

THE OUTLOOK



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Buskirk Avenue improvements on schedule

The Buskirk Avenue project which officially started construction in May of 2013 is approaching the completion of a major milestone.

After seven months of work, the first major phase of the project is now complete. This phase constructed the west side of Buskirk Avenue from the intersection of Elmira Drive and Clarie Drive all the way to the north end of the project at the



Crossroads Shopping Center intersection. The new traffic configuration for the next stage of the project will route traffic through the new intersection at Buskirk Avenue and Clarie Drive, replacing the old "S" curve at the south end of the Crossroads Shopping Center.

You'll notice the new sidewalks and ornamental streetlights along the corridor on Buskirk Avenue, which now meets up with Clarie Drive, creating a new signalized intersection. Other items that you may notice are the absence of wooden utility poles, which held the overhead power and communication lines. A major part of the utility undergrounding was completed recently which allowed for the removal of the unsightly poles.

Overall, the project is slightly ahead of schedule with final completion anticipated by fall of 2014.

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Mayor's Breakfast

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce will host the Mayor's Breakfast on Friday, February 7 in the Chateau Room at the Senior Center beginning at 7:30am. Tickets are \$30 per person and available at the Chamber offices, 91 Gregory Lane, Suite 11 or online at www.phmayorsbreakfast2014.eventbrite.com.

To RSVP contact Ann Luke at 687-0700 or email her at ann@pleasanthillchamber.com. RSVP by February 3.

Nominees sought for annual Community Awards

The 43rd Annual Community Awards will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at the new Community Center in Pleasant Hill and nominations are now being sought for six award categories. Anyone can nominate for the following awards:

- ★ **Citizen of the Year** – nominees must be at least a five-year resident of Pleasant Hill and have made significant contributions toward improving our community.
- ★ **Business of the Year** – candidates must be in business for at least three years in Pleasant Hill and current member of the Chamber of Commerce.
- ★ **Teacher of the Year** – nominees must be a teacher in Pleasant Hill for at least five years.
- ★ **Teen of the Year** – candidates must either live or go to school in Pleasant Hill and have a track record of volunteering in the community.
- ★ **Green Award** – this award recognizes a business or organization which has shown leadership and a commitment to waste reduction, sustainability, and conservation of our natural resources
- ★ **Community Plus Award** – nominees must be an employee of either the City, Recreation & Park District or the Chamber of Commerce, and have gone above and beyond his or her job in volunteering or doing community service.

If you wish to nominate someone, please download the nomination forms and instructions at www.pleasant-hill.net/awards. Nominations for all awards must be submitted

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Bike and pedestrian safety tips from the Police Department

Traffic safety is always a concern within our community. It's important for parents who drive their children to and from school to remember that the speed limit in residential neighborhoods and school zones is 25 mph. Children walking to school may step into the roadway from behind parked vehicles. It is important to drive defensively and to be aware of your surroundings.

Parents are asked to speak with their children about bicycle and pedestrian safety. We hope the following tips will prove helpful:

- Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk.



- Prior to crossing the street look left, right and then left again, and if it's clear, begin to cross, looking over your shoulder for oncoming vehicles. Never cross against a red light.
- If you must walk through parked traffic, stop and look carefully before stepping out between vehicles.
- Walk facing traffic when there are no sidewalks, so you can see what's coming.
- Bicycle riders under the age of eighteen are required to wear a bicycle helmet.
- All bicycle riders must ride with the flow of traffic, on the right side of the roadway.
- When riding at night, a bicycle must be equipped with a front headlight.

Bicycle related head injuries account for approximately 500 deaths per year or approximately two-thirds of all bicycle

related deaths. If all bicyclists wore helmets, bicycle related deaths could be reduced by one a day. Bicycle helmets are 85 to 88 percent effective in reducing head and brain injuries caused by traffic accidents.



Please remind your children not to talk with strangers and to seek help from a teacher or police officer if they feel something is wrong. Having periodic talks with your children about safety will ensure they remain safe at school and in your neighborhoods. ♣

Dealing with peddlers and salespeople

—Lt. Dan Connelly, Pleasant Hill Police Department

Every neighborhood experiences periodic problems with door-to-door salespeople, otherwise known as "peddlers." While many of these peddlers represent legitimate companies or non-profit groups, the City recognizes that unregulated peddlers are a nuisance because such activities may intrude upon a resident's privacy and provide access to private property for criminal purposes.

The City of Pleasant Hill Municipal Code requires all peddlers over the age of 16 to get a permit from the City. Non-profit groups are exempt from the permit requirement, but in no case is

anyone allowed to peddle their merchandise or solicit after dark. Peddlers are also not allowed onto private property if a sign on the home prohibits peddlers, solicitors, or canvassing. Peddlers are also required to leave immediately if asked to do so.

What to do if a peddler knocks on your door

If someone comes to your door (and you choose to answer it) ask to see their permit. If they do not have one, politely tell them to go away and just close the door. If what they are peddling seems a little off, or you feel they are suspicious, call the Pleasant Hill Police Department at 288-4600 and explain what has occurred. Remember that you do not have to open your door to anyone; sometimes it is easier to just yell through the door, NO THANK YOU! That way



they know someone is home. To find out more about the regulations regarding peddlers, please visit the following link on the City of Pleasant Hill website: www.pleasant-hill.net/municipal-code.

CERT training classes starting soon

WANTED: Pleasant Hill residents, students and workers who want to help their families, friends, and neighbors in the next major disaster.

The Pleasant Hill Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be conducting its next training course starting on January 13. The CERT training is free and open to all Pleasant Hill residents and workers in Pleasant Hill ages 14 and up. The training provides practical skills for safely assisting family, neighbors and co-workers while waiting for professional responders during and after emergencies.

It is a 6-week course, one 3-hour night a week with a total of 18 hours study of disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, including triage, injury assessment, treatment and hygiene, light search and rescue, team



organization, disaster psychology, with a final course review and a disaster simulation.

The dates for the classes are January 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24, and March 3. The classes all start at 6:00pm. The disaster simulation will take place on March 8. Classes will be at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Road, Pleasant Hill.

For additional information contact Pleasant Hill Police Lieutenant Dan Connelly at 288-4633 or Jim Bonato at 938-5433 or go to the CERT website: www.pleasanthillcert.com.

**Go to
www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com
to register.**

Buskirk Avenue

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What to expect over the next few months

The next phase of the project shifts traffic on Buskirk Avenue to the west, onto the newly constructed roadway. This traffic switch will allow the contractor to complete the eastern half of the roadway and other improvements on Clarie Drive and old Elmira Drive. Both of these streets will be closed to traffic for approximately two months. Construction on Clarie Drive will include new driveways, curbs, gutters, sidewalk and roadway. Elmira Drive (new Hookston Road) will have much more complex work including underground drainage and irrigation, and construction of a new soundwall with decorative features along the houses between Clarie Drive and Hookston Road.

The City understands that vehicles heading east on Hookston Road towards Walnut Creek will now have to loop around and be inconvenienced during this phase of construction. Staff is currently anticipating that work on Elmira Drive and Clarie Drive will be completed within a two month window, depending on weather conditions. Once Elmira Drive and Clarie Drive are complete, that section of roadway will be reopened to allow passage of traffic onto and from Hookston Road. The east side of Buskirk Avenue will remain closed for another few months to complete that work.

During the period that Clarie Drive is closed, there will be one-way traffic on Geraldine Drive to Hookston Road heading southwest to relieve some of the traffic impacts.

For more project information visit the City's Buskirk Avenue web page at "www.pleasant-hill.net/buskirk" or contact the City's Construction Manager, Jeff Ocampo at 671-5208 or by email at jeff@ghirardelliassoc.com.

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no later than January 27 to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. but please note that you need to provide supporting documentation for each award so give yourself adequate time to complete the nomination form.

Awards Ceremony

Community Awards Night tickets are now on sale through the Chamber of Commerce. The tickets are \$45 per person (which includes dinner) and you may reserve a table of ten for \$450. To

purchase tickets or make reservations please contact Ann Luke at 687-0700 or ann@pleasanthillchamber.com.

Tickets may also be purchased at www.pleasant-hill.net/tickets. RSVPs and all ticket sales must be confirmed by Monday, February 10.

If you need more information or have questions about the nominations or the event, please call Martin Nelis at 671-5229 or email him at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

\$200 cash back on a clothes washer!

Looking for a new clothes washer? How about one that cleans clothes better, saves water, saves energy and lowers your utility bills! Well, Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) have partnered to provide a rebate of \$200 when you purchase a qualifying clothes washer. This is the biggest rebate ever, and likely won't last for long. How to apply: Applications are available at the point of purchase or available on line at www.waterenergysavings.com. ♣



Free tax preparation for local residents

FREE TAX PREPARATION for the 2014 tax season is available starting February 2014 from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. All tax preparers are trained and certified by the IRS. While both programs serve taxpayers of any age, Tax-Aide does not have an income limit for their service; EKS can only serve individuals whose incomes do not exceed \$50,000.

Beginning January 6, 2014 for information or to make an appointment for the Tax-Aide sites serving the Pleasant Hill area please call:

- 405-6011 (Hillcrest Congregational Church site) or
- 709-4525 (Pacheco Community Center site).

For general information and other site locations, call 726-3199. For information on EKS sites call 211 or visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org.

To complete your tax return, Tax-Aide will need you to bring to the appointment your:

- Social Security Card or ITIN letter for all individuals to be listed on the return
- Photo ID
- Copies of all W-2s
- 1098s and 1099s
- Other income and deductions
- Your 2012 tax return



A hero in our midst

—Debbie Toth, Executive Director, RSNC

Every morning Mt. Diablo Center for Adult Day Health Care staff are greeted with a smile, and for the lucky, a wink from our resident World War II hero, Seaman 1st Class Tom Damanti. Tom was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on the destroyer USS Douglas H. Fox on May 17, 1945. During a 10-hour battle, three enemy planes were shot down, but a fourth dropped a 300 lb. bomb before crashing into the ship. Upon impact Tom's hand was injured, but he was alive. In an act of bravery he led two of his buddies to safety.

While Tom had been a boxer and a cook in the Navy, his wounds required him to find another profession. California was beckoning Tom, so he married his girlfriend Ruthie, left Ohio, moved west, and had seven children. Tom began his career as a machinist. He built, tested, repaired, and installed industrial pumps on farms throughout California, eventually owning his own business. Today, Tom lives with his daughter Kathy in Pleasant Hill.

Tom has a great time at Mt. Diablo Center. He comes five days a week, although the VA only reimburses him for three. During a recent vacation, Kathy commented, "My Dad could hardly wait to get back, because he missed all of his friends." He is very motivated to stay healthy, independent and fit, and participates in all of the center's activities. ♣



Tom on the recumbent bike with Jennifer Ogata, MDC's Physical Therapist

Senior Spectrum

Staying in the Game

—Richard Travis, RN, Member of Pleasant Hill Commission on Aging

"I have a confession. I struggle with depression and feelings of loneliness and isolation. I am not alone, especially during the holidays."

So how do we stay in the game when we feel down? We all need to feel like our lives count; that we matter, that we make a difference. So what can we do? To make a contribution to others is also self-affirming and very healing. Consider volunteering.

We deeply need connection and human relationships. Relationships, however, do not develop in a vacuum; they naturally flow out of time spent together in common interests. It is very enriching to engage your whole person in an area of interest and doubly rewarding to share your life with those enraptured in the same adventures and endeavors. So dig into your interests with all your heart and take the time to enter into friendships and fellowship with those who share the same interests.

Pets are also wonderful, giving us their love and appreciation. Pets have been clinically proven to uplift the spirit and improve the health of their owners.



Movement is medicine

Find a way that you enjoy moving and move your booty! The leading cause of chronic disease is poor diet and physical inactivity. To stay in the game you got to keep movin' and groovin'.

As we get older we tend to shrink our areas of interest at a time when we actually have more time to pursue them. Staying active and engaged requires a commitment to self exploration and personal growth.

May you become more and more committed too and convinced of . . . the things that bring you life! May your increasing freedom as a senior be a source of progressive exploration of the activities you find most self-enriching. ♣

Senior Center events and activities

DISCOUNTED SENIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Come see why over 3,000 others seniors are now members of the Pleasant Hill Senior Club. Purchase your annual membership for \$15 per person. To join or learn more on membership benefits, call 798-8788.

■ Cruise The Eastern Caribbean

Explore the Caribbean in 2014 onboard the Emerald Princess. Cabins start at \$2686. Prices include medical waiver, airport transfers and government fees/taxes. For more information, call Trip office at 798-8747.

- Mar 28–Apr 8, 2014

■ PHSC Annual Crab Feed

Tickets on sale now for the 2014 Pleasant Hill Senior Center Crab Feed. Enjoy all you can eat fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert. New this year—bid on a special dessert to have for your table or to take home and enjoy later! Don't forget about our 50/50 split cash raffle! Purchase your tickets early, tickets will not be sold at the door. Reservations may be made for parties larger than 4 people.



- Jan 24, 6pm (doors open at 5:50pm)
- PH Senior Center Chateau Room
- Tickets purchased before January 10th - \$35, after January 10th - \$45

■ Care Management Series

The Care Management Series brings a variety of topics from experts in our community. This series is sponsored by the Chateaus of Pleasant Hill. Held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 2pm to 3:30pm at the Senior Center. Presentations are free however space is limited so please reserve your spot by calling 798-8788.

- Jan 9—How to Hire In-Home Care, *presented by Senior Helpers*
- Feb 13—Major FHA Changes to Reverse Mortgage Programs, *presented by Open Mortgage*

■ Stress Management and Self Healing with Qigong—NEW!



Students learn about stress and how it affects physical and mental health. The 20 gentle movements of T'ai Chi Chih/Qigong (a form of moving meditation) will teach students to become more calm, relaxed and balanced. Instructor: Wendy Helms, Ph.D

- 8 classes, Jan 9-27, Thurs 6:15-7:30pm
- PH Senior Center classroom
- \$109/\$95 (Member). Register at pleasanthillrec.com

“SOUP’S ON” at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center

October 4, 2013–March 31, 2014
Fridays only | 11:30–12:30pm

Winter brings cold, rainy days and the Pleasant Hill Senior Center has a great way to beat the chill. Chef's Lunch offers a “Soup & Savory” menu on Fridays through March 2014. For \$5, hot soup is paired with a hot sandwich or another menu item. No reservations required. Just drop in!



■ Basic Computer and YOU

Hands-on experience where you will learn basic computer functions such as how to turn on the computer, log on, navigate with a mouse and find software applications. Learn basic keyboard shortcuts and how to search the web. Instructor: Walter Sanchez.

- 3 weeks, Thurs, Jan 9–23 or Feb 20–Mar 6
- \$45/\$40 (Member)
- PH Senior Center computer room



■ Basic Computer and YOU Part 2 — NEW

This is continuation of Basic Computer and you: You'll learn a basic understanding of the some of the Tools/Utilities in Windows such as Defrag, Disk Cleanup, Recycle Bin, Programs and Features, and more.. Instructor: Walter Sanchez.

- 3 weeks, Thurs, Jan 30–Feb 13 or Mar 13–27
- \$45/\$40 (Member)
- PH Senior Center computer room

■ Pancake Breakfasts

Our monthly pancake breakfasts feature pancakes or French toast, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. All ages welcome! First Sunday of the month, except in April due to Easter Pancake Breakfast.

- Jan. 5 & Feb 2; 8am-10am
- PH Senior Center Chateau Room
- Adults (11+) \$5; Children (5-10yrs) \$3; 4 & under Free!



Sherry Sterrett elected as Chair of PHRPD Board of Directors

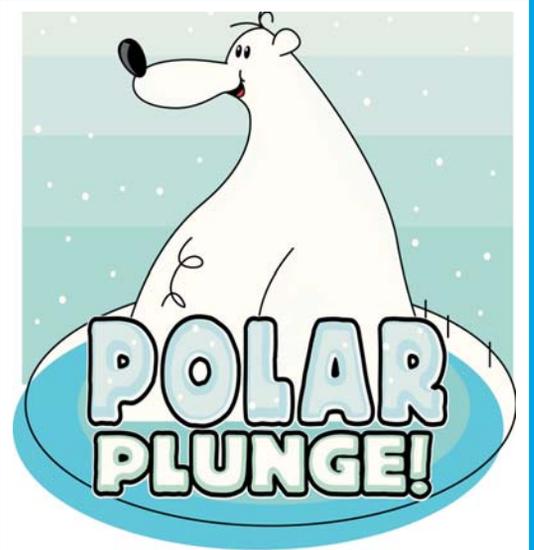
At its meeting on December 5th, the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Board of Directors elected Sherry Sterrett as its Chairperson for 2014, succeeding board member Bobby Glover.

“Bobby did an outstanding job serving as our Board Chair this year,” said Bob Berggren, General Manager. “During his annual term, Bobby supervised the opening of the new Senior Center and quarterbacked the Community Center and Pleasant Oaks Park bond projects. During Glover’s term, the District ended the fiscal year with a positive fund balance for the second year in a row.”

The PHRPD District Board selects a Board Chair each year. This will be the fifth time Sherry Sterrett,

the new 2014 Board Chair, has served in this leadership position. As a District Board member, Sterrett consistently demonstrates her unwavering dedication to PHRPD through her active membership of numerous District co-sponsored groups and volunteer efforts to work with District committees to get things done. And as a member and past president of the California Special Districts Association, she ensures the District stays current with statewide legislation, special district issues and opportunities.

“Sherry gives 110% to everything she is involved in and empowers others with new ideas, direction and resources,” added Bob Berggren. “She is a guiding light for the District, and we are thrilled that she will take on the Board Chair position once again.” ♣



Polar bear plunge! All ages welcome

January 25, 2014; 12:00–12:30pm

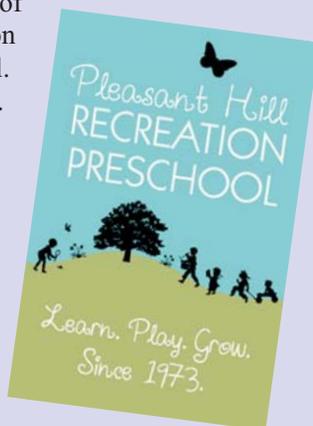
Calling all polar bears! Start your New Year with an invigorating plunge in the unheated water of PH Aquatic Park. Warm up with coffee and hot chocolate post-plunge. Pre-register by 1/9/14 at pleasanthillrec.com to be guaranteed a T-shirt. ♣

Preschool and youth activities...in the NEW Community Center!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Pleasant Hill Preschool registration opens March 8, 2014

Introduce your child to the love of learning at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District priority preschool. Registration opens March 8, 2014. Three programs offered:

- ❑ Wee Tots (Age 2.5 yrs–3.5 years as of 9/1/14);
- ❑ New Horizons (Age 3 yrs 3 mos–4 yrs 3 mos as of 9/1/14);
- ❑ Pre-K/Kindergarten (4.5 yrs or older as of 9/1/14).



Many of these programs will be housed in the new Pleasant Hill Community Center Preschool wing. For more information, visit pleasanthillpreschool.com

NEW Cheerleading Basics Class (Grades k-5)

Your child will have fun while learning the basics of being a cheerleader from a certified cheer instructor. Cheer routine performance at end of class. Register online at pleasanthillrec.com. January 29–March 5; Community Center, Wednesdays 3:30–4:30pm

NEW Typing basics with Microsoft Word (Grades 3-5)

Give your child the start they need to build basic typing skills before entering higher division classes where most homework assignments are typed. Register online at pleasanthillrec.com. January 30–March 6; Senior Center Computer Lab; Thursdays 3:30–4:30pm

Pleasant Hill Dolfin Swim Team Registration January 6–March 20, 2014

Experience the personal approach to swim coaching! Sign up early for Dolfins Swim team at pleasanthillrec.com.

Recycling is easy at Pleasant Hill Parks!

The City of Pleasant Hill, the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, and Republic Services teamed up to make sure recycling is available at all the Pleasant Hill parks and new recreation buildings.

Last year, the City was awarded a grant to install recycling containers throughout all the parks. The grant was obtained through **CalRecycle**, the state agency responsible for recycling and waste reduction.

Around 30 large, green recycling containers have been placed throughout the several different parks in Pleasant Hill. In the last year, over five thousand pounds—or two and a half tons—of cans and bottles have been collected and recycled.

“This program broadens everyone’s overall awareness of recycling,” said Tom Bradley, Park Supervisor, “and once the new Pleasant Oaks Park reopens next spring, an additional 15 containers will be installed.”

Through a cooperative arrangement between the City, Republic Services, and Pleasant Hill Rec, indoor recycling containers were purchased to outfit the new Teen, Senior, and Community Centers. Each is next to a trash container to make recycling convenient.

“Thank you to Republic Services and the City of Pleasant Hill for helping to sponsor our new Teen, Senior, and Community Centers with convenient, cost-effective trash receptacles and recycling solutions,” said Tina Young, Recreation Supervisor.

Remember that while recycling is an important, simple act that conserves resources, even more important is to practice all the three R’s—**Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle**, in that order! All the stuff we bring into our life is connected to something, even if we don’t see it, so please make thoughtful choices as a consumer. Your actions, even seemingly insignificant ones, make a difference. ♣

Garden tour signups

It is time to sign up for the “Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour” on Sunday May 4, 2014. This annual tour includes more than 50 home gardens in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. There are also a number of presentations by landscape designers, plant experts, and homeowners who have successfully replaced their lawns with water-wise gardens.

The tour requires registration, but is absolutely free to attend. To register for the tour visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

Got “post holiday” E-waste?

OK...the holidays are over and you hopefully got all the newest electronic gadgets you wanted! But what to do with your old clunkers?

NO PROBLEM!! FREE Door-to-Door E-Waste Pickup will take place in Pleasant Hill in early 2014. Each week between January 10 and January 31, be on the lookout for **Bright Orange Door Hangers** that will be distributed in different neighborhoods throughout Pleasant Hill.

Then, by 6am on the designated date shown on the **Bright Orange Door Hangers**, set out all ACCEPTED E-WASTE to be picked up that day. Please check the door hanger for accepted and non-accepted items.

You can also visit www.NoEwaste.com for accepted and non-accepted electronic items.

PLEASE NOTE: There will also be special instructions on the **Bright Orange Door Hangers** for senior citizens and special needs individuals who only need to call 866-335-3373 before the designated date to arrange for their e-waste items to be picked up without needing to put them outside.

Any questions, please feel free to contact 866-335-3373. Sponsored by Electronic Waste Management, an R2 and ISO 14001 Certified, and State-Approved E-Waste Collector. ♣

FREE

E-Waste recycling
in Pleasant Hill

Got E-Waste?

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 Saturday, January 4 and February 1, 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. ♣

Pleasant Hill Fourth of July Commission presents Firecracker 5k Fun Run proceeds to school principals

The 2013 Firecracker 5K Fun Run generated \$12,521 for Pleasant Hill schools, increasing the total to over \$80,000 since this tradition began nine years ago.

At the October meeting of the 4th of July Commission, Chairman Allen Vinson presented checks to Principals of Pleasant Hill schools who were able to attend the meeting. Thirteen schools received funds: Christ the King School, College Park High, Fair Oaks Elementary, Gregory Gardens Elementary, Horizons Home Study, Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, Pleasant Hill Elementary, Pleasant Hill Middle, Sequoia Elementary, Sequoia Middle, Strandwood Elementary, Valhalla Elementary, and Valley View Middle.

Runners who register for the 5K Fun Run have the opportunity to indicate which school to direct the net share of their registration fee.

Vinson noted, "Residents of Pleasant Hill and other guests from the area continue to participate in this event because it is very much a 'Fun Run' that kicks off our 4th of July activities and because it generates funds for our local schools. We are looking forward to the 2014 event."

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. ♣



Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center & Urban Farm Barn construction project gets underway

"Barn Again"—The Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center is moving forward on rebuilding the wheat barn at the site. A committee is being formed to review the final plans, establish a budget, set a timeline and work on fundraising.

When completed, the barn will serve as a classroom for the Urban Farm and for heritage programs. It will also be used for events put on by the Urban Farm, the Heritage Center and The Herb Society and as a polling place.

If you would like to participate in this exciting project, please join them on Monday, January 27, 7:00pm, at Rodgers Ranch, 315 Cortsen Rd.

Contact the Heritage Center at rodgersranch@yahoo.com and the website is www.rodgersranch.org. ♣

Lions' 41st Crab Feed at the Senior Center

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, Lions are having the biggest fundraiser of the year—the 41st annual Crab Feed. Come and enjoy all the crab you can eat, pasta, salad, French bread, etc., along with raffles, door prizes, a silent auction and music and dancing. Come join us as the evening starts at 6:00pm with a no host bar and dinner is set for 7:30pm. Cost is only \$50.00 per person and tickets are available by calling Ken Wombacher at 687-0858, Don Flaskerud at 676-5859 or any Pleasant Hill Lions Club member. Once again, one hundred percent of all proceeds are given to local needy and deserving causes. Tickets are limited so don't wait to get yours. We hope to see you there, so call today.



Lions serve breakfast and lunch

On November 26, the Pleasant Hill Lions Club provided lunch to 40 visually impaired clients at the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired in Pittsburg, (LCVI Pittsburg). The club provided 4 turkeys and all the fixings. Then, on December 14, the Lions cooked breakfast for children and their parents who had Breakfast with Santa, which was held at the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center.

Lions contribute \$500,000 for Typhoon Relief

The Lions Club International Fund (LCIF) responded to the recent Philippines disaster by immediately sending \$500,000 to various Philippine Lions clubs affected by Typhoon Haiyan. There are 12,000 Philippine Lions in 380 clubs working to rebuild their decimated communities. The LCIF has been recognized as one of the most important international relief funds in the World. One Hundred (100) percent of all donations go to relief efforts throughout the world, and you don't need to be a Lion to contribute.

Lions and Matteo's Dream in the 2014 Rose Parade

Lions' are again participating in the 2014 New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. The parade theme is "Dreams Come True," and Lions selected Matteo's Dream in Concord, as the entry to depict what Lions do. Matteo's Dream, is a park for children with special needs. It was built in 8 days by 3,000 Lions representing 45 Lions Clubs in Alameda and Contra Costa County. The park is located at the corner of Grant St. and Olivera Rd. ♣



FPHE kicks off 6th annual campaign!

Be a Part of Progress—Donate Today for the Future of Our Community's Schools.

Annual Campaign Goal: \$60,000

How you can help

Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) suggests a donation of \$75 or more. Donations of all amounts are appreciated. FPHE's ability to issue grants is solely dependent on the support of the community. Donate online at www.fphe.org or to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.



How are donations used?

Funds raised go to school grants issued in May 2014.

Why give?

Strong schools benefit you. Strong schools greatly benefit students. They also help increase property values as more homebuyers understand our community's dedication to supporting local education. Most importantly, strong schools enhance the future of our community. To learn about upcoming 2014 Campaign events email contact@fphe.org.

Since 2009, thanks to community support, FPHE has awarded over \$158,000 in grants to our community's 11 public schools. FPHE has funded:

- **Books for entire grade levels:** reference, biographies, key literature pieces, early reader series;
- **Classroom equipment:** maps, graphing calculators, DNA research tools, lab equipment, LCD projectors, interactive whiteboards, PC stations;
- **Curriculum support items:** Board Math, science/math materials, history and literature programs.

Please donate at www.fphe.org or mail to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Questions? Email contact@fphe.org. Thank you for your commitment to education and our community. ♣

Backyard Composting Workshop at City Hall

January 14 and February 18

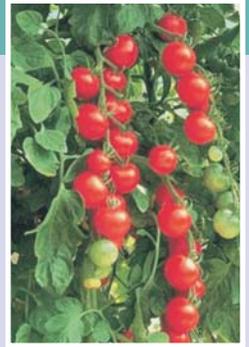
The City of Pleasant Hill is hosting Free backyard composting workshops and offering residents high-quality compost bins for \$40 (retail \$129) for those who attend a workshop. Composting your yard trimmings and food scraps is easy, great for your yard and garden, kind to our environment and good for you too! Save money, save water, and conserve natural resources. Find out how—attend a free workshop—register now by calling Annette Kaufmann at 925-671-5265 or go to www.pleasant-hill.net/compost.

The workshops are one hour in duration. The next workshop will be held Tuesday, January 14 and Tuesday, February 18.



All workshops are from 7pm to 8pm in the large Community Room at City Hall. ♣

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





Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and fund a need!

Looking for a fun night to FUNdraise for those in need in your community and beyond? Join us at Pleasant Hill Rotary Club's Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser on Friday, March 14th at 5:30pm at the new, beautiful Pleasant Hill Community Center!

This year's event will be an Irish themed cocktail party with seven different local restaurants providing a taste of Pleasant Hill so guests can mingle, eat, and drink at their leisure. There will be a variety of different ways to give, from the live and silent auction to the raffle and instant wine cellar. Tickets are \$50. Contact Jim Bonato to buy or reserve tickets now (938-5433 or JBonato@aol.com). WEAR GREEN!

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available. Interested? Please email elizabethchapple@grossigroup.com. Hope to see you there! ♣

- **Explore the Connected Histories of Islam and the West**
Tuesday, January 14, February 11, and March 4, 6:00pm

The Library will host a community reading and discussion series focusing on Islamic history. The series will be led by nationally-renowned scholar Dr. Hatem Bazian of UC Berkeley. All discussions will take place at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center. See guides.ccclib.org/journeys.

- **Eco Sewing**
Wednesdays at 3:00pm, check Website for specific dates

Learn sewing machine skills and create fabulous up-cycled fabric creations! This fun, youth craft will be led by a local recycling educator and artist. Crafts made at this event will be used towards the Teen Advisory Group's (TAG) annual Art, Jazz, and Wine Festival donation drive and will help benefit the library.

- **Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Board Meeting**
Saturday, January 11, 10:00-11:00am

The Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library is an organization dedicated to improving library services in Pleasant Hill. The board meeting is open to the public and will be held in the library's Public Meeting Room.

- **eReader Workshop**
Saturday, January 18, 1:00-2:30pm

Training on January 22 and 25 and February 1. All 3 sessions are required. No previous teaching experience is required. More info: www.ccclib.org/psc or call 927-3250.

- **Jungle James**
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30pm
Live animals from the rainforest!

- **Common Core Night for K-5th grade parents**
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-8:00pm

Find out what Common Core really looks like in the classroom and get answers from educators. Teachers will be sharing Common Core mini lessons in

Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Parents will have an opportunity to take home curriculum materials to support Common Core learning at home. Additionally, parents will learn how the library will be a resource to them and their students as we move into Common Core. Come experience the exciting changes happening in education, talk to teachers and administrators, and get your questions answered! Refreshments provided.

- **Caterpillar Puppets**
Tuesday, February 25, 6:30pm

Join us for the Itty Bitty Variety Show, feature orangutans butterflies and other fun furry puppets!

- **Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training: Help an adult learn to read!**

Would you like to help an adult learn to read, write and spell better? Trainings on Jan. 22nd and 25th and Feb. 1st. All 3 sessions are required. No previous teaching experience is required. More info: www.ccclib.org/psc or call 927-3250.

- **Lego Creators Club (with Robots!)**
Every Saturday, 2:00pm

Make anything you can imagine with our huge collection of Legos! Plus new challenges and tips every meeting. This season, explore the programmable universe of Lego Mindstorms with the library's new EV3 robotics kits!

- **One-on-One Computer Tutor**
Tuesdays, 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

Practice speaking and listening to English in a casual ESL conversation group run by library staff. Drop-ins welcome. ♣



Just for teens

- **Wii Wednesdays for Teens**
Every 1st Wednesday of the month, 3:00-4:30pm

Come have fun and meet other teens at the Library while getting your game on!

- **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

Higher education in Pleasant Hill

DVC is gearing up for spring semester!

With “excellence” recently identified as one of Diablo Valley College’s most important core values, everyone at the college is excitedly preparing in anticipation of an excellent spring semester.

DVC has planned a robust schedule that offers a significant increase in class offerings including more late-start, afternoon classes that are full-credit, but taught in most cases over a six to eight-week period—a significantly shorter time commitment than the traditional 18-week semester. The curriculum and number of class-hours for these three to five-unit courses are the same as their traditional 18-week counterparts, but most classes are just over two hours per day and taught over four days per week. Higher unit courses require more hours. It can be a more intense learning experience, but similar to summer school, students generally take just one class at a time and can focus on the course material without the competition for their mental energy that is common with a traditional format.

Many of these late-start classes begin the first week of February, while many more begin toward the end of March. Some students may even choose to enroll in several of these courses in one semester, since the classes that begin in early February are over before the late March classes start. And the beginning times of many of these classes are scheduled to enable the very ambitious student to take two classes at a time—one in the afternoon and one in the early evening. A few of these courses are even designed to take in sequence.

Growth and innovation in programs

While always providing the highest possible quality classroom instruction and services to students, for the first time in



several years, the college can turn its focus back to growth, innovation, and the overall excellence of programs and services without the continuous concern of how to survive the next round of devastating state budget cuts. While state funding has not been restored to pre-recession levels, thanks to the success of Proposition 30 and the gradual economic recovery of the state, college leaders are optimistic that DVC is headed in the right direction.

To find out more about these new late start classes, or any of Diablo Valley College’s spring class offerings, please visit www.dvc.edu/late-spring. ♣

JFK University students honored for local chapter of Animal Legal Defense Fund

John F. Kennedy University’s Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) chapter will receive the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter of the Year Award at the annual Animal Law Conference, co-presented by the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) and Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Matthew Taxman, chapter founder and a JFK University law student, will accept the award at the conference to be held in Palo Alto later this year.

The JFK University chapter was chosen because of its excellence in efforts to advance the field of animal law and animal advocacy through innovative projects and initiatives both on and off campus. This award provides an exciting and first of its kind opportunity for a chapter to be recognized for its deep commitment to animals.

Taxman, an animal lover his entire life, pursued creating a chapter after discovering how ALDF’s mission of protecting the lives and advancing the

interests of animals through the legal system was a perfect fit for his love of animals and his law degree.

The support he received from fellow students and the dean of the JFK University College of Law were overwhelming. Within weeks of proposing the chapter, he developed the chapter’s constitution and bylaws, enabling it to officially become the 189th SALDF chapter in the country in February 2013.

Since then, the chapter of 30+ members raised over \$1,200 in a four-day fundraiser for the ALDF. In addition, Taxman has worked with JFK University’s College of Law to add a

course in animal law, taught by Joyce Tischler, the founder and general counsel of ALDF.

About Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF)

For more than three decades, the Animal Legal Defense Fund has been fighting to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. Founded in 1979 by attorneys active in shaping the emerging field of animal law, ALDF has blazed the trail for stronger enforcement of anti-cruelty laws and more humane treatment of animals in every corner of American life. Today, ALDF’s groundbreaking efforts to push the U.S. legal system to end the suffering of abused animals are supported by thousands of dedicated attorneys and more than 100,000 members.



JOHN F. KENNEDY UNIVERSITY

DVC drama presents William Shakespeare classic, Hamlet

"Hamlet is among the most powerful and influential tragedies in English literature"
-Associated Press



Murder, melancholy, and madness are at the center of this William Shakespeare classic.

The death of Hamlet's father and his mother's hasty remarriage to his uncle leave the Prince of Denmark in suspicious mourning. When his father's ghost appears to him demanding revenge, Hamlet obeys, putting into motion a plan of vengeance that will have devastating consequences for the entire kingdom. In HAMLET we see an unforgettable portrait of overwhelming grief, obsession and revenge.

HAMLET is directed by Nicole Hess Diestler and runs January 31–February 16. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm (Sunday February 9 and 16 are at 2:30pm).

For tickets, call 969-2358 or go to their website at www.dvcdrama.net.

DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, with free parking for all performances. ♣

Pleasant Hill's Star Quest seeks performers

For 21 years Star Quest of Pleasant Hill has been bringing amazing performances by our youth to the community. And as the committee plans the show for 2014, they encourage school-age children to audition for it.

Since Star Quest began in 1992, its intent has been to provide a positive program where young people of Pleasant Hill, in grades K through 12, could showcase their artistic and theatrical talents.

The show this year is on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 at the Diablo Valley College theatre. The theme this year is "On the Town."

Applications are now available at local schools, the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Office, and at Pleasant Hill City Hall. If you are a singer, dancer, musician, comedian, magician, etc, pick up an application and submit it by Friday February 7 to the Recreation & Park District Office at 147 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. Auditions will take place in February at a time and place to be announced to those applying.

Call Pleasant Hill Rec at 682-0896 or the show producer, Jim Nunes, at 689-2249 for further information. Star Quest is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill.



The 2013 show, "Cruising with the Stars," featured about 50 young performers and delighted audiences for two days.



5:00pm door opens
6:30pm dinner

DONATION \$40

Door Prizes / Raffle / Auction

Seating is limited...

Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.crabfeedeastbay.com

Sat • Feb 8, 2014

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1601 Mary Dr • Pleasant Hill

PH Police Department Law Enforcement Torch Run

Pleasant Hill Police Association cordially invites you to their 8th annual

CRAB FEED

Benefiting Special Olympics
Northern California East Bay Region Athletes



Dinner menu

Crab, salad, bread, pasta, dessert, and coffee.

No Host beer, wine, soda, bottled water

No Host prawn bar.

Please—no outside alcohol



Special Olympics

Buy your ticket NOW! Seating is limited to 250. This event is selling out fast!
Information: Sgt Gary Brown gbrown316@gmail.com or CSO Tom Mueller at 288-4605.
No tickets will be sold at the door. Table reservations accepted for table of 8 only.

www.Sonc.org

...and more drama!



Film Festival thrives in Pleasant Hill

Films with a “Global Touch” to Screen at Century Theater March 7–13

“We’re so glad that we will continue screening in Pleasant Hill,” enthuses Debra Levin, chair of the East Bay International Jewish Film Festival. “For many years we enjoyed the CineArts,” she continues, “and we are now delighted that our new home will be the Century 16 Theatres.”

The Festival, which celebrates its 19th year of screening international and independent films in 2014, will run Friday, March 7 through Thursday, March 13. Featuring films from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel Macedonia, The Netherlands, Poland and the USA, the program’s goal is to build cultural bridges. “Over the years, our film selection has reflected the great diversity of the global Jewish community, with movies telling the story of Jews who live in the Amazonian Rain Forest, China, Iraq, Mexico, and South Africa. This year, many of our films are documentaries about people who have been in the news, such as Marty Glickman, the sports broadcaster of HBO Sports; Bart Stern, who photographed such legendary beauties as Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Audrey Hepburn, and legendary comedians and screenwriters like Sid Caesar, Carl Reiner, Mort Sahl, Jerry Stiller



and David Steinberg,” explains Levin. “We’re also featuring many films that are Bay Area premieres.”

The Festival will open with Joe Papp in *Five Acts*, a portrait of the Brooklyn-born artistic entrepreneur who made theatre accessible to the public through free Shakespeare in the Park, and introduced interracial casting to the American stage. “It’s a brilliant film that’s narrated by a Who’s Who of American actors, including Meryl Streep, Christopher Walken, Martin Sheen, Kevin Kline, and James Earl Jones,” Levin says. The gripping, highly-acclaimed Polish drama *Aftermath* will close the Festival on the evening of March 13.

To receive a Festival catalogue and for more information: riva@jfed.org or 510-318-6453. Tickets will be available at the theatre beginning March 7 and on the Festival website in mid-January

(www.eastbayjewishfilm.org). The Festival is presented by the Jewish Federation of the East Bay in partnership with Diablo Magazine, RINA Accountancy Corporation, Destination Wealth Management, Wells Fargo and City National Bank. ♣



Our rockin’ community! Events for January and February 2014...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jan 4	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Jan 9	How to Hire In-Home Care	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 9-27	Stress Management with Qigong	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 14	Explore Histories of Islam and the West	PH Senior Center	PH Library	646-5234
Jan 13	FHA Changes to Reverse Mortgages	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 13	CERT Training	Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy	Pleasant Hill Police Department	288-4633, 938-5433
Jan 11	Friends of PH Library board meeting	PH Library	PH Library	646-5234
Jan 19	eReader Workshop	PH Library	PH Library	646-5234
Jan 24	PH Senior Center Crab Feed	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 25	Polar Bear Plunge	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jan 26	Community Center Grand Opening	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jan 27	Rodgers Ranch bard rebuilding starts	Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm	Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm	rodgersranch@yahoo.com
Jan 28	Jungle James	PH Library	PH Library	646-5234
Jan 31- Feb 16	“Hamlet”	Diablo Valley College	DVC Drama	969-2358
Feb 1	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-337
Feb 4	Common Core Night	PH Senior Center	PH Library	646-5234
Feb 7	Mayor’s Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Feb 8	Torch Run Crab Feed	St Andrews Presbyterian Church	Pleasant Hill Police Association	288-4605
Feb 8	PH Lions Crab Feed	PH Senior Center	PH Lions Club	687-0858
Feb 18	Community Awards Night	PH Community Center	City of PH, PH Chamber, PH Rec	671-5229, 687-0700
Feb 11	Explore Histories of Islam and the West	PH Senior Center	PH Library	646-5234
Feb 25	Caterpillar Puppets	PH Senior Center	PH Library	646-5234

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 October 2013

Argus CPA, Inc.

2300 Contra Costa Blvd, #150
925-354-5488

Laboratory Corp of America (Laboratory Patient Service Center)

401 Gregory Lane, #136
925-674-9986

Silverstone Motorsports

(Retail Auto Dealer)
3333 Vincent Road, #203
925-362-9731

Yasenia L. Conde

(Legal Document Assistant)
2300 Contra Costa Blvd., #150
925-236-2223

AJL (Financial & Wellness Consulting)

925-914-0783

Anna Stahl Design

(Consultant – Interior Design)
925-212-5428

Curran Electric (Contractor)

925-798-1800

Pacific Home Inspections

510-856-7715



New businesses November 2013

Diamond City Jewelers

(Retail Jewelry Store)
1902 A Contra Costa Blvd.
925-349-6200

Earth & Wellness Acupuncture

140 Gregory Lane, #210
925-280-6026

Johnson Aquatic Venture/Trilab

(Performance Lab & Swim School)
2493 Estand Way
925-687-5227

Mazza Grill (Restaurant)

35 Crescent Dr., #F
925-680-1858

Miguel Ibarra, DDS

(General Dental Office)
401 Gregory Lane, #226
925-689-4404

Samantha Hammill (Hair Stylist)

1941 Oak Park Blvd.
925-395-3738

Bronzier You (Office for Mobile Air Brush Tanning Service)

925-771-9096



Renew your business license for 2014

If you are a business owner in Pleasant Hill, you should have received your renewal notice by now. The notices were mailed in mid-December to the mailing address on file. If your mailing address has changed since last December, notify the Business license Division at 671-5234 as soon as possible to update your records and have a copy of the renewal notice set out to you. This will allow the business owner the full grace period ending January 31, 2014.

You should also notify the Business License Division if you are no longer in business in the City of Pleasant Hill. A brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, should be sent to: City of Pleasant Hill, Bus Lic Division, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, or email to Lrodriguez@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

If you are in business or own rental property but are not yet licensed, call the City's Business License Division at 671-5234 to have the appropriate forms sent to you or to answer any of your questions. ♣

City Meetings

JANUARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 1	City Hall closed for New Year's Day Holiday	
Mon 6 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 8 9:30am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Comm Room
Wed 8 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Thu 9 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Tue 14 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 14 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 16 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 20	City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Birthday	
Wed 22 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Community Room
Thu 23 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 27 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 28 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers

FEBRUARY

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Mon 3 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 5 9:30am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Comm Room
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Tue 11 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 11 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 12	City Hall closed for Lincoln's Birthday Holiday	
Thu 13 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 17	City Hall closed for Washington's Birthday Holiday	
Thu 20 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 24 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 25 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 26 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Community Room
Thu 27 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference 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.

Videos of 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 Mar/Apr is February 7. 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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NEW Community Center Grand Opening...

And you're invited!

- Sunday, January 26, 2014; 2:00–5:00pm
- 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill

Celebrate the grand opening of your new Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Community Center on Sunday, January 26, 2014. Explore this beautiful new venue for you to play, learn and celebrate right here in our community.



Ready to Play Ball! Pleasant Oaks Park opens spring 2014

PHR&PD's newly renovated Pleasant Oaks Park will open just in time for the PHBA season. The park will feature 5 completely renovated softball fields, new full sized soccer fields, shaded dugouts with warm up bullpens at each field, enlarged batting cages, ADA-compliant walking path, improved paved parking lots with designated drop off areas and several new picnic areas with 150 new trees planted.

Location: 1 Santa Barbara Rd in Pleasant Hill. ♣

