

THE OUTLOOK



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City of Pleasant Hill seeks applicants for commissions

Residents have an opportunity to get to know fellow residents while participating in commission and advisory committee decisions and events that shape the future of Pleasant Hill. The City is now seeking candidates to serve on the following.

► Architectural Review Commission

The Architectural Review Commission reviews site plans, architectural structures and signage primarily 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 2019.

► Aviation Advisory Committee

The Aviation Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on the general subject of aviation issues related to the airports in Contra Costa County. The Committee also provides a forum for the Manager of Airports regarding operational and/or policy matters at and around the airports. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at Buchanan Field Airport. Term is through March 2018.

► Central Contra Costa Transit Authority Advisory Committee

The Central Contra Costa Transit Authority Advisory Committee advises the County Connection Board of Directors on issues and policies relating to fixed-route and paratransit service. The Advisory Committee will be asked to consider and make recommendations on finance and planning documents, and other issues such as operations, scheduling, admin-

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Pleasant Hill bestows awards on its finest citizens and businesses

Seventeen awards ranging from Teen of the Year to the Green Award to Citizen of the Year.



Katherine Bracken was presented the 2014 Citizen of the Year award by past winner, Paul

Pleasant Hill Library Commissioner, **Katherine Bracken**, won the *Citizen of the Year* award at the 44th Annual Community Awards Night held on January 29th at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. Katherine received the award from previous winner, Paul Cotruvo, before a large audience. She was honored

for volunteer work in local schools and involvement with the Friends of the Library and the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation.

Pleasant Hill Middle School math teacher, **Tony Gallardo**, received the *Educator of the Year* award. Mr. Gallardo was recognized for his innovative teaching methods, his active involvement in creating a better school climate and organizing the annual 'Make a Difference Day' at Pleasant Hill Middle School.



Educator of the Year
Tony Gallardo

Business Person of the Year award went to **Jason and Kathy Olson** of Pleasant Hill Grocery Outlet. Since purchasing

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

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Jason and Kathy Olson
of Grocery Outlet

the store in 2011, the couple has supported many community events and is actively involved with local organizations, schools and community groups.

College Park High School senior, **Barune Thapa**, received the *Teen of the Year* award.

Barune is the Student

Body President this year and founded the Earth Club at CPHS, after serving as the President of a similar club at PH Middle School. He has interned in Nepal, does peer tutoring and has maintained a strong academic profile at College Park.

For more information on the the Green Business Award and Green Award, please see page 4.

Mario Moreno, City Engineer, received the *Community Plus* award, which is given to an employee of the City, Chamber or Recreation & Park District. Mario was honored for overseeing more than 150 infrastructure projects since 2005 with over \$30 million in grant funding obtained by his department.



Mario Moreno,
Community Plus Award

The organizing committee received 18 nominations this year in the seven competitive award categories. Other awards presented included:

- ★ *Mayor's Award*—Patrick Remer, Senior Pleasant Hill Librarian, The City Channel crew and Inside Pleasant Hill team.
- ★ *PH Rec & Park District Board Appreciation award*—The Bond Oversight Committee
- ★ *PH Rec & Park District Community Service award*—Ann Luke & Jennifer McGarry
- ★ *Pleasant Hill Chamber Board Appreciation award*—Jeff Willis
- ★ *Pleasant Hill Chamber Ambassador of the Year* —Debbie Smith
- ★ *PH Community Foundation Cornerstone award*—Dawn Block & Michael Harris



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istration, and legislation. Meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm at the County Connection office in Concord. Terms are through April 2017.

➤ **Civic Action Commission**

The Civic Action Commission studies and makes recommendations to the City Council on subjects that improve the overall quality of community life, and organizes major City events such as Community Service Day and the “Sunset by the Lake” Summer Concerts. Applicants must meet one of the following requirements: be a resident of Pleasant Hill, a non-resident business person with a business in Pleasant Hill, or live outside City limits but within the City’s sphere of influence. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at City Hall. Terms are through February 2019.

➤ **Commission On Aging**

The Commission on Aging considers all matters affecting the aging in the community, provides awareness of resources, and plans, promotes, and participates in events benefiting the aging population. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Terms are through April 2019.

➤ **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 2019.

➤ **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission provides recommendations to the City Council on land use, zoning, the general plan, and other policy issues. To qualify as a candidate, you must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the Pleasant Hill for at least one year prior to appointment. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at City Hall. Terms are through April 2017 and April 2019.

➤ **Traffic Safety Commission**

The Traffic Safety Commission conducts and analyzes studies of traffic problems, makes recommendations on changes in policy, holds meetings with residents and business owners to hear traffic related suggestions and concerns, and works with various departments of the City and other local governments to implement recommended changes. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at City Hall. Term is through March 2017. (Applications for this position will be accepted through March 31, 2015.) ♣

Deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, March 11, 2015. For an application or more information visit the City of Pleasant Hill website at www.pleasanthillca.org/commission or contact Juanita Davalos by phone at (925) 671-5283 or e-mail at jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org.

CarFit

The Pleasant Hill Commission on Aging will host a CarFit event for Pleasant Hill Seniors on May 2 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

CarFit is an educational program created by the American Society on Aging and developed in collaboration with AARP, AAA, and the American Occupational Therapy Association.

The three goals of the community-based program are to:

- Help older drivers improve the “fit” of their vehicles for safety and comfort;
- Promote conversations among older adults and families about driving safety and the continued need for mobility options to keep people participating in the life of their communities; and
- Link adults with relevant, local resources that can help ensure they drive safely longer.

CarFit uses a trained team, including occupational therapy practitioners, to assist older drivers with items such as:

- A clear line of sight over the steering wheel
- Adequate space between the front airbag/steering wheel and the driver’s breastbone
- Properly adjusted head restraints, and proper positioning on the gas and brake pedals
- Proper seat belt use and fit, and safe positioning of mirrors to minimize blind spots

The 20-minute appointment not only provides an opportunity to open a positive, non-threatening conversation about driver to vehicle fit, but it also provides specific community resources to help older drivers stay healthy and continue to drive for as long as safely possible.

For more information about this valuable program, please visit www.car-fit.org. Appointments will be taken on a first-come/first-served basis. To register for an appointment, please call the City of Pleasant Hill at (925) 671-5221 by April 29.



Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit

Senior drivers: ways you can improve your driving safety

—the PH Commission on Aging, www.pleasanthillca.org/aging

Here are five ways you can maximize your safety on the road:

1. VISION – 90% of the information used in driving comes through your eyes.
 - ❑ Adjust mirrors properly before you start to drive.
 - ❑ Check rearview mirror every 10-20 seconds.
 - ❑ Turn and look over your shoulder when changing lanes.
 - ❑ Avoid night driving.
2. MEMORY and ATTENTION
 - ❑ Put your sunglasses where you can easily reach them.
 - ❑ Know where you are going before you start.
 - ❑ Turn the radio off and keep conversations to a minimum.
 - ❑ Drive on familiar roads to reduce stress.
3. STRENGTH and ENDURANCE
 - ❑ Continue the exercise habit; take regular walks.
 - ❑ Contact the Senior Center, YMCA, or Recreation & Park District about exercise options.
 - ❑ Get plenty of sleep and rest.
 - ❑ Ask your health care provider about any health concerns before starting your routine.
4. HEALTH CONDITIONS and MEDICATION CHANGES
 - ❑ Ask your doctor or pharmacist about side effects or negative drug interactions that may affect your driving.
 - ❑ Be sure you know how you react to a medication before getting behind the wheel.
5. CHECK OUT YOUR CAR
 - ❑ Maintain the correct fluid levels and air pressure in the tires.
 - ❑ Promptly repair any damage that could influence driving safety (e.g. cracked windshield, broken mirror, burned out light).
 - ❑ Participate in CarFit on May 2nd, here in Pleasant Hill. This is a free senior driving safety event. Trained volunteers help you assess how well your car “fits” you (and offer suggestions for improvement, when appropriate), which will reduce your chances of having an accident and being injured in an accident. See the accompanying article for more details and information on how to sign up! ♣





Awesome activities in honor of Earth Day on April 22

► Green movie Nights

Learn all about the environmental, economic, social and political impact that soil has on the world. Catch up with neighbors and come to a free screening of the documentary *Dirt* at Rodgers Ranch on Friday, March 20. Showtime starts at 6:30pm. Snacks provided!

Enjoy watching the classic cartoon *FernGully: The Last Rainforest* at the Teen Center on Friday, April 17. Showtime starts at 6:30pm. Sustainably grown and produced food and beverages will be provided. This is a completely free event!

► Creek cleanup

Join Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks in cleaning up Grayson Creek on Sunday April 19 from 11am to 1pm. Please meet at the Second Street bridge just past the Country Square shopping center (by Big 5).

For more information, please contact Anne Baker, abaker@republicservices.com or (925) 671-5806. ♣

GREEN community awards

Congratulations to this year's Community green award winners!

★ Daily Digital Imaging

Daily Digital Imaging received the *Green Business* award for their efforts to conserve natural resources and prevent pollution. Their clean, digital printing process does not use the chemicals, solvents, and water used in traditional printing methods. The process consumes less paper as well, and any paper used in testing machines is repurposed into recycled notebooks for customers, while scrap paper from projects is donated to schools and other organizations for recycled art projects. Owners **Pello and Mary Walker**



2014 Green Business Award winners, Mary and Pello Walker.

are among the founding members of the Chamber of Commerce's Green Business Committee, and continue to be active and involved to this day.

★ Pleasant Hill Middle School Sue Kaar

Drama teacher **Sue Kaar** received the *Green* award for her efforts leading the Earth Club for many years at Pleasant Hill Middle School, where she has mentored and inspired countless students.

Sue was instrumental in having a professional snowboarder address 300 students about climate change, as well as improving the availability of recycling on campus. She is an active and invaluable member of the Pleasant Hill Education Initiative's Green Team, where she formed a unique partnership with Fair Oaks Elementary in which Fair Oaks students learned many things including about composting from master gardeners at the Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden. Sue really walks the talk; she can be seen biking to and from school, amongst other places! ♣



2014 Green Award winner Sue Kaar.

FREE E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill



Time for spring cleanup...E-style!

Join us 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 March 7 and April 4 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. This is a monthly event that takes place the first Saturday of each month. These events are open to any California resident, business, school, etc. Dropping off of your E-waste is FREE and items accepted include TVs, monitors, computers, and more—with no limit! Visit www.NoEwaste.com or call toll free, (866) 335-3373 for electronic items accepted and detailed event info. Sponsored by Electronic Waste Management, a state-approved e-waste collector. ♣

Drought-proof your home

The California drought is entering its fourth year in a row. This is the longest drought since the late 1970s. The best way to prepare is to drought-proof our homes. Below are a few tips that water customers can take to help survive the drought and reduce their water use for the long run.

► Free water use evaluation

CCWD will evaluate your home and landscape water use for free! During the Water Conservation Survey, a CCWD technician will inspect your landscape and irrigation system, program your irrigation timer, and teach you ways to save. To schedule a water conservation survey, call 925-688-8320 or visit www.ccwater.com/conserve/singlefamily.asp.

► Check for leaks

The best way to see if you have a leak is to check your water meter. Turn off all water fixtures such as washers, dishwasher, ice maker, etc. Then read your water meter and write down the reading. Wait one hour and read it again. If the meter dial or numbers changed, then there might be a leak. For instructions on how to read your meter visit www.ccwater.com/conserve/water_calculator.asp.

► Indoor fixtures

Toilet: If your toilet was installed prior to 1994, consider replacing it with a new WaterSense certified, high-efficiency model. They use half the water and have a powerful flush.

Clothes washer: Clothes washers have become very water and energy efficient. When purchasing, look for one that is “Energy Star Most Efficient” (ESME) rated. This means it is very energy and water efficient. Also, you can get a rebate of up to \$150. For rebate information visit www.waterenergysavings.com.

Showerhead: Older showerheads can use more than 2 ½ gallons per minute. Consider replacing with a mode that uses only 2 gallons per minute. CCWD customers can pick one up for free at the CCWD Office at 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord.

► Landscape tips

There are a number of ways you can help your plants survive the drought. CCWD has several fliers entitled Drought Survival 101 that can help. Visit: www.ccwater.com/conserve/survival.asp.



Sustainable Living Series

Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center is hosting a fantastic workshop series this year in partnership with Sustainable Contra Costa. Learn everything you need to know about vegetable gardening on March 19 and the basics of beekeeping on April 16. Workshops are from 10am to noon and are \$20 each, which includes delicious pastries and beverages from Corner Bakery.

For more information and to register, visit sustainablecoco.org/workshops. ♣

Sustainable Living Workshops

March 19

Zucchini, Tomatoes & Carrots, Oh My! Starting a Home Vegetable Garden

- ◇ Everything you need to know: sun, soil, water, seeding and transplanting, nourishing, harvesting and much more!



April 16

What's the Buzz? Backyard Beekeeping

- ◇ Bee biology
- ◇ Equipment & Installation
- ◇ Seasonal Management



Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Location: Rodgers Ranch,
315 Cortsen Rd, Pleasant Hill

Info and registration:
www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops

► Lose the lawn, get a garden

Lawns are the biggest water user at most homes. A typical front lawn will use more than 28,000 gallons in a year, enough water for 1,400 showers! Replace your existing lawn with water-wise landscaping and save up to 14,000 gallons per year. CCWD provides up to \$1,000 in rebates to replace a front lawn with a water-wise landscaping. Visit www.ccwater.com/12g-cgi/index57.asp or call (925) 688-8320 for program information.

PHFC accepting community grant applications

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation (PHFC) has released its 2015 Community Grant application for public and nonprofit organizations in Pleasant Hill.

The proceeds from the Annual Appeal held last fall are funding these grant awards.

Any recreational, cultural or educational program that serves the residents of Pleasant Hill may apply. The Grants Allocation Chair, Adrienne Roe, states, "The Foundation is again very proud to be able to provide this opportunity to organizations in our community that enrich the lives of the residents of Pleasant Hill through cultural, educational and recreational activities."

Applications may be downloaded from the Foundation's website (www.PHCommunityFoundation.org) where prior Community Grant recipients are also listed.

Have questions? Please send them to info@PHCommunityFoundation.org. **The application deadline is March 31, 2015.** ♣

Backyard Composting Workshop offered at City Hall

Tuesday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 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, March 31 and Tuesday, April 21.**

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



Education in Pleasant Hill

Prominent community leader donates \$125K to support counseling for local children

JFK University has received a major donation by a prominent local community leader and philanthropist to fund mental health counseling for children.



The recently endowed donation of \$125,000 will expand the counseling services provided by JFK University masters and doctoral students in Pleasant Hill schools by covering supervision costs and expanding the 30-year program. The donation is being matched by the University to set up a fund total of \$250,000 which will ensure the long term continuation of the program.

JFK University and Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) have had a partnership in the schools since the early '90s when school site counseling positions were eliminated from the district due to budget cuts. Gail Kinsley-Dame, Executive Director of the Community Counseling Center, oversees the program for JFK University and states, "Our partnership with MDUSD is truly a win-win. MDUSD students get the help and support they need and JFK graduate students fulfill the mission and core values of the University while also earning the hours of supervised counseling required to complete their degree and obtain licensing."

In addition, MDUSD students and their families can also access the JFK University Community Counseling Center (at 2707 Clayton Road in Concord) in cases where they need support over the summer months or want counseling as a family. Students can be referred to the program by teachers or administrators and participate in counseling with parent permission.

Counseling helps a wide range of students—from youth who may be dealing with issues such as homelessness and other stressors, to youth who need help making friends at school.

For more information on JFK University's masters and doctoral programs in counseling and psychology, visit www.jfku.edu. ♣

**A fundraiser for the
Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education**

The Amazing Race

of
Pleasant Hill

**Save the date! Sunday, May 3rd!
Begins at Noon!**

The Amazing Race is a great event for all the family. Teams of four or five persons search for clues and play fun games at various locations around the city. Cost per team is \$50.

For more details email amazingrace@fphe.org.



Pleasant Hill Lions

The Lion's Annual Crab Feed on January 24 at the Senior Center was a sell-out and big success as they raised funds for local charities and organizations. Many thanks to the community for their support. They hope everyone had a good time and got their fill of crab. See you next year on Saturday, January 23, 2016.

The club's Student Speaker contest was held on February 12 at City Hall. This contest, open to local high school age students, featured contestants speaking on the topic "Water Conservation—How can we Reduce, Recycle, and Reclaim." The winner was Kara Lenci, a high school junior from Concord. She is home schooled.

The club is gearing up to participate with the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District in the annual "Egg-Citing Egg Hunt" on Saturday, April 4. This is always a fun event for the Lions and for the community. The club looks forward to seeing all of the youngsters searching for eggs and enjoying the other festivities. In a couple of months, they plan to serve breakfast to the walkers and volunteers at the local American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

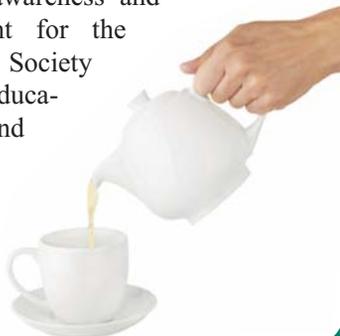
The Lions are an international service organization of 1.4 million men and women dedicated to make a difference locally and worldwide. If you are interested in joining please contact Ken Wombacher at (925) 683-7946 or Don Flaskerud at (925) 676-5859 to learn more about the Pleasant Hill Lions. ♣

Cancer survivors invited to tea!

Cancer survivors are invited to tea and cookies from 2 to 4pm on Monday, March 16 at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center dining room.

This free event will be an opportunity for cancer survivors to sign up for the 6th annual Relay For Life of Pleasant Hill on May 30-31.

The Relay is an awareness and fund raising event for the American Cancer Society and its research, education, advocacy and patient services. For details call (925) 726-9797.



Senior Center events and activities

■ CMP Series presents

- ❑ March 12: "Home Improvement resources for seniors living in Contra Costa County" presented by the Director of Senior Resources for CC County and Episcopal Senior Communities.
- ❑ April 9: "Save money on your PG&E bills" presented by PG&E.
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Dining Room, 2:00pm

Presentations are free but space is limited so please call (925) 798-8788 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by the Chateaus of Pleasant Hill.

■ Pancake Breakfast

- ❑ Sunday, March 1, 8:30-10:30am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Enjoy a stack of pancakes or French Toast, eggs, sausage and orange juice and coffee. Adults (11+): \$5, Children (5-10): \$3, 4 & under: Free!

■ Vagabond Players present "Leading Ladies"

- ❑ Tuesday, March 31, 2:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Call (925) 798-8788 for more show details. A reception with refreshments following the show. Tickets: \$10 presale or \$15 day of.

■ Senior Prom

- ❑ Friday, April 10, 5:30pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Want to go back in time to your high school prom? Here's your chance! Dinner, dessert, photo booth, and live music by the Paul Fontes Band. Tickets: \$25 per person. Advanced ticket sales only (not available at door). Purchase tickets at Senior Center.

■ Laugh, Love and Learn Senior Live Well Forum

- ❑ Friday, May 8, 10:00am-2:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center

A full day of educational and uplifting speakers, plus lunch and the opportunity to win raffle prizes. All funds raised benefit the Senior Center Care Management Program.

Tickets: Pre-sale \$25 (60+ years); \$30 (General) / At the door (if available) \$35 (60+ years); \$40 General

Registration begins March 23. Call or visit the Senior Center to register. No refunds.

Come early for the **Free Ultimate Senior Resource Fair** from 8:30am-1:00pm Over 50 vendors from the local area and free giveaways!

■ St Patrick's Day Chef's Lunch

- ❑ Friday, March 13, 11:30am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Enjoy a traditional corned beef and cabbage lunch. Tickets will not be sold at the door, must purchase in advance. Don't wait until the last minute—sold out last year! Tickets: \$8

PH Library activities...

► **Dr. Seuss Birthday Storytime**

Monday, Mar 2, 6:30-8:00pm

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at Pleasant Hill Library with whimsical stories, crafts, and games! Come wearing stripes!

► **City-wide Science Fair**

Monday, Mar 9, 6:30-8:00pm

Do you have a science fair project you would like to present and share? Come join other experimenters at the Pleasant Hill Library for the 2nd Annual City-Wide Science Fair! All presenters win a prize.

► **Maker Monday:**

Drones & Hot Air Balloons

Monday, Mar 9, 6:30-8:00pm

Drop in to this Maker Monday to make and take your own! We'll lift off at 6:30pm with paper copters, and garbage bag blimps.

► **Tinker Tuesday:**

Drones & Hot Air Balloons

Tuesday, Mar 10, 3:00-4:30pm

Miss our Maker Monday? Drop in after school for this Tinker Tuesday to make and take your own!

► **Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Board Meeting**

Saturday, Mar 14, 10:00-11:00pm

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

► **Kenn Adams Adventure Theatre:**

The Myth Adventures of Melanie Moe!

Tuesday, Apr 6, 3:00-4:00pm

Travel back to the time of Greek Mythology with Melanie Moe! You're the star in Kenn Adams Adventure Theatre. Funny, interactive and action packed!

Common Core Night at the Library Tuesday, Mar 31, 6:30-8:00pm

The Pleasant Hill Education Commission and the Pleasant Hill Library continue a series on the new Common Core State Standards. We are sharing tools with parents to support student learning.

► **Maker Monday:**

Musical Instruments

Monday, Apr 13, 6:30-8:00pm

Drop in to this Maker Monday to make and take your own musical instrument! Learn more about the science of sound!

► **Tinker Tuesday:**

Musical Instruments

Tuesday, Apr 14, 3:00-4:30pm

Miss our Maker Monday? Drop in after school for this Tinker Tuesday to make and take your own musical instrument!

► **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**

Wednesdays & Fridays

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

► **English Conversation Practice for Adults**

Every Wednesday, 1:30-2:30pm

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



Just for teens

► **Teen Advisory Group**

Every second Wednesday
of the month, 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!



Pleasant Hill Library display case

Reserve the library's free lobby display case for your nonprofit organization and connect with 1,200 visitors a day. Contact the library at phl@ccclib.org for an application.

**For additional information
and details on events, go to
[www.ccclib.org/locations/
pleasanthill.html](http://www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html)**

Registration is open for spring/summer classes, activities and events! Visit pleasanthillrec.com or pick up your **SPOTLIGHT** at Pleasant Hill Rec facilities.



PH Dolfín Swim Team... Have fun! Swim fast!

Registration for Pleasant Hill Dolfín Swim Team is now open through May 22 at the District office, 147 Gregory Lane. For more information, call (925) 682-0896 or visit pleasanthilldolphins.com.

Meet our new Dolfín Head Coach, Talli Pitcher, at special registration and suit try-on day on March 21, 10:00am-12:00pm at District Office.

NFL youth flag football

- Grades 3-5 and 6-8
- Registration deadline: April 3

Join the PHRec Youth Flag Football Program sponsored by the National Football League. Weeknight practices are determined by each coach. Games are on Saturdays. Participants receive a jersey and football. To register, call (925) 682-0896.

Tennis classes also available for all ages. Visit pleasanthillrecsports.com.

Literary Women

- Saturday, April 25, 9:30am-3:00pm
- Community Center Perera Pavilion

Bay Area Bluestocking Festival of Authors. For readers as well as writers! For tickets visit eventbrite.com and click on Literary Women.

Special recreation dances

- Friday, April 10, 7:00-9:00pm
- Senior Center: Chateau Room, 233 Gregory Lane

PH Recreation & Park District, in partnership with City of Concord and City of Walnut Creek, hosts dances specifically designed for developmentally challenged adults. Admission: \$7 per person. Questions? Call District office at (925) 682-0896.



Now offering spring break youth camps April 6-10

- **Youth/Teen Spring Break SPORTS Camp (5-13 yrs)**

Participate in a variety of sports each morning and go on a field trip to local fun spots like QZar, Sky High Sports, and movie theater in the afternoon.
Full Day Option: Monday-Friday, 7:45am-6:00pm, Pleasant Hill Teen Center, 147 Gregory Lane
- **KIDSTOP Spring Break Camp (Grades K-5)**

Enjoy a fun-filled week of adventure! Science, Sports, Arts & Crafts, LEGO building, electronics, movie day, and more.
Full Day & Rec Day Options: Monday-Friday, 7:00am-6:00pm or 10:00am-4:00pm, KIDSTOP Children's Center.
- **Sciensational Spring Break Workshops (7-12 yrs)**
 - ❑ **Follow Me Robot**

Build Your Own Robot to take home and enter it in our Sumo wrestling & obstacle course. Monday and Tuesday, 9:00am-4:30 pm, Pleasant Hill Community Center
 - ❑ **Model Airplanes, Bridge Building, Electronics**

Build your own rubber-powered model airplane. Build and design model bridges. Build six electronic projects. Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00am-4:30pm, Pleasant Hill Community Center.

Register for Rec Summer Camps

Get a jump start on summer camp planning! PH Rec offers a wide variety of preschool, youth, and teen summer camps beginning in June through August 2015. Flexible full day and half day recreation programs are available to fit your summer schedule plus many new and unique specialty camps to keep your child active and engaged this summer. Visit pleasanthillrec.com/camps for details.

Interested in Summer Camp employment?
Contact District office at (925) 682-0896.



What's happening in the community...Easter activities and Star Quest

"Egg" Citing Egg Hunt! RAIN OR SHINE



Saturday, April 4, 9:30am-12:30pm
Start times vary by age group

Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Ln
Pre-registration required April 3 by noon
Register online pleasanthillrec.com

\$6 per child check-in begins for all ages at 9:30am. Come early for an Easter Pancake Breakfast and Spring Boutique from 9:00-11:00am located across the park at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center.

- Bring camera and Easter basket.
- Enjoy visits with the Easter Bunny,
- Facepainting, train and more.
- Find the GOLDEN TICKET to win a special prize!



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

Breakfast with Bunny!

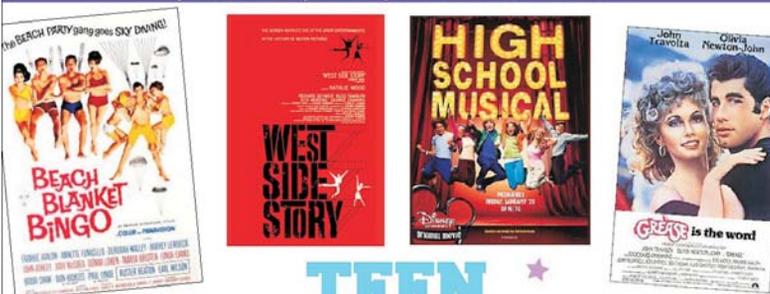
Enjoy a pancake breakfast and crafts with Bunny! All attending must register (parent and child) by March 23.

Children up to 12 months in stroller/backpack are free.

- 1-10 years with parent
- Saturday, March 28, 8:30-9:30am
- Senior Center: Dining Room
- Admission: \$8.50/\$7.50 (Dist. Res.)



Star Quest 2015 23rd Annual Youth Talent Show Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



TEEN SCENE!

Rock out with your favorite songs from decades of teen movie musicals—from the 60s beach movies right up to the hit movies of today!



MORE INFO?
689-2249

Saturday April 25 7:00pm
DVC Performing Arts Theatre (Use Golf Club Rd parking lot)
Reception, 6pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday
Sunday April 26 2:00pm

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

Local families needed to host international students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College is looking for local residents to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills. Long or short-term placements are available. Students participating in the program pay their host families a stipend of \$850 each month. The requirements for being a host family are simple:

- Provide two meals per day (three meals on weekends) and a furnished, private bedroom for the student—all within a supportive home environment.
- Interact with your student(s) daily. Be involved in their life and treat them as a family member.

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

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

For more information about becoming a host family, please contact IEC@DVC's Housing Director, Ms. Fia Parker at (925) 876-0080, or by email at: fparker@dvc.edu. 🍀

DVC drama presents the comedy PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE

by Steve Martin

"Very engaging... Martin mixes the sublime with the ridiculous [so] they can't be easily untangled... Very good fun."
— The New York Times

What happens when Picasso and Einstein walk into a bar? Intellectual fireworks, verbal gymnastics, amorous intentions, and the arrival of a mysterious man. On an October evening in 1904, Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso end up at the same small bar in Paris—the Lapin Agile. The two young geniuses, joined by an eccentric cast of characters, spar over art and science, their respective libidos, where inspiration comes from, and the promise and dreams of the 20th century. Picasso at the Lapin Agile is directed by Ryan Weible

- ★ Performances: March 13-29
- ★ Tickets: call (925) 969-2358 or go www.dvcdrama.net.
- ★ Location: DVC Theatre, 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Free parking for all performances.

DVC DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA

Picasso

at the
Lapin Agile
By Steve Martin

March 13 - 29

Performing Arts Center
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.
Sundays at 2:30 p.m.
321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Ticket Office
925-969-2358
Or get your tickets online at:
www.dvcdrama.net

BUSINESS RUNWAY 2015



Wednesday March 11

John F. Kennedy University • 100 Ellinwood Way, PH
8:00 am to 10:00 am



Vaneese Johnson
Keynote Speaker

Your Website Just Killed Your Business... Let Social Media Bring Your Business Back to Life!

Are you still depending on your website to attract, engage and keep existing customers? Are you struggling to understand how social media can give your business vibrancy? Or thinking you don't have time, money or resources to use social media?

Vaneese Johnson is an Executive Coach and Personal Brand Strategist. She works with high-performing professionals and small business executives to identify personal brand currency, design on-line marketing strategies and leverage social media to amplify the authenticity and authority in their professional presence

PH Chamber Members - Registration **FREE** • Non-Chamber Members - \$15

To register online: <http://businessrunway15.eventbrite.com> or contact the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce at (925) 687-0700

Upcoming Business Runway 2015 Workshops • Thursdays • 8 am - 10 am • SAVE THE DATES!

June 11 • Lending Panel focused on Small Business Loans and Micro Loans

September 10 • Constant Contact - Campaigns That Drive Action: Newsletters & Announcements Featuring Email and Social Engagement

December 10 • Procurement Panel: How to do Business with Large Businesses

Film Festival celebrates 20 years of bringing international films to Contra Costa

More than 40 international movies to screen in Pleasant Hill. Nine-day event runs March 7 through March 15 at the Century 16 Theatres in Pleasant Hill.

A rugged drama depicting neo-Nazis in Scandinavia, a documentary on legendary funny men and women, international dramas that bring viewers on a journey back in time, and a 4-1/2 hour German mini-series are among the 42 films on the schedule of the 20th Annual East Bay International Jewish Film Festival for this March. "We're circling the globe for our 20th," exclaims Festival chairperson Debra Levin. "with three movies from South America and one from Finland."

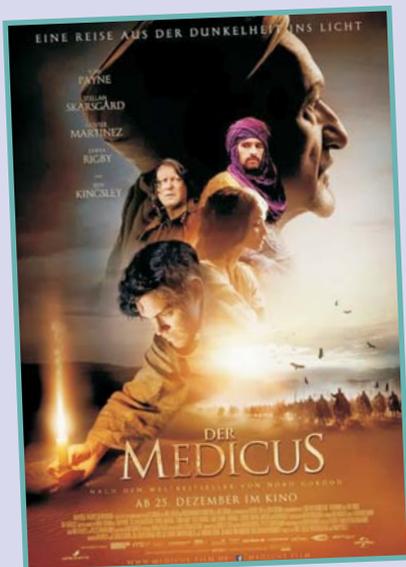


The south-of-the-border films include the Uruguian import *Mr. Kaplan*, a devilish black comedy that shows a frustrated retiree trying on a new hat as an amateur detective, and *God's Slaves*, a spy thriller from Argentina.

The Festival will also feature movies from Finland, France, Germany, Poland, Canada, Venezuela and Israel. Levin adds, "Movies are a great way of visiting the world without actually getting on a plane. That's why our motto is 'See a Film. See the World'."

The Festival is presented by the Jewish Federation of the East Bay.

For the complete schedule and to purchase tickets: www.eastbayjewishfilm.org or call (510) 809-4919.




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- Tickets on sale now at www.may2015.eventbrite.com.

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Be there. Be fabulous. Keep in step with the action at facebook.com/wwscontracosta.

...and more fun!

Golden Notes Chorus to present 5th annual spring concert

Pleasant Hill's own senior choral group, the Golden Notes, will present their 5th annual spring concert, "HERE COMES SUMMER."

The concert will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 3:00pm in the Chateau Room of the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill.

The chorus of 37 men and women is directed by Dee Wood and accompanied by Margie Lynwood. Tickets will be available at the Senior Center beginning early April or from any chorus member. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Dee Wood, (925) 687-7053 or deenotes@astound.net. ♣



Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill
We aren't special...*what we do is!*

St. Patrick's Night of Merriment!

Friday ♦ March 13, 2015 ♦ 5:30pm

Pleasant Hill Community Center ♦ 320 Civic Dr ♦ Pleasant Hill

Food, Friendship, and Fundraising!

- Full Irish dinner and more!
- Entertainment by Irish singer Sin Silver and more!
- Live and silent auctions • Dessert auction
- Instant Wine Cellar raffle • Pot of Gold door prize
- Raffle prizes galore • Games!

All proceeds from this event will directly support the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill Foundation and its many projects for the betterment of our community.

\$50/ticket and \$500/table of 10
Reservations: call for tickets **938-5433** (Jim) or jbonato@aol.com



Thank you to our sponsors!

Our rockin' community! Events for March and April 2015...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Mar 1	Pancake Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 7	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
Mar 9	City-wide Science Fair	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Mar 9 & 10	Drones & Hot Air Balloons	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Mar 11	Business Runway 2015	JFK University	PH Chamber of Commerce	867-0700
Mar 13	St Patrick's Day Chef's lunch	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 13	St Patrick's Night of Merriment	PH Community Center	Pleasant Hill Rotary Club	938-5433
Mar 13-29	DVC Drama: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"	DVC Theatre	DVC Drama	969-2358
Mar 14	Friends of PH Library Board Meeting	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Mar 19	Sustainable Living Series	Rodgers Ranch	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center	www.sustainablecoco.org
Mar 20	Green Movie Night	Rodgers Ranch	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center	
Mar 28	Breakfast with Bunny	PH Senior Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-5200
Mar 31	Common Core Night	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Mar 31	Compost workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Mar 31	Vagabond Players "Leading Ladies"	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Ajpr 4	"Egg" Citing Egg Hunt!	PH Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-5200
Apr 4	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
Apr 13 & 14	Musical Instruments	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Apr 17	Green Movie Night	PH Teen Center	Republic Services	671-5806
Apr 19	Creek Cleanup	Grayson Creek	Republic Services	671-5806
Apr 21	Compost workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Apr 25	Literary Women	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-5200
Apr 25-26	Star Quest	DVC Theatre	Star Quest	689-2249
Apr 26	Golden Notes "Here Comes Summer"	PH Senior Center	Golden Notes Chorus	687-7053

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

The City of Pleasant Hill is committed to promoting and supporting the business community within the City. The economic vitality of Pleasant Hill is dependent on a strong business sector, and the City plays an important role in making this happen. To find out more about Economic Development efforts in Pleasant Hill or for additional information on locating or expanding your business operations in the City, please contact Kelly Calhoun at (925) 671-5213 or Kcalhoun@pleasanthillca.org.

New businesses December 2014–January 2015

I Got Your Pretty Spa
(Esthetician Services/Makeup)
2261 Morello Ave., #C
(925) 332-7952

Deborah Ann Bradley (Hair Stylist)
100 Longbrook Way, #8
(925) 825-0506

Delight Care (Office for Home Care Business)
3478 Buskirk Avenue
(925) 746-7100

Grey & Gingham
(Children's Bibs Online)
(925) 262-3609

Hair By Jennifer
2261 Morello Avenue, #B1
(415) 531-7728

Home Care People, LLC (Office – Caregivers Seniors Non-Medical)
3478 Buskirk Avenue
(925) 965-0199

Ibuildyoursite.com
(Web Development)
(714) 814-0109

Lantern Catering
1941 Oak Park Blvd., #10
(925) 322-8414

McKay's Shoe Service
75 Doray Drive
(925) 692-1105

Oak Park Cleaners
1906 Oak Park Blvd.
(925) 934-5730



Sequoia Signs & Graphics, LLC
(Sign Fabrication)
181 C Mayhew Way
(925) 334-1317

Anderson Organizing
(Home/Office Organizing)
(415) 412-3103

Home Slice Pie Shop & Bakery
(Office-Pie Shop/Bakery for Farmer's Market)
(925) 639-2700

JF Handyman
(925) 848-8449

Oh.My.Quads
(Online Women's Athletic Apparel)
(415) 226-8733

Rylis Productions (Online – Front Spoilers Plymouth Barracuda)
(925) 408-8735

Spark Studio (3D Animation/3D Modeling – Office)
(415) 652-1640

Ultrasonic S-Lab (Consulting)
(925) 822-3040

Wise Builders, Inc.
(Construction Managing Service)
(408) 890-8184



Patricia Bernstein, LMFT
(Marriage & Family Therapist)
2255 Morello Avenue, #109
(510) 470-0667

Poet's Corner Service Center
(Auto Repair/Service Center)
1901 Oak Park Blvd.
(925) 932-7638

Quickly (Bubble Milk Tea)
60 Golf Club Road, "A"
(925) 521-9919





City Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 4 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Comm Room
Wed 4 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Thu 5 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 9 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 10 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 10 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 12 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 19 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 23 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 24 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	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 Manager June Catalano
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City Clerk Paige Kremser Stenrud

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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for May/June is April 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 (925) 671-5229 or email to mnelis@pleasanthillca.org.

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Chamber of Commerce (925) 687-0700
Recreation & Parks (925) 682-0896
Trash and recycling (925) 685-4711
PG&E (800) 743-5000
Senior Center (925) 798-8788
Senior Van Service (925) 671-5272
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POSTAL CUSTOMER

2014 Community Award Winners! (See pages 1, 2, and 4 for full details)



Community awards photos by Susan Wood Photography

Front row left to right: Norm Vanhole (PHR&PD Board Appreciation Award), Marie Simmons (PHR&PD Board Appreciation Award), Jason & Kathy Olson of Grocery Outlet (Business of the Year), Pello & Mary Walker of Daily Digital Imaging (Green Business of the Year), Jeff Willis (PH Chamber Board Appreciation Award), Katherine Bracken (Citizen of the Year), Debbie Smith (PH Chamber Ambassador of the Year), Ann Luke (PHRPD Community Service Award), Larry Hunt (Mayor's Award). **Back row, left to right:** Anne Baker (Mayor's Award), Leo Vardas (PHRPD Board Appreciation Award), Sue Kaar (Green Award), Tony Gallardo (Educator of the Year), Mario Moreno (Community Plus Award), Patrick Remer (Mayor's Award), Barune Thapa (Teen of the Year), Michael Harris & Dawn Block (Cornerstone Award), Jennifer McGarry (PHRPD Community Service Award), Frank Gorham & Harold Jeffrey (PHRPD Board Appreciation Award).

Plans well underway for this year's Fourth of July Celebration

The Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission, headed by President Chris Tipton, is already hard at work raising funds and planning another fun-filled family event for July 4th, 2015. This year the 4th of July is on a Saturday.

It takes many volunteers for this to be a successful event. If you or your group, organization, or business is interested in assisting, please contact Chris Tipton at ctiptonph@yahoo.com.

Your entire family should start training now for the kickoff event of the July 4th activities, the "Firecracker 5K Fun Run." Registration fees for the Fun Run support Pleasant Hill schools.

The Commission is working hard to line up parade entrants so that we can keep up the tradition of this crowd-pleasing event. The Party in the Park follows the parade and will feature food, games for children, and entertain-

ment. Enjoy the activities, and then take a rest before heading to College Park High School for the spectacular Fireworks show!

Check out the website at www.phjuly4.com for updates as plans are firmed up for this exciting day. You can register to participate in the parade on the website. ♣

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