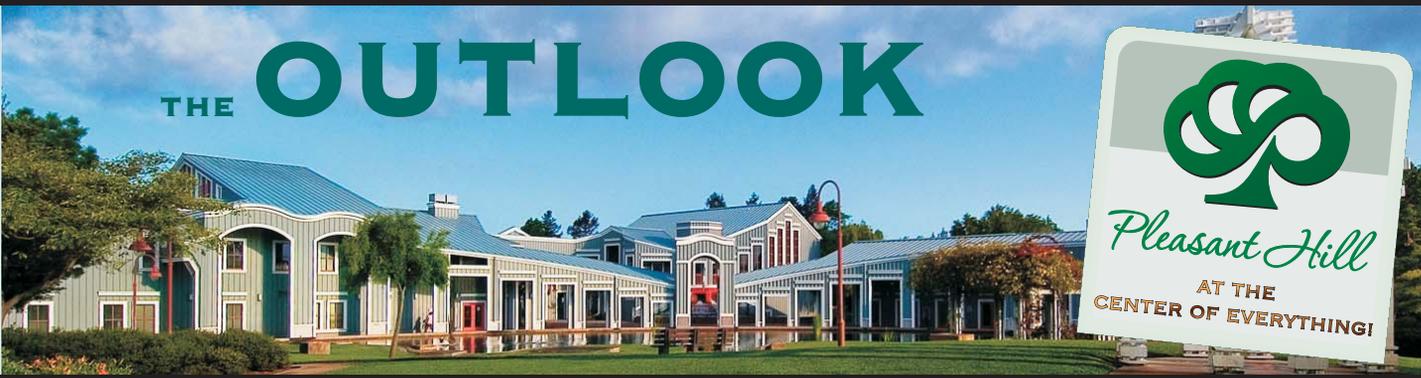


THE OUTLOOK



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Council Candidates Forum at City Hall

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Candidates Forum on Thursday, October 9th in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The forum begins at 7:00pm. Four candidates have filed papers to contest the election for two seats on the City Council on November 4th.



City adopts plastic bag ban ordinance

On August 4th, the City Council adopted an ordinance to prohibit single-use (plastic) carryout bags in all retail stores. The ban will go into effect on February 2, 2015. Under the ordinance, all restaurants, grocery, pharmacy and other retail stores in Pleasant Hill will no longer provide single-use carryout plastic bags.

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Pleasant Hill celebrates 10 years of Community Service Day!!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Community Service Day, which takes place on Saturday, September 27th.



If you have not signed up yet for the event, go to www.pleasant-hill.net/volunteer. All of the projects currently registered will be listed on that site and you can sign up for a specific project.

All volunteers receive a free pancake breakfast (served 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.

★ Projects this year

There are a number of school cleanup projects, a Food Drive, the Bike Build-a-Thon, 'Crafts for the Community' sewing project at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, YMCA painting & landscaping, Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden and more. There are projects for everyone of all abilities and ages. If you still need to register a project for your school or organization, go to www.pleasant-hill.net/csd.

★ 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.

★ Community Service Day help for Senior Residents

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



Golf Club Road Bridge replacement project

The City recently started construction of the northern portion of Golf Club Road Bridge. In addition to the bridge replacement, the project will include installation of corridor improvements along Golf Club Road between Contra Costa Boulevard (CCB) and Old Quarry Road, including:

- A new bridge structure with enhanced barriers and furnishings
- LED ornamental street and pedestrian lighting
- Wider concrete sidewalks and ADA curb ramps
- Bike lanes and enhanced pedestrian crosswalks
- Landscaping and pavement rehabilitation.

The project will be constructed over two seasons due to environmental permit restrictions over Grayson Creek and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2015.

Traffic alert

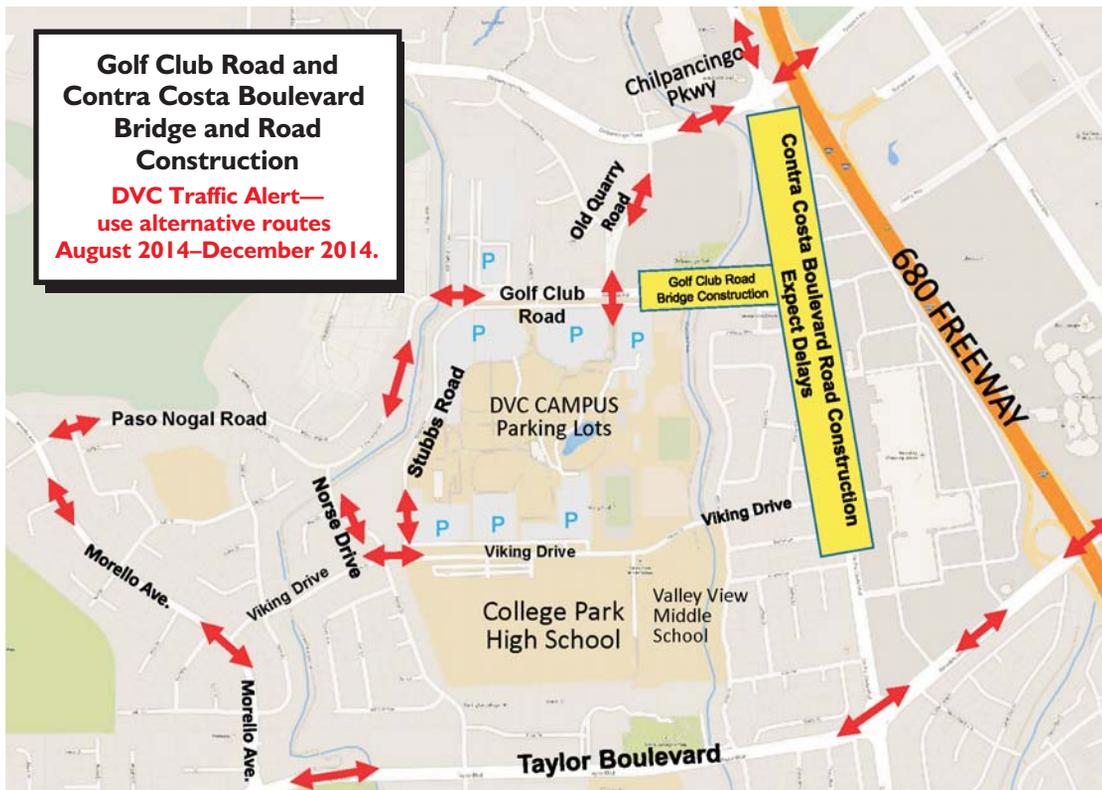
Traffic has been shifted to the south side of the roadway during construction on the north side, reducing Golf Club Road at the bridge to one lane in each direction of travel. Residents and Diablo Valley College (DVC) traffic should use alternative routes to access the Golf Club Road. The City is coordinating with local schools regarding traffic impacts. Alternative routes to DVC parking lots that avoid construction areas on both Golf Club Road and Contra Costa Boulevard are shown beside the map below.



Conceptual rendering of the new Golf Club Road Bridge when completed with proposed future Grayson Creek walking trails.

In November 2014, the contractor is expected to reconfigure the traffic to allow the use of the new bridge structure. Two lanes will be reestablished in each direction and will remain in place until the second season of work begins. 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. They will close off the south side of the bridge to demolish and reconstruct it. All work is expected to be completed in early fall 2015.

Any questions in regards to the project can be directed to Shawn Knapp, Associate Civil Engineer at 925-671-5251. Additionally please visit the City's project construction web page for project updates and Alternative Route maps at www.pleasant-hill.net/GCRB. ♣



Alternate routes as follows:

- Chilpancingo Parkway to Old Quarry Road to DVC north parking lots.
- Taylor Boulevard to Morello Avenue to Paso Nogal Road to Norse Drive to Viking Drive south parking lots.
- Stubbs Road connects between north and south DVC on-campus parking lots

P = DVC parking lots

Plastic bag ban ordinance

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Stores will be permitted to sell paper bags, with handles, for a minimum of 10 cents for each bag. Customers will 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, leftover food (“doggy bags”), prescription drugs etc.

➤ Paper bags used in fast food establishments

Retailers will 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 at www.pleasant-hill.net/plastic-bags.

For more information about the plastic bag 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. ♣



Save the date for the next workshop in the popular Business Runway 2014 Workshop Series to be held on September 19 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at 500 Ellinwood Way. The two remaining workshops in this series will focus on Customer Service, Retail tips for the Holidays and Access to Capital for Business. You don’t want to miss this next workshop, so add the date to your calendar now and register with the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce at 925-687-0700 or email: chamberinfo@pleasanthillchamber.com. ♣

Backyard Composting Workshop at City Hall

Tuesday, September 16 and Tuesday, October 21

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



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

Find out how—attend a free workshop—register now by calling Annette Kaufmann at 925-671-5265 or go to www.pleasant-hill.net/compost.

The workshops are one hour in duration. The next workshops will be held **Tuesday, September 16** and **Tuesday, October 21**.

All workshops are from 7pm to 8pm in the large Community Room at City Hall. **Sign up at www.pleasant-hill.net/compost**. ♣



Pleasant Hill CERT announces a speaker series on emergency preparation!

Pleasant Hill CERT is launching a monthly speaker series beginning this October, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. Co-Sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, the speaker series will be held on the third Thursday of every month at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive at 7:00pm.

Kicking off the series on October 16 will be a presentation on the devastation caused by the Loma Prieta earthquake, the history of Hayward Fault quakes, and the expected effects of a major earthquake on the Hayward Fault. The speaker for this topic will be Dr. David P. Schwartz, Senior Geologist with the USGS, and Co-Chair of the Bay Area Earthquake Alliance. Dr. Schwartz has developed an excellent presentation that uses scientifically-generated visuals to explain the ways the earth will move from various epicenters along the fault line.



An automobile lies crushed under the third story of this apartment building in the Marina District. The ground levels are no longer visible because of structural failure and sinking due to liquefaction.



Aerial view of collapsed sections of the Cypress viaduct of Interstate Highway 880.

Flooding in Pleasant Hill

The series will continue on November 20th with a presentation by the Contra Costa County Flood Control District. If you've lived in Pleasant Hill in the past decade, you'll recall that late December rainfall can be vastly heavier than expected. Those living in the lower elevations of Pleasant Hill can vividly recall the floodwaters caused from creek runoff, clogged storm drains, and heavy rains threatening to enter their homes. What does history tell us about flooding in Pleasant Hill? What conditions do the experts look at to predict flooding in Contra Costa County? What steps can we as homeowners take to protect our property? These questions and more will be answered in this presentation.



Additional future topics

Currently being scheduled for December through March are:

- A FEMA presentation on the three basic steps families can take to prepare for a major earthquake;
- The protocol and steps our City has in place to respond to a major emergency; and
- The proper storage of common hazardous materials in the home, how to get help if someone is hurt, and safe cleanup steps following spills in the home, garage and yard.

Seating is free but limited for each presentation. It is recommended that you reserve your seat for the CERT speakers' series by contacting Jim Bonato at 925-938-5433 or jbonato@aol.com. ♣

Are YOU prepared for an emergency?

Once again the Pleasant Hill Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering free training for Pleasant Hill residents. Yes, that's FREE! In a nutshell, CERT training teaches you how to prepare yourself and your family for a natural or manmade disaster...and how to safely help yourself and others once you find yourself impacted by that disaster. To date, more than 450 Pleasant Hill residents have become CERT-trained and are ready to help their families and their neighborhoods in the event of need.

The CERT course is offered on six Monday evenings, beginning September 15, and ends with a realistic practical exercise on Saturday November 1.

Classes are three hours in length and begin at 6:00pm at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Road.

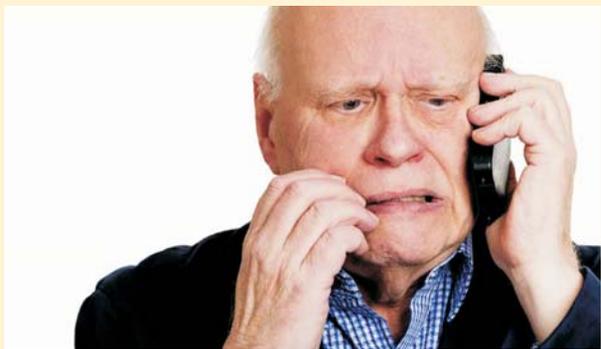
Upon completing the 6-week CERT course, graduates are introduced to their CERT Area Coordinator. Each Area Coordinator has geographic responsibility for the area where the new graduate resides and for staying in touch. CERT Area Coordinators offer monthly meetings in the evening to introduce the new graduates to other CERT members residing in their area and provide opportunities to keep newly-acquired skills fresh.

To sign up for this class, please go to www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com or call Jim Bonato for more information at 925-938-5433. ♣

Seniors often victims of phone fraud

—From the PH Commission on Aging

According to FBI reports, there are about 14,000 illegal telemarketing operations that steal more than \$40 billion from unsuspecting citizens each year. Most phone fraud victims are over the age of 60.



Telemarketing fraud happens when a con artist calls, posing as a legitimate telemarketer. These con artists try to cheat you out of your money. They will offer free prizes, vacation packages, or other incentives. They will usually demand you act right away and require some kind of up-front payment.

What you can do

- **Be aware of the problem.** Check the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) consumer education website at ftc.gov/phonefraud to learn more about common scams and what to watch for. The FTC offers free publications at 877-382-4357.
- **Never give out personal information over the phone.** If someone asks for your credit card number, mailing address, or any other private information, hang up the phone because it's a scam.
- **Screen your calls.** If you have trouble hanging up on pushy telemarketers, consider caller ID and only pick up if you recognize the caller's number. You can also let calls go to voice mail since telemarketers rarely leave messages.
- **Reduce the number of "nuisance" calls.** You can register your phone number for free at the National Do Not Call Registry at 888-382-1222 or dotnotcall.gov.
- **Report it.** Any suspicious calls should be reported to the FTC (see ftccomplaintassistance.gov or call 877-382-4357) and to the State Attorney General. You will need to provide the telemarketer's phone number, and the date and time of the call. ♣

Senior Center events and activities

■ Senior Volunteer Appreciation

The PH Senior Center will host a special appreciation lunch on October 31 to thank volunteers for their dedication and outstanding efforts. In 2013-2015, the Pleasant Hill Senior Center had 214 volunteers who clocked 31,944 recorded hours! These super-powered volunteers do everything from working in the kitchen for our CC Café to coordinating travel services and working the front desk.

■ Care Management Series (FREE)

- October 9: The Facts on Alzheimer's Disease presented by the Alzheimer's Association
- Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 2:00–3:30pm

The Care Management Series brings a variety of topics from experts in our community. This series is sponsored by the Chateaus of Pleasant Hill. Space is limited. RSVP required. Call 925-798-8788.

■ Pancake Breakfast

- First Sunday of the month
September 7, October 5, 8:30–10:30am
- PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

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

■ "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" Presented by Vagabond Players

- Friday, September 12, 1:00pm
- PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Based around a group of six eccentric spellers competing in a spelling bee, run by even quirkier, idiosyncratic adults. This play is engaging and genuinely funny all the way to the end. It's a w-i-n-n-e-r! Tickets: \$7 pre-sale or \$12 on day of play. Ticket sales begin August 4. ♣

SEEKING CRAFTERS & DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & CRAFT SALE

The Senior Center's Holiday Boutique, held on Saturday, November 22, is opening up space for outside crafters to sell their crafts. Woodworkers, painters, quilters, knitters, sewers and makers of wonderful things are welcome! Crafter entrance fee of \$50 includes 6-foot table space.

Interested parties should email Dagny Benz at DagnyBenz@aol.com or call 925-937-5706.

Water District appreciates customers' conservation efforts

Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) would like to thank its customers for their continued water conservation efforts. From April to June, water use in CCWD's treated water service area dropped 17%. That's a significant accomplishment. Your efforts are appreciated and CCWD encourages you to keep up the good work throughout the fall months.

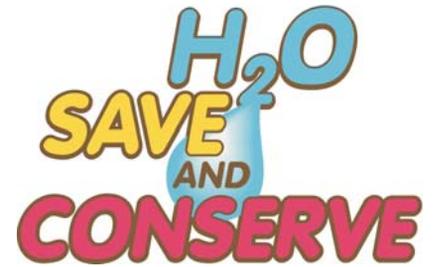
Speaking of fall, this is an opportune time to evaluate your landscape watering

and be aggressive with your savings. As the days get shorter and the sun stays lower in the sky, lawns and landscapes require less water.

Whether you implement a couple of small water conservation actions or you make an investment in water use efficiency, every drop counts.

CCWD has a long list of water conservation tips and a wide range of water conservation services and rebate

programs. Please visit www.ccwater.com and find something that is right for you.



Tips for saving water right now

<p>QUICK FIX Reduce landscape watering schedule by one day</p>	<p>SMART PURCHASE Buy high-efficiency toilets</p>	<p>GREAT INVESTMENT Replace lawn with a California friendly landscape</p>
<p>One typical irrigation station with 6 sprinklers uses 10 gallons every minute. That means 100 gallons of water are used every 10 minutes. And that is just for one station.</p> <p>Try reducing your schedule by one watering day for significant savings.</p> <p>For a full list of water saving tips, visit ccwater.com/conserv</p>	<p>Older toilets (pre-1994) use 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush. Modern toilets with a WaterSense label use only 1.28 gallons per flush and flush great!</p> <p>Through the end of the year, CCWD provides \$125 rebates to eligible customers for the purchase of high-efficiency toilets.</p> <p>Call 688-8320 or visit ccwater.com/conserv</p>	<p>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. Replace your existing lawn with water-wise landscaping and reduce its water use by half.</p> <p>CCWD provides rebates up to \$1,000 to replace a water-thirsty lawn with a water-wise garden.</p> <p>Call 688-8320 or visit ccwater.com/conserv</p>
<p>SAVE UP TO 400 GALLONS PER WEEK!</p>	<p>SAVE UP TO 5,500 GALLONS PER YEAR!</p>	<p>SAVE UP TO 14,000 GALLONS PER YEAR!</p>



FREE

E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill

Got E-Waste?

FALL IS AROUND THE CORNER! Clean out those unwanted electronics, extension cords, fans and more at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College, located at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill, on Saturday, September 6th and October 4th, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. This event is held the first Saturday of every month except for Holiday Weekends. Items accepted include TVs, monitors, computers, video and audio systems, and much more. Worried about personal data.....we are R2 certified; all hard drives are wiped clean. We also do FREE business pickups. For more information call toll free 866-335-3373 or visit www.NoEwaste.com. Sponsored by Electronic Waste Management, a state-approved e-waste collector. ♣

Fall events for PHIG

The Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden (PHIG), located next to PH Middle School and across from Pleasant Oaks Park, is planning fall community service events in which everyone is welcome to take part. View the garden's progress from a long neglected wasteland used for overflow parking to a buzzing outdoor classroom filled with native plants grouped by plant communities, offering benches, a grape arbor, a dry creek bed, a spring, a bog area, a weather station, plant signs, an informational kiosk, and other structures.

In September, the City of Pleasant Hill's 10th annual Community Service Day is on Saturday, September 27, and the East Bay Volunteer Center's Week of Caring event with United Way is on Friday, September 12. These events will bring together volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to complete several projects, including creating a cover for the newly rebuilt composting system and restoration of paths and beds for wildlife habitat. Pre-registration is required at the web site below and includes a free short garden tour.

Bring the Green Team to *YOUR* school

Last year the Green Team was formed as part of the Pleasant Hill Education Initiative, a multi-year community wide volunteer effort to enhance the quality of education for Pleasant Hill students.

The mission of the Green Team is to focus on interdisciplinary education about organic gardening, healthy food and nutrition, sustainability and recycling. Teachers, parents, and interested community members are working together to implement projects including:

- Getting a salad bar installed at Pleasant Hill Middle. Volunteers are currently needed to supervise and educate students on healthy eating, and potentially to help implement a cafeteria composting program.
- Removing a portion of lawn at Pleasant Hill Middle, replacing with mulch and drought tolerant plants.

Visitors will learn of the many benefits of composting, reducing waste, and recycling organic household and garden materials at these events or during garden work parties. Classes, events and

garden work parties regularly present ways to use more responsible and sustainable water and waste management practices at home.

PHIG is currently rebuilding a composting system to recycle garden prunings and school waste back into PHIG and the middle school garden, thereby reducing school costs and diverting waste from the garbage waste stream. Composting and recycling efforts in Pleasant Hill are spearheaded by a consortium which includes the Pleasant Hill Green team at schools, civic and community leaders, and the Chamber of Commerce as part of Pleasant Hill's Environmental Initiative. PHIG projects have been supported by the Pleasant Hill



Building a composting system to recycle neighborhood and school green waste.

Garden Study Club, several volunteers and by the Pleasant Hill Middle School.

Support the hard-working volunteers in whatever way you can. Contra Costa Master Gardeners train volunteers

at garden work parties but need your help with materials, equipment, and tools. Legal eagles are always needed to watch for continuing vandalism and theft at the garden. Contact PHIG, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, by email phigarden@gmail.com or voicemail 925-482-6670. Directions, resources, garden work party dates and more information are available on the web site: <http://phig.webs.com>.

Join them to celebrate seven years of efforts by thousands of volunteers and many generous contributions to make this water conservation garden into a wildlife habitat treasure and community resource.

The Green Team would like to expand its reach into more Pleasant Hill schools. Help build a Green Team at YOUR School! Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities to help green our schools — students, parents, teachers and community members. Help the team to provide school communities with the tools they need to reduce their environmental impact and costs, improve health and wellness and promote environmental stewardship through recycling programs and school gardens.



For more information, contact Anne Baker at abaker@republicservices.com or 925-671-5806.

'The Lion King' of Pleasant Hill Lions Club

Pleasant Hill Lions Club was formed in 1952 and one of its founding members, Ted Winslow, is still active today. Ted and his wife Suzy have now decided to move out of the area to be closer to their family but will remain a member of the club. We just won't see him as often.

In the Pleasant Hill Lion's club Ted is known as the "Lion King." He has always been involved with club activities, volunteering, helping others, and he exemplifies the Lions' motto "We Serve." He has also been involved in many other community organizations in Pleasant Hill, and the Recreation and Park District named the Winslow Center after him in recognition of his many years of service to the District. To honor his years of service, the Pleasant Hill Lions Club will be starting a yearly scholarship awarded to a high school senior in Pleasant Hill, called the Ted and Suzy Winslow Scholarship. Best Wishes to Ted and Suzy!

Recent Lions Club activities

On July 31, the Lions served a barbequed lunch to about 60 summer campers and staff of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District. On August 5, the club cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the Pleasant Hill Police Department's

"National Night Out". The Police Department provided the food and the Lions did the cooking. It was well attended by about 300 people.

Future activities

September 27 is the City of Pleasant Hill's Community Service Day. The Lions will be providing a pancake breakfast for all of the volunteers. On Saturday, October 25, the Pleasant Hill Lions will be holding the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Fundraiser at the Texas Back Forty Restaurant. Dinner will be provided along with the Poker Tournament. For more information, call Ken Wombacher at 925-683-7946. If you would like to help in the community and be part of the Lions Club, please call Don Flaskerud at 925-676-5859.

Remember, our motto is "We Serve." Pleasant Hill Lions has served the community for 62 years. ♣



Don and Norma Flaskerud with Ted and Susie Winslow.

Pleasant Hill Community Foundation Award for LEGO Robotics Program at Pleasant Hill Library

The Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library received a \$500 award from the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation (PHCF) to augment the robotics capacity of the Pleasant Hill Library's popular Saturday afternoon LEGO Creator's club.

The LEGO Creator Club is only one example of the creative ways the staff of the Pleasant Hill Library provide literacy and continuing education opportunities that make learning fun! LEGOs provide an excellent medium for the development of hand-eye coordination and 3-D visualization. With the addition of robotics last year, the appeal was expanded to middle school and teen aged youth. Purchase of additional robotics components with the award from the PHCF, will permit even more youth (and adults) to learn to build and program their own robotic creations.



In addition, this past summer the Friends funded 8 weeks of instruction in 3-D computer programming using open source (free) software to supplement the computer literacy efforts of our library.

If you haven't been to the library in a while, find out what you've been missing; the library is much more than a place to borrow books! Check out the on-line calendar at www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html. ♣

Panoramic photo of a LEGO Creator's Club meeting.



Special award for Pleasant Hill Rotarian

On Thursday, July 24, the Governor of Rotary District 5160, Pam Gray, attended the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club meeting with a surprise award. She presented a unique and very special District award "The True Rotarian" to one of the club members—Jim Nunes, a very unique and special person. The award is described below.



District Governor Pam Gray presented Jim Nunes with *The True Rotarian*

"THE TRUE ROTARIAN"

The "True Rotarian" is a person whose activities are a direct result of his personal goodwill and sense—the world will be a better place as a result of his work and effort in Rotary.

This is a person who conducts himself following the 4 Way Test at all times, who is humble, does not flatter wealth, or boast of his own possessions or achievements.

This Rotarian speaks with frankness yet always with sincerity and sympathy. After having communicated differences, he supports the activities of others even if the direction may not be parallel with his thinking.

Deeds follow words, and this Rotarian thinks of the rights and feelings of others. This Rotarian always appears well in any company, and is a person for whom honor is sacred.

The "True Rotarian" is the foundation of Rotary; always there, contributing to the current Rotary Activity, and by any Rotarian's measure, is the lifeblood of Rotary.

Change in club leadership

After leading the club very successfully in the 2013-2014 year, Michael Saenz, CEO of the Irvin Deutscher Family YMCA, stepped down from the presidency. The club enjoyed his leadership and thrived during his year. Stepping up to the position this year is Matt Rinn, owner of a State Farm Insurance agency in Pleasant Hill. Matt is very active in the community and is excited about leading the Rotary Club this year. "I am honored to lead such an amazing group of individuals who do so much for our community. This year we will be involved in many projects locally as well as our international prosthetic hand project (LN-4)."

If you are interested in finding out more about this exciting service club, call Ken Housfeld at 944-4898 or join us for a lunch meeting on any Thursday at 12:15pm in the Pleasant Hill Community Center. ♣

Join

The Amazing Race

of
Pleasant Hill

The Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) invites you to join the 3rd Annual Amazing Race of Pleasant Hill on October 12, noon to 4pm, beginning at Magoo's Grill of Pleasant Hill, 1250 Contra Costa Blvd.

Based on the popular TV show, the fun event will challenge participants of all ages with interesting clues and activities which occur at various locations throughout Pleasant Hill (activities will resemble those on the TV show's Minute to Win It). Test your skills at activities suitable for all ages.

Registration is \$50 per team. Teams can consist of a group of four or less. Invite your family, friends, and business associates to form a group! Learn more and preregister at www.fphe.org. Teams are encouraged to show team spirit with matching outfits. At 4pm all teams will meet at Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, to determine the winner. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and Most Spirit.

Teams and observers are welcome to sign up for brunch at Magoo's Grill, 1250 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, 10am-noon. Purchase tickets at www.fphe.org.

The Amazing Race is cosponsored by Magoo's Grill of Pleasant Hill and the City of Pleasant Hill. Proceeds benefit the 2015 FPHE school grant program. Since 2009, FPHE has raised over \$186,000 for the eleven Pleasant Hill public schools. To donate, visit www.fphe.org or mail a check to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

FPHE is a volunteer-led, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to working in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of education and provide enrichment opportunities for students in Pleasant Hill public schools.

Questions regarding The Amazing Race can be directed to amazingrace@fphe.org or visit www.fphe.org for more information. ♣


Magoo's Grill
of Pleasant Hill



Annual HIKE for Shelter fundraiser to end homelessness

HIKE FOR SHELTER is an annual event to raise both awareness in the community and critical money for SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County, a non-profit founded in 1986. SHELTER, Inc.'s mission is to prevent homelessness, promote self-sufficiency and provide affordable housing for low-income families and at risk individuals.



SHELTER, Inc. is seeing more adults, children and veterans struggling to meet basic needs, such as food, housing and safety. As the needs are growing, the availability of resources and services are declining due to budget cuts and a slowly recovering economy.

More than 8,200 individuals will experience homelessness in Contra Costa County this year and many of those affected are children.

Homelessness is the new disease of America, with families waking up homeless through no fault of their own—the loss of a job, a foreclosure, and an illness or the loss of savings. The news often shows the homeless who are part of the local communities.

Homelessness prevention costs about \$1,100 per household, which equates to less than 10% of the cost once someone actually becomes homeless. Once a family is homeless, those costs can drastically increase to connect them to housing and services.

If you want to hike to end homelessness, register for the 5th Annual Hike for SHELTER, Sunday, October 19, 2014, 8am to 3pm. This is a fundraising and awareness event open to all individuals, groups, and families of all fitness levels. Three hikes are available at varied levels of difficulty. Activities for kids and a catered lunch for all hikers are included. Register now at www.shelterhike.org. ♣

English tutors needed

The Diablo Valley Literacy Council is seeking volunteers to help adults to read, write and speak English well enough to function with day-to-day activities. Working one-on-one, you can help people to get a better job, apply for citizenship, read to their children—the possibilities are endless!

The next workshop will be held on Saturday, September 6 from 9:00am to 1:00pm and Saturday, September 13, from 9am to 1:00pm at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 4000 Clayton Road in Concord. You must attend both sessions. There is a nominal fee to cover the training and material costs. Adult volunteers typically give one or two hours per week.

For more information visit the Council's website at dvlc.tripod.com. To register call their hotline and leave a message at 925-685-3881 or email to DVLC4ESL@gmail.com.

You can be the person who makes a difference and changes a life.



My courts need your help!

The REAL FIX, with your help, is coming to the tennis courts at the Pleasant Hill Middle School. While they have undergone numerous repairs since 1990, these were “cosmetic” in nature and never lasted more than 2-3 years.

The courts serve over 1,000 students in the school's PE tennis program as well as the Pleasant Hill tennis community.

THIS TIME, a most generous donor, a former PH resident and life member of the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club (PHTC), has come forth with a pledge of significant funds to make a major renovation a possibility, a renovation that will last up to 25 years.

The tennis club, a 501(c)(4) organization, co-sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District (PHR&PD), has a plan to raise the other funds necessary to help make the restoration project a reality.

The PHTC Fund Committee has:

- Held meetings with the PHR&PD and the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) and with PH Middle School representatives to request their support;
- Identified several foundations to whom grant requests will be submitted;
- Submitted a grant request to Northern California/United States Tennis Association (NorCal/USTA), its parent tennis organization;
- Developed a unique proposal to its members and friends to raise funds and asked the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation to serve as the fiscal agency for donations and grant applications.

Want to help? Have questions?

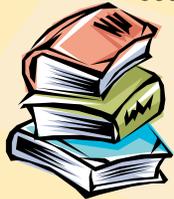
Contact: Jim Utz at 925-935-3365 or email to tns2sum@aol.com. ♣

PH Library activities...

Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Book Sale

**Saturday, September 13,
10am-6:30pm**

Find great deals on books of all kinds and support your library at this quarterly booksale. Sales are held in



the parking lot behind the library. Also, drop off your e-waste for free during this event!

► **Stevie Coyle: Acoustic Guitar**

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30pm

Enjoy the acoustic sounds of Stevie Coyle, proprietor of Mighty Fine Guitars and former guitarist of The Waybacks.

► **Stingers, Fangs, and Venom!**

Tuesday, September 30, 6:30pm



The Mt. Diablo Interpretive Society shares critters from the mountaintop. See a scorpion, touch a tarantula, and learn more about snakes and other native reptiles.

► **Monday Grand Opening**

Monday, October 6, 6:30-8:00pm

Come and celebrate the library's new Monday hours with fun and activities for all ages. Refreshments will be provided.

► **Night of 1,000 Inventions**

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-8:00pm

Our annual evening of innovation returns with more robots, 3-D printing, and hands-on tech. This event kicks off Pleasant Hill Reads! Pick up your copy of the book everyone in town will be reading, and find out about more fun activities related to the story.

► **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! 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 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.

Higher education in Pleasant Hill

DVC Commons Project

The DVC Commons Project includes many campus-wide improvements like campus way finding, maximizing land use, improving pedestrian access, honoring the character of the DVC campus, creating new synergies and learning environments, welcoming the community, and providing universal access on campus.



Collectively, the project includes four primary program elements including Student Services Center (completed in October of 2012), Food Services and Culinary Arts instructional programs (just completed summer 2014), and the central campus quad (expected completion in December 2014).

The project design

The design approach is a true integration of building and landscape. Both structures are nestled into the hillside dividing the current quad level and the Language Arts level. This creates a “ground floor” approach to both upper and lower campus levels providing immediate access to visitors coming from either the east or west side of campus. ♣

DVC welcomes the new culinary programs and campus food services building



After over three years of ongoing construction, the end is in sight for Diablo Valley College’s new Commons project expected to be completed in December of this year. The new culinary building completed over the summer is now open for fall classes and student dining.

The new Norseman Restaurant will be open in mid-September, and community diners are certain to be as delighted by the new facilities as the faculty and staff.

“We have gone from one of the oldest facilities in the state to a beautiful new state-of-the-art teaching kitchen,” said Culinary Department chair Chris Draa. “We have an electric steam infused bread oven, a beautiful demo kitchen with public viewing area, a new pastry shop, and confection kitchen. Nearly everything is new, and culinary faculty and staff are excited to share this new facility with their students and the community.”

But that’s just the tip of the ice sculpture.

“The view of Mt. Diablo from the new Diablo Room is probably one of the best in the county,” said George Delfabro,

DVC food services manager. “It is not a surprise that everyone on campus wants to showcase the new building and hold their upcoming events in this stunning location. Of course that means more food to prepare, but we are



Special Scholarship opportunities for Pleasant Hill Residents

John F. Kennedy University is offering a \$500 Resident Scholarship this fall for incoming first-time students in the bachelor’s and master’s programs whose primary address is in Pleasant Hill.

“This year marks two important anniversaries for JFK University—the 50th anniversary of our founding and the 10th anniversary of the opening of our main campus in Pleasant Hill,” commented Dr. Mac Powell, JFK University President. “We have been honored to be a member of the Pleasant Hill community and look forward to partnering together for the future through opportunities such as this.”

Residents can also take advantage of other scholarship opportunities available for this fall, including:

- \$2,500 Transfer Scholarship for students who completed coursework at Diablo Valley or Los Medanos College.

- Diversity Scholarships and funding for the support of community service projects.

In addition, as a participant in the Department of Veteran Affairs Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program, JFK University offers full scholarships for veterans and active duty service members who qualify for post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

For more information on all of these scholarships go to www.jfku.edu.





Make your plans for fall and winter fun with lots of exciting events, activities and classes for the whole family to enjoy. Register at pleasanthillrec.com.

Teen Scene After-School Program

Monday–Friday, Dismissal: 6:00pm
Pleasant Hill Teen Center, 147 Gregory Lane

A fun and safe place for teens to go after school! Program offers a perfect combination of structured activities and time to just hang out! Transportation is available from PHMS and VVMS to Teen Center. Call 925-691-5645.

NFL Youth Flag Football Fall League

Co-Ed (Grades 3-8)

Kick off the season with some football fun. Season runs October-November (6 weeks). Registration deadline is September 19. Visit pleasanthillrecsports.com.

FREE NFL Punt, Pass, Kick Event

September 20, 10:00am
Pleasant Hill Park Field, 147 Gregory Lane

Come show off what you can do! Boys and Girls (8-13 yrs) are welcome participate in this national football skills competition against their peers. Birth certificate required. Co-sponsored by the NFL.

Share the Magic

Friday, October 10, 6:00pm
PH Community Center, Perera Pavilion

See illusions, card experts, close-up performers, by the Society of American Magicians. Come in costume for chance to win prize. Pre-registration required; call 925-682-0896. Admission: \$10.

Fall Adult Sports Leagues



Team up with some friends for adult sports fun.
Soccer - Softball - Flag Football -Kickball
League play starts early October. Get your team registration packets at pleasanthillrecsports.com or email: sgeorge@pleasanthillrec.com.

Preschool Gymnastics



California Gymnastics has brought their innovative preschool gymnastics programs to PHRec! Choose from Parent & Me Movement & Gymnastics, Tiny Tumblers or Preschool Gymnastics. For more information and age requirements, visit pleasanthillrec.com.

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 24, 5:30–7:30pm

Family fun! Trick-R-treat from decorated vehicle trunks decked out in spooktacular style. Crafts, activities and goodie bag for each child. Hot dogs and drinks available for \$1.

Family Fun Triathlon (8 yrs and up)

November 2, 9:00 am (Check in at 8:00am)
Pre-register by October 16
PH Education Center, 1 Santa Barbara Rd

Sign up for this non-competitive, family fun fitness triathlon (Swim, Bike, Run). Visit pleasanthillrec.com.

Join Mt. Diablo Dolphins Swim Team

Registered with USA Swim Club, swimmers will be competing in USA swim meets in the fall (short course season). Age group is determined by the swimmer's age for the 2015 summer season. Visit pleasanthillrec.com

Holiday Event Rentals

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District has the perfect venue for your family or business holiday parties and events. Contact Ryan Herriman at 925-676-5200.

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Fun Weekend with Family & Friends

New Expanded
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ART JAZZ AND WINE FEST



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PLEASANT HILL
Chamber of Commerce

Downtown Pleasant Hill

Saturday, October 4th

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 5th

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pete Sabine - Pacific Union Real Estate

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Saturday Evening Concert

featuring East Bay Mudd

6:30 - 8:45 pm

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Fantastic music lineup at this year's Art, Jazz & Wine Festival

Enjoy artisan vendors, live music, premium wine, craft beer and a newly expanded KidsZone—October 4th and 5th in Downtown Pleasant Hill!

It's time once again for the 12th Annual Art, Jazz & Wine Fest in Downtown Pleasant Hill on Saturday October 4 from 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday October 5 from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

Join the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Pleasant Hill and Downtown Pleasant Hill, in presenting a weekend of live music, loads of fun entertainment and activities for children, arts and crafts vendors, as well as local wineries and craft breweries. Multiple wine and beer ticket booth locations will be available throughout the event. Best of all, general admission is FREE!



special Saturday evening concert with the Bay Area's very own East Bay Mudd will take place from 6:30pm to 8:45pm. Sunday performers include Duo Gadjo, Jinx Jones, and The Groove Doctors.

Wine, arts & crafts on Crescent Drive

"You will want to stroll down Crescent Drive, with beer or wine in hand, and shop at more than 70 booths featuring handmade crafts, fine art, textiles, jewelry, and more," says Ann Luke, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. "And don't miss a visit to our Premium Wine Pavilion, featuring award winning California wines. Representatives from Napa, Sonoma and Livermore wineries will offer insights to their regional varietals,



Live music

Enjoy two full days of live music starting Saturday with the Dalt Williams Quartet, Jackson and the Immortals, Mads Tolling Trio and The Big Jangle, featuring Pleasant Hill's 2014 Citizen of the Year, Paul Cotruvo. Sponsored by Pete Sabine with Pacific Union Real Estate, a



showcasing their finest wines and answering your questions." An additional feature this year includes the NEW Livermore Wine Trolley offering drawings each day for popular wine tours in Livermore wine country.

Expanded KidsZone on City Hall lawn

This year look for our newly expanded KidsZone where SpongeBob SquarePants will be making live appearances throughout the weekend. During the event, enjoy a beach party at the bounce house and walk, crawl or run in the



water balls activity. Try your hand at amusement park games with Backyard Carnivals, or visit the stage to see magic shows, dance performances, and jugglers. Children's stage entertainment and arts and crafts activities will be FREE.

For more information, or if you are looking for overnight lodging, please visit www.pleasanthillchamber.com and keep up to date on our events schedule, wine and beer list, art vendor updates, and special offers! Don't forget to like us on Facebook for your chance to win FREE tickets for wine and craft beer. ♣

Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission needs volunteers—**JOIN THE FUN!**

This year's 4th of July celebration was fantastic! Over 500 enthusiastic runners participated in the 100 yard dash and 5K Fun Run. There were 60 entertaining parade entrants. Kids of all ages enjoyed booths, games, food and music at the Party in the Park. The day was capped off by 796 fireworks—a 25-minute, record-setting overhead spectacular!

To do it all over again in 2015, your help is needed. Please join the 4th of July Commission, an independent group of volunteers dedicated to making each 4th of July celebration better than the last. Meetings are held at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday, September through March (no meeting in November or December) and 1st and 3rd Wednesday, April thru June. Be part of the fun and make new connections in your community.

For information contact Allen Vinson, 925-938-2373, or go to www.phjuly4.com. ♣

DOWNTOWN PLEASANT HILL
Summer CONCERT SERIES
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 For more information visit us at
www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com
The Fundamentals
Thursday, September 18, 6:30-8:30pm
In plaza next to Jack's Restaurant

Join us at the final concert!

LIVE Music 5-7pm!
Food & Fun & Beer Truck

Sunset by the Lake SUMMER CONCERTS **FREE!**

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

Please note earlier time this concert!

Sponsored by **Sue Noack**
 Food sales by **Steel Smokin BBQ**

monument CrisisCenter
 Last chance to bring items of non-perishable food to donate to the Crisis Center.

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

Organized by PH Civic Action Commission.
 Visit www.pleasanthillconcerts.com for all concert information.

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Second Annual Safety Fair—**September 7th at Pleasant Hill Park!**

On Sunday, September 7, Pleasant Hill CERT plans to mix safety, preparedness, and a barbecue for a fun and informative get-together.

You and your family are invited to join more than 100 Pleasant Hill CERT volunteers at Pleasant Hill Park on Gregory Lane, from 10am until 2pm. While enjoying the day, you will also learn how to safely extinguish small fires, plan escape routes for your home, how to plan to reconnect your family if separated by a major earthquake, and what to pack in your "Go Kits." You'll also learn what first aid supplies every family should keep on hand.



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If you are interested, vendors will also be on hand with product and purchase information about the emergency supplies everyone should have to keep families safe. ♣

...and drama!

DVC Drama presents hilarious musical comedy

***The Wedding Singer*, October 24-November 9**

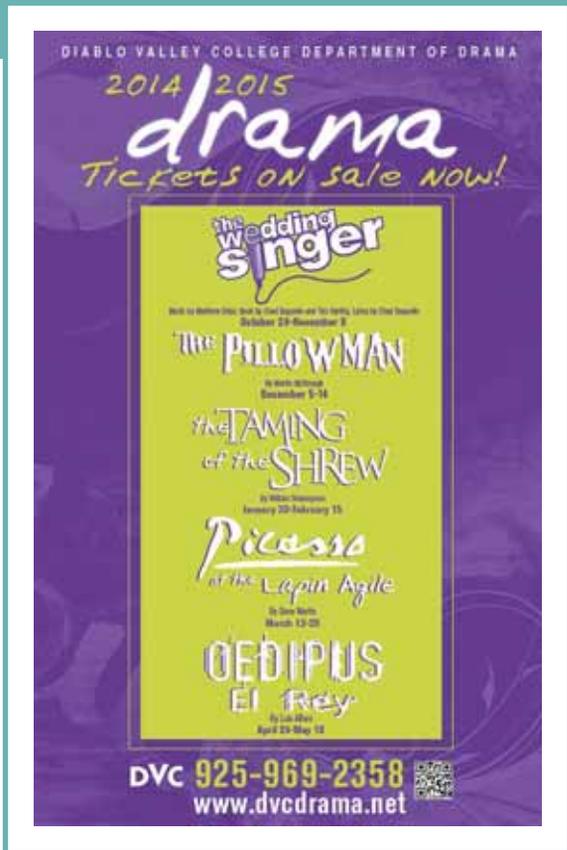
Based on the movie of the same name, *THE WEDDING SINGER* takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, and a wedding singer just might be the coolest guy in the room.

It's 1985 and rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own.

Enter Julia, a waitress who wins his affection. As luck would have it, Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever.

The Wedding Singer is directed by Lisa Drummond, with musical direction by Enrico Banson and choreography by Amanda Boyan. Show runs October 24-November 9. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm; Sunday November 2 and 9 at 2:30pm.

For tickets, call 925-969-2358 or go to our website at www.dvcdrama.net. DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 with free parking for all performances. ♣



Our rockin' community! Events for September and October 2014...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Sep 6	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Sep 7	Summer concert "East Bay Mudd"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Sep 7	Safety Fair	Pleasant Hill Park	Pleasant Hill CERT	938-5433
Sep 12	"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Sep 13	Friends of the Library book sale	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Sep 13	Diablo Valley Literacy workshop	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Diablo Valley Literacy Council	685-3881
Sep 15	CERT training	PH Adventist Academy	Pleasant Hill CERT	938-5433
Sep 16	Composting workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Sep 18	Downtown Plaza concert "The Fundamentals"	Downtown Plaza	Downtown PH www.shopdowntownpleasanthill.com	
Sep 19	Business Runway 2014 Workshop Series	Small Business Development Ctr	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Sep 23	Stevie Coyle: Acoustic Guitar	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Sep 27	Community Service Day	Pleasant Hill Park & all over town	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Sep 30	Stingers, Fangs, and Venom!	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Oct 4-5	Art, Jazz & Wine Fest	Downtown Pleasant Hill	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Oct 4	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Oct 7	City Gateway workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5213
Oct 7	Night of 1,000 Inventions	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Oct 9	Care Management: Facts on Alzheimer's	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Oct 9	Council candidates forum	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Oct 10	Share the Magic	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Oct 12	Amazing Race	Magoo's Grill of PH	Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education	www.fphe.org
Oct 16	CERT Speaker Series: "Earthquakes"	PH Community Center	Pleasant Hill CERT	938-5433
Oct 19	Hike for Shelter	Mount Diablo	Shelter, Inc	335-0698
Oct 21	Composting workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Oct 24-Nov 9	DVC Drama: "The Wedding Singer"	DVC Theatre	DVC Drama	969-2358
Oct 24	Trunk or Treat	PH Teen Center parking lot	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Oct 25	Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament	Texas Back Forty BBQ	Pleasant Hill Lions	683-7946

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 June 2014

All Good Cars, LLC (Retail Auto Sales)
3333 Vincent Rd., #200
415-640-6612

Artisan Antiques
(Antiques & Collectibles)
607 Gregory Lane, #150
925-864-6382

Controlco (Wholesale Distributor)
3451 Vincent Rd., Suite C
925-948-8760

Express Hair Salon
508 Contra Costa Blvd. K-1
925-246-9393

Homegoods, Inc.
(Retail Sales-Home Furnishings)
552 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-687-8101

Kristine Petterson-Rosenbusch
(Psychotherapy-Marriage/
Family Therapist)
1519 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-787-3834

Newmax Auto Sales
3333 Vincent Rd., Ste. 214
650-490-0529

Pieology (Pizza Restaurant)
2380-B Monument Blvd.

REG, Inc. (Auto Sales)
395 Taylor Blvd., #150
925-680-7979

Schopp & Co. (CPA Firm –
Tax & Accounting Services)
200 Gregory Lane, Blvd. B
925-689-2200

Seeds of Possibilities
(Coaching Business Services)
111 Cleaveland Rd., #147
925-289-9204

Sport Motors Auto Sales
3333 Vincent Road, #102
510-778-2517

Top Gear Auto Sales
187 B Mayhew Way
408-372-2312

Fortuna (Home Office-
Cosmetic Auto Repair)
925-580-1707

Spectrum Photography
(Photographer)
925-286-2424

New businesses July 2014

Chelsea Wells (Cosmetologist)
2611 Pleasant Hill Road
925-698-6750

**Fresh Maintenance/
Janitorial Service**
2491 Estand Way
925-395-7866

Go4Quickbooks (Certified
Quickbooks Proadvisor)
3478 Buskirk Avenue, Ste. 1000
925-464-9433

Positron Collectibles (Internet
Sales-Action Figures/Hobby Toys)
408-677-8479

Q-Nails (Nail Salon)
508 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-798-0606

Spa Works (Hot Tub/Spa Repair)
100 Boyd Road, #239
510-915-0816

Sun Valley Chevron
698 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-685-6237

Elite Telecommunications Service
(Admin. Office)
925-521-9222

Precious Pups
(Dog Walking Service)
925-464-9800



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Wed 3 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Comm Room
Wed 3 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Thu 4 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 8 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 9 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 9 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 11 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 18 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 22 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
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Tue 28 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers

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 Treasurer: Mark W. Celio
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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 Nov/Dec is October 10. 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 or email to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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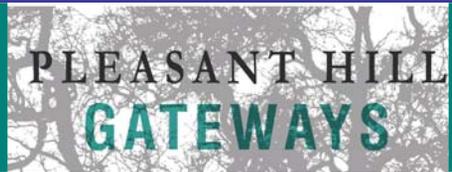


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CITY GATEWAY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30–8:00pm
City Hall Community Room

The City Gateway Project is a City initiative to enhance the main entryways into Pleasant Hill by designing and constructing new gateway markers and entry signs. There have been two previous workshops focusing on what makes Pleasant Hill such a special place and soliciting feedback and ideas from workshop participants to focus on what is important in the community and what represents the identity of the City.

The 3rd workshop will focus on presentation and discussion of some of the refined gateway design proposals that reflect the feedback heard from the community and will also allow time to hear a refined strategy and determination on the location and prioritization of any new/refurbished gateway markers in the City.

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Kelly Calhoun, Economic Development Manager at 925.671.5213 or kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us



Still plenty of fresh produce at weekly Farmers' Market

A touch of fall is in the air. Leaves are starting to turn color and fall, school is back in session, and the weather is turning cooler. The changing seasons bring a new assortment of produce to your farmers' market. While there are still some of summer's favorites like peppers, berries, tomatoes, corn, peaches, and other products, you'll start to see grapes, apples, pears, winter squash, and other delicious fall fruits and vegetables.

Winter squash is especially good right now with quite a few varieties appearing. There are the familiar acorn squashes and the butternut squashes, but why don't you try a kabocha squash or a delicata squash for a nice change. They're both mild and sweet in flavor. They make wonderful soups and they're awesome when you roast them in the oven.

Root vegetables like carrots, parsnips, and turnips are great right now. These underutilized veggies are fantastic when roasted and they make great for soups, stews, and side dishes.

The cooler weather also offers the opportunity to enjoy cooking a little more. Sweet potatoes, onions, root vegetables, and a new batch of fall artichokes can enhance any of your

fall favorites. Below is an easy flavorful roasted vegetable recipe you're sure to use over and over!

The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market will be open through November 15, 9am to 1pm, in its new location at Gregory Lane and Trelany Road. ♣



Roasted autumn vegetables

- 2 carrots
- 2 parsnips
- 6 small red potatoes, cut in half
- 1 onion, peeled, cut in chunks
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon dried Italian herbs

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with foil and brush olive oil on the foil. Toss chopped vegetables in a large bowl with herbs, salt and pepper and a drizzle of oil. Then spread in an even layer onto oiled tin foil. Cover with another sheet of foil. Bake for 45 minutes.

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