

THE OUTLOOK



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HATS OFF to the Volunteers of Pleasant Hill!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Community Service Day on Saturday, September 27, and the Civic Action Commission is planning to mark this milestone with a series of events in honor of the thousands of volunteer residents who have participated over the past nine years.

Fourth of July Parade

Look out for the CAC float in the parade with the slogan "Hats Off to Pleasant Hill Volunteers" of Community Service Day. Designed and built by Bob Kelly and commission members, the float begins a three-month promotional campaign to make the 10th annual CSD the biggest and best event ever.

Photo Exhibit and CSD Video

Using photographs and video footage from the previous nine Community Service Day events, the CAC will host an exhibit at City Hall during the month of September and produce a special commemorative video to be aired on the City Channel. If you've been involved in any of the previous years, drop by City Hall in

September to see if you're featured in this exhibit.

Volunteer registration now open

Volunteer and project registration is now open for the event which takes place on **Saturday, September 27.**

Churches, schools, neighborhoods, businesses...come up with a project and register it on the city website at www.pleasant-hill.net/CSD.

Volunteers of all ages—sign up online at www.pleasant-hill.net/volunteer. All volunteers receive a free pancake breakfast (served up by the Lions Club) at Pleasant Hill Park on the morning of the event. The first 600 volunteers to register at the park receive a free event T-Shirt and gardening gloves, plus snacks and drinks to take with you to your project sites. ♻️



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

Last year, during CSD, the Civic Action Commission members worked at the homes of seven senior residents doing landscaping and yard work. The commission is eager to repeat the project again this year. Only front yard landscaping and gardening is permissible and nothing that requires the use of power tools. If you are interested in receiving assistance from Community Service Day volunteers, or have any questions about this project, please contact Martin Nelis at 925-671-5229 or email him at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

Council to consider Plastic bag BAN

See page 2 for update and online survey results ▶▶

Save the date for the next **CITY GATEWAY PROJECT WORKSHOP**
Tuesday, August 19
6:30pm–8:00pm



If you missed the first workshop on the City Gateway Project here is your opportunity to come and hear a recap of that meeting and to share your ideas and opinions about Pleasant Hill. The Gateway Project is a City initiative to enhance the main entryways into Pleasant Hill by designing and constructing new gateway markers and entry signs.

Read more about it on page 3.

Plastic bag ordinance update

The City of Pleasant Hill is considering an ordinance to prohibit single-use (plastic) carryout bags in all retail stores. Under the ordinance, all restaurants, grocery and retail stores in Pleasant Hill would no longer provide single-use carryout plastic bags.

Stores would also be permitted to sell paper bags, with handles, and made from recycled content, for a minimum of 10 cents for each bag. Consumers would have the option to bring their own reusable bags, pay for paper bags, or opt not to use a bag to carry goods from the store.

Smaller protective plastic or paper bags, without handles, would still be allowed under the ordinance at no charge to the customer. Examples of these types of bags include:

- Bags used to wrap fresh produce, baked goods, frozen foods or meat, etc.
- Bags used to protect spillage around containers of soups or other food items
- Plastic film used to protect dry-cleaning

- Paper bags used to protect merchandise such as bottled wine, candy, left-over food ('doggy bags'), prescription drugs, etc.

- Paper bags used in fast food establishments

Retailers would be encouraged to sell reusable shopping bags which meet certain standards in terms of durability and the type of material used to manufacture the bag. More details about these types of bags are available in the proposed ordinance at www.pleasant-hill.net/plastic-bags.

The City Council will consider the proposed ordinance at its meeting on July 7, 2014 with possible adoption in early August. If adopted, the ban on plastic bags

Online plastic bag survey results

The City conducted a seven-week online survey regarding the proposed ban. Of the 329 responses...

- 55% were in favor of a complete ban on single-use bags, with a further 9% of respondents favoring the ban if it exempted restaurants.
- 36% of respondents were against any type of plastic bag ban.
- 83% of respondents indicated that they take reusable bags to the store on some or all occasions.

at retail stores would take effect six months after adoption which would occur in early 2015.

For more information about the proposed ordinance, go to www.pleasant-hill.net/plastic-bags or contact Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or call (925) 671-5229.



Grab some produce at the Farmers' Market and start grilling

Ah, the wonderful smell of freshly-mowed grass, the sound of children running through the sprinklers and dogs barking, the garden awash in color with summer flowers, and the mouth-watering smell of food grilling on the barbecue.

Yes, summer is here with warm evenings spent outside, and friends coming over for good conversation and an evening meal on the patio. Let's get grillin'!

Here's to the all-American summer pastime—al fresco dining! Grab that picnic basket and head for the nearest park or campground, or walk out your back door to the patio and fire up the grill! The weather is perfect for fresh summer vegetables like big, juicy tomatoes, crisp yellow and white corn on the cob, succulent yellow and green summer squash, and sweet and hot peppers tossed in salad or made into salsa. Or pick up some fat juicy peaches and nectarines to enjoy.

Summer produce is available from June through September. And the freshest fruits and vegetables are now at your Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market. Toss some sliced zucchini and thick slabs of eggplant on the grill; or drizzle with olive oil, wrap in foil and grill. Mix chopped tomatoes, peppers, and onion with cilantro and lime juice and you have a great fresh salsa; or cut veggies in chunks, skewer and you have veggie kabobs.

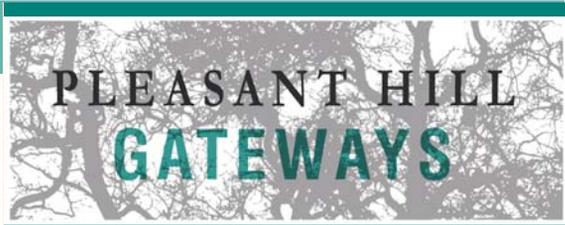
Marinated or not, the natural flavors of the produce are enhanced by grilling—peaches and nectarines become sweeter, zucchini and tomatoes become more savory. You don't need much



seasoning, either. Salt and pepper and a little olive oil are great for vegetables, or a bit of brown sugar for fruit—or grill with no seasoning at all. The natural flavors of locally-grown fruits and vegetables will shine through!

**Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market
Every Saturday, 9am to 1pm
On Trelany Road and Gregory Lane
(next to City Hall)**

**Remember to buy
fresh and buy local!**



Participate in your community!

The City is seeking candidates to serve on the following commissions and boards:

► Architectural Review Commission

The Commission primarily reviews site plans, architectural structures and signage related to new development in Pleasant Hill. Candidates must have demonstrated talent in aesthetics and architectural design through training, education or occupation. Pleasant Hill residency is not required. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00pm. at City Hall. Term is through May 2017.

► Commission On Aging

The Commission on Aging 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 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Term is through April 2017.

► Diablo Vista Water System Advisory Board

This committee administers the affairs of the Diablo Vista Water District. Members must be a resident and property owner within the District for one year prior to appointment. Meetings are held as needed approximately four times per year at City Hall. Term is through October 2015.

► 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. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at City Hall. Terms are through April 2018.

► John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund Board of Directors

Board members are responsible for governing the Community Health Fund, which is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3), nonprofit corporation and supporting organization to John Muir Health. Responsibilities include vetting, awarding and monitoring grants, establishing grant making and operating policies, and approving annual operating budgets. Prior experience volunteering as a director and/or officer for a health care based nonprofit board, and/or prior employment within the fields of medical, dental or mental health care management is desired. Term is through December 2014.

► 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. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at City Hall. Term is through April 2015. ♣

The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, July 31, 2014. For an application or more information visit the City of Pleasant Hill website at www.pleasant-hill.net/commission, or contact Juanita Davalos by phone at 925-671-5283 or e-mail at jdavolos@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

City Gateway Project Workshop

The first workshop meeting, held on June 12, provided an opportunity for attendees to become familiar with the project and help guide the design. The discussion centered on what makes Pleasant Hill such a special place. Comments ranged from the strong sense of community to the incredible natural features that surround and characterize the neighborhoods. The group also talked about cost being an important consideration for this project. Over the next two meetings, the discussion will focus on design, budget, and how the implementation can be phased.



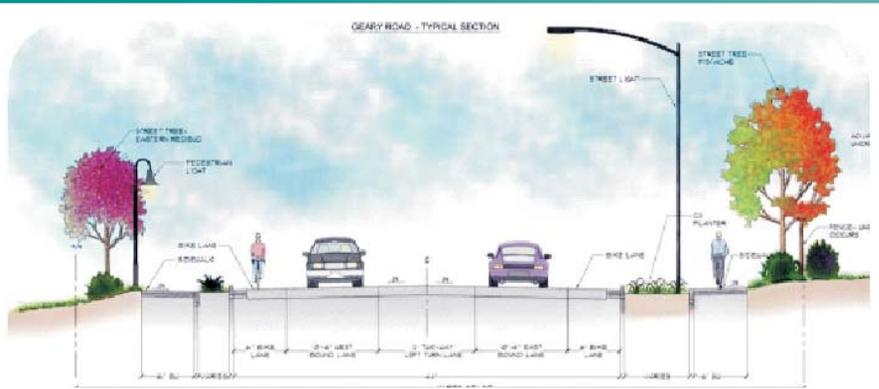
John Gibbs, the design consultant on the project commented, "I was so impressed with the passion each community member brought to the project. We are well on our way to creating a well thought out plan for beautiful gateway markers."

- **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Residents, merchants, and students interested in defining community gateways
 - **WHAT:** Community Gateways Workshop
 - **WHEN:** Tuesday, August 19
 - **TIME:** 6:30–8:00pm
 - **WHERE:** City Hall Community Room
- Light refreshments will be provided.**

Geary Road Improvements

The Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek have partnered on this project as both cities share the segment of roadway. The project is underway and is the final phase of the corridor improvements along Geary Road from North Main Street to Pleasant Hill Road. Major features are:

- The reconstruction of Geary Road from Putnam Boulevard to Pleasant Hill Road;
- Construction of continuous dual left-turn lanes;
- An exclusive bike lane;
- A new pedestrian sidewalk along both sides of the street;
- A new underground storm drain system;
- A new LED and ornamental street lighting;
- New landscaping and irrigation;
- New intersection and traffic signal upgrades at the intersections of Geary Road at Putnam Boulevard and Geary Road at Pleasant Hill Road;



- A new enhanced pedestrian crosswalks along Geary Road; and
- A vehicle speed calming signs.

The upgrades will enhance the Geary Road corridor and will improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety along this route.

The project began construction in March of 2014 and is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2015. Any questions regarding the project can be directed to Ann Page, Assistant Engineer at 925-671-5260 or apage@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. Additionally please visit the City's project construction web page for updates at www.pleasant-hill.net/geary.

Contra Costa Boulevard Improvement Project (Viking Drive to Chilpancingo Parkway)

The construction of the Contra Costa Boulevard (CCB) Improvement Project is underway and on schedule to be completed by November 2014. The project will install "complete street" corridor enhancements along the entire width of CCB, between Viking Drive and Chilpancingo Parkway, including:

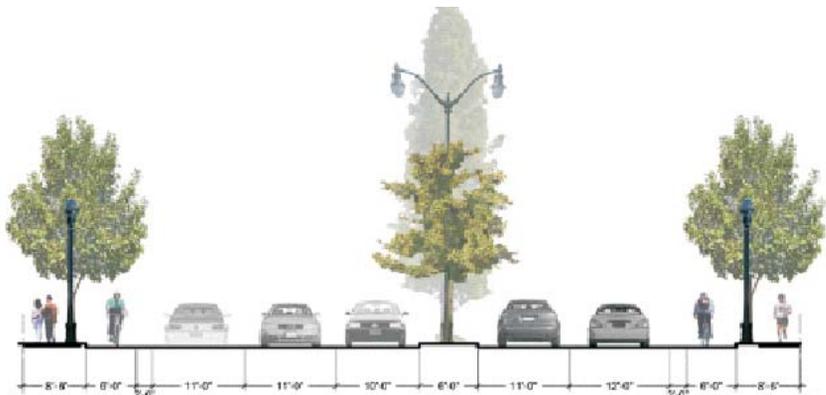
- New traffic signals at CCB/Viking Drive and CCB/Golf Club Road intersections;
- Intersection geometry modifications;
- LED median ornamental street lights;
- LED ornamental pedestrian lighting;
- Concrete sidewalk, curb/gutter and ADA curb ramps;
- Landscaping/planting; and
- Pavement rehabilitation, bike lanes, and colored pedestrian crosswalks at the various signalized intersections.

Project construction began on March 31st, when the project's contractor (Ghilotti Brothers, Inc.) began the sidewalk/curb/gutter demolition and installation near the CCB/Viking Drive intersection on the west side of the roadway. The contractor's plan is to continue with the installation of improvements along the west side of CCB north from Viking Drive to the CCB/Chilpancingo Parkway intersection, then switch over to the east side of CCB and proceed south from Chilpancingo

Parkway back to Viking Drive. Paving is tentatively scheduled to begin in early August, followed by final striping and colored crosswalk installation. Final planting throughout the project corridor is scheduled to be completed by November 2014.

To minimize the impact to traffic and business access, a significant portion of the construction related activities will take place at night, between 9:00pm and 6:00am. Construction activities 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 925-671-5203 or ehu@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. Additionally please visit the City's project construction web page for project updates at www.pleasant-hill.net.ccb.



Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement Project

Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement Project was awarded to Bay Cities Paving and Grading in May of 2013. The project will be constructed over two seasons due to permit restrictions related to Grayson Creek and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2015.

First season of work

Traffic will be shifted to the south side of the roadway to allow the contractor to demolish the northern half of the bridge and reconstruct it. This work should be underway by July 2014 and will take 4-5 months to complete. In November, the contractor will be reconfiguring the traffic to allow the use of the new bridge structure and two lanes will be reestablished in each direction, which will remain in place until the second season of work begins.

Second season of work

Starting March of 2015, the contractor will start preparing for the second half of the construction. This will include shifting traffic to the newly constructed north side with one lane of traffic in each direction. The south side of the bridge will be closed in order to demolish and reconstruct it. All work is expected to be completed in early fall 2015.

The project will install corridor enhancements improvements along Golf Club Road between Contra Costa Blvd. and just west of Old Quarry Road, including: new bridge structure with enhanced barriers and furnishings; LED ornamental street and pedestrian lighting; new wider concrete sidewalks; curb/gutter; ADA curb ramps; bike lanes; enhanced pedestrian crosswalks; landscaping; and pavement rehabilitation.

Any questions regarding the project can be directed to Shawn Knapp, Associate Civil Engineer at 925-671-5251 or sknapp@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. Additionally please visit the City's project construction web page for updates at www.pleasant-hill.net/GCRB.



Underway: Buskirk Avenue Widening Phase II Project

The Buskirk Avenue project broke ground on May 6, 2013. Over the last 12 months significant improvements have been made along the new corridor and along the southern end of the Crossroads Shopping Center. The first phase of work included the installation of an underground joint trench conduit by the City's contractor Ghilotti Brothers, Inc., for the conversion of the existing overhead utility lines to an all underground system within the project limits. The undergrounding work also included a unique directional boring process which installed two large electrical conduits under the Interstate-680 freeway. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) completed cutover work by November, Comcast completed its work by December 2013, and AT&T completed its work by March 2014.

The first stage of work also closed the "old S curve section" for full roadway reconstruction work and undergrounding of facilities, including: storm drain, traffic signal electrical and irrigation facilities. In addition, new sidewalks and ornamental roadway lighting have been installed. The old "S" was replaced with a straightened roadway segment and two new traffic signals at Buskirk Avenue/Claire Drive and a new Buskirk Avenue/Crossroad Shopping Center driveway access. Once the roadway improvements were in place this section of roadway was opened to traffic in mid-December 2013.

The next stage of work is almost complete and will re-open Buskirk Avenue to four lanes in its new and final configuration. This segment will include similar roadway improvements in addition to new landscaping. The new configuration of Buskirk Avenue will permanently close Hookston Road (between Elmira Drive and Buskirk).

Final stages of work include: Improvements along Hookston Road (closed section and East of Elmira Drive); roadway improvements along the south end of Buskirk Avenue (South of Hookston Road); median and landscape improvements along the north end of Buskirk Avenue and final landscape improvements.

The project is on schedule to be completed in September of 2014. Any questions regarding the project can be directed to Jeff Ocampo, Project Engineer at 510-703-4254. Additionally please visit the City's project web page for updates at www.pleasant-hill.net/Buskirk. ♣

► City Budget

The City of Pleasant Hill operates on a two-year (biennial) budget. Through the budget, the City Council authorizes City staff to collect revenues and make expenditures.

On June 2, 2104, the City Council adopted the budget for the next two year cycle beginning on July 1, 2014. To adopt the budget, City staff forecasts the revenues that the City will receive over the next two-year period and the City Council makes decisions about how to expend the revenues.

Below is some background information that was used by the City Council and staff in order to adopt the FY 2014/2016 budget.



► Revenues

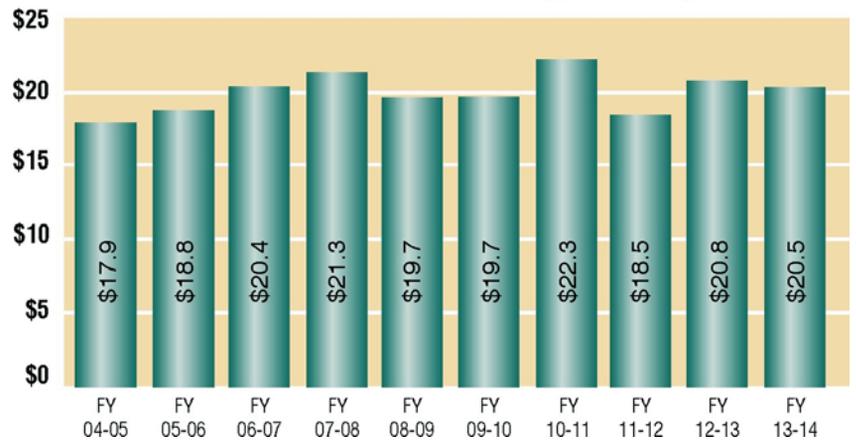
The City collects revenues from a variety of sources and deposits them into different “funds” (similar to bank accounts) in order to ensure that they are spent on appropriate purposes. There are two major categories of funds, the “General Fund,” and all other funds.

Revenues in the General Fund can be spent on any appropriate government purpose as directed by the City Council. The major sources of General Fund revenue are sales tax; property tax; property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees; transient occupancy (hotel) tax; utility users tax; licenses and permits; and charges for services.

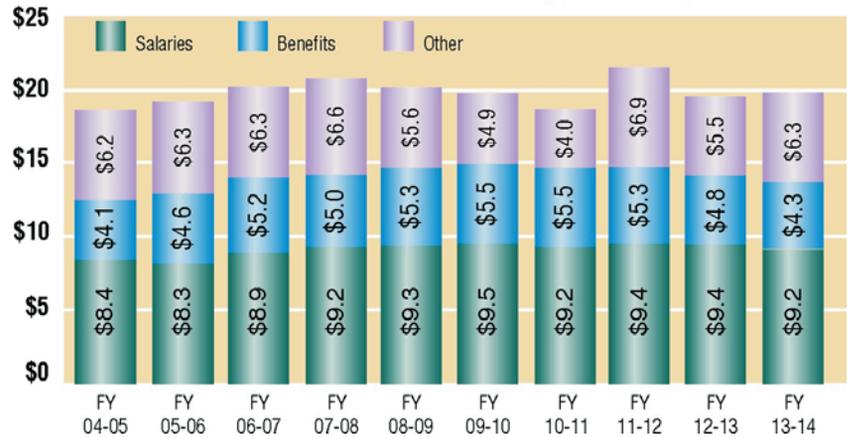
Non-General Fund revenues can only be spent for specified purposes, such as capital improvements, debt service, or a particular program. The major sources of non-General Fund revenues are special taxes or grants from the State and federal government.

Graph 1 shows the City’s total General Fund revenues for the past ten years.

Graph 1. General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Years 2004–2014 (\$ millions)



Graph 2. General Fund Expenditures
Fiscal Years 2004–2014 (\$ millions)



► Expenditures

Through the budget, the City Council authorizes staff to expend the City’s limited financial resources. Like most cities, the bulk of Pleasant Hill’s resources are spent on public safety. The City also spends resources on infrastructure, quality of life, and economic development activities. Graph 2 shows the City’s General Fund expenditures for salaries, benefits, and other; and Graph 3 (on following page) shows the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees for the past ten years.

► Budget balancing challenge

Prior to the adoption of the biennial budget, City staff forecasts the revenues that it expects the City to receive over the next five years. Based on anticipated recovery from the recession, staff is forecasting that ongoing General Fund revenues will grow at approximately 2.5% annually over the next five years. City staff also forecasts the expenditures that the City is obligated to make over the next two years. Due primarily to inflationary increases in general price/cost levels, City staff is forecasting that ongoing General Fund expenditures will grow at approximately 1.3% annually over the next five years.

Based on the revenue and expenditure forecasts described above, staff is forecasting that the City will experience relatively modest budgetary shortfalls in FY 2014/2015 and FY 2015/2016. During the budget adoption process, the City Council opted to resolve these shortfalls by using savings. (As of June 30th, the City was expecting to end FY 2013/2014 with \$13.6 million of General Fund balance, a portion of which is reserved.)

Graph 4 shows the City's forecasted General Fund revenues and expenditures for the next five years. For additional information, see the Budget Proposal at a Glance factsheet on the City's website).

► FY 2014/2016 Budget

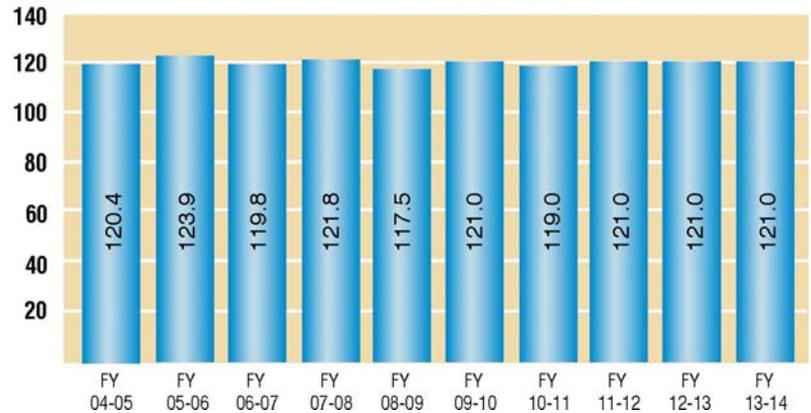
Staff combined information on expected revenues and expenditures (and savings) with the Council's priorities to create the FY 2014/2016 Budget, which was adopted on June 2, 2014. The modestly increasing revenues, relatively high level of savings, and the City's continuing efforts to manage costs, enable the City to now afford some limited new spending on priority items while maintaining a prudent level of reserves.

The main elements of the FY 2014/2016 Budget are the following:

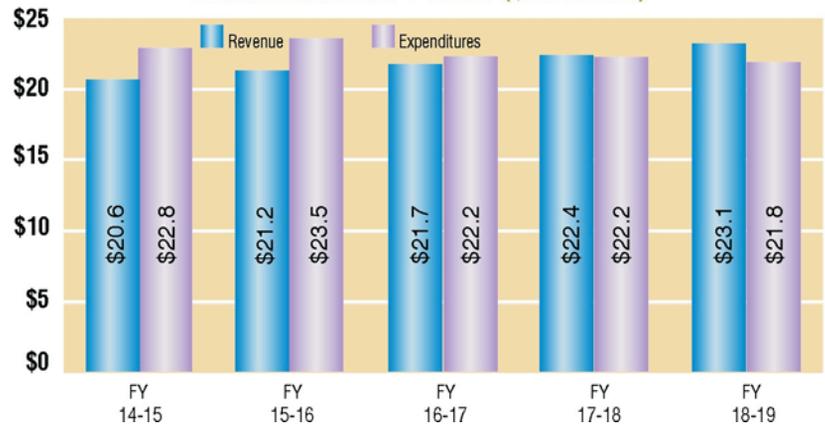
- Modest but consistent revenue growth;
- Modest inflationary growth for most expenditures;
- Continuation of status quo levels of public services and staffing;

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Graph 3. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees
Fiscal Years 2004–2014



Graph 4. Forecasted General Fund Revenue and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 2014–2019 (\$ millions)



Proposed General Fund Forecast
Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
Fiscal Years 2014–2019 (\$ thousands)

	Proposed Budget FY 14-15	Proposed Budget FY 15-16	Forecast FY 16-17	Forecast FY 17-18	Forecast FY 18-19
Fund Balance, beginning	13,568	11,386	9,092	8,635	8,802
Ongoing Revenue	20,584	21,166	21,745	22,370	23,134
Ongoing Expenditures	21,390	22,254	22,051	22,151	21,730
Special Expenditures	1,376	1,205	151	52	53
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	22,766	23,450	22,202	22,203	21,783
Ongoing Surplus/(deficit)	(806)	(1,088)	(306)	219	1,404
Special Expenditures Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,376)	(1,206)	(151)	(52)	(53)
<i>Total Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	(2,182)	(2,294)	(457)	167	1,351
Fund Balance, ending	11,386	9,092	8,635	8,802	10,153

Budget (continued)

- Investment of an additional \$1.0 million over two years for street repair work (one-time funding to maintain the City's streets in their current condition while the City identifies a new long-term mechanism to fully fund street repair work);
- Investment of additional \$612,000 over two years to ensure that the Pleasant Hill library is open 43 hours/six days per week (one-time funding while the City identifies a new long-term mechanism to fund expanded library hours). This means that the library will open on Monday beginning in late summer.
- Investment of \$495,000 for retail marketing incentive program and façade improvement grants and loans, of which \$470,000 is unspent money from prior year funding; and
- Investment of \$275,000 in the Gateway Enhancements Capital Improvement Project.

As mentioned above, the adopted budget will require the City to tap its savings to cover modest operating shortfalls in FY 2014/2015 and FY 2015/2016. The City's savings would nonetheless continue to meet their required levels and be replenished through modest operating surpluses beginning in FY 2017/2018. The complete FY 2014/2016 Budget can be found online at www.pleasant-hill.net/2014budget.

➤ Challenges and uncertainty

Even with the modest economic recovery and stability, there are still challenges and uncertainty ahead that must be kept in mind during the budget adoption process, primarily the following:

- Labor negotiations on expiring contracts;
- Pension costs;
- Healthcare costs; and
- Deferred capital maintenance.

➤ City Council goals

The City Council held its most recent goal setting community workshop in September 2013 in preparation for the new budget. The City Council's five goals are for a city that:

- Is safe
- Is financially sound
- Is attractive, well planned and maintains a small town atmosphere
- Provides a high quality of life for its residents
- Has enhanced public service

More detailed information on the Council's goals (and objectives) can be found on the City Council webpage: www.pleasant-hill.net/goals.



➤ Additional information

For additional information regarding the City's budget, please contact Mary McCarthy, Finance Manager, at 925-671-5231 or mmccarthy@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or visit the City's Budget & Financial Information web page: www.pleasant-hill.net/budget.



Election of City Councilmembers

On November 4, 2014 Pleasant Hill voters will elect two City Councilmembers. The nomination period will begin at 8:30am on Monday, July 14, 2014 and end at 5:00pm on Friday, August 8, 2014.

However, if one of the incumbent officeholders does not file by the August 8th deadline, the nomination period for that vacancy will be extended (for any qualified person, other than the incumbent) until 5:00pm on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

Nomination papers can be obtained from the City Clerk's office during the nomination period. Candidates must be registered voters of Pleasant Hill at the time the Nomination Papers are issued.

Candidates are invited to contact the City Clerk's office at 925-671-5267 for election details. You may also email Juanita Davalos at jdavalos@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

For our seniors

BEAT THE HEAT

—From the PH Commission on Aging

Summer heat can be dangerous to your health, especially if you are over age 65. When the temperature rises over 90 degrees, you must protect yourself against heat exhaustion and/or heat stroke.



Here are some tips from the California Department of Public Health on how to stay cool.

- **Drink plenty of fluids.** During hot weather you have to drink more fluids than normal. Avoid drinks containing alcohol.
- **Pace yourself.** If activity in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, stop all activity at once and rest.
- **Stay indoors.** If you do not have an air conditioner, go to a shopping mall or the library for a few hours. Do not rely on electric fans when the temperature is over 100 degrees. A cool shower or bath is more effective than a fan.
- **Wear appropriate clothing.** Choose light-weight and loose fitting clothes. A wide brimmed hat will keep your head cool outdoors.
- **Use the buddy system.** Have a friend or relative call to check on you twice a day during a heat wave.

Heat stroke occurs when the body cannot control its own temperature. This is an emergency, call 911 right away. Symptoms of heat stroke may include: very high body temperature (above 103 degrees orally), unconsciousness, dizziness, nausea, and confusion, no sweat, rapid and strong pulse, and throbbing headache.

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to loss of fluids and salts. If not treated, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke. Both illnesses require immediate medical attention. Symptoms include: heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, headache, nausea or vomiting, paleness and dizziness.

Your best defense is prevention. Stay cool indoors, reduce activity, drink more fluids, and wear light clothing. Enjoy a healthy summer in Pleasant Hill. ♣



Senior Center events and activities

■ Care Management Series (FREE)

- ❑ July 10—Keeping Cool & Hydrated, presented by The Chateau's of Pleasant Hill
- ❑ August 14 – Burial at Sea, presented by Neptune Society

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. Space is limited. RSVP required. Call 925-798-8788.

■ Pancake Breakfast

- ❑ August 3, 8–10am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Enjoy a delicious stack of pancakes or French toast plus eggs, sausage, OJ and coffee. All ages welcome. All ages welcome! Tickets: Adults (11+), \$5; Children (5-10yrs), \$3; 4 & under, Free!



■ Basic Computer & You: Part 1 & 2

- ❑ Tuesdays, 9:30–11:00am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Computer Lab

Part 1, July 8–22: Get hands on experience in the Senior Center's state of the art Computer Lab. Learn the basics functions including keyboard shortcuts and how to search the web.

Part 2, August 12–26: Build on your computer knowledge from part 1. Learn some of the tools/utilities in Windows to improve your efficiency.



Upcoming tours

Ever wonder what happens to your trash and recycling after it is whisked away from the curb? The Green Business Committee of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce is offering public tours of the Contra Costa Transfer and Recovery Station as well as the Pleasant Hill/Concord Recycling Center.

Contra Costa Transfer & Recovery Station, aka “The Dump” receives 1,000 tons of trash per day from central Contra Costa before sending to the landfill. Tour dates are Wednesday, July 16 at 10am, and Tuesday, August 19 at 10am.

Pleasant Hill/Concord Recycling Center is one of a few recycling centers in the area that receives recyclables from Pleasant Hill. Tour dates are Wednesday, July 23 at 9am, and Tuesday, August 5 at 9am.

Space is limited; please RSVP to Anne Baker at 925-671-5806 or abaker@republicservices.com.

Proposed single use plastic bag ban

Stop by the Saturday Farmers’ Market to learn about the proposed single use plastic bag ordinance, take a survey, and get a free reusable bag. Green Business Committee members are on hand to help you learn more.

Recycling downtown just got easier!

Keep your eyes open for new sidewalk recycling containers that have recently been installed in Downtown along Crescent Drive, thanks to a grant received from CalRecycle. Remember that just like at home, you can recycle all paper, many plastics, and metal and glass containers in the new receptacles.

Meetings

Want to get involved in Pleasant Hill’s green movement? The Chamber of Commerce’s Green Business Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 4pm at Back Forty Restaurant, unless otherwise indicated. If educating youth is more your thing, consider joining the Pleasant Hill Education Initiative’s Green Team, which meets the last Tuesday each month, location varies. Please contact Anne Baker for more information at 925-671-5806 or abaker@republicservices.com. ♣

Rodgers Ranch *SUMMER* *HERITAGE DAYS*

Experience life on a farm in the 1800s at the Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center, 315 Cortsen Road from 9am-2pm. Choose from two sessions—each \$40. \$5 discount to R.R.H.C. family members.

To register call 925-937-3577 or email: RodgersRanchHeritageCenter@gmail.com. Space is limited. For children aged 7–12.

■ Session 1: July 22—Time for a Celebration

Get ready for a party in the 1800s. Clean clothes with washtub and wringer, beat rugs and create home-made decorations. Make refreshments to enjoy and instruments to play, then celebrate!



■ Session 2: July 24 —Almonds are Nuts

Rodgers Ranch was once a thriving Almond Farm. Learn about the different nuts grown in this area and things to do with the shells. Make Almond flavored lip balm and almond butter “play dough.” Make almond flavored ice cream and other treats.

Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center

Location: 315 Cortsen Rd, Pleasant Hill
www.rodgersranch.org

FREE

E-Waste recycling
in Pleasant Hill

Got E-Waste?

Due to the 4th of July holiday there will be no event in July.

But wait!!! Before you put all the summer equipment away until next summer, get rid of that old TV, monitor, computer and more at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College located at 321 Golf Club Road (Overflow Parking Lot #7) in Pleasant Hill, on Saturday, **August 2** from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The event is open to any California resident, business, school, etc. Visit www.NoEwaste.com or call (866) 335-3373 for electronic items accepted and detailed event info. Sponsored by Electronic Waste Management, a state-approved e-waste collector. ♣

Strandwood Elementary garden gets a facelift

Strandwood Elementary's Junior Girl Scout Troop 32410 has earned their Bronze Award- the highest honor a Junior can achieve.

In order to earn this achievement, the girls had to come up with a project that helped their local community. They unanimously decided to help their school by giving the school garden a badly needed makeover. A minimum of 20 hours is required but they gave much more than that.

Strandwood school had an old, overgrown garden in need of a lot of help to restore it back to its original beauty and to make it even better for the students to enjoy. The girls weeded, laid down recycled weed blocking material, added mulch, pruned trees, and planted grape vines and a persimmon tree. They also painted a cheerful mural on the back fence, painted stepping stones, and made two hopscotch playing areas.

They added a compost bin that they put together themselves and put in trenches around their plantings to conserve water. They then created a 'rules' sign for all those that enter and enjoy the garden. In addition to that, the girls created baskets of donated seeds to give to their teachers and the staff of Strandwood. They hope to have them plant as many edibles as possible for their own enjoyment and for their students.

The girls used their own hard earned cookie money to pay for the plants and tree. They also graciously received generous community donations from: Bill's Ace Hardware (paint), Navlet's of Pleasant Hill (seeds, compost, soil, and mulch), High Mowing Organic Seeds (seeds), the City of Pleasant Hill (compost bin) and their wonderful Principal, Mrs. Kim—for whom this project would not have been possible.

Now, the garden is absolutely lovely and it has truly helped make the Strandwood Elementary school garden a better place.



Pictured above from left to right are: Tyler Madison, Hana Nushi, Samra Nisar, Jennifer Shin, Zoë Farajian, Helen Anton, Alana Ludlow, Eva Maddox, Elli Wynter; Not pictured is Naomi Benson.

PHCF names community grant awardees

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation (PHCF) has recently finished its annual Community Grant Award review and has awarded grants to 13 community organizations. The proceeds from generous donors to the Foundation provided the funding for these grant awards. Organizations that provide recreational, educational and cultural services to the residents of Pleasant Hill are eligible to be considered for a grant award.

This year's awardees are: Adult Day Services Network of Contra Costa County; College Park High Grad Night; College Park High School Peer Tutoring Intervention Program; Contra Costa Interfaith Housing; Friends of Pleasant Hill Library; Monument Crisis Center; Pleasant Hill Senior Center; Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District's Aquatic Program; Project Second Chance; RES Success; Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm and Teaching Gardens; Valley View Middle School's Mouse Squad; and Walnut Creek United Methodist Church for the Bus Stop After School Program at Pleasant Hill Elementary School.

Community Grant Chair, Adrienne Roe, states, "We received requests to fund such a wide variety of projects this year. We chose projects that we felt would be the most impactful. These projects included assisting frail adults, struggling students, low income families, and people trying to make a better life for themselves." Visit the website at www.PHCommunityFoundation.org for more information on the Foundation and the many organizations it has supported over the years. ♣

FPHE Awards \$30,000 to Pleasant Hill Schools

In May 2014, the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) awarded \$30,000 to support educational activities in Pleasant Hill public schools. The grants were funded by FPHE's 2014 Annual Campaign and other 2014 fundraisers.

Since 2009, FPHE has awarded over \$186,000 and 230 grants to the eleven public schools within Pleasant Hill and the College Park High School feeder pattern.

This year, the Foundation awarded 42 grants. Every school that requested a grant received one. FPHE grants are awarded based on a combination of criteria including the number of students impacted and the contribution to or support of language arts, math, science, or other key curriculum areas. A detailed list can be found on the FPHE website at www.fphe.org.

FPHE thanks and applauds all our 2014 donors and business partners for placing a high priority on local education and realizing that strong schools benefit the entire community.

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



PH Library activities...

Library Closed Friday, July 4

All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Instead, join the Friends of Pleasant Hill Library in walking in the parade and join Children's Librarian Patrick for games in the park! Meet up on Cleveland Rd at 8:30am to join in on the parade with the Friends!

► Summer Reading "Paws to Read" June 14-August 23

Pick up a reading record and play for fun and prizes. For kids, teens, adults and babies.

► Imaginary Worlds (Make a 3D animated movie!)

Thursdays, July 3-August 21, 3-6:00pm

Make your own 3D animated movie like the Pixar pros at this weekly workshop! Ideal for 4th Grade and up.

► Puppet Show: Tale of the Dragon's Tail

Tuesday, July 29, 6:30-7:10pm

Puppet Art Theater Co. presents a fun fantasy puppet show featuring a dragon, a king, a wizard, and a very clever princess.

► Cosmos & Micro-cosmos Tuesday, August 26, 6:30-8:00pm

Chabot Space and Science Center returns to share the vastness of outer space. Then, we'll look up close at the tiny worlds beneath a microscope.



► World Tea Party Saturday, July 12, 2:00-3:30pm

Tea, treats, and traditions from around the globe. Presented by the Teen Advisory Group for all ages.

► Eco Sewing 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month 3:00-5:00pm

Learn sewing machine skills and create fabulous up-cycled fabric creations! These crafty afternoons are sponsored by Republic Services, led by recycling educator and artist, Anne Baker.

► 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 925-349-4568 or www.doorstepfarmers.com. All subscribers who request delivery at the Library have the option to donate 5% to the Pleasant Hill Library.

► One-on-One Computer Tutor Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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. ♣

Library Meeting Room

Available during library open hours. Details on how to reserve the room at www.ccclib.org.

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



Just for teens

► 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!



Volunteering at the Library

Be of service to your community! The Library needs volunteer help shelving, delivering books to home-bound patrons, technology teachers, event setup, and morning help pulling items that patrons specially request. To get started, fill out a volunteer application and attend an orientation, which are held the first Saturday of every month at 3:00pm.

Starting this fall, JFK University is expanding its online offerings to include two brand new Bachelor's degree completion programs in Accounting and Convergence Journalism.

The Bachelor of Science in Accounting is designed to meet the educational requirements for licensing as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or a Certified Management Accountant (CMA). Students will be prepared for success on the certification exams. Depending on the number of units that transfer for students, the entire BS completion program can be completed in two years.

The Bachelor of Arts in Convergence Journalism prepares individuals for the exciting field of "Journalism 2.0," integrating traditional forms of media with digital and emerging formats, as well as content delivery streams. Students will craft podcasts, blogs, and short video pieces, and learn how to utilize social and digital media tools to reach and connect with audiences, tell stories, and gather news more efficiently. During their studies, students will receive practical experience in the field, providing them the opportunity to develop a professional portfolio tailored to their chosen professional course and designed to help them compete in the digital media marketplace.

Earlier this year, the University launched online bachelor's and master's programs in The History of Conflict. These programs review conflict through the ages - its resolution from ancient civilizations through modern-day, including theories of war and conflict, military history, and the outlook for conflict. Students are prepared to be educators, writers, historians, and policy analysts.

For more information about these and other programs, come to the University's Summer Open House on Saturday, July 26 at 10:30am on the Pleasant Hill campus, 100 Ellinwood Way. For more information or to RSVP, visit the University's website, www.jfku.edu, or contact the University's Admissions Office at 800-696-5358.

JFK University Offers \$100,000 in scholarships for Hispanic students

John F. Kennedy University is launching an initiative to meet the education needs of Hispanics in the Bay Area, taking the first step with \$100,000 in student scholarships for the coming academic year.

"The future of California's workforce and, in turn, its economy, will be largely affected by the education levels of our Hispanic population," explains Dr. Mac Powell, President of JFK University. "As we celebrate 50 years of transforming lives and communities and in honor of our namesake, the late John F. Kennedy, we are launching this initiative to help do our part to increase education attainment for California's Hispanic population."

Scholarships of \$5,000 are available for Hispanic students focused on completing their bachelor's degree or starting a graduate degree program this fall. For more information, visit www.jfku.edu or call 800-696-5358. ♣



Earlier this summer, JFK University awarded seven diverse students \$5000 scholarships each in recognition of their academic abilities and passion for community outreach. Pictured above are six of the students along with California Assemblyman Jim Frazier.

Pleasant Hill Lions update

The Pleasant Hill Lions are looking forward to the upcoming 2014-2015 year with their new incoming officers—Don Flaskerud, President; Rich Henne, Secretary; and Ken Wombacher, Treasurer. There are many activities for the upcoming year "to serve" (motto of the Lions) and help the visually impaired (the principle focus of Lions) and the community of Pleasant Hill.

On June 7th the Pleasant Hill Lions provided a pancake breakfast for the walkers and volunteers for "Relay for Life" at the Pleasant Hill Middle School track field. It was a wonderful event put on by the American Cancer Society with many cancer survivors participating.



Upcoming on the evening of August 5th, the Lions will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs for the Pleasant Hill Police Department's "National Night Out." This is a national program put on by police departments throughout the country giving citizens the opportunity to meet their local police officers. Come on by and enjoy a burger or hot dog and meet your Pleasant Hill police officers.

If you would like to help in the community and be a part of the Lions Club, please contact Ken Wombacher at 925-683-7946 or Don Flaskerud at 925-676-5859. ♣



Preschool Summer Camps

Fun Preschool Day Camp options available in July/August by age group (2 yrs, 9 mos–4 yrs; 3.5–5 yrs; and 4–6 yrs). Campers discover their world through hands-on exploration and group activities. Art, music, movement, and nature activities. Visit

pleasanthillrec.com/camps.html for registration and more preschool camps.

Pleasant Hill's 5th Annual Blues & Brews Festival—*tickets on sale now*

Friday, July 18, 6:00-9:00pm
Saturday, July 19, 12:00–6:00pm
Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane

Like Blues? Likes Craft Brews? You'll love Pleasant Hill's 5th Annual Blues & Brews Festival. Enjoy live blues music and participate in the fine art of craft brew tasting. For tickets and more information, visit bluesandbrewsfestival.com

American Iron Car Show

Sunday, August 10, 10:00am–3:00pm
Crescent Drive in Downtown Pleasant Hill

Downtown Pleasant Hill Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District celebrates the 13th annual show! Take a walk down memory lane and enjoy the gorgeous vehicles of yester-year. Free to public. Participating car owners must pre-register and provide entry fee.

\$28 entry fee to register pre-80s American car (space limited). Please call 925-682-0896 for more details

Keep cool at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park—*Poolside fun for the whole family!*

Summer Hours: June 16–August 24
Mon–Th, 1:15–4:15pm
Fri–Sun, 1:00–5:00pm

Family swim passes and 15-visit punch cards available. PH Aquatic Park includes: 25-yard pool with two diving boards; 20-yard shallow water training pool; Sprayground; Changing rooms with showers and restrooms; Two picnic areas with BBQ pit/two tables. Call 925-682-0896 for picnic reservations.



Derby Day

Friday, July 25.
Race starts at 2pm
PH Aquatic Park, 147 Gregory Lane

July 4th Special Activities

- ★ **4th of July pancake breakfast**
8:00-10:00am, Chateau Room, PH Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane
Before the parade, enjoy a stack of 'flapjacks' with eggs, sausage and orange juice. Adults (11 & Up): \$5 Children (5-10): \$3 and Children (4 & under): FREE.
- ★ **Fun & games in the park**
10:30am-2:30pm
Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane
FREE entertainment for the whole family including stage entertainment, kids games, climbing wall, bounce events, community booths, and more. Food/ beverages by Back 40 Texas BBQ available for purchase.
- ★ **Cool off at the PH Aquatic Park Pool!**
11:00am-5:00pm
PH Aquatic Park, 147 Gregory Lane

Friday Night Family Swim

July 18, August 22; 6:00–9:00pm
PH Aquatic Park, 147 Gregory Lane
Public swim passes are valid for entry.



Dolphin's 50th Anniversary Reunion Festivities

August 22-23

Celebrate 50th years off Have Fun! Swim Fast! All former team members and families welcome! For ticket sales and event details, visit pleasanthillrec.com/aquatics/dolphinsswimteam.html

Pool Safety Day

Friday, July 11, 1:00–5:00pm
Location: PH Aquatic Park: 147 Gregory Lane

Learn about pool safety from your local Lifeguards, Paramedics, Firefighters and Medical Flight Crew! Pools and Sprayground will be open for public swimming, lifeguard demonstrations, and more!

Teen Center Open House

Wednesday, August 20, 3:00–5:00pm

Get into the Teen Scene! Interested in Teen Center programs but not sure what it has to offer? Come check it all out! Meet the staff, check out the games and activities and enter our prize drawing! Sign-ups for after-school program, classes and activities will also be available.

Summertime Celebration Rentals

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District has the perfect indoor and/or outdoor venue for your summer time parties and events. Contact Ryan Herriman at 925-771-7639.

LIVE Music
6-8pm!
FOOD & Fun
every concert!

Free! **Sunset By The Lake**
Summer Concerts

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

Monument Crisis Center

Bring items of non-perishable food to donate to the Crisis Center.



Jul 6...Zydeco Flames
Rockin' Zydeco & Cajun



Jul 20...Fast Times
80s Dance Music



Aug 3...En Vivo
Latin Rhythms & Salsa



Aug 17...The Fundamentals
Red Hot Rockin' Soul



Aug 31...Big Jangle
Tom Petty Tribute Band



Sep 7...East Bay MUDD
Funk/R&B

Visit www.pleasanthillconcerts.com for all concert information.

FOOD VENDORS	Jul 6	Pizza My Way
	Jul 20	Kinders BBQ
	Aug 3	El Aguila
	Aug 17	La Mordida
	Aug 31	Pizza My Way
	Sep 7	Steel Smokin BBQ

Sponsored by Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission

Series Sponsors

		"We love Pleasant Hill!"	Jun 22	Jun 22	Sep 7	Aug 31	Aug 31	Aug 31

Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA

On Saturday, April 26, the Irvin Deutscher Family YMCA celebrated Healthy Kids Day® with a free community event for kids and families. YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y's national initiative to improve families' health and well-being, featured healthy snacks and a variety of fun healthy activities including: Zumba, Yoga, Arts and Crafts, Planting seeds, Family Relay, bounce houses, swimming, and a wonderful performance by Patrick Remer from the Pleasant Hill Library who came to read books and sing songs with the kids. The community stepped up to donate healthy snacks and great prizes for our raffle. Twelve parent volunteers, also Y members, donated their time, and over 250 participants came out to enjoy the day.

"At YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, we were focusing on health and education to ensure fewer children are at an increased risk for childhood obesity and more children succeed in school," said Jeff Stokes, Membership Director, IDF YMCA. "We know that during summer, research shows that kids are more likely to gain weight and fall behind academically than during the school year. Healthy Kids Day is not just a single day of fun, active play and learning – it's a kick-off to helping parents get a jump on creating a healthier summer." ♣



...festivals and family activities...



5th Annual Blues & Brews Festival
JULY 19 - FREE MUSIC + CRAFT BEER TASTING
 12-6pm • Pleasant Hill Park

Free Music Featuring	Breweries Attending
JB AND DEM REVUE (ALL STAR BAY AREA FUNK) FRANKIE G. AND THE CONVICTION • JINX JONES AND THE KINGTONES • CAROOMPAS ROOM LOOSE BLUES	21ST AMENDMENT • ALE INDUSTRIES ALTAMONT BEER WORKS • BLACK DIAMOND E.J. PHAIR • EIGHT BRIDGES • FIRESTONE WALKER • HANGER 24 • LAGUNITAS • LOST COAST • MENDOCINO BREWING • NAPA POINT ROCKSTEADY BREWING • SCHUBROS • SIERRA NEVADA • SPEAKEASY • STONE • STRIKE BREWING

TICKET INFO	
Vip Access 12-5PM \$55 <small>ADVANCED PURCHASE ONLY! LIMITED QUANTITY</small>	General Admission 1-5PM \$35 ADVANCE \$45 DOOR

JULY 18
 PRE-PARTY • 6-9PM
 FEATURING
LUMBERYARD
 FOOD - BEER - WINE

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: BLUESANDBREWSFESTIVAL.COM



FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PLEASANT HILL TEEN CENTER.

Neighbors enjoy National Night Out at City Hall

Pleasant Hill Police Department is once again hosting the 7th Annual National Night Out at City Hall on Tuesday, August 5 from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

Police Department staff and volunteers will serve up free hamburgers and hot dogs. Other features include music and a bounce house, as well as tours of a police car, fire truck, and ambulance. Other local organizations will also be present. Join your neighbors and friends for this fun community event where we celebrate working together to fight crime.



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

- ★ **Date:** Tuesday, August 5
- ★ **Time:** 6:00-8:00pm
- ★ **Place:** Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill
- ★ **Questions:** 925-288-4637

DOWNTOWN PLEASANT HILL

Summer CONCERT SERIES

FREE + LIVE + MUSIC

Third Thursday - 6:30 - 8:30
June - September

In the plaza next to Jack's Restaurant & Bar

For more information visit us at
www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com



...and drama!

STARS 2000 presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

- ★ Dates: July 25 - August 3
- ★ Location: Diablo Valley College Performing Arts Center
- ★ Tickets: Call (925) 324-7359 or visit the website www.diablotheatre.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door as availability allows. Tickets for Students are \$15, Seniors are \$18, and General admission is \$20.

Diablo Theatre Company's STARS 2000, a Pleasant Hill based Teen Theatre Company, will present the delightful Broadway musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at DVC July 25 through August 3. Teens from Pleasant Hill/Martinez, including Lucy Holt, Zachariah Mohammed, Erin Schoemann, and Sam Sherry will be joined by talented teens from throughout the Bay Area for this production. This marks the 22nd anniversary of STARS 2000, a prestigious, pre-professional company. Many alumni from STARS 2000 have

gone on to perform in professional theatre companies around the world and on Broadway.

The Story

New York City, 1922—Enter plucky Millie Dillmount from Kansas determined to get a job as a stenographer and marry her wealthy boss. She encounters frisky



Cast members, L to R: Sam Sherry, Zachariah Mohammed, and Lucy Holt.



flappers and dashing leading men. Her new flapper lifestyle encounters trouble when she checks into a hotel owned by a dragon-lady villainess audiences are sure to love to hate. Add the Charleston, wild tap dancing, and such songs as "Gimme Gimme" and "I'm Falling in Love with Someone" and the result is non-stop madcap merriment in the roaring twenties!

The musical premiered on Broadway at the Marquis Theatre on April 18, 2002 and closed on June 20, 2004. The original Broadway production won six Tony Awards and five Drama Desk Awards, including the win for Best Musical at both award ceremonies. ♣

Our rockin' community! Events for July and August 2014...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jul 4	4th of July celebration	Crescent Dr, PH Park, CPHS	Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission	938-2373
Jul 4	Pancake Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	
Jul 6	Summer concert "Zydeco Flames"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Jul 17	Downtown Plaza concert "Extra Large"	Downtown Plaza	Downtown PH www.shopdowntownpleasanthill.com	
Jul 18	Friday Night Family Swim	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jul 18,19	Blues & Brews Festival	Pleasant Hill Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jul 20	Summer concert "Fast Times"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Jul 23	PH/Concord Recycling Center tour	PH/Concord Recycling Center	PH Chamber of Commerce	671-5806
Jul 22 & 24	Summer Heritage Days	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center	937-3677
Jul 25	Derby Day	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jul 25-Aug 3	Thoroughly Modern Millie	DVC Performing Arts Center	Diablo Theatre Company STARS 2000	324-7359
Jul 26	JFKU Summer Open House	JFK University	JFK University	800-696-5358
Jul 29	Tale of the Dragon's Tale puppet show	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccplib.org
Aug 2	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Aug 3	Summer concert "En Vivo"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Aug 5	National Night Out	Pleasant Hill City Hall	Pleasant Hill Police Dept	288-4637
Aug 10	American Iron Car Show	Crescent Dr, Downtown PH	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Aug 17	Summer concert "The Fundamentals"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Aug 19	Gateway Project Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	Pleasant Hill City	671-5229
Aug 20	Teen Center Open House	PH Teen Center	PH Teen Council	682-0896
Aug 21	Downtown Plaza concert "Dave Martin's House Party"	Downtown Plaza	Downtown PH www.shopdowntownpleasanthill.com	
Aug 22,23	Dolfin's 50th Anniversary Festivities	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Aug 26	Cosmos & Micro-cosmos	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccplib.org
Aug 31	Summer concert "Big Jangle"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	Civic Action Commission	671-5229

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



New businesses April 2014

Amada Senior Care
(Office for hiring care givers)
3478 Buskirk Avenue, #1000
925-478-2222

Elizabeth Bowles (Hair Stylist)
2617 Pleasant Hill Road
925-705-0292

Fresh Cleaning Services (Commer-
cial/Residential Cleaning Services)
2491 Estand Way
925-768-5283

Gotta Eatta Pita
(Mediterranean Restaurant)
35 Crescent Drive, Suite F

La Botana Mexican Restaurant
2290 Monument Blvd.
925-685-5231

Law Office of Megan Dailey
70 Doray Dr., #16
415-794-4479

My Angel Nails (Nail Salon)
1888 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-687-2222

Sasha E. Best, PH.D.
(Clinical Psychologist)
399 Taylor Blvd., #207
925-297-5589

AAF Property Solutions, LLC (Real
Estate Investment)
858-663-7211

Nor Cal Mini Melts (Office for Ice
Cream Distribution)
925-639-2423

Salmon Creek Mercantile
(Cottage Food)
925-323-2299

Simplistic Products, LLC (E-Com-
merce-Sell Electronics/Accessories)
925-588-8182

Timothy Blair (Freelance Animator)
925-945-7174

New businesses May 2014

Bay Area Animal Eye Care
(Veterinary Ophthalmology)
2100 Monument Blvd., #7
925-827-2257

City Auto (Selling Used Cars)
181 Mayhew Way, #C
925-726-7157



Contracting Partners, Inc. (Business
Service-Construction Contractor)
1800 Oak Park Blvd., #A
855-954-4900

Derespini Builders, Inc. (Contractor)
1800 Oak Park Blvd., #A
925-689-2528

Dick's Sporting Goods
2314 Monument Blvd.
925-222-3508

Division One Driving Company
(Office – Personal Passenger
Driving Service)
3478 Buskirk Ave., #1000
925-334-8486

Hahn Hair Studio
708 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-597-0877

Katie Ngan (Alternative
Med-Chiropractic/Acupuncture)
140 Gregory Lane, #210
424-442-9198

New Directions – Young Adults CA
(Living Support-Young Adults/
Disabilities)
100 Longbrook Way, #20
925-528-8130

Noni's Pet Boutique/Grooming
1945 Contra Costa Blvd., #B
925-687-1156

The Watch Repair Guy
1530 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-957-9490

Bay Area Raw Soap
(Make & Sell Soap Online)
925-497-9219

Recon Inspection Services (Property
& Termite Inspection Services)
855-344-9975





City Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 2 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Fri 4	City Hall closed for 4th of July Holiday	
Mon 7 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 8 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Thu 10 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Tue 15 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 17 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Wed 23 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Community Room
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AUGUST

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Thu 28 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room

The City Channel is looking for volunteers!

Be a part of creating exciting television programs right here in Pleasant Hill. If you are a student of film or television production or just interested in learning how a show is put together, come volunteer to be part of the City Channel crew. No experience is necessary. Contact Larry Hunt at larrylogic@gmail.com.



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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



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4th of July in Pleasant Hill—Hats Off to America!

Celebrate the 4th of July in hometown style with a fun for the schools, amazing parade, lots of exciting activities and family fun.



★ Firecracker 5K Fun Run

Kicking off with a 100-yard dash for kids, the 5K begins at 8:00am. Register online at www.phjuly4.com and designate a Pleasant Hill school to support. Since this tradition started, over \$80,000 in proceeds has been donated directly to local schools.



★ Hometown parade

Always entertaining, the parade has something for everyone, from the Blue Devils C Corp to the International Suburban Dads BBQ Drill Team. The parade begins at 9:30am, at Wordsworth and Contra Costa Blvd, continues down Crescent Drive in front of the theater, and ends after turning on Boyd Rd. The 2014

Parade Grand Marshal is Dee Wood. Former Citizen of the Year and Business Person of the year, Dee has made great contributions to the Pleasant Hill over the last 40 years.

★ Party in the park

After the parade, head over to Pleasant Hill Park to continue the celebration with food, games and live entertainment. Back Forty Texas BBQ and Repicci's Italian Ice will be on hand with food for purchase. The popular Zorbs, giant inflatables and petting zoo will be back. Enjoy live music from Twang Ditty and Sugadady. New this year—the pool and sprayground will be open FREE from 11am to 1pm.



★ Fireworks and festivities

Starting at 6:30pm at College Park High School, Slow Hand BBQ and Cold Stone Creamery will provide food and beverages for sale. Live entertainment begins at 7:15pm with rock and roll band Public Eye. Pyro Spectaculars will begin the fireworks show at dusk, around 9:20pm. There's always a huge crowd, so plan to arrive early. Bring a blanket and a jacket just in case.

★ Thanks to all!

This outstanding Pleasant Hill tradition is able to continue year after year is because of generous donations from the Community. Go to www.phjuly4.com and click on 'Contributions' for a list of contributors to date. Look for the donation buckets and barrels at the parade and fireworks. Find the 4th of July Commission on Facebook or at www.phjuly4.com. Want to volunteer? Questions? Contact Allen Vinson at 925-938-2373. ♣

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