

# THE OUTLOOK



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## Residents honored at annual Awards Night

Sixteen awards ranging from Teen of the Year to the Green Award presented to various citizens, businesses and organizations.



Pleasant Hill Elementary teacher, **Bill Hotter**, won the **Educator of the Year award** at the 43rd Annual Community Awards Night held on February 18th at the Pleasant Hill

Community Center. Before a large audience, Mr. Hotter received the award from Dawn Block who also presented him with a \$1,000 honorarium from the Block/Harris Tikun Olam Education Fund for his school, Pleasant Hill Elementary. Mr. Hotter was recognized for his inspirational leadership in the classroom and his unique ability of making learning fun for all his students.

**Citizen of the Year** award went to **Paul Cotruvo** who was honored for his community volunteering at many events and fundraising efforts on behalf of teen programs at the Recreation & Park District.



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## Several improvement projects planned for City

### Golf Club Road Bridge replacement

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in April 2014 on the replacement of the Golf Club Road Bridge over Grayson Creek. The bridge was originally constructed in 1953, widened in 1969 and widened again in 1977. Caltrans engineers identified the bridge as structurally deficient, and an ideal candidate for repairs.

The City has secured grant funds to completely replace the old bridge, with enhanced bike and pedestrian facilities and enhanced lighting and landscape. The City was successful in obtaining \$5,450,000 in Federal grant funds to date, and \$496,200 in County Measure J funds to proceed with environmental review, engineering design, right of way and construction. The City is providing over \$750,000 in local matching funds.



Golf Club Road bridge

### Construction schedule

Construction of the bridge replacement is planned to occur in two phases. The first phase of construction will require closing down the north side of bridge (west bound traffic), and shifting this traffic over to share a portion of the remaining south side of the bridge (east bound traffic). During construction, this temporary shift will reduce the vehicle capacity to one lane

in each direction along Golf Club Road at the bridge, which may cause traffic delays during peak hours. This decision to not completely close down the bridge during construction was made after extensive input from the public regarding the bridge and roadway access.

For additional information and conceptual layouts of the Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement Project, please see the City of Pleasant Hill's project web page at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/golfclub](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/golfclub).

### Contra Costa Boulevard improvement

In February 2014, the City Council awarded a \$3.3 million construction contract for the Contra Costa Boulevard Improvement Project. Construction is scheduled to begin in late March with a targeted completion by the fall of 2014.

The project will install corridor enhancements along the entire width of Contra Costa Boulevard, between

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Viking Drive and Chilpancingo Parkway. Some highlights of this project include the following:

- New traffic signals on Contra Costa Boulevard at Viking Drive and Golf Club Road intersections
- Modifications and enhanced crosswalks at intersections including the addition of a second northbound left turn pocket onto Golf Club Road
- New decorative and energy efficient LED street lights along the median and sidewalks
- New concrete sidewalk, curb, gutter, median, and ADA compliant curb ramps
- New irrigation and landscaping along the median island and along the sidewalk area
- Pavement rehabilitation
- New traffic striping and markers, including a new bike lane along both sides of Contra Costa Boulevard

The City has secured approximately \$1.2 million in Federal grants and \$1.6 million in County Measure J grants for the project construction.

**To minimize the impact to traffic and business access, most of the construction related activities will take place in the evening, between 9pm and 6am.** Only construction activities along the west side of Contra Costa Boulevard, between Viking Drive and Golf Club

Road (along the back of the residential homes) will be done during the day time to reduce noise impact to the residential property owners.



Any questions in regards to the project can be directed to Eric Hu, Associate Civil Engineer at 671-5203 or by email to [ehu@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:ehu@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

### College Park High School stadium improvements

On June 8, 2010, voters in the Mount Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) approved Measure C. As part of this bond measure, the MDUSD Board approved upgrades to the existing athletic stadium at College Park High School.

The MDUSD intends to use a portion of these funds to upgrade the stadium facilities (most of which are in the vicinity of Norse Drive) including a new 80 foot tall field lighting along both sides of the existing football field, a new concession stand /ticket booth and new permanent bathroom facilities. As funding

allows, additional upgrades could include new lighting at the baseball field, a pressbox with a new sound system behind the existing “home” northwest bleachers, and installation of visitor bleachers along the southeast side of the field.

The MDUSD has hired LSA Consultants to provide an environmental review of project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. This review identified potential impacts, including, but not limited to, traffic, noise, and lighting as a result of the project.

A public meeting was held on January 29, 2014 to discuss the project. On February 5, 2014, the MDUSD Board received the draft environmental document from the consultant. Once the MDUSD Board approves this environmental document, a Notice Inviting Comments will be issued. The MDUSD Board will then hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving public comments prior to final acceptance of the environmental document. Any person interested in providing comments on this project is encouraged to attend this public meeting, or provide comments in writing.

Since this project is located on school district property, the City has no role in the project approval process.

Please visit the MDUSD website at [www.mdusd.org](http://www.mdusd.org) for more information, or email Tim Cody, Interim Special Project Director at [codyt@mdusd.org](mailto:codyt@mdusd.org). ♣

### College Park High School stadium



## 19th year a charm for International Film Festival as it moves to Downtown Pleasant Hill



“How wonderful that you can be sitting in a state-of-the-art movie theatre in downtown Pleasant Hill,” says Film Festival chair Debra Levin, “and travel by film to Macedonia, France or even Australia. For the price of a movie ticket you can see the world.”

Debra Levin, a Pleasant Hill resident, is looking forward to the Festival’s move to the Century 16 Theatres from its prior home at the CineArts across town. “We know it is a good match for us. Our new location will allow our festival-goers to enjoy the nearby restaurants and shops in the area.”

Now in its 19th year, the East Bay International Jewish Film Festival will kick off on Friday, March 7 for a week-long run, featuring award-winning and premiere films from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Macedonia, The Netherlands, Poland and the US. “Many of our films have been Oscar nominations by their country for ‘Best Foreign Film’ or have received awards from prestigious festivals around the world,” she explains. “Our Festival is an amazing way to experience life in other parts of the world.”

### Films and documentaries

While Debra does not have a favorite movie, she is partial to *The Wonders* which will screen at 7:00pm on Saturday, March 8. Part film-noir, part light romantic drama, it has been compared to films by Martin Scorsese, the Coen Brothers, and Woody Allen. She also recommends *Cupcakes* which she calls a

“frothy light movie with plenty of music. Sometimes we just need a film that will make you smile.” It will screen two times during its Century 16 run—Saturday, March 8 at 9:45pm and again on Thursday, March 13 at 12:30pm.

For Film Festival director Riva Gambert, the documentaries are what make the schedule especially attractive this year. “Our documentary line-up covers a wide array of topics, time periods and countries.” The Sunday, March 9 schedule includes Glickman, the radio broadcaster who has been credited for putting HBO Sports on the television map, and *When Comedy Went to School* which showcases many of America’s leading comedians, including Jerry Lewis, Mort Sahl and Jerry Stiller. “We are also showing documentaries on the revolution in Iran in the late 1970s (*Before the Revolution*), and one exploring the Samaritan religious community in the Middle East (*Lone Samaritan*).

### Major stars

Popular actors will also appear in several films on the schedule. The March 9th

evening film *Hunting Elephants* stars the British actor Patrick Stewart (*X-Men*, *Star Trek Second Generation*). He plays an actor who gets involved with a bank heist after his Shakespearean career fails. “The film is played for laughs,” notes Debra, “and Stewart looks like he’s having a great time being in his comedic role.”

Isabella Rosselini stars in two films: the March 9th morning Dutch feature *Zigzag Kid* which is a family-friendly film suitable for children 10 and up, and the March 11th evening French film *Dandelions* where she plays a psychiatrist.

“Both of these films are on the lighter side of the cinematic spectrum,” Riva adds.

### Historical WWII films

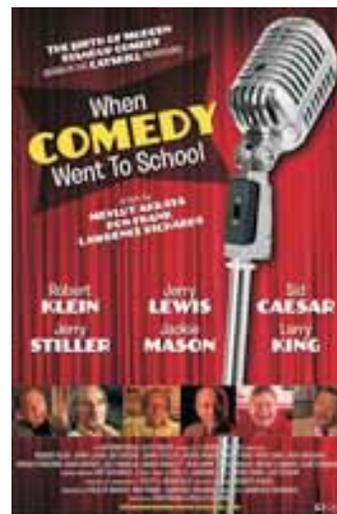
One of the more intense dramas is *Aftermath*, a movie that was banned in several movie theatres in Poland after its release. This powerful gripping drama is set in the present day but deals with incidents that took place during World War II.

Several other offerings also explore historical subjects, including *No Place on Earth* and *The Real Inglorious Bastards*. “Unlike the popular Quentin Tarantino film starring Brad Pitt of a few years ago, this documentary reveals the true-life story of a group of Germans and Austrians who escaped the country where they were

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Israeli helmer Eytan Fox’s candy-colored musical “Cupcakes” is an endearingly goofy celebration of the right to be yourself.



- ★ **What:** East Bay International Jewish Film Festival
- ★ **Where:** Century Theaters, Downtown Pleasant Hill
- ★ **When:** Friday, March 7-Thursday, March 13
- ★ **Film Listings & ticketing:** [www.eastbayjewishfilm.org](http://www.eastbayjewishfilm.org)

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The two nominees for **Teen of the Year** were both given the award—**Natalie Hill**, for her leadership in teen programs at Pleasant Hill Library, and **Aubrey Kring**, for being the co-founder of the “Exceptional Club” at College Park HS—a club that allows students of all backgrounds to interact and socialize in an all-inclusive environment.

The **Green Award** was bestowed on the **Green Team at Sequoia Elementary**, a group of parents and students, who have composted more than 8,000 pounds of lunch waste over the past three years and used it to cultivate a thriving vegetable garden at the school.

Pleasant Hill Coin & Jewelry Exchange won the **Business of the Year award**. Co-owners, **Jennifer Grossi** and **Elizabeth Chapple**, were honored for their sponsorship of and volunteerism at many community events.



The **Community Plus award**, given to an employee of the City, Chamber or Recreation & Park District, went to **Kendra Luke**, the Senior Center Manager. Kendra was recognized for her leadership and enthusiasm in sustaining senior programs over the past several years.



The organizing committee received 22 nominations this year in the six competitive award categories including six nominations each for Educator of the Year and the Green Award.

### Other awards presented included:

- ★ **Mayor’s Award** – Cindy Rubin, Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education, and the PH Recreation & Park District
- ★ **PH Rec & Park District Board Appreciation Award** – Harold Jeffry, John Matthesen & Marian Woodard
- ★ **PH Rec & Park District Community Service Award** – Paul Cotruvo
- ★ **Pleasant Hill Chamber Board Appreciation Award** – Matt Rinn
- ★ **Pleasant Hill Chamber Ambassador of the Year** – Julie McCoy
- ★ **PH Community Foundation Cornerstone Award** – Suzanne Salter

The event is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, City of Pleasant Hill and the PH Recreation & Park District each year to honor citizens, organizations, businesses and employees who have made a significant contribution to the Pleasant Hill community through their selfless dedication and volunteerism. All of the nominees were honored and recognized for enhancing the quality of life in Pleasant Hill. ♣

## Senior Spectrum

### ELDER ABUSE: Suspect it, report it. Part One: Physical and Emotional Abuse

—An article from the Commission on Aging

It is a sad fact that older adults are sometimes physically and emotionally abused. If you suspect abuse of an elderly family member, friend, or neighbor, **SPEAK UP!**

Examples of physical abuse include hitting, withholding food, tight restraints, unwanted sexual contact, and being locked in a room for punishment. Some symptoms of physical abuse to watch for are bruises, broken bones, sudden weight loss, burns, bed-sores, or cuts.

Examples of emotional abuse include yelling at the elder, threats of harm or punishment, and attacking an elder’s dignity. Some symptoms of emotional abuse to watch for are being afraid to talk openly, anger, being upset, and depression.

Some seniors are not able to report abuse for themselves. They may be afraid that the caregiver will try to get back at them. They may not know who to complain to about the abuse. But no senior should have to suffer. It may be up to you to make a confidential report for the senior.



#### How to report suspected elder abuse.

- If there is immediate danger, call 911.
- Call Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services toll free at (877) 839-4347, a 24-hour hotline.
- If abuse is occurring in a long-term care facility, call the Long Term Care Ombudsman at (925) 685-2070.

What happens after a report is made? Trained professionals will look into the conditions of the elder’s care. If abuse is found, a plan will be developed to aid the senior and stop the abuse from happening again.

Here are two online resources for information about elder abuse. Be informed. Be watchful. Speak up for vulnerable seniors.

- Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services [www.pleasant-hill.net/senior](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/senior).
- California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform: [www.canhr.org/abuse/index.html](http://www.canhr.org/abuse/index.html). ♣

### New Pleasant Hill Community Center now open!

Come tour the new facility and sign up for classes. Now accepting rental reservations. Call Ryan Herriman at 771-7639 or email [rherriman@pleasanthillrec.com](mailto:rherriman@pleasanthillrec.com).



### Pleasant Oaks Park now open!

Enjoy this completely renovated PHR&PD park and sports center located at 2 Santa Barbara Road (across from PH Middle School)

### Literary Women Event

Saturday, April 26, 9:30am-3:00pm, new Pleasant Hill Community Center, Perera Pavilion, 20 Civic Drive. Join this exciting Bay Area Bluestocking Festival of Authors.

Purchase tickets at [www.literarywomen14.eventbrite.com](http://www.literarywomen14.eventbrite.com).

### Breakfast with Bunny

Enjoy breakfast and crafts with Bunny. Bring camera. (1-10 yrs with parent) Saturday, April 12, 8:30-9:30am, Pleasant Hill Senior Center Pre-register by April 4. Admission: \$8.50/\$7.50 (Dist. Res.). Parents must register as well.

### Register now for these fun youth activities at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com):

#### ■ Youth Spring Break Tennis Camp

April 21-25, Monday-Friday, 9:00am, College Park Tennis Courts

#### ■ NFL Sponsored Youth Flag Football Spring Program

Games: May 3-June 14 (Saturdays only). Registration closes Friday, April 18. Fee: \$145/\$130 (Dist. Res) NFL sports shirt, football and flag belt included.

#### ■ 2014 Dolphins Swim Team

Open to swimmers 18 & under. Special in-person Registration Day March 22, 10:00am-12:00pm, District Office, 147 Gregory Lane.



## Senior Center events and activities

### ■ Laugh, Love & Learn

#### 2014 Information Fair (FREE)

- April 4, 8:30am-1:00pm
- Info at 798-8788

### ■ Special Travel Presentation: Explore your world with us!

Learn about exciting upcoming travel adventures offered by PHR&PD Travel Services. Call 798-8747

- April 9 at 6:00pm

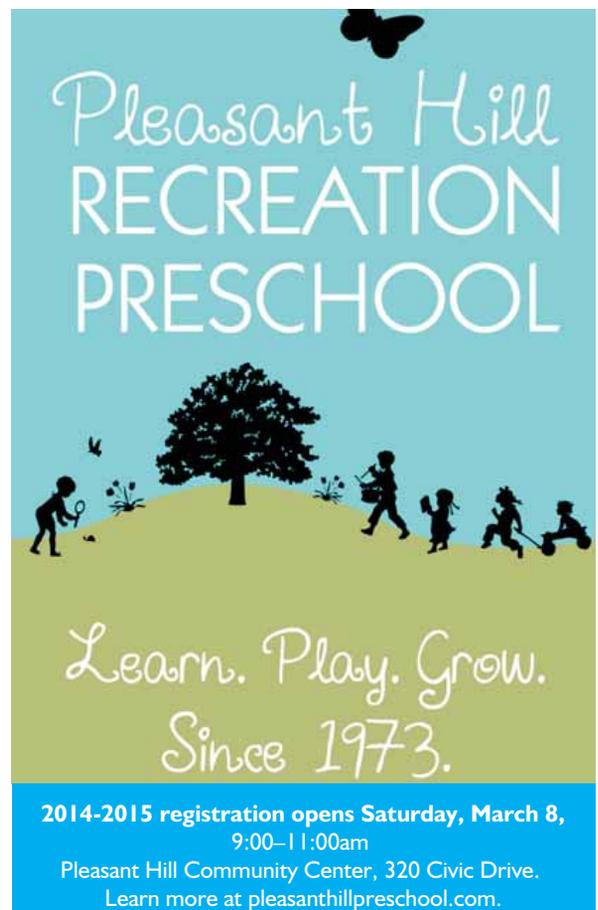
### ■ Care Management Information Series (FREE)

Sponsored by Chateaus of Pleasant Hill

- March 13: When Do You need Fiduciary Services?
- April 10: What is Hospice & Palliative Care?

### ■ Easter Pancake Breakfast & Spring Boutique

- April 19, 9:00-11:00am
- Tickets: Adults (11+): \$5; Children (5-10 yrs): \$3; 4 & under: FREE



Pleasant Hill  
RECREATION  
PRESCHOOL

Learn. Play. Grow.  
Since 1973.

2014-2015 registration opens Saturday, March 8,  
9:00-11:00am  
Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive.  
Learn more at [pleasanthillpreschool.com](http://pleasanthillpreschool.com).



## Preserving our environment

### Make a difference!

The City is seeking candidates to serve on the following Commissions:

#### ■ CIVIC ACTION COMMISSION

This Commission studies and makes recommendations to the City Council on subjects that improve the overall quality of community life. The Commission also organizes major City events, such as Community Service Day and the "Sunset by the Lake" Summer Concerts. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at City Hall.

#### ■ COMMISSION ON AGING

This Commission considers all matters affecting the aging in the community; provides awareness of resources; and participates in events of benefit to the aging population. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall.

#### ■ EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Education Commission is an Advisory body to City Council to foster cooperation and communication with Mt. Diablo Unified School District, other local agencies and businesses. Applicants must reside in one of two middle school attendance areas: Valley View or Pleasant Hill Middle Schools. This Commission meets at City Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

#### ■ PLANNING COMMISSION

This seven-member Commission provides recommendations to the City Council on land use, zoning, and the general plan, as well as other issues. To qualify as a candidate, you must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Pleasant Hill for at least one year prior to appointment to the Commission. The Planning Commission meets at City Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

All positions are for four (4) year terms. Deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, March 26, 2014. For an application or more information visit the City of Pleasant Hill website at [www.pleasant-hill.net/commission](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/commission), or contact Juanita Davalos by phone at 671-5267 or e-mail at [jdavalos@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:jdavalos@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

### Water: enough to use, none to waste

With the lack of rain and snow so far this winter, there's real concern about statewide water supply. In fact, on January 17th Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought state of emergency, urging a 20 percent reduction in water use.

Most Bay Area water agencies are tracking their water supply closely and are helping customers conserve by providing tips and access to conservation services and rebates. Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and East Bay Municipal Water District (EBMUD) are asking customers to continue their conservation efforts and check to see if they are using water efficiently. Each agency has a wide range of conservation services, including home water use evaluations, toilet rebates, clothes washer rebates, lawn to garden rebates, and more. For details on specific water conservation services, visit their websites.

■ CCWD: [www.ccwater.com/conserves](http://www.ccwater.com/conserves)

■ EBMUD: [www.ebmud.com/watersmart](http://www.ebmud.com/watersmart)

#### Actions you can take to save water

■ **Find and fix leaks:** Leaks can account for a significant amount of water and if unrepaired, they can result in property damage. Two key places to look for leaks are your toilet tank and sprinkler valves. Check toilet leaks by inspecting the tank and ensure the water level is set 1" below the top of the overflow tube. Place food coloring or dye tablets in the tank water. Wait ten minutes and check the toilet bowl. If the colored water made its way into the bowl, it means you need to replace the toilet flapper.

■ **Turn off irrigation timer:** Automatic sprinkler timers can 'automatically' waste water. This time of year, automatic sprinkler timers should be turned off, even though it may be tempted to keep them on given current weather conditions. If the lawn or landscape requires irrigation, use it in the manual mode only when plants need it.

■ **Invest in a new clothes washer:** You'll save water, energy and detergent with high-efficiency clothes washers—plus get a rebate up to \$200 from your water agency and PG&E.

At minimum, be sure to run full loads only no matter what kind of washer you have. Rebate applications available at local retail stores.

■ **Lose the lawn, get a garden:** Lawns are the biggest water user at most homes. A typical front lawn (750 sq. ft.) will use more than 28,000 gallons in a year. That is enough water for 1,400 ten-minute showers! Replace your existing lawn with water-wise landscaping and save up to 14,000 gallons per year. CCWD provides up to \$500 in rebates to replace a water-thirsty lawn with a water-wise garden. For program information, visit [www.ccwater.com](http://www.ccwater.com) or call 688-8320.

#### Water-wise gardening events

##### ■ Lose a Lawn, Get a Garden Workshop

Learn how to replace your lawn with a beautiful water-wise landscape. This inspiring and informative workshop is designed for homeowners interested in replacing their existing water-thirsty lawns with beautiful water-wise landscaping. Experts will provide advice and instruction on garden design, irrigation and plants specific to the Diablo Valley climate.

- ❑ Contra Costa Water District Center, 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord
- ❑ Saturday, April 26, 9–11:30am
- ❑ Cost: \$20

**To register, visit the Gardens at Heather Farm website at [www.gardenshr.org](http://www.gardenshr.org) or call 947-1678.**

##### ■ Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Sunday, May 4, FREE! 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, sign up at [www.bringingbackthenative.net](http://www.bringingbackthenative.net)**

## Gardening in drought—it can be done!

Forecasts abound for severe drought, striking fear in the hearts of vegetable gardeners—but you can still grow edibles. There is even an upside to drought as it makes us aware what a precious resource we've taken for granted. Consider these tips as you plan your garden:

- **Compost, compost, compost!** The more humus and compost you can work into your soil, the more water the soil can hold – and the less it needs.
- **Plant vegetables with shorter maturity dates.** There are early, mid- and late season varieties of just about every kind of vegetable. Choose those with the shortest days to maturity. Plan and plant more heavily in the spring and fall; less in the summer when the heat will be most intense and water needs greatest.
- Oddly enough, **more tomatoes suffer from over-watering than under-watering.** Know the signs of each, and don't give up your love of growing tomatoes. There are tomatoes that thrive in hot, dry climates. Once tomatoes get established and set fruit, try dry farming them. Less water means more concentrated flavor. Again, high organic matter and soil fertility are key as tomatoes are heavy feeders.
- **Mulch, mulch, mulch!** Bare soil is a no-no. Water evaporates quickly from bare soil, and with it go critical

nutrients. Mulch is anything that covers soil, e.g., straw (but not hay!), wood chips, or plastic. Consult the web, a nursery, a Master Gardener or other knowledgeable source which mulch is best for your needs.

- **Work with your neighbors and friends** to plan what you'll all grow. One zucchini plant feeds multiple households, as does one prolific tomato plant. If each of you grows something different, you can form your own mini friendly crop swap.
- **Try planting vegetables in containers** this year instead of the ground. Many edibles are now bred to thrive in smaller spaces, and with all the self-watering options available, plus drip irrigation, you use less water.
- **Have a friendly competition within your family or neighborhood** to see who can save or reuse the most water. The days of seemingly limitless, cheap water are gone for good, so awareness of how to use this resource is critical. Water-saving tips abound on the internet.
- **Attend a graywater class** or otherwise investigate how to divert water from your washing machine and bathroom sinks out to your garden. One site is [www.ccwater.com/conservate/alternatives.asp](http://www.ccwater.com/conservate/alternatives.asp). ♣

## Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center & Urban Farm

### Urban Farm Expo & Plant Sale

There are more ideas on how we can weather this drought and become stronger as a community. Want more information, plus where to find the healthiest plants? Come to the Second Annual Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm Expo & Plant Sale on Saturday, April 5 from 10am–4pm! 315 Cortsen Road, Pleasant Hill.

Go to [Info@RodgersRanchUrbanFarm.org](mailto:Info@RodgersRanchUrbanFarm.org) or call 890-7289 for information.

### Thursday for History...

The Pleasant Hill Historical Society needs help organizing historical material that has been in storage. The Society meets on Thursday's from 9:30am-1:00pm at Rodgers Ranch, 315 Cortsen Rd. There is a lot of interesting information to sort through and all assistance is appreciated. Call 937-3677 if you have any questions.

### Rodgers Ranch Round Up docents needed

Do you enjoy working with children? The ranch is looking for volunteer adults and teens to help with the summer heritage program.

For more information, email [rodgersranch@yahoo.com](mailto:rodgersranch@yahoo.com) or call 937-3677. ♣



## Backyard Composting Workshop 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—attend a free workshop—register now by calling Annette Kaufmann at 671-5265 or go to [www.pleasant-hill.net/compost](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/compost).

The workshops are one hour in duration. The next workshops will be held **Tuesday, March 18 and Tuesday, April 29**. All workshops are from 7pm to 8pm in the large Community Room at City Hall. **Sign up at [www.pleasant-hill.net/compost](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/compost).** ♣



### Relay For Life® of Pleasant Hill is gearing up for 2014 event

Two preview events this spring will help set the stage for the fifth annual Relay For Life of Pleasant Hill – a community-wide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society that will be held June 7-8.

#### Tea & cookies for Cancer Survivors

On Monday, March 17, from 10am to noon, cancer survivors—people who have had or still have cancer—are invited to enjoy FREE tea and cookies, hosted by Diablo Valley Oncology, 400 Taylor Blvd., Pleasant Hill.

Cancer survivors are big heroes of ACS and Relay for Life. At the tea and cookies gathering, they may learn more about the services and programs that ACS provides.

They may also take the opportunity to sign up for this year's Relay. There is no registration fee for survivors, and they do

not need to raise funds to participate in the survivor ceremonies at the June event.

#### Wear purple at the Relay Rally

On Monday, April 7, from 5pm to 8pm, adults and children are encouraged to wear purple—the color of cancer survival—and attend the Relay Rally at Sweet Tomatoes, 40-A Crescent Drive, in downtown Pleasant Hill.

Weather permitting, the rally will be on the restaurant's back patio, radiating with "Luminarias." These are white paper bags decorated with words and artwork and dedicated to a loved one with cancer. The bags are illuminated by glow sticks inside.

People may purchase Luminaria bags (\$10 suggested), decorate them (materials provided) and/or participate in a brief Luminaria "remembrance" ceremony at 7pm.

Those ordering a meal during the event may have 15% of their purchase

donated to ACS if they present a flier available on the Relay For Life website.

#### More information

The June 7-8 Relay For Life will be held at the Pleasant Hill Middle School. It is not a race or run. Teams form beforehand and raise money. At the Relay, teams educate visitors on cancer awareness and keep at least one member on the track for 24 hours to signify that cancer never sleeps, and neither does the fight against cancer.

For more information go to [www.RelayForLife.org/PleasantHillCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/PleasantHillCA). To obtain a Sweet Tomatoes donation flier, scroll down to the purple Event Details banner and click on Announcements. A link to the flier is at the bottom of the Announcements page.

E-mail [relayforlifeph@yahoo.com](mailto:relayforlifeph@yahoo.com) or call 944-4898 with any questions. ♣



### FPHE kicks off 6th annual campaign!

Be a part of progress—donate for the future of our students and our public schools. The 2014 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 greatly appreciated. FPHE's ability to issue grants is solely dependent on the support of the community. Donate online at [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) or to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

#### How are donations used?

Funds raised go to school grants which are issued in May 2014. Since 2009, FPHE has awarded over \$158,000 in grants to the community's eleven public schools for items such as:

- ▶ Books for entire grade levels: reference, biographies, literature pieces, early readers

- ▶ Classroom equipment and technology: maps, graphing calculators, DNA research tools, lab equipment, interactive whiteboards, LCD projectors, PC stations
- ▶ Curriculum support: math, science, literature, history, and ecology programs
- ▶ The Arts: musical instruments and supplies, stage lighting, art materials, stage production supplies

#### Why give? Strong schools benefit YOU

Strong schools greatly benefit students, but a strong K-12 school system helps increase property values and is an investment in the future of our entire community.

Don't miss FPHE's Campaign Dine Out events: Restaurant fundraisers on select Tuesdays (lunch, dinner, and take-out). Print fliers at [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) and submit to your server at the following

restaurants to ensure a percentage of your bill goes to FPHE:

- March 4 – Magoo's Grill of Pleasant Hill, 1250 Contra Costa Blvd.
- March 11 – Round Table Pizza, 1938 Oak Park Blvd. AND 716 Contra Costa Blvd.
- March 18 – Slow Hand BBQ, 1941 Oak Park Blvd.
- March 25 – Wence's Restaurant, 1922 Oak Park Blvd.

Please donate at [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) or mail to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Thank you for your commitment to education and our community. ♣



## Pleasant Hill Lions' events

The Club's 42nd annual Crab Feed was held on February 8, 2014. All the money raised at this event will be donated to programs for the visually-impaired and local community projects. The Lions also recently attended the opening of the new Community Center, to which the Club donated \$25,000.

On February 13, 2014, the Pleasant Hill Lions held their local Student Speakers Contest. This statewide contest is held by the all of the Lions Clubs of California for student speakers of high school age and the final winner receives approximately \$20,000 in prize money. The subject this year was "Community Service - What does it mean and why does it matter?" The local winner was Paul Grunder.

(A fun fact: longtime member, Ted Winslow, participated in this contest when he was in high school in 1941!)

### Upcoming Events

- **Egg-Citing Egg Hunt**—April 19, 2014. Pleasant Hill Lions Club is the major contributor to the Egg-citing Egg Hunt held annually by the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District. They provide the eggs for the children and coffee and donuts for the families to enjoy.
- **Texas Hold `Em Poker Tournament.** For date and details please contact Ken Womacher at 687-0858.

Lions are an international network of 1.35 million men and women dedicated to making a difference locally and globally. If you would like to learn more about Pleasant Hill Lions please call Don Flaskerud at 676-5859. ♣

## Planning has started for 2014 Pleasant Hill 4th of July Celebration

Mark your calendar! The 4th of July for 2014 is on a Friday. Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission members, headed by President Allen Vinson, are already hard at work raising funds and planning another fun-filled family event for July 4th 2014. The theme for 2014 is Hats Off to America!

Start training now for the kickoff event of the July 4th activities, the 'Firecracker 5K Fun Run.' All registration fees for the Fun Run support Pleasant Hill schools. The 2013 race generated over \$12,000, and the goal is to exceed that amount for 2014.

The Commission is working hard to line up parade entrants so that we can keep up the tradition of this crowd-pleasing event. The Party in the Park follows the parade and will feature food, games for children, and entertainment. Enjoy the activities, and then take a rest before heading to College Park High School for the spectacular Fireworks show!

Check out the website at [www.phjuly4.com](http://www.phjuly4.com) for updates as plans are firmed up for this exciting day. The Commission can always use more members and volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Allen Vinson at 938-2373 for more information. ♣



## Pleasant Hill Rotary Club is a proud sponsor of the new Community Center

The Pleasant Hill Community Center, the newest and most beautiful building in Pleasant Hill, opened its doors to the community on Sunday, January 26, for a ribbon-cutting and an opportunity for residents to finally view what they have watched being built for more than a year. It is a gorgeous building, and the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is proud to have contributed a small part to its creation.

The club gave the Park District a grant of \$25,000 and sponsored the entryway into the main lobby. A Rotary wheel was permanently embedded in the walkway just outside the entry doors. A few days before the opening a half dozen club members gathered to admire the wheel and put their "stamp of approval" on it. Included in that group were President Michael Saenz, Matt Rinn, Mike Maxwell, and Jim Bonato.



The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill looks forward to attending or sponsoring many events at the new center, including **their major annual fundraiser on March 14, St. Patrick's Night of Merriment.** This 14-year-old event features food, including corned beef and cabbage, from nine local restaurants; silent, live and wine auctions; Irish dancers; and lots of merriment. Funds raised support our local organizations and some international projects. If interested, call Jim Bonato for tickets (938-5433).

If you would like to learn more about Rotary or attend a lunch meeting, call Ken Housfeld at 944-4898. ♣

## PH Library activities...

### ➤ **Muslim Journeys\***

Tuesdays, March 4 and April 8, 6pm

The Library is hosting a community reading and discussion series focusing on the connected histories of Islam and the West. 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](http://guides.ccclib.org/journeys)

\*Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association.

### ➤ **Citywide Science Fair**

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-8:00pm

The Pleasant Hill Education Initiative and the Library are hosting the first citywide science fair! Check out amazing science projects from local students and try out hands-on science activities. Students may sign up at the library or through their school to present their projects. Youth presenters receive a free Lawrence Hall pass while supplies last.

### ➤ **Covered CA Enrollment**

Tuesday, March 11, 5:00-8:00pm

Covered California enrollment counselors from our state's new healthcare exchange marketplace will talk with you face-to-face to explain your health coverage options and help you select the best plan for your medical needs and budget. Visit [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org) for more info.

### ➤ **Reading Recommendations for Mystery Book Lovers!**

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-8:00pm

Project Second Chance (PSC), CCCL's adult literacy program, will be hosting Ron Shoop's (Random House) Book Club Forums with particular emphasis on mysteries. He'll share different books that are bound to generate lively discussions! A local bookstore will be on hand to sell any of the titles that intrigue you, and a percentage of any proceeds will be donated to PSC. Free raffle for a bag of books too!

### ➤ **Dante the Magician**

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30pm

Families will be amazed as award-winning magician Dante Mancini presents magic and fun for the entire family!

### **Common Core Night at the Library**

*Find out what Common Core really looks like in the classroom and get answers from educators*

The Pleasant Hill Education Commission is co-hosting Common Core Night at the Pleasant Hill Library on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. The event is for parents of students in grades 6-12 who wish to learn more about the Common Core Standards. Teachers will be sharing Common Core aligned mini lessons in various subjects. This event is free to everyone.

### ➤ **Eco Sewing**

Last Wednesday each month  
3:00-5:00pm

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.

### ➤ **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!

### ➤ **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 at 349-4568 or [www.doorstepfarmers.com](http://www.doorstepfarmers.com). All subscribers who request delivery at the Library have the option to donate 5% to the Pleasant Hill Library.

### ➤ **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](http://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**

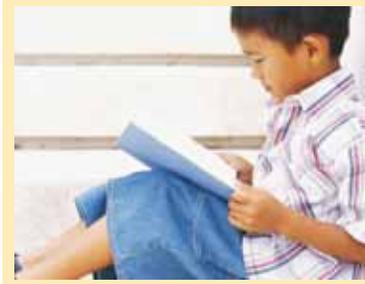
Every second Wednesday  
3:30-5:00pm

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!



## Library Meeting Room

Available during library open hours. Details on how to reserve the room at [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org).

**Please check the library's Website for additional information and details on all events at [www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html](http://www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html)**

### JFK University launching two new online programs

Building upon the success of its online programs in Sport Psychology and Business, John F. Kennedy University is launching new online programs in the History of Conflict and Convergence Journalism.

The online History of Conflict program has been developed in conjunction with historians and military experts and will explore the theories of conflict, its societal and cultural impacts, and strategies for response to the ‘dangers’ and ‘opportunities’ in the road ahead. The program offers both a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and a Master of Arts (MA) degree, with the opportunity for students in the undergraduate program to start on their Master’s while still finishing their Bachelor’s. Applications are being accepted for the BA program starting this spring; the MA program is accepting applications for this coming fall.

Also being offered in the fall is the online BA in Convergence Journalism. This unique program integrates traditional forms of media with new and emerging digital formats and content delivery streams. Students will craft podcasts, blogs, and short video pieces, and come out of the program with knowledge in the spectrum of Journalism 2.0. The program is designed so that when they earn their degree, students will have built a professional portfolio tailored to their chosen professional course and designed to help them compete in the new media marketplace.

Individuals interested in these programs or any other of JFK University’s degree and certificate programs are invited to attend the University’s Pleasant Hill Open House on Saturday, April 26, at 10:30 am. Open House attendees can meet faculty and current students, get financial aid information, and receive an application fee waiver. For details and to RSVP, call 969-4100 or visit [www.jfku.edu](http://www.jfku.edu). ♣

### JFKU Events...Save the date!

- Friday, April 4, 11:30am  
**LEAP into Fashion Luncheon** event supporting summer camps for disadvantaged youth hosted by Sport Psychology at Orinda Country Club, 969-3414
- Friday, May 16, 11:30am  
**Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Luncheon** hosted by JFKU Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership at Blackhawk Auto Museum, 671-3166
- Saturday, May 17, 9am–4pm  
**Veteran Conference Front Line to Home Front**, workshops for veterans and their families, mental health professionals, and the public on topics related to veterans transitioning back into civilian life, hosted by The Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation at JFKU Pleasant Hill campus 969-3585



### Diablo Valley College has new, more flexible classes this spring and summer



Diablo Valley College has been experimenting with more flexible class offerings as an attempt to accommodate prospective students in our community who may not be able to attend classes during the more traditional college timeline. Sometimes a 17 or 18-week semester is too long of a commitment, but a student might be able to carve out an intensive three or six-week session to focus on a single course and still get full credit for what would ordinarily be taught in a much longer semester-length format.

There are still spaces available for students who are interested in classes that begin on March 24. Learn more about late-start classes at DVC by visiting [www.dvc.edu/spring/think](http://www.dvc.edu/spring/think).

For the first time in many years, DVC will also be introducing a “summer intersession” before the regular summer session begins. This three-week intensive session will begin the day after Memorial Day (immediately following spring semester) on May 27 and will end just before the traditional summer session begins on June 16. To learn more about summer classes at DVC, please visit [www.dvc.edu/summer](http://www.dvc.edu/summer). ♣

### DVC Drama presents the hilarious comedy...NOISES OFF

By Michael Frayn, Directed by Ed Trujillo.  
March 28-April 13

*“Bumper car brilliance...If laughter is indeed the best medicine, Noises Off is worth its weight in Cipro.”*  
—New York Daily News

Michael Frayn’s multi award-winning comedy, NOISES OFF is hailed as one of the greatest comedies ever written. This celebrated play serves up a riotous double bill – a play within a play. Hurling along at breakneck speed, it follows the hilarious backstage antics of a touring theater company as they stumble their way through rehearsals, to a shambolic first night, and a final disastrous performance. This fast-paced, energetic comedy will have you rolling in the aisles and your sides splitting with laughter!

NOISES OFF is directed by Ed Trujillo and runs March 28-April 13. Show Times are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm; Sunday 4/6 and 4/13 at 2:30pm. For tickets, call (925) 969-2358 or go to our website at [www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net).

DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 with free parking for all performances. ♣

## What's happening in the community...



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- Kick up your heels for a fashion show

Shop the latest in shoes, accessories and more. Sip wine, savor bites and kick up your heels for a fashion show. Buy tickets, [www.cccwinewomenandshoes.com](http://www.cccwinewomenandshoes.com).

**"Egg" Citing Egg Hunt!** RAIN OR SHINE



**Saturday, April 19**  
Pleasant Hill Park • 147 Gregory Lane

**Important! Pre-registration required by 12:00 pm, April 18!** To register call 682-0896. Free entertainment!

Dana Smith, Juggler 9:30 am  
Music by Strawberry Fields 9:30 am

**Egg Hunt | \$6 per child**  
Check-in begins at 9:30 am!

6160.201	0-3 yrs	10:30 am sharp!
6160.202	0-3 yrs	10:50 am sharp!
6160.203	4-6 yrs	11:15 am sharp!
6160.204	7-10 yrs	11:30 am sharp!

- All who attend will come away with a goody and a smile.
- Bring your camera and your baskets.
- Enjoy visits with the Bunny.
- Have fun with facepainting and other "egg" citing activities.
- Catch the Pleasant Hill Express running all morning long.

Sponsored by Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and Pleasant Hill Lions Club

## Film Festival —continued from page 2

born and decided to fight for the Allies during WWII."

Fanciers of spy thrillers will appreciate several *Hatufim (Prisoners of War)* which served as the template for the popular HBO television series *Homeland*, and *In the Shadow*, a brilliantly acted drama from the Czech Republic that takes viewers back to the time when that country was controlled by the Soviet Union.

### Festival tickets

Tickets to the Festival can be purchased at the door or on-line at [www.eastbayjewishfilm.org](http://www.eastbayjewishfilm.org). People can also call for tickets at 510-318-6484 or email [curator@jfed.org](mailto:curator@jfed.org).

The Festival is presented by the Jewish Federation of the East Bay with sponsorship by City National Bank,

## Local families needed to host international students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC) is looking for local families to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills. Long or short-term placements are available.

Host families that participate in the program are paid a monthly stipend of \$825.00 per student. The requirements for being a host family are simple:

- Provide two meals per day (three meals on weekends) and a private bedroom for the student—all within a supportive family environment.
- Be involved in the student's life and treat them as a family member.

Host families are not required to consist of the traditional family unit—two parents and children. Rather, all types of families are welcome, including single adults with or without children, and couples with or without children. If they wish, families may also host multiple students, as long as they can provide the appropriate accommodations.

Sharing your home with an international student offers your family a wonderful opportunity to learn about the way of life in a different country, as well as being able to introduce the student to living in America. Learning about the culture, language, and customs of another country can be an exciting adventure, not to mention a rich and rewarding cultural experience that often results in lifelong friendships.

For more information about becoming a host family, please contact IEC@DVC's Housing Director, Ms. Fia Parker at 876-0080, or by email to [fparker@dvc.edu](mailto:fparker@dvc.edu). ♣

**Star Quest 2014**  
22nd Annual Youth Talent Show  
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill

**ON THE TOWN**

Saturday April 26  
7:00pm  
Sunday April 27  
2:00pm

DVC Performing Arts Theatre  
(Use Golf Club Rd parking lot)

Reception, 6pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday

**FOR MORE INFO**  
689-2249

Tickets available at:  
Rec & Park District Office \$12.00 (\$5 under 18) in advance  
and PH Police Station \$15.00 (\$10 under 18) at door

## College Park Photographic Exhibit at City Hall

Photographs taken by College Park High School students will be on display at City Hall March 3-14 in an exhibit entitled "Life As We Know It". The exhibit explores their photographic voices and perspectives of campus. Students are presenting these images to identify universal and personal issues within their school climate.

This exhibit is part of a larger initiative at College Park funded by the California Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grant which provides funds to improve achievement by addressing issues within the school setting. With the generous funding from S3, College Park was able to bring in The Aja Project, an organization based in San Diego specializing in youth-based participatory photography programs. Over the past two school years, The Aja Project has been working with College Park youth to use photography as a tool to envision causes and solutions to issues in their school and community. Through their photographs youth are examining their relationship with their school and sharing their discoveries with fellow students and community members.

- Where: City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane
- Opening reception: March 3, 6-8pm
- Exhibit open March 3-14, during business hours (M,T,W 8:30-5pm, TH 8:30-6pm, F 8:30-1pm)



AJA YOUTH + PHOTOGRAPHY TRANSFORMATION

Life As We Know It - CPHS photo students explore their relationship with their school

## Our rockin' community! Events for March and April 2014...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Mar 1	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Mar 7	International Film Festival kick-off	Pleasant Hill CineArts	International Film Festival	318-6484
Mar 8	PH Preschool registration	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Mar 13	When Do You Need Fiduciary Services	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 28-Apr 13	"Noises Off"	Diablo Valley College	DVC Drama	969-23588
Mar 17	Tea & Cookies for Cancer Survivors	Diablo Valley Oncology	Relay For Life	944-4898
Mar 18	Backyard Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Mar 20	CC Women's Comm Hall of Fame	Concord Crowne Plaza	CC Women's Commission	890-9221
Mar 22	Dolphins Swim Team registration	PHR&PD Office	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Apr 4	Laugh, Love & Learn information fair	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 5	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Apr 5	Rodgers Ranch Expo & Plant sale	Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm	Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm	890-7289
Apr 7	Relay Rally	Sweet Tomatoes	Relay For Life	944-4898
Apr 9	Travel Presentation: Explore Your World	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 10	What is Hospice & Palliative Care?	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-878
Apr 12	Breakfast with Bunny	PH Senior Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Apr 19	Easter Pancake Breakfast & Boutique	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 19	"Egg"-Citing Egg Hunt!	PH Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Apr 21-25	Youth Spring Break Tennis Camp	College Park tennis courts	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Apr 26	Lose a Lawn, Get a Garden workshop	CC Water District Center	Contra Costa Water District	947-1678
Apr 26, 27	Star Quest Youth Talent Show	DVC Theatre	Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill	689-2249
Apr 26	JFKU Open House	JFK University	JFK University	969-4100
Apr 26	Literary Women	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Apr 29	Backyard Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265

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](mailto:Kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).



## **New businesses December 2013**

### **Creative Paint (Retail Paint Store)**

44 Golf Club Road  
925-698-0880

### **Leslie Newens (Hairstylist)**

81 Gregory Lane, #120  
925-586-2776

### **My Angels Nails (Nail Salon)**

1888 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-687-2222

### **Nutrishop (Sports Nutrition/ Weight Loss Supplements)**

2340 Monument Blvd., #A  
925-363-7752

### **Save A Life CPR**

(CPR/AED/First Aid Class)  
1601 Mary Drive  
925-609-8141

### **Studio 925 (Dance & Fitness-Zumba)**

548-0 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-687-0925

### **Jordan Consulting/Investigations**

(Consulting & Private Investigation)  
925-210-1196



## **New businesses January 2014**

### **Calidad Motors, Inc.**

(Retail Used Auto Dealer)  
2060 Monument Blvd.  
925-566-8788

### **China Lounge (Chinese Food)**

41 Woodsworth Lane  
925-686-9828

### **Deshaun Williams (Personal Train- ing/Self-Care Education)**

1100 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
925-338-1127

### **Garcia Motors (Retail Auto Sales)**

3333 Vincent Rd., #214  
925-301-3814

### **Kitchens By Design (Cabinet Sales)**

3478 Buskirk Ave.  
925-803-8111

### **Legacy Auto Sales**

(Admin. Office for Retail Auto Sales)  
2800 Pleasant Hill Rd., #130B  
925-209-6842

### **Martz Motors (Service/Mainte- nance-Retail Auto Sales)**

1250 Contra Costa Blvd., #104  
925-698-1050

### **Nicole R. Slater (Massage Therapy)**

1610 Oak Park Blvd.  
925-949-6268

### **Pennysaver USA Publishing, LLC**

(Retail Advertising)  
3478 Buskirk Ave., #1024  
714-996-8900



### **Susan Gutierrez, M.D.**

401 Gregory Lane, #108  
925-806-0757

### **Teri Lynn's Skin Care Therapy**

2261 Morello Ave., Suite B1  
925-595-6815

### **Don Risdall Consulting**

(ADA Consultant)  
415-794-5653

### **Olea's Research/Investigation**

(Research/Investigation Services)  
925-387-0467

### **The Jade Tree Bridge**

(Feng Shui Consulting)  
510-926-1422





## City Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 5 9:00am	Commission on Aging	Pleasant Hill Senior Center
Wed 5 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Thu 6 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 10 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 11 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 11 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 13 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
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
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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 May/June is April 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](mailto:mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

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- ★ **19th Annual East Bay International Jewish Film Festival**  
 Friday, March 7 through Thursday, March 13  
 Century 16 Pleasant Hill
- ★ **Pleasant Hill Farmers Market**  
 Every Saturday, May 3 through November 15  
 Downtown Plaza  
 (in front of Jack's Restaurant)
- ★ **Summer Concerts at the Lake**  
 Every other Sunday beginning Memorial Weekend (May 25) ending Labor Day Weekend (August 31)  
 On the Lawn at City Hall
- ★ **Downtown Plaza Concert Series & Wine at the Plaza**  
 3rd Thursday of June, July, August & September  
 Downtown Plaza  
 (next to Jack's & Sweet Tomatoes)
- ★ **Fourth of July Celebration & Festivities**  
 Firecracker Run Parade Fun & Games at Pleasant Hill Park,  
 Live Music & Fireworks  
 For details of times and locations visit: [www.phjuly4.com](http://www.phjuly4.com)
- ★ **Blues & Brews Festival**  
 Friday Night Concert, July 18 & Saturday, July 19  
 Pleasant Hill Park
- ★ **American Iron Car Show**  
 Sunday, August 10, 10am-3pm  
 Crescent Drive,  
 Downtown Pleasant Hill
- ★ **10th Annual Community Service Day**  
 Saturday, September 27  
 Begins at Pleasant Hill Park
- ★ **Art, Jazz & Wine Fest**  
 Saturday-Sunday, October 4-5  
 Crescent Drive,  
 Downtown Pleasant Hill
- ★ **Light up the Night**  
 In Downtown Pleasant Hill  
 Wednesday, December 3  
 Crescent Drive,  
 Downtown Pleasant Hill



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