

the OUTLOOK



of Pleasant Hill, California

Less Talk, More Action! Community Service Day 2008



Devote a few hours to giving back to your community...join your friends and neighbors and make Pleasant Hill an even better place to live!

On Saturday, September 20th families from all over Pleasant Hill will gather at PH Park for a pancake breakfast and then disperse throughout the city to work on various projects which help to make our community a great place to live, work and play. It's called Community Service Day and YOU are invited.

Last year, more than 600 volunteers worked on 26 projects citywide. Projects included landscaping parks, repairing bicycles, painting preschools, cleaning up creeks, and donating blood. Event organizers, the Pleasant Hill Civic

Action Commission, plan to do even better this year with more volunteers and possibly more projects to work on.

Some of the projects already submitted for this year include:

- Assembling a greenhouse at the College Park Organic Garden
- Woodside Hills neighborhood beautification and clean up
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) citywide distribution of "Defensible Space"—a guide to protecting your home from fire
- Refurbishing donated bicycles to be given to needy kids; and



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SENIOR SUMMIT Pleasant Hill 2008

The Pleasant Hill Senior-Summit is an event for seniors, people who care for seniors and people about to become seniors. It will provide resources, information and practical advice on senior issues. The Summit takes place at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on Sunday, October 12 from Noon to 4pm. Participant booths will include:

- Local restaurants
- Assisted living and homecare specialists
- Representatives from area hospitals and healthcare companies providing free health screenings

Pleasant Hill Senior Summit scheduled for October

- Free advice and counseling on issues such as elder abuse and financial planning
- Health and fitness trainers
- Free massages by massage therapists

The event is designed to be a one-stop shop for the senior community. It will also feature a number of enlightening and entertaining speakers on the following five topics:

- Fitness and recreation
- Emergency preparedness
- Practical information on commonly prescribed medications
- Safe driving
- Elder financial abuse—definition, recognition, and prevention.

The Summit is FREE to everyone with refreshments and giveaways included.

The event is organized by the City of Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, and the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact Linda Stehr at 925-671-5284 or email lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♡

City adopts two-year budget

On June 16 the City Council adopted a two-year budget which ends on June 30, 2010. This edition of the Outlook includes an insert summarizing the City's General Fund budget for the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2009. Get more detailed information on the City's budget, Capital Improvement Plan, and other programs at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/budget.

City WiFi project update

IT'S OFFICIAL! The Pleasant Hill WiFi network is open for access. Getting online is easy; just connect your WiFi enabled computer, laptop, or mobile device to the wireless network called aircloud-free-wifi, open up your Internet browser and you will be redirected to the login page. If you don't have an account, simply click the Sign up here button on the login page to create your free account.

The "Free" WiFi service is 1Mbps x 128kbps and is supported through advertisements. These advertisements are currently delivered through banners in your browser window. In the coming weeks airCloud will be adding advertisements on the login and landing pages, and through browser redirects. There is no phone support for Free WiFi—however you can email them at wifi@aircloud.com with your questions or comments.

For users looking for ad-free Internet access, airCloud will be making two paid services available. The airCruiser plan will provide 1Mbps x 512kbps for \$19.95 per month. The airHome plan will provide up to 3Mbps x 1Mbps for \$29.95 per month. For information regarding availability and how to connect, visit their website at www.aircloud.com/wifi.

A significant benefit to having an airCloud WiFi account is that it's portable. This means that you can use your WiFi account at any airCloud WiFi hotspot located around Pleasant Hill as well as locations throughout Contra Costa County. WiFi Hotspots will be listed on their website as they are installed.

The Pleasant Hill WiFi network is designed to provide coverage primarily outdoors. Unless you have an airCloud WiFi access point right outside your home or office you will likely need a WiFi repeater. Visit the website at www.aircloud.com/wifi to learn about how to purchase and set up a WiFi repeater or how to set up an appointment for professional installation.

Currently the WiFi network has the following coverage:

- Contra Costa Blvd from Oak Park Blvd to Target Store
- Chilpancingo Parkway at Old Quarry Road
- Taylor Blvd from Contra Costa to Grayson Road
- Gregory Lane from Contra Costa to Grayson Road
- Central Pleasant Hill from Lucille Lane West to Pleasant Hill Road
- Downtown from Boyd Road to Gregory Lane
- Downtown from Contra Costa Blvd to Cleveland Road
- Kohls Shopping Center

Coming soon:

- Alhambra Ave from Wildcroft to Taylor Blvd
- Golf Club Road from Contra Costa to Paso Nogal
- Viking Drive from Contra Costa to Norse Drive
- Boyd Road from Contra Costa to Pleasant Hill Road
- Oak Park Blvd from Contra Costa to Pleasant Hill Road ♣

Code Connections – Keep the "Pleasant" in Pleasant Hill

When upgrading your landscaping, please keep in mind that the bark, dust, rocks, soil, and decking supply deliveries should be deposited on your yard or driveway and not in the street or sidewalk.

The fall is a good time to start to clean up all the odds and ends in the house and yard. Get rid of those last bags of yard debris. Clean up the tree limbs and brush piles and donate the extra appliances, furniture, and inoperable vehicles to charity. If you just can't bear to part with it, be sure it is in a fully enclosed storage facility like a shed or garage.

Do you need to put up a shed for all that extra stuff? Before you build, check with the Building Division (925-671-5200) on sizes that require permits and check with the Planning Division (925-671-5209) about mandatory setbacks.

If you are having a garage sale or selling a home, remember that no signs are ever allowed in the public right-of-way. This includes, but is not limited to sidewalks, streets, medians, planter strips, traffic control devices, and utility poles. Before displaying any signs, visit the Planning counter and look up the legal areas to place them.

As always, the Code Enforcement staff can help you with any questions. Call 925-671-5207. ♣

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- Various planting, landscaping and weeding projects at Pleasant Hill Schools.

If you want to volunteer or register a project for inclusion in the event go to www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/CSD and submit the appropriate form online. For more information call Martin Nelis, City Public Information Officer, at 925-671-5229. This event is open to all ages—families and children are very welcome.

The first 500 volunteers will receive a free pancake breakfast, a free T-Shirt, and lunch by Outback Steakhouse. ♣



Help the Food Bank fight hunger!

The City of Pleasant Hill has recently completed the implementation of the Contra Costa Boulevard Signal Coordination Project. The signal timing for all of the traffic signals along Contra Costa Boulevard between Boyd Road and Golf Club Road are now coordinated.

City staff, together with the City's Traffic Safety Commission, has been working with transportation consultants to develop three signal coordination plans for the Contra Costa Boulevard corridor since the fall of 2007. City staff has also been working with other local jurisdictions to secure approximately \$125,000 in regional sales tax (Measure C funds) to upgrade signal controllers and communication equipment to accommodate the signal coordination effort. There are currently three signal coordination plans in effect within the Contra Costa Boulevard corridor—one plan for the morning commute hours (7:00–9:00am on weekdays), one plan for the afternoon commute hours (4:00–7:00pm on weekdays), and one plan for the non-commute hours (including holidays and weekends). Signal coordination is not in effect after 9:00pm along Contra Costa Boulevard.

What is signal coordination?

Signal coordination provides a means by which the sequence (beginning to end) of green lights is coordinated along a series of traffic signals to allow for the uninterrupted flow of traffic. Signal coordination is most typically used along heavily traveled arterial streets with frequent traffic signals. The goal of signal coordination is to get the greatest number of vehicles through a segment of a corridor with the fewest stops in the safest and the most efficient manner. This does not mean that every vehicle entering a coordinated corridor can proceed through without stopping, for this is not possible even in the most well designed system.



Operational difference with and without coordination

All of the traffic signals in Pleasant Hill use either pavement sensors or video cameras to detect vehicle presence and spacing between vehicles at intersections. In a non-coordinated signal operation, the signal controller manages the amount of green time assigned to a traffic phase based on vehicle presence, pedestrian button activation, and vehicle spacing. The signal controller will “think” that there are no approaching vehicles and terminate the green time early for a phase when the detected gap between vehicles exceeds that of the programmed maximum spacing threshold.

In a coordinated signal operation, each signal phase is set at predetermined times. Green times at the coordinated phases will not terminate early due to a lack of vehicle presence. The lights will go red once the green phase cycle has ended. The timed cycles are established to minimize the number of interruptions experienced by vehicle traffic traveling through the various signals within the coordinated corridor.

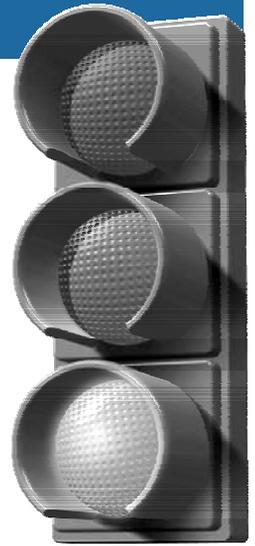
Benefits of signal coordination

There are a number of benefits to signal coordination, the most obvious of which is the overall reduction in the number of stops and delays drivers experience along a transportation corridor. Signal coordination can also help eliminate the occurrence of stop and go traffic, and greatly reduce the potential for rear-end vehicle collision. Signal coordination can also help reduce vehicle emissions generated within a transportation corridor, since most of the vehicle emissions occur in stop and go traffic when a vehicle is accelerating. Lastly, drivers can experience better fuel economy with their vehicles when driving through a coordinated corridor.

Disadvantages of signal coordination

The main disadvantage of signal coordination is that side street traffic typically experience a longer wait time. As previously stated, in a coordinated signal operation, the signal controller does not cycle through the various phases based on vehicle presence but on pre-established timing thresholds. Drivers at the side street approaches may sometimes experience situations when the signal stays green on the main road even when there seems to be no traffic. Nevertheless, even with the increase in delay exiting the side streets, drivers will experience an overall reduction in total travel time through the coordinated corridor..

Any questions regarding traffic signal coordination or signal issues can be forwarded to Eric Hu at 925-671-5203 or via email at ehu@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣



Contra Costa Boulevard pavement rehabilitation project — Gregory Lane to Beth Drive/Doray Drive

The City is resurfacing Contra Costa Boulevard between Gregory Lane and Beth Drive/Doray Drive. The project funding comes from \$540,000 in federal transportation grant monies, \$532,000 in State Proposition 1B funds, and programmed County Measure C monies to fund the \$1.3 million dollar project.

The construction work includes grinding off the top layer of deteriorated pavement, performing pavement failure repairs, and then providing a new pavement overlay. Additional project work includes limited concrete sidewalk repairs, concrete median work, new accessible curb ramps, new traffic striping, new traffic signal loops, tree trimming, and incidentals. Work began in late August and is expected to be completed by the end of October. This schedule could vary depending on weather conditions and/or equipment breakdown. Log on to the City website for updates (www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/CCBpaving) and for contact information.

Construction work is scheduled to be completed both during the day and night-time hours. The majority of the pavement repairs and overlay work will occur during the night-time periods to minimize the impacts to the motorist public and businesses. The City is taking additional steps to minimize the generation of night-time construction noise along the residential homes that back up to Contra Costa Boulevard on Peggy Drive by shifting some work to day time hours. The public should expect delays, lane closures, posted slower speeds, and rough and uneven pavement caused by construction activities. The Contractor will post informational signs for the public and at times close lanes and turn pockets for certain construction activities and provide road detours. Construction work around business driveways will be scheduled to minimize the impact or alternative access will be provided, when possible.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. ♣

FREE Compost Workshops

Composting yard and garden waste has never been easier, thanks to the help offered from the City's home composting education program.

The City of Pleasant Hill is offering two free compost workshops on Wednesday, September 24 and October 29. These workshops are from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and will be held in the Community Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane.



The City has made arrangements to have Smith & Hawkins compost bins available for sale at the workshops. The bins sell for \$75 each for residents and \$100 each for non-residents and can be purchased with cash or check. To sign up for the workshops or if you have questions about the compost bins, contact Annette Kaufmann with the Public Works and Community Development Department at 925-671-5265 or email akaufmann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

Letter to homeowners from the City Building Crew

PLANS OR NO PLANS – THAT IS THE QUESTION.....

HOLD THAT THOUGHT. If you are not a contractor, architect, or engineer, BUT a homeowner and want to remodel, expand, or add on to your property we want to give you a heads-up and share with you the submittal requirements. Generally, you need to submit three copies of the following:

- Zoning Analysis form filled out and signed by owner.
 - Site plan (showing the lot with the layout of the residence including the garage and any other structures. Show the distance (setback) from all the property lines from the structures.
 - Drainage arrows showing the existing and proposed drainage patterns.
 - Floor plan including the electrical layout.
 - Exterior elevations
 - Foundation plan with details
 - Framing plan and x-section details
- Two copies of the following:
- Energy form (Title 24)
 - Structural calculations (if over one story)

The Building Division also has handouts available with this information. When submitting, the plans are given to the Building Division. The plans are routed to the Planning Division for setback and lot coverage requirements and to the Engineering Division for drainage patterns and flood zone designation. These three divisions review and approve the submittal. The whole process usually takes two to three weeks. We are always here to help you.

Repairs and replacements such as water heaters, furnaces, air-conditioners, gas lines, and reroofs, etc. do not need plan submittal and permits can be obtained over the counter.

Sincerely,

Mike, Vicki, Ed, and Brent
City Building Division, 671-5200



It still may look and feel like summer, but believe it or not, it's already time to start preparing for fall. Here are some of the things that we all can do to make sure that Pleasant Hill stays prepared for the fall and winter months.

The Maintenance Division has contacted over 400 homeowners whose property is adjacent to one of the City creeks or waterways. Each year the homeowners are asked to clean up the debris and unwanted plant growth, such as invasive weeds, that could get in the way of storm water flowing in the creeks. City crews will physically inspect the creeks and help homeowners identify what else needs to be done to complete the creek cleanup.

City Maintenance crews are working with the CivicCorps (previously known as the East Bay Conservation Corps) to clean critical storm drains, concrete structures, underneath bridges, roadside drainage areas, and vegetation and debris along creek banks. This is done annually to prepare our storm drain system for the coming winter rains. Approximately 200 cubic yards of weeds and debris (mostly green waste) are being removed for recycling.

Homeowners should monitor and maintain problem areas that are prone to heavy winter rains. Emergency planning should be done now before the rains start in order to be prepared for winter storms.

If you have any questions at all about what to do to clean up your property, please call the Maintenance Division at 925-671-4646. New homeowners may find it especially helpful to ask for advice on proper methods for cleanup and disposal of unwanted plant growth.

The City is ramping up for additional street sweeping during fall and winter when Pleasant Hill sees a tremendous volume of leaf drop from many of the mature trees throughout the City. All residents can help by keeping their yards clean and free of debris. Use the green waste containers provided by your waste company instead of raking leaves into the streets.

Many of the City's mature pine trees produce a large amount of pine needle drop, especially during the summer and fall months. City Maintenance crews and the street sweeping service work extra

hard to pick up the pine needles to keep streets clean.

Some additional things you can do to help

- Keep leaves and debris raked up regularly and disposed of properly in the green waste containers provided by your waste disposal company.
- Keep creeks and waterways clear of all debris.
- Monitor contractors and workers in your neighborhood to prevent them from dumping soil or landscape trash into storm drains or streets.
- Prune off dead branches that may fall into the streets.
- Do not store landscape soil and rocks in the street overnight, as they may wash into the storm drain system.
- Be aware that the street sweeper cannot pick up large piles of leaves. There could be a rock under the leaves, which would harm the sweeper machinery and take it out of service. Therefore, it is important that

you pick up as many leaves as possible and dispose of them in your waste container.

- Watch for anyone cleaning paint and/or chemicals and washing them into the streets; it is illegal to allow this to flow into the storm drain system. Call the City to report it at 925-671-4646.
- Check the website for news and updates, weather watches, and contact information for City offices.

If you have any questions about preparing your home or business for fall and winter, call the Maintenance Division office at 925-671-4646. ♣



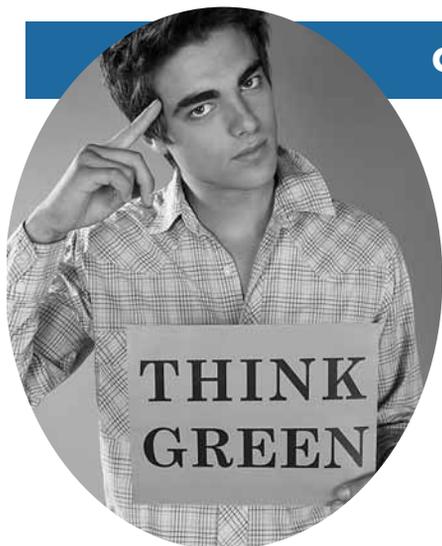
Sure you can recycle junk mail, but it's even better to stop getting it. According to the Department of Environment's calculations, it takes up to 234 minutes a year to sort through daily junk mail, whereas completing a Stop Junk Mail Kit takes about 2 minutes.

The Stop Junk Mail Kit provides easy steps to get off junk mail mailing lists, and prevents new junk mail from

Did you realize it takes 100 million trees and over 28 billion gallons of water to produce the amount of junk mail that is sent in the United States in just one year. Junk mail is a huge waste of natural resources, as well as your time.

finding its way to the mailbox. The kit provides all the information you will need as well as tips on how to assure that names and addresses do not get traded, rented, or sold to companies that send unsolicited mail.

The Stop Junk Mail Kit can be obtained at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill or you can go online at www.StopJunkMail.org. ♣



The benefits of being green

This article will introduce you to solutions and ideas to consider that may help our planet, your pocketbook and even your quality of life, if you are planning to build a new home, remodel your existing home, install new landscaping or if you just want to use less energy.

Energy-efficient landscaping helps save energy and conserve water property-wide. The possibilities are endless—and yes, you really can save money.

For more information on green building techniques you can check out these helpful websites

Greenbuild365
www.greenbuild365.org

National Green Building Program
www.nahbgreen.org

U.S. Green Building Council
www.usgbc.org

World Green Building Council
www.worldgbc.org

Build It Green
www.builditgreen.org

California Building Standards Commission
http://www.bsc.ca.gov/prpsd_std

More tips for increasing your environmental efficiency

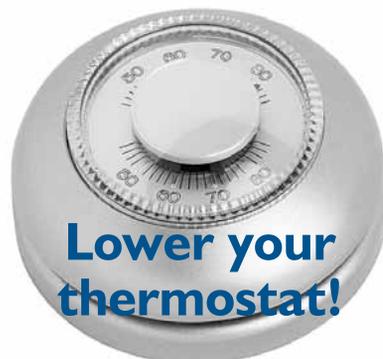
Here are some other ideas to help lower energy costs, conserve natural resources and help our environment:

- **Compost**—You may have the materials to create your own mulch and fertilizer and not even know it. Properly mixing green (such as yard clippings, weeds, pieces of fruit and vegetables) and brown matter (such as fallen leaves, shrubbery, newspaper, sawdust) along with air and water will allow natural decomposers to break your organic matter down into mulch and fertilizer. You can read more about composting at www.stopwaste.org.
- **Lower your water heater temperature**—Many water heaters are set at a higher default temperature than home and business owners need.

Leaving your water heater running while you're on vacation can waste energy. The U.S. Department of Energy has more details about water heaters and energy usage on their site at www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/water_heating.

- **Plant shade trees**—Strategically planting trees around your property can save energy, control erosion, and help with storm water drainage. For example, planting deciduous trees on the south and east areas of your property will help you keep your house cool during the summer; reduce the amount of energy you use with air conditioning or other cooling devices; and allow the sun to shine through in the winter to help reduce furnace and heater usage. For more information about tree siting and landscaping for energy efficiency, visit www.usagreen.org/landscaping.html.

There are plenty of opportunities for implementing green building techniques and conserving energy in your home or business. Besides being environmentally friendly, many of these solutions will also save you money. They just take a little creative thinking! ♣



Green building and energy-efficient landscaping are both commonly mentioned, environmentally friendly techniques. But what are they and can implementing them also help you save money?

Green building is a whole systems approach for designing and constructing buildings that conserve energy, water, and material resources. Green buildings are sited, designed, constructed, and operated to enhance the well-being of their occupants and support a healthy community and natural environment (builditgreen.org).

Energy-efficient landscaping is the practice of enriching property with surfaces and vegetation that promote both water and energy conservation. These practices are more about whole systems thinking—focusing on an entire system rather than merely following a checklist. While there are many frequently used measures for building green, there's no one-size-fits-all model for saving energy and resources. New development, remodels, landscaping, businesses, and schools all offer unique opportunities for implementing green building techniques and conserving energy.

Some of the main benefits of using green building techniques include:

- Cost savings related to energy use
- Lower maintenance costs—many green materials have longer lives than their traditional counterparts
- Conserving natural resources by using recycled products and reducing construction waste

Educational garden is ready for the community

The Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden (PHIG), located at Pleasant Hill Educational Center behind the Pleasant Hill Library, has undergone many improvements recently. These improvements will provide an educational and relaxing environment for students, staff, and the entire community in which to learn more about water conservation, how to garden without pesticides, and how to use drought tolerant and native plants to attract birds, bees and butterflies to the garden.

Since receiving the special Oliver Holmes Memorial grant from the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation, the Eagle Scout kiosk project designed and built by Crosby Sperling and Boy Scout troop #221 has been completed and was first enjoyed by visitors on the garden preview tour on June 14, 2008. Central Contra Costa Sanitary District provided graphic



design and support on the panels for the kiosk to be professionally printed.

The community garden project's steering committee, the Boy Scouts, Master Gardeners, and neighbors are "fired up" and have donated thousands of volunteer hours, materials, and ideas. There are still ample opportunities to help. They need help with fundraising, sharing of talents, irrigation design, donation of plants and just plain working the soil to finish the first phase.

This all-volunteer project is featured at the Volunteer Center of the East Bay's web site (www.helpnow.org) and will be part of the 18th annual United Way's Week of Caring event, the week of September 8-13. On September 20 this project will be part of Pleasant Hill's



annual Community Service Day (www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/CSD).

Call Pleasant Hill Adult Education at 925-937-1530 or email: phecgarden@prodigy.net for additional garden work party dates and ways to become a part of this grass-roots project.

Picture when you drive or bike down this road in the future, you will find a lovely oasis. Students will be able to use the garden to learn about many subjects. Middle School children will find a more welcoming path to their school. The area will be wheelchair accessible. As a demonstration garden, you might get some great ideas for your own low moisture, low maintenance landscaping. Come, join us! This will be a garden for all of Pleasant Hill! ♣

Got E-waste?

Want to do some e-waste fall cleaning and help the environment at the same time? Come cold weather or sunshine, Electronic Waste Management is holding a fall **E-Waste Collection Event** at Diablo Valley College (DVC) in Pleasant Hill, Friday-Sunday, October 3-5. Clean out that old electronic equipment: computers, monitors, TVs, and more—FOR FREE!! And you'll help keep E-waste from contaminating our environment.

WHO: Electronic Waste Management, a division of Acquisitions Office

WHAT: FREE Public Collection Event for Electronic Waste (e-waste)

WHEN: Friday, October 3, 12:00-5:00pm and Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, 9:00am-3:00pm

WHERE: Diablo Valley College (DVC), 321 Golf Club Road (Overflow Parking Lot #7. Lot is across from the main campus)

PHONE: 866-335-3373 (for event information)

WEBSITE: www.noEwaste.com

Bring your old computer hard drives and cases, monitors, keyboards, mice, power supplies, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, telephone equipment, fax machines, toner cartridges, cellular phones, and video game systems and more! All items accepted at NO charge to you!!! (Sorry, no household appliances, smoke detectors, furniture, or light bulbs are accepted.)

So pack up your car and "come on down" to DVC in Pleasant Hill. See you there!! For further info about the event, please call toll free 866-335-3373 or visit our website at www.noEwaste.com.

Electronic Waste Management is a state-approved electronic waste (e-waste) collector. The state-funded program, run



by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, was created as a result of the passage of SB 20 and SB 50. This program, funded by way of a surcharge on new computer components, was established for the purpose of collecting and recycling certain types of old electronic waste (also called e-waste) that have been used in California. As set forth by SB 20/SB 50, licensed recyclers and collectors taking part in this new e-waste recycling program must adhere to strict requirements with regard to how the material is processed and recycled. For more information on the program, please visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov. ♣

Single-stream recycling is a boon for our environment!

Allied Waste has been working diligently with customers and the City of Pleasant Hill to develop new and innovative recycling programs. In 2004 Allied introduced co-mingle (or single-stream) recycling for Pleasant Hill residents; this means that everything you can recycle from yogurt cups to newspapers to glass bottles can all go inside of the same cart!

It's not only easier for customers to recycle, but it's also proving to be a great way to reduce the amount of garbage we send to the landfill. People are figuring out just how much can be recycled aside from the basics. See below for a complete list of items that you can recycle.

Did you know that it takes as much energy to recycle one aluminum can as it does to power a television for up to three hours? Or that glass takes 1,000,000 years to break down and disappear in a landfill? How about the fact that it takes 17 trees to make one ton of paper and the average person throws away 5 pounds of paper per day?

These facts are what keep all of us hard at work at finding new ways to help people recycle. It's not only good for everyone's pocket book, but ultimately for the environment and the environment our children will grow up to appreciate and take care of. ♣

Paper

books (paperback)
boxes, packages
carbonless paper
cardboard (cut to fit in cart)
catalogs
cereal boxes
colored and
construction paper
computer paper
copy paper
coupons
detergent boxes
egg cartons (paper only,
no styrofoam)
magazines
envelopes (plastic windows,
metal clasps okay)
frozen food packages
(remove liners)
gift wrap (non-metallic)
junk mail
manila folders
newspapers and inserts
office paper
paper (all kinds)
telephone books
tissue paper (gift type)
paper packaging with
remnant tape
paper towel and
toilet paper tubes
pet food bags

OK for recycling

ribbon
shredded paper
(in a paper bag)
soft-cover books

Metal

Aerosol cans (empty)
aluminum cans
aluminum foil (clean)
cookie sheets
aluminum pie plates
food cans (clean)
paint cans (empty)
pet food cans
steel cans
crv beverage cans
tin cans

Glass —

*rinsed; all colors;
lids, caps okay*
bottles
CRV beverage containers
jars

Plastic—

*containers only; empty;
rinsed; with chasing
arrows #1-7;
lids, caps okay*

baby wipe containers
bleach bottles
buckets w/out handles
CRV beverage container
food containers
detergent bottles
cleaning containers
lids and caps
milk jugs
prescription bottles
(empty)
salad dressing bottles
(rinsed)
shampoo and
cream rinse bottles
tub containers
(yogurt, cottage cheese,
margarine, #1-7)
water jugs

NOT okay

ink cartridges
food waste
food wrappers
tyvek (overnight
envelopes)
restroom waste
plastic bags/wrap
styrofoam
hardcover books
cookware/ceramics
window glass or mirrors

Sunset By The Lake

Summer Concerts



Another outstanding season!

THANK YOU!

...for helping
them happen!



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Thanks also to the Civic Action Commission
for organizing the concerts...

...and Dynamic Audio Concepts
for providing outstanding sound!



Education in Pleasant Hill

JFKU clinic director works to assist elders with legal support

Financial abuse of the elderly is a growing problem in our Bay Area communities, exacerbated

ties. "Our services are absolutely free and are available to anyone 60 years of age or older," she explains. No other law school or free legal clinic provides pro bono legal services dedicated to financial abuse matters affecting the underserved elderly population.

apprenticeship and training for students who wish to serve the elderly population after they graduate and become lawyers. Students are eligible to join the Clinic after they have completed two years of law school, which includes courses in contracts, torts, civil procedure, evidence, criminal law, and property.

by the recent mortgage crisis and downturn in the economy. But John F. Kennedy University is at the forefront of addressing this issue, and Virginia George is the energetic attorney and faculty member leading the charge. She is on a mission to help seniors fight against financial abuse as Director of JFKU's Elder Law Clinic (ELC).

Operating on support from The Mechanics Bank, PG&E, the Equal Justice Foundation, and the Contra Costa County Bar Association, the Clinic staff and volunteers have saved numerous seniors from embezzlement and sharp practices, assisting them through countless financial complexities.

Public education events

Ms. George has been instrumental in the success of the Clinic since the doors first opened in 2005. Under her visionary leadership, the Clinic now exists as a community service and outreach initiative of the JFKU School of Law. She is a former Deputy District Attorney in Contra Costa County and is an Associate Professor of Evidence at JFKU School of Law.

Located on the Pleasant Hill campus, the Clinic assists with incidents of financial or material exploitation through public education events as well as one-on-one legal services. More than 280 cases (long-term and short matters) have been opened, not to mention thousands of phone inquiries and referrals during these nascent years.

Law students hold information events to alert elders to potential financial abuses. The aim is to educate seniors to help them avoid future abuse. Topics include: 1) how to recognize consumer fraud directed at elders, such as predatory lending schemes or annuity scams; 2) how to choose and work with a contractor; or 3) how to deal with health care and home health care providers.

Her tireless efforts at the Clinic have resulted in thousands of hours of free legal services to low-income elderly in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano coun-

Training future lawyers

The ELC is an invaluable resource in a county that has a large number of retirees. "I hope our work becomes a model for other law schools and counties seeking to protect seniors," comments Ms. George.

The Clinic not only functions as an assistance center, but Ms. George also operates the ELC as a source of direct

For more information about Clinic services or to schedule an educational seminar, please call 925-969-3341 or send an email to elderlaw@jfkku.edu. ♣

Education Commission plays active role in advising the City Council

The eight members of the Pleasant Hill Education/Schools Advisory Commission have been particularly active this year engaging with the Mt. Diablo School District, school principals, and parents on a broad range of issues affecting schools in Pleasant Hill.

issues and improve communication between the City and the School District.

as a clearinghouse for information and when appropriate, acting as a liaison with businesses, groups, and youth activities.

Some of the highlights over the past several years include:

In fall 2007, the Commission adopted a new mission statement which stated that the purpose of the Education/Schools Advisory Commission is to improve the quality of K-12 education in the City of Pleasant Hill by:

There are currently several vacant positions on the commission. If you are interested in being a commissioner or being notified of commission meetings and agendas, please email Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or call (925) 671-5229.

- Hosting an Educational Summit in January 2007.
- Organizing the annual Student Musical Showcase in downtown Pleasant Hill.
- Working with the Pleasant Hill Boundaries Action Committee to effect change to MDUSD Board policy regarding Pleasant Hill's "Gray Area"
- Meeting monthly with each of the principals at all 11 public schools in Pleasant Hill to discuss student

- A. Acting as an advocate for issues and concerns of Pleasant Hill public schools with regard to the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.
- B. Facilitating communication, cooperation, and partnership among Pleasant Hill schools, including providing a forum for discussing common issues, concerns, and activities.
- C. Involving and informing the general Pleasant Hill community and the City Council about the activities and needs of Pleasant Hill's schools, including acting

Current Education Commissioners

- Jenny Reik, Chair**— Strandwood Elementary
- Mary Gray, Vice-Chair**—Pleasant Hill Elementary
- Marilyn Tubbs**— Fair Oaks & Gregory Gardens Elementary
- Jane Baulch-Enloe**—Sequoia Elementary
- Marilyn Watson**—Pleasant Hill Middle
- Joann Jacobs**—Sequoia Middle
- Keith Hunt**—Valley View Middle
- Joie Spinelli**—College Park High School

Pleasant Hill Community Foundation seeks new board members

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation was founded in 1987 to promote educational, recreational and cultural activities for people living and working in Pleasant Hill. It is one of nearly 500 community foundations across the country that collect funds given by local residents and businesses interested in enhancing and supporting the quality of life where they live and work. Donors receive significant financial advantages, tax savings and recognition while the impact of current and long-term charitable activities in our community are maximized through our annual Community and Youth Grant Awards

The Foundation is currently accepting applications for new Board members. President Betty Geishirt Cantrell states, "We are looking for people who are in touch with the needs of Pleasant Hill. The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation needs new leaders who can bring knowledge and experience in establishing trusts and endowed funds. We want individuals who are skilled in fundraising, especially in securing major donors. Plus they will be involved in accomplishing our mission of 'Local Dollars Meeting Local Needs' through our grant making process."

For more information or to receive an application form, contact Ms. Geishirt Cantrell at BAGCinCAL@aol.com by September 15. ♣

Pleasant Hill Rotarians at work

On August 2 the Rotary Clubs of Pleasant Hill and Concord-Diablo partnered to put some finishing touches on the Bay Area Crisis Nursery makeover. Under the leadership of Pleasant Hill Club President Steve Wallace, Rotarians from the two clubs worked for two consecutive Saturdays to construct a carport for the nursery's mobile toys and a gated enclosure for the nursery's large trash dumpster.

The Bay Area Crisis Nursery provides a temporary home for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers of parents who are unable to cope during times of stress or crisis. The child lives at the nursery and receives good food, clothing, and loving care. The parent, temporarily relieved of childcare, is now free to work



through the crisis and is always welcome to visit during daylight hours and can reunite their family as soon as the difficulty is resolved. All services are free, confidential, and voluntary. To learn more about this wonderful and unique community service, call 925- 685-8052. ♣

Foundation created to support Pleasant Hill public schools

The Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization committed to providing financial support to all 11 public schools in Pleasant Hill. The Foundation functions independently of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and strives to create a quality educational experience that prepares students to compete both in and out of the classroom.

Formed in 2008, the Foundation was created by a small group of concerned Pleasant Hill residents reacting to the state's recent budget crisis. Guided by the belief that public education is free, but quality is not, the Foundation recognizes that the funding provided to grades K-12 in California does not always provide adequate resources to deliver a top-notch, quality education.

Today's global economy requires educational programs that offer students multiple pathways for success. The Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education is dedicated to offering Pleasant Hill students every opportunity to compete and thrive. The FPHE will provide teachers and staff with resources to keep our schools competitive, continue programs at risk of being cut as a result of unforeseen budget reductions, and add programs or resources which will enhance the current curriculum.

The 11 Pleasant Hill public schools served by the Foundation include seven elementary schools, three middle schools, and one high school. The schools include:

- College Park High School
- Fair Oaks Elementary
- Gregory Gardens Elementary
- Hidden Valley Elementary
- Pleasant Hill Elementary
- Pleasant Hill Middle
- Sequoia Elementary
- Sequoia Middle
- Strandwood Elementary
- Valhalla Elementary
- Valley View Middle

When funding from businesses and individuals is in place the Foundation will begin accepting grants from the 11 schools mentioned above. The decision making process on which grants to fund will be a board process which will rely on teacher and administration advice on which areas of their school need support. Currently, the Foundation's Board of Directors is working on developing committees, gearing up for its first event in the fall, and filing non-profit status documents with the IRS.

The time is now for Pleasant Hill residents and businesses to take a proactive, positive step towards ensuring quality education continues in our schools. To help raise the bar for education in Pleasant Hill, please visit www.fphe.org. ♣



Plenty to do at the Pleasant Hill Library

Do you want to spend 45 minutes helping your child become a "Super Student?" If so, then bring your 3rd to 5th grade child to Pleasant Hill Library's "Super Student Secrets Workshop" on Tuesday, October 14 at 7pm. Learn how your student can look at library reference materials easily from home, on the computer. No more mad dashes to the library for information for that assignment that's due tomorrow! No more sorting through thousands of Google results trying to extract age-appropriate material! Discover how easy gathering reliable library information can be. Come learn some Super Student Secrets! (*P.S. Did we mention this is going to simplify your life too?*) Registration limited and required, please contact the Pleasant Hill Library or register online.

It's sing-along time at the Pleasant Hill Library!

Celebrate the end of summer by joining us around the "campfire" on our patio Thursday, September 25 at 7pm. We'll hand out lyrics to help you sing-along to some classic American campfire songs.

Fun for all ages! (Bring portable chairs, pads or blankets for sitting.)

Brazilian music comes to the Pleasant Hill Library!

Special Brazilian music trio Caji & Salome will transport you to Latin America with the passionate acoustic sounds of Brazilian Jazz, Samba, and Bossa Nova. Experience this unforgettable group as they make Pleasant Hill Library a stop on their summer tour of the West. Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00pm. This free adult program is suitable for attentive children ages 4 and up and is made possible through the support of the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library.

Business to consumer marketing—a small business workshop

Business Decision, a library web database service, provides library cardholders with the ability to generate maps of consumer buying patterns, and household and demographic reports in combination with GIS mapping technology. It is most useful for business to consumer marketing. Data is available for Alameda, Contra Costa,

Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.

Cindy Turner, Marketing Consultant with the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center, will help you interpret the statistics in Business Decision reports to start or improve your business, and Valerie Zito, Business Librarian, will help you navigate the site and find the less obvious data.

Basic computer skills will enable you to participate in this free hands-on workshop on Saturday, September 20 from 10am to noon at the Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Contra Costa SBDC at 925-646 5377 or email zaziz@ContraCostaSBDC.com.

For more information about programs at the Pleasant Hill Library, please call the library at 646-6434 during open hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12–8; or Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10–6; or visit the library online at ccclib.org.

And don't forget: Oct 12-18 is TEEN READ WEEK!

New County offices to open on Ellinwood Drive

Several hundred Contra Costa County employees are scheduled to move to their new office locations at 300, 400 and 500 Ellinwood Drive.

The move, during September, is a consolidation of Employment and Human Services (EHSD) staff from seven locations throughout the central county into one three-building complex. This will improve administrative functions and provide better access to services such as aging and adult in-home support, child welfare, workforce and employment services. For more information on EHSD, please visit www.ehsd.org. ♣

Receive a FREE County Connection 12-ride punch pass for your students!

Parents or guardians who have students attending a middle or high school in Pleasant Hill are eligible to receive one free County Connection 12-ride punch pass per student provided by SchoolPool. The SchoolPool Program encourages students to travel "green" to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in the community.

Restrictions apply. Details can be found on the SchoolPool application at www.schoolpool.org located under the Central and East Contra Costa County subheading. Applications must be received by September 30, 2008. DVC and JFKU students are also eligible. The SchoolPool Program is brought to you by 511 Contra Costa and is funded by Bay Area Air Quality Management District in cooperation with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.



New rider to BART or County Connection?

You may be eligible to receive a \$60 BART ticket and/or a County Connection bus pass when you take transit for your commute to and from work. There is no need to take transit everyday—make it work around your schedule!

511 Contra Costa also provides a *Guaranteed Ride Home* in the form of a taxi or a rental car to support transit riders who have an emergency or unplanned overtime.

Advance registration is required. Visit www.511ContraCosta.org for details and an application. Restrictions apply. This program is funded by Bay Area Air Quality Management District in cooperation with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. ♣



Upcoming events with PHAAUW

New season kickoff brunch

The American Association of University Women is hosting a buffet brunch at the home of Eileen Bordenave, 303 Sunset Road (off Strand) on September 27 at 10am to begin the new year. Call Bea at 825-3622 or Eileen 944-5528 by September 22 for reservations. Prospective members are welcome.

October 4 FESTA ITALIANA at the Viano Winery (150 Morello Avenue, Martinez)

Wine tasting 3:30 to 4:30pm with an Italian supper 4:30-6:30 pm. This is a benefit for PHAAUW Educational Foundation providing scholarships for college women. Donation is \$30 per person. Call Marlene 934-4171 or Sandy 228-2633 by September 27 for information/reservations.



City Council candidates forum

On October 15 at 7:30pm in the Pleasant Hill City Council Chambers, PHAAUW with the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters will present the pros and cons of the November ballot propositions. This will be followed by a forum for Pleasant Hill City Council candidates who will speak for a few minutes and answer questions from the audience.

For more information, call Eileen Bordenave, 944-5528, or go to the PHAAUW web site at www.AAUW-PH.org.

Weekends at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park



Korey Riley, Aquatic Supervisor at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, announced weekend hours at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park will continue through September 28. Public swimming in the 25-yard pool with two diving boards and use of the new Sprayground will continue weekends from 1-4:30pm. And season swim passes and swim punch cards will be accepted for entrance—all through September 28. Drop in admission: under 2, free; 2-6 years, \$3.50; 7-17 and adult 18+, \$4; seniors 55+, \$3.50.

For more information, check Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District website, www.pleasanthillrec.com; the Spare Time Spotlight; or call 682-0896.

October is Spook-tacular at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District

There is magic, mystery, and costumes for everyone during October. Be sure to get into the spirit!



Share the Magic

The delightful world of magic, illusions, and laughter is coming to the Pleasant Hill Community Center Friday, October 17. The members of the Pleasant Hill chapter of the Society of Young Magicians and the pros from the local chapter of Society of American Magicians return every October with an all-new show. Share the Magic is a great evening for family fun complete with rabbits in hats, card tricks, and even clowns!

Join the fun of "Share the Magic" on Friday, October 17, at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. Admission: \$8 per person; pre-registration is required. Call 925-676-5200.

Haunted House

The Pleasant Hill Teen Council proudly presents this year's original Haunted House, "Pirates of the SCARE-ibbean" at the Teen Center at Pleasant Hill Park beginning October 17 through Halloween.

As in the past, teens and adult volunteers work long hours to create a frightening home for this award-winning special event. When your knees stop knocking, you'll be amazed by the imaginative sets, frightening makeup, and creative acting that can be scary for some performances and not-so-scary for others.

This year the Haunted House will be open on Halloween evening from 4:30-6:00pm for a not-so-scary performance and for Trick or Treating.

- Scary Evenings: Oct 17, 18, 24, 25, 29 & 30, 7-8:30pm
- Not-So Scary Matinees: Oct 18, 19, 25 & 26, 1:30-3pm
- Not-So-Scary Evening & Trick or Treating: Oct 31, 4:30-6pm

Tickets are available for \$5 each, and hot popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase at the Teen Center at Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane. Proceeds benefit teen programs.

Super Heroes and Princesses!

Two special parties for children ages 2-6 years have been scheduled just in time for Halloween.

Little princesses all decked out in their favorite fancy dresses (along with their parent) are invited on Wednesday, October 22, from 3:30-4:30pm, for a royal afternoon that includes Fairy Tale Princess Story Time, a snack, and a chance to create their own special princess crown. Be sure to pre-register by October 13.

New this year, little super heroes and their parents are invited on Wednesday, October 29, from 3:30-4:30pm for a Super Hero Party with scavenger hunt, a snack, and more. Pre-register by October 20.

Held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. Admission for both events: \$7 per person. To register by the deadlines, contact the Community Center at 676-5200 between 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday.



Local girls score big in Hawaii! Team United U12 Girls from the Pleasant Hill/Martinez Soccer Association (PHMSA) finished 2nd Place in Hawaii National Games. Out of a total of 24 teams, the girls of Team United finished as runner-ups for the tournament, losing in the final to a local Hawaiian team. In just four days they played eight games, won six, tied one and lost in the final game. Along with the squad of 13 players, more than 40 parents and other family members traveled with the team to support them through the games. Congratulations, Team United!

Education Commission sponsors candidates' forum

The Pleasant Hill Education Commission and the Pleasant Hill American Association of University Women will host a forum for candidates for the Mt. Diablo School District Supervising Board. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers at 100 Gregory Lane.

Blue and green tennis courts come to Pleasant Hill

The "new look" in tennis courts, as seen at the US Open in New York, has come to Pleasant Hill at the PH Adult Education Center, #1 Santa Barbara Road. The resurfacing project, a joint venture of the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, was completed in August.

The PHTC was formed in the mid-70s and is a co-sponsored group of the Recreation District and a member of the United States Tennis Association (USTA). It is a public courts club open to all with weekly fun mixers, monthly tournaments and USTA League play.

For more information, visit the Club's website at www.phTennisClub.org.

Effective tips for teen parenting at St. Andrew's Church

Gain insights and practical ideas for effecting parenting of teens with Dr. Marc Komori Stager on Wednesday October 8 and 15, from 7 to 8:30pm at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive in Pleasant Hill. After Marc's presentation there will be time for questions and discussion, and teenagers are welcome to attend. During the adult meeting, the teens will meet separately and play interactive games which involve discussion.

The following week, on October 15, the teens will meet with Marc to listen to ideas and raise their own questions. Parents are encouraged to come and meet in small groups with other parents to discuss Marc's ideas and bring up their own questions and challenges. Please call to let them know if you are coming or if you have questions 925-685-4720 or email SAPC@presbynet.org.

Marc D. Komori Stager, PsyD, has counseled teens and their families for 17 years. He has



worked in group homes, psychiatric hospitals, clinics and private practice. Marc is a licensed Psychologist, and is now a clinical director at Youth Homes, Inc.

Get directions and find out more by visiting www.standrews-pcusa.org. ♣

Our rockin' community! Events for September and October 2008

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Sep 3	Brazilian Music	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Sep 17	Chamber of Commerce Mixer	Buchanan Field	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Sep 20	Community Service Day	Pleasant Hill Park assembly	Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Sep 20	Small Business Workshop	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Sep 24	FREE compost workshop	City Hall Community Room	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Sep 25	Sing-Along Time	PH Library Patio	PH Library	646-6434
Oct 3-4	E-waste Collection	Diablo Valley College	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Oct 4	Festa Italiana	Viano Winery	PH AAUW	934-4171
Oct 4-5	Art, Jazz & Wine Fest	Crescent Drive	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Oct 9	MDSB Board Candidates Forum	PH City Council Chambers	PH Educ Comm/AAUW	671-5229
Oct 12	Senior Summit	PH Community Center	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5284
Oct 15	City Council Candidates Forum	PH City Council Chambers	PH AAUW	944-5528
Oct 17	Share the Magic	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	676-5200
Oct 17-30	Haunted House	Teen Center, Pleasant Hill Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Oct 22	Fairy Tale Princess Party	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	676-5200
Oct 29	Super Hero Party	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	676-5200

Upcoming Hospice support classes

Hospice of the East Bay (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa) is pleased to offer a variety of support groups and workshops for adults, children and teens experiencing grief after the death of a loved one. Classes are offered at Hospice's administrative offices: 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill and at 350 John Muir Parkway, Brentwood.

Adult Support Groups/Classes

- **Adults Who Have Lost a Parent**
Pleasant Hill, Thursday evenings,
6:30–8:30pm, Sep 4–Oct 23

- **Widow and Widowers' Support**
Pleasant Hill, Tuesday evenings
7:00–9:00pm, Sep 23–Nov 11
- **Grief Support for Family and Friends**
Pleasant Hill, Monday evenings
7:00–9:00pm, date to be announced

Adult Grief Classes

- **Understanding Grief**
Pleasant Hill, Tuesday evening
6:30–8:30pm, Sep 16
- **Coping With the Holidays**
Pleasant Hill Wednesday evening
7:00–9:00pm, Nov 5

Children and Teens Support Group

- **Footsteps**
Pleasant Hill Tuesday evenings
5:15–6:30pm, Oct 7–Nov 11

All groups and classes are offered for a fee and require pre-registration. Fees are waived for those who cannot afford them. For further information and/or to register, please call 925-887-5678.

Economic Development/Business News in Pleasant Hill welcomes 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 671-5213.

New businesses June 2008

Benjamin Cardona Massage

2367 Pleasant Hill Road
925-472-0852

Cara S. Lima (Esthetician)

70 Doray Dr., 1A
925-687-5151

Coco Swirl (Frozen Yogurt)

35 Crescent Drive, #E
925-685-2626

Consolidated Interiors, Inc.

(Commercial Interior Design)
2300 Contra Costa Blvd., #100
925-280-9500

Guerin's Acupuncture

& Herbs (Acupuncture
& Herbal Clinic)
140 Mayhew Way, #100
925-609-8527

JAS Enterprises (Vending

Machine-Snacks/Bever-
ages)
100 Gregory Lane
925-277-9228

Loards Ice Cream

of Pleasant Hill
1966 Contra Costa Blvd.

Right Where You Knead It

(Massage Therapy)
395 Civic Drive, Suite C
925-917-9067

Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill

2390 Monument Blvd., "D"
760-929-8226

SG Financial

(Financial Advisor)
3478 Buskirk Ave., #308
925-260-7845

Terry Nails

101 Gregory Lane, #24
925-788-4458

Tonia R. Williams (Hair Salon)

91 Gregory Lane, #2
707-554-6484

Emil Borissov

(Repair Service)
925-360-8036

IC Tech Service, Inc.

(Information Technology
Consulting)
925-381-7748

World Progressive Realty

(Real Estate Services)
925-979-9000

New businesses July 2008

Byzantine Art Jewelry/Goldsmith

1888 B Contra Costa Blvd.
510-776-7383

Cora's Styling Salon, LLC

(Hair Salon @ Chateau Retirement Home)
2770 Pleasant Hill Rd.
925-451-2315

Diana E. Smith

(Marriage & Family Therapy)
2100 Monument Blvd., #16
925-812-1240

Metromart, LLC

(Auto Retail Sales)
3333 Vincent Rd., #208
925-752-3260

Sharon Silliven-Reilley, LMFT

(Marriage &
Family Counseling)
140 Mayhew Way, #900
925-628-9551

Spa Nails & Waxing

89 Chilpancingo Pkwy.
925-798-1353

Archidesign

(In City Contractor)
925-930-0732

Charlotte

(Design & Sell Handbags)
510-207-9893

Family Care Resource

(In-Home Care
Referral Service)
925-228-2236

Paperswoon (Design/

Sell Custom Stationery)

Procupe Marketing

925-954-8488

Sweet Penelope

(Internet Sales/Invitations/
Announcements)
415-513-5735



City Meetings

SEPTEMBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 1	Labor Day Holiday — City Hall closed	
Wed 3	9:30am Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 3	6:30pm Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 4	5:00pm Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 8	7:30pm City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Tue 9	6:00pm Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 9	7:30pm Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 11	2:00pm Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 15	7:30pm Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Thu 18	5:00pm Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 23	7:30pm Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 24	7:00pm Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Manager's Conference Room
Thu 25	5:00pm Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 25	7:00pm Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room

OCTOBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 1	9:30am Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 1	6:30pm Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 2	5:00pm Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 6	7:30pm City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Wed 9	5:00pm Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 13	Columbus Day Holiday — City Hall closed	
Tue 14	6:00pm Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Large Community Room
Tue 14	7:30pm Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 16	5:00pm Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 20	7:30pm Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 22	7:00pm Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Manager's Conference Room
Thu 23	5:00pm Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 23	7:00pm Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room
Tue 28	7:30pm Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers



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City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 26 on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

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 stories and story ideas for **Nov/Dec** is **October 7**. Ideas are always welcome. Local non-profit groups may submit articles to the Public Information Officer at 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For information, call Martin Nelis at 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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It's almost Art, Jazz & Wine time again!



Come to one of October's biggest celebrations in Pleasant Hill—the 6th annual Art, Jazz & Wine Fest sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce!



This 2-day event, held this year on October 4 and 5, is a high-water mark in the area—not only for the arts and crafts exhibits, but also for excellent wine and jumpin' music. From banjos and tubas to smokin' hot blues guitars to silky smooth vocalists over the two days, there will be a musical style that will capture your imagination.

Continuing from years past is the Premium Wine Tent, an opportunity to enjoy tasting some great premium wines. Wine and beer, along with collectible logo glasses and T-shirts, are also available on the street. Kids'

entertainment will be held again in the plaza on Crescent Drive. And, of course, there will be quality arts and crafts from all over the area for festival-goers to check out and buy.

Plans are well underway for a Saturday night concert featuring Delta Wires. It all starts at 6:15pm after the street booths close. Come out in the cool of the evening, enjoy a glass of wine or beer, and tap your toes or dance to great music—and when it's all done you can grab a bite to eat at one of the many fine food establishments in the Downtown.

Watch for more information on this event on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5 and don't miss it! For more information on this or other Chamber events, you can call at 687-0700 or visit the web site at www.pleasanthillchamber.com. ♣



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