- Provide more educational opportunities for students

- Prepare students for college or career opportunities after high school
- Establish volunteer driven enrichment programs
- Make learning more fun and enjoyable for students

Email or mail you contest entry by July 15th to Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or City of Pleasant Hill, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, 94523. The winner will be contacted after July 23, 2013. If you have questions or require additional information, call 671-5229. ♣



See page 2 for an update on the fine work being done by the Pleasant Hill Education Initiative.