

# THE OUTLOOK



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WATER DISTRICT



EBMUD

## Water districts impose new drought restrictions on all users

Pleasant Hill is served by two water districts – Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). CCWD serves about 80 percent of users in the city and the rest are served by EBMUD

On April 15, CCWD set a water conservation requirement of 25 percent compared to 2013 usage and adopted new water-use prohibitions to comply with statewide mandates that include limiting outdoor irrigation to two days per week. To encourage all customers to meet the 25 percent reduction requirement, CCWD is considering a temporary pricing adjustment for households that use more than 200 gallons per day. The CCWD Board will also consider a fine for violating water use prohibitions. There will not be any adjustments to water bills until the CCWD Board has approved the new pricing plan on June 4.

As proposed, if you use less than 200 gallons per day, you will not be subjected to the temporary pricing adjustment. Households that reduce water use by 25 percent will be able to lower their bills. CCWD will notify all residents by letter about the new restrictions and water rates after the June 4 meeting.

Go to [www.pleasanthillca.org/ccwd](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/ccwd) to find out more or call (925) 688-8044.

### East Bay Municipal Utility District actions

EBMUD has declared a **Stage 4** critical drought and set a community-wide goal to reduce water use by 20% compared to 2013. To achieve these savings, EBMUD has

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## PLEASANT HILL GATEWAYS

### FINAL DESIGN WORKSHOP!

**Monday, May 11, 6:30pm to 8:00pm**  
Community Meeting Room at City Hall  
100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA

Over the past year, the City has held a series of public workshops and community meetings with focus groups that have included participation from residents, businesses, students and community leaders to help define design concepts and ideas for City Gateways. The previous workshops focused on understanding the important features that make up the unique character of the Pleasant Hill community, including natural features, and the social fabric and history of the City. Input was also received from participants on identifying the main entry points to the City as well as identification of areas that needed additional signage to make navigation easier.

During the final Design Workshop participants will have an opportunity to review the revised gateway designs, and feedback from the participants will be solicited in preparation for making the final revisions to the design concepts prior to presentation to the City Council. Conceptual design concepts for Downtown Gateways will also be presented at this workshop. 🍀

**For additional information on the Pleasant Hill Gateways Project please contact Kelly Calhoun, Economic Development Manager, at (925) 671-5213 or [kcalhoun@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:kcalhoun@pleasanthillca.org).**

### The role of the Planning Division at City Hall— shaping the places where people live, work, and play

City government is crucial to maintaining the character and strong sense of community in Pleasant Hill and the Planning Division plays a critical role in guiding and overseeing community development and long range planning to make this happen.

Planning staff processes all inquiries related to zoning and land use, including applications for both commercial and residential development projects, and ensures implementation of the City's General Plan goals, policies, and programs. Staff also administers the design review process for development projects to ensure consistency with the City's Design Guidelines, and provides support to the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Commission.

The Planning Division is managed by Greg Fuz, City Planner, who is assisted by three planners—Troy Fujimoto, Jeff Olsen, and Lori Radcliffe—and one support staff member, Diane Bentley. The Division also oversees Code Enforcement and responds to complaints and concerns from city residents and businesses. The City currently has one code enforcement investigator, Jay Lewis.

#### The Commissions—Planning and Architectural Review

The Planning Commission provides recommendations to the City Council on land use, zoning, and the general plan as well as other issues. The seven-member commission is appointed by the City Council and meets twice per month in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday. The commission typically will make decisions on applications that require conditional use permits or variances for commercial and residential development projects.

The five-member Architectural Review Commission reviews site plans, architectural design, and signage primarily related to new development in Pleasant Hill. They meet twice monthly on the first and third Thursday at City Hall.

#### City Planner Greg Fuz

Greg Fuz has been City Planner since 2008 and has served in similar roles in various communities at the City and County level throughout the State. He has a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Greg is originally from Southern California and enjoys exploring the Northern California area and experiencing its natural beauty and diversity.

You can email Greg at [gfuz@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:gfuz@pleasanthillca.org) or contact the Planning Division by phone at (925) 671-5209. ♣



### *STREET SWEEPING CHANGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS*

In order to provide better service throughout Pleasant Hill, the City's contractor, Contract Sweeping, will be switching from the third week of the month to the **SECOND** week of the month beginning in July.

This change will affect most residential streets. Starting in July, most streets will be swept on the week beginning on the second Monday of that month. Streets will still be swept on the following months—January, March, May, July, September, November, and December each year.

In addition, Contract Sweeping is making two route adjustments. About 28 streets in the Sherman Acres/Buskirk Area will have their sweeping day moved from Friday to Monday; and around 25 streets bordered by Boyd Road, Pleasant Hill Road, Gregory Lane and Contra Costa Blvd. will have their sweeping day moved from Friday to Thursday. The reason for the change is that the current Friday sweeping route (under which all of these streets fall) is simply too large and provides serious logistical challenges to Contract Sweeping in trying to sweep every street on that day. All residents within the two route areas will be notified by mail prior to the change.

Major arterial roads, such as Contra Costa Blvd. and Taylor Blvd., will continue to be swept four times each month, and the following streets will continue to be swept two times each month—Morello Ave., Putnam Blvd., Patterson Blvd., and Boyd Rd.

The City will publish complete details of the proposed weekly and route changes in the July issue of the Outlook. ♣



## Update on the Library Task Force

In March 2014, the City Council established the Pleasant Hill Library Task Force to explore the need for and feasibility of constructing a new community library building serving the residents of Pleasant Hill.



The Task Force is comprised of eleven members, each representing various organizations, including the City Council, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, County Library, Rec & Park District, Friends of the Library and others.

Over the past year the Task Force explored multiple site options for a new library, examined the various components that are essential for a modern library facility, discussed possible funding mechanisms to build and maintain a new facility, and has conducted public outreach to the community through a survey and the website page at [www.pleasanthillca.org/library](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/library).

At its meeting in March 2015, the Task Force approved a recommendation to the City Council to build the new facility on either the current library site or on the vacant County-owned parcel on the other side of Monticello Avenue from the current library. The City Council subsequently endorsed this proposal.

### Role played by Contra Costa County

The two parcels mentioned above are both owned by Contra Costa County. As an integral part of the Task Force, the County is working with the City to create a development plan for both of these parcels incorporating a new library facility. This process will require a number of City actions, as well as detailed analysis on the best possible use of the sites which would incorporate a new library. It is anticipated that the creation of the development plan may take up to two years to complete.

Once the development plan has been approved by the City Council, the County will seek one or more developers to implement the plan. The desire of the Task Force and City Council is that any future development of these parcels will include most or all of the cost to build the new library facility.

### Task Force FAQs and survey

A list of FAQs and a brief introductory survey is now available on the City website page at [www.pleasanthillca.org/library](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/library). The Task Force meets monthly in the Community Room at City Hall. If you are interested in giving us your opinion on what you would like to see in a new library facility or have any comments/questions, please visit the webpage or email the Task Force at [phlibrary@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:phlibrary@pleasanthillca.org). ♣



## Water districts impose drought restrictions —continued from page 1

adopted new outdoor watering rules that affect all EBMUD customers in Pleasant Hill as follows:

- **Strict limits on frequency:** no more than two non-consecutive days per week with no runoff.
- **Strict limits on times:** only before 9am or after 6pm.
- **Strict prohibitions on watering after rain-storms:** no watering allowed within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
- **Use only hoses with shutoff nozzles** to wash vehicles.
- **Use a broom or air blower, not water,** to clean hard surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks, except as needed for health and safety purposes.
- **Turn off fountains or decorative water features** unless the water is recirculated.

EBMUD will be considering increased water rates at its Board meeting on June 9th. For more information go to [www.pleasanthillca.org/ebmud](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/ebmud) or call (866) 403-2683. ♣

### Resident survey for long-term financial plan

The City is currently developing a draft Five-Year Financial Plan and is seeking community input. If you would like to comment or give us your suggestions, please go to the following link and complete a brief survey:

[www.pleasanthillca.org/survey](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/survey)

The survey will close on May 13th

### Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market is back

The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market returns for the season in May. The market will be held every Saturday from 9am until 1pm on Trelany Rd. and Gregory Lane near City Hall. The Grand Opening on May 9 will be a fun-filled celebration to kick off the start of a brand new season.

On opening day, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held with live entertainment, and arts and crafts will keep the kids occupied. Trelany Rd. is the perfect setting for those wanting to buy locally grown produce while enjoying everything downtown Pleasant Hill has to offer. There are grassy areas near the market for picnics and for listening to music. And a variety of local farmers and food producers will be there throughout the season to provide fresh seasonal produce, such as strawberries, asparagus, cherries, peaches, and summer squash, and hand-crafted foods to enjoy.

Bring family and friends and enjoy your local farmers' market. The market will remain open through the season until November 14. ♣

#### Roasted Spring Onions

- 15 large-bulb spring onions, ends trimmed and halved lengthwise
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- Coarse salt
- Pepper, freshly ground
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place onions in a baking pan. Sprinkle with thyme and season with salt and pepper. Add butter in slivers, especially around bulbs. Roast onions until tender, browned, and caramelized, about 35 minutes. Transfer to a warmed bowl and drizzle with pan juices.



**PLEASANT HILL  
FARMERS' MARKET**  
**Saturdays**  
**9 am - 1 pm**  
**May 2 - Nov. 14**  
**Gregory Lane and Trelany Road**

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[pcfma.com/pleasanthill](http://pcfma.com/pleasanthill)  
**1.800.949.FARM**



### Senior van service drivers needed

The Pleasant Hill Senior Van Service, sponsored by the Commission on Aging and the City of Pleasant Hill, needs volunteers to drive the van.

#### Training is provided and no special skills are required!

DRIVERS needed for one shift per week—9am–noon or 1pm–4pm on Monday–Thursday; 9am–noon on Fridays

You tell us when you can drive and how many days you'd like to volunteer. Days are flexible and we'll work with your schedule!

#### No special license is required

As a volunteer, you will be helping seniors who no longer drive to achieve a higher quality of life. For more information, please call (925) 671-5272, Monday through Friday between 9 and 11am. This service is completely dependent on volunteers for its success, and this is one place where you can make a difference!

### Prescriptions for Life

—Commission on Aging

The sun is out and flowers are blooming. Two prescriptions for keeping the golden in your years are to prioritize friendships and fitness. And why not do both at the same time? Walking and swimming groups are alive and keeping people well right here in Pleasant Hill. The Irvin Deutscher YMCA offers daily classes in water aerobics, arthritis aerobics, and lap swimming. In these classes fitness and friendships bloom together.

Hippocrates said, "Walking is man's best medicine." One of the most popular trails in the Park District system is the Contra Costa Canal Trail. It is a paved pathway (accessible to wheelchairs) meandering along the Contra Costa Canal. Many walk its pleasant path; others rest at benches along the way or feed the ducks.

If you like company on your walks, just type in "Walking for Fitness in Pleasant Hill" in your browser and multiple meet-up sites will appear. Into fitness and a fast pace? Have chronic pain? There is a walking group for you!

#### Walking and water fitness can:

- ♥ Reduce risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- ♥ Reduce high cholesterol
- ♥ Lower blood pressure
- ♥ Reduce risk of colon cancer
- ♥ Reduce body fat
- ♥ Increase bone density and help prevent osteoporosis and osteoarthritis
- ♥ Reduce risk of Type 2 diabetes
- ♥ Help with overall flexibility
- ♥ Increase mental well being

#### Stay young through staying fit:

- ♥ Fit and active people have approximately half the risk of cardiovascular disease compared to unfit people.
- ♥ Fit people have better coordination, greater flexibility and their bones are stronger. As a result, fit people are less likely to fall and suffer injuries such as hip fractures.
- ♥ Fit people are less prone to depression and anxiety.
- ♥ Fit people tend to sleep better.

*Spring is in the air.  
Let's get out there!*

## Senior Center events and activities

### ■ Pancake Breakfast

- ☐ Sunday, May 3 and June 7, 8:30-10:30am
- ☐ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

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

### ■ Laugh, Love and Learn Senior Live Well Forum

- ☐ May 8, 10:00am–2:00pm
- ☐ PH Senior Center

Enjoy 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!

### ■ Memorial Day Social

- ☐ Friday, May 22, 1:30pm
- ☐ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Celebrate our Veterans with a program featuring PHSC's Golden Notes Choir and Olympic High School's JROTC. Ice cream served after the show.

### ■ Vagabond Players present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

- ☐ Friday, May 29, 1:30pm
- ☐ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

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

### ■ Senior Prom

- ☐ Friday, June 5, 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.

### ■ CMP Series Presents

- ☐ PH Senior Center Dining Room, 2:00pm
- ☐ Thursday, May 14: "Which Assisted Living Community is Right for Me?" presented by Lori Bastian, Chateaus of Pleasant Hill
- ☐ Thursday, June 11: "What is the Difference between Hospice and Palliative Care?" presented by Hospice of the East Bay

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

### Great choices for water-conscious gardeners at PHGSC's May 9 plant sale

More than ever, gardeners are choosing edibles and drought tolerant ornamentals as they prepare for spring planting.

They'll find plenty of both at the May 9 plant sale sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Garden Study Club (PHGSC).

The sale goes from 9am to 2pm at the Winslow Center, on the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor Boulevard. Family-friendly, the sale is held the Saturday before Mother's Day. As always, it will feature decorative flower arrangements suitable as gifts for Mom—many priced for children's pocketbooks.

Attractive succulent plantings may also appeal to shoppers seeking a gift with low-water needs. Succulents will be a big component of the plant sale, and a wide array of perennials will include many drought-tolerant varieties. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about making water-wise plant selections.



In the edible category, there will be far more herbs than ever before, as well as heirloom tomatoes and a profusion of specialty vegetables. Bargain hunters will like the "garden shed," a treasure-trove of gently-used garden tools, garden-related décor, and vintage items.

A portion of the sale's proceeds are donated to garden-related local nonprofits. The PHGSC is co-sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. For more information about the sale or the club, call (925) 944-4898, e-mail to [p hgardenstudyclub@yahoo.com](mailto:p hgardenstudyclub@yahoo.com) or visit the club's website at [www.phgsc.com](http://www.phgsc.com). ♣



### Landscape Workshop

How to replace your lawn with a beautiful water-wise landscape

This inspiring and informative workshop is designed for homeowners interested in replacing their water-thirsty lawns with beautiful water efficient landscaping.

Experts will provide advice on landscape design, plants, and drip irrigation.

In addition, participants will learn about CCWD's Lawn to Garden Rebate Program and Design Assistance Program.

- Where: Pleasant Hill City Hall  
100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill
- Date: Saturday, May 30, 2015
- Time: 9am–12 noon
- Cost: Free
- Register: Email [conserve@ccwater.com](mailto:conserve@ccwater.com) or call (925) 688-8320

**Registration is required in order to receive an informational packet .**



### FREE E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill



### Spring has sprung!

We can help you get rid of that old, unwanted electronics 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 May 2, 9am–1pm! In June it will be the 20th, 9am–3pm, this day is in coordination with Allied Waste's Cleanup day. 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](http://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. ♣

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- 120 Energizer Stations ★ Fun Rides, Events & Challenges
- ★ Raffle Prizes, Giveaways and More!

Check the East Bay Express on May 5 for Complete Guide

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## Sustainable Living Workshops

**May 21**

### Clean and Green: Non-Toxic House Cleaning

Commercial cleaners contain more and more chemicals, dyes and fragrances. Learn how non-toxic options can keep your home clean and healthy. Make your own cleanser for the kitchen, bath and more.



**June 18**

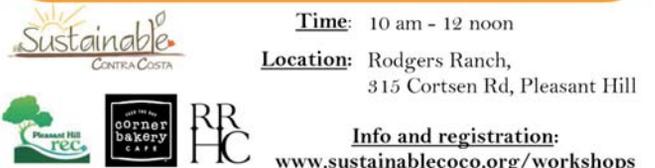
### Zero Waste Living with Bea Johnson

Learn how to reach zero waste in your home and daily life with world-famous author, speaker and lifestyle expert Bea Johnson. Her family of four generates just one mason jar of garbage a year! Learn practical solutions to living simply.



**Time:** 10 am - 12 noon  
**Location:** Rodgers Ranch, 315 Cortsen Rd, Pleasant Hill

**Info and registration:**  
[www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops](http://www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops)




## Pleasant Hill Summer Bike Challenge

511 Contra Costa is rolling out a new youth biking program in Pleasant Hill.

The Summer Bike Challenge provides fun, healthy, no cost summer recreation that challenges participants to explore their hometown via bicycle.

**Challenge destinations** include public parks and athletic fields, the library, Farmers' Market, and Downtown Pleasant Hill. It is open to all students in grades K-12. Participants who bike to at least 12 Challenge destinations by August 29, 2015 can receive a Completion Award at any of the following locations and dates:

- **PH Aquatic Park: June 24, July 23, August 4, 1:15-4:15pm**  
Free swimming for kids on bikes on the above dates and times! (Children 8 yrs/under must be accompanied in the water by a paying adult.)
- **Downtown Pleasant Hill: June 30, July 8, August 20, 1:00-3:00pm.** Free delicious treats for kids on bikes on the above dates and times!
- **Pleasant Hill Library: August 11, 3:00-5:00pm.** Bike to the Summer Book Swap and Tinker Tuesday!
- **Pleasant Hill Farmers Market: August 29, 9:00am-1:00pm.** Free valet bicycle parking while you shop the Market!

The Summer Bike Challenge will show youths (and their families) that biking is a fun and practical way to get around town. Pick up your Summer Bike Challenge Card in person at the Pleasant Hill Library, Teen and Community centers, Pleasant Hill Pool, Crescent Drive Jamba Juice, or Crescent Drive Coco Swirl. ♣

**Summer Bike Challenge Cards and event information can be obtained at [www.511contracosta.org/sbc](http://www.511contracosta.org/sbc). For more information contact Kirsten Riker at [kRiker@511ContraCosta.org](mailto:kRiker@511ContraCosta.org).**

### DVC celebrates the Grand Opening of the Commons Quad area and buildings

The DVC Commons Project was unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 8th. The \$52 million dollar project consisted of 86,000 square feet of new buildings and approximately three and a half acres of a newly developed Commons area in the central part of the campus. The new buildings include the Student Services Center and Hospitality Services and Food Court. ♣



DVC President Peter Garcia speaking at the Grand Opening for the redesigned commons area.



**DVC**  
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

### Pleasant Hill professor crowned Ms. Wheelchair California 2015

She wasn't expected to live, let alone achieve her doctoral degree in Psychology. And last month, Dr. Alette Coble-Temple accomplished yet another amazing feat and was crowned as Ms. Wheelchair California, which recognizes the achievement of women in wheelchairs.

Her distinguished 20-plus-year career working directly with clients and teaching at John F. Kennedy University is impressive in its own right. When you add that she has cerebral palsy, is in a wheelchair, doesn't have use of her hands, and has a speech impediment, her accomplishments defy myths regarding "disabilities."

She strives to educate and advocate for Californians living with disabilities, winning the statewide competition based on advocacy, achievement, communication, and presentation. And yes... she is going for Ms. Wheelchair USA!

Dr. Coble-Temple is one of a select six-member committee on Women in Psychology through the American Psychological Association, promoting the mental health of women and identifying and eliminating discriminatory and exploitive practices against women. She was previously part of the Leadership Institute and has served on their Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology.

Her extensive background includes working with teenage girls on probation in an outpatient program. The work was hard, but extremely rewarding. "I probably ended up working with teens because I had such a difficult time in my adolescence fitting in with my disability," states Coble-Temple.

The girls began to realize that if Alette could achieve her goals in spite of her disability, they could achieve theirs, too.

Dr. Coble-Temple is married, has a middle school daughter, and enjoys traveling, public speaking, and snow skiing on her bi-ski. Exemplifying determination and enthusiasm, she quips, "I figure I survived my very difficult birth, so I'd better enjoy life." ♣



## A chance to fight cancer at Relay For Life®

Cancer afflicts or claims so many people that nearly everybody is touched somehow.

A powerful way to participate in the fight against cancer is through Relay For Life, an awareness-raising and fund-raising event to support the American Cancer Society.

The sixth annual Relay For Life of Pleasant Hill will be held May 30-31 at the Pleasant Hill Middle School track. It runs from 10am Saturday to 10am Sunday, a 24-hour event to signify that cancer never sleeps and neither does the fight against cancer.

Members of the public—including children and people of all abilities—are invited to visit this free event and take part in some of the many activities throughout the day and evening:

- Cancer survivors (including those in wheelchairs) and their caregivers will be honored in the opening lap.
- Of particular interest is the solemn Luminaria ceremony to remember those who are fighting or have lost the fight against cancer. It is held after sundown, and the evening is illuminated by glow sticks.
- At the Relay, teams that have been raising money for weeks or months will have at least one member walking the track throughout the event.
- Energetic and entertaining activities on Saturday will include exercise classes, goofy-themed laps, a Kids Zone, live music, and “fun” happenings with cancer awareness messages.

The Relay ends at 10am Sunday with a “fight back” lap to underscore participants’ pledges to healthy lifestyles and specific cancer-thwarting efforts.

Details about the PH Relay can be found on its website, <http://relayforlife.org/pleasanthillca>, by e-mailing [relayforlifeph@yahoo.com](mailto:relayforlifeph@yahoo.com), or by calling (925) 944-4898. ♣



## FOPHL supports the library in so many ways

The Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library (FOPHL) have a simple mission: to promote public awareness of the library and to provide financial support for books, services, and programs beyond the library’s budget. The City and County pay for staff and facilities, but the Friends’ funds pay for most of the programs.

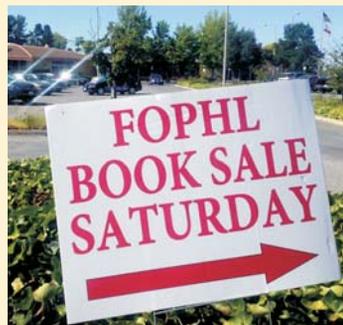
Join the Friends to help make a good library a great library! Annual dues start from \$3 for students to \$100 for Lifetime members. All revenue from annual membership directly supports the library. Go to [FOPHL.org](http://FOPHL.org)—it’s easy!

### Volunteer

Interested in helping the Friends? We need volunteers to: help with book sales, marketing, writing, fundraising and many more opportunities. Send us an email at [in@FOPHL.org](mailto:in@FOPHL.org).

### East Bay Gives

May 5 is an online giving day, and for 24 hours you can go to [EastBayGives.org](http://EastBayGives.org) and donate to Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library. This campaign will support the purchase of a special bi-lingual collection for our library. ♣



## GIANT Used Books Sale & E-Waste Event

Great books at discounted prices!

Saturday, May 9 and  
Saturday, June 13,  
10:00am–3:30pm

Get the best bargains on books and support your library. The sale is located in the parking lot behind the library. Recycle your old electronics for free at the same time!

- 9:30am—open to members (free), Non-members \$2.
- 1:30pm—Discounted bag sale.
- Details at [fophl.org](http://fophl.org).



### Friends of the PH Library Board Meeting

Saturday, May 2, 10:00-11:00am

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.

#### ► **Comic Book Night**

Monday, May 4, 6:30-8:00pm

Come in costume to celebrate your favorite funnies and superheroes at the library. In honor of free comic book day, you can pick up a bunch of free comics and make your very own at this creative family event.

#### ► **Maker Monday**

Monday, May 11, 6:30-8:00pm

*Rubberband Cars!*

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

#### ► **Tinker Tuesday**

Tuesday, May 12, 3:00-4:30pm

Tuesday, June 9, 3:00-4:30pm

Lawrence Hall of Science presents *Rubberband Cars!*

#### ► **Live Jazz in Charged Particles**

Monday, June 22, 6:00-7:30pm

Come enjoy music in the library and enter to win prizes for participating in Summer Reading. (Yes adults can participate and win, too!) Our summer reading theme this year is music and you don't want to miss this jazzy kick-off event!

#### ► **Jamie Coventry**

Tuesday, June 23, 6:30-8:00pm

Come enjoy Jamie's one-man circus, packed with toe-tapping, rib-tickling fun for the whole family. This free performance is part of Contra Costa County Library's 2015 "Read to the Rhythm" Summer Reading Festival.



#### ► **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 Anne Baker, 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](http://www.doorstepfarmers.com). All subscribers who request delivery at the Library have the option to donate 5% to the Pleasant Hill Library.



#### ► **One-on-One Computer Tutor**

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](http://www.ccclib.org).

#### ► **English Conversation Practice for Adults**

Every Wednesday, 1:30-2:30pm

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



## Just for teens

#### ► **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](mailto: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)**



## New PH Community Center wins CPRS Award of Excellence for Outstanding Facility Design!

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Community Center received the 2014 Award of Excellence for Outstanding Facility by the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS). This year marks the second straight year that the District has garnered an award for facility excellence by CPRS.

“After the long journey to make our new Community Center a reality, receiving the CPRS award is the frosting on the cake,” said Bob Berggren, General Manager, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. “This award is much more than recognition of an excellent building design. It represents the culmination of incredible collaboration efforts between our District Board of Directors, our dedicated staff, the Dahlin Architecture Group, DL Falk Construction, and the entire Pleasant Hill community.”



## 2015-16 Pleasant Hill Preschool registration now open

2.6 years through Pre-K

For more information, visit [pleasanthillpreschool.com](http://pleasanthillpreschool.com) or call Preschool Director, Sarah Smith at (925) 676-5200 Ext. 626.

## Register for Summer Camps

Join us for a summer of fun! 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. We also have many new and unique specialty camps to keep your child active and engaged this summer. Visit [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com) for details.



## Family Events

### ► Family Camp Out

June 20 (check in: Sat, 3pm, check out: Sun, 10am)  
Location: Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane

Join us as Pleasant Hill Park becomes Camp Pleasant Hill. Includes activities, crafts, campfire with s'mores, music, and an outdoor movie. Hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner will be served and donuts, juice and coffee for breakfast. Activities begin 4:30pm. \$15/camper. Pre-register at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

### ► Adult CORNHOLE Bag Toss Drop In

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm  
Location: Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road

Try out the latest adult sports craze! Experienced players teach proper pitching techniques, rules, and game strategies. \$5 per person. Pay at the door. Visit [pleasanthillrecsports.com](http://pleasanthillrecsports.com) for information on Summer Cornhole play.

Get  
wet this  
summer!



### ► FREE 6th Annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson™

June 18, 10:00-10:30am (check in at 9:30am)  
Location: PH Aquatic Park, 147 Gregory Lane

Join Pleasant Hill Rec as aquatic facilities around the world attempt to set a Guinness World Record™ for the world's largest swimming lesson. Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning. Pre-register at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com). (4-15 yrs old)

### ► PH Dolfin Swim Team—Have Fun! Swim Fast!

Registration for Pleasant Hill Dolfin Swim Team is now open through May 22 at the District office, 147 Gregory Lane. For more info, call (925) 682-0896 or visit [pleasanthilldolphins.com](http://pleasanthilldolphins.com).

## BUSINESS RUNWAY 2015



### Thursday, June 11

John F. Kennedy University • 100 Ellinwood Way, PH

# Access to Capital

## “Show Me the Money!”

*Lending Panel focused on Small Business Loans and Micro Loans*

Registration 7:30 am  
Lending Panel 8:00 - 10:00 am  
Resource Fair 10:00 - 11:30 am

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PH Chamber Members - Registration *FREE before June 8th* • 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!**

**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**



## Update from the Pleasant Hill Lions Club

The PH Lions Club assisted the Recreation & Park District in sponsoring the annual “Egg-Citing Egg Hunt” on April 4. The weather was delightful and the kids and families seemed to have a great time. This is one of their favorite events on the annual calendar.

The club’s local Student Speaker contest winner, Kara Lenci, won both the Lions’ zone and regional contests in the past month and is participating in the district contest on Friday, April 24. This is the furthest that a local contestant has advanced in over 10 years. The state winner receives a \$20,000 scholarship funded by California Lions. The topic this year is “Water Conservation—How can we Reduce, Recycle, and Reclaim.”

On Saturday, May 9, Brentwood Lions Rene and Maggie De Luna again open up their De Luna

Ranch in Brentwood to over 1500 children and adults with special needs and



their families. This Special Kids Day is sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Alameda and Contra Costa County, and the Pleasant Hill Lions will be assisting in the 30th annual event. Games, dancing, rides, face painting, food, etc. will be provided all day.

The Lions are putting together the relay team lead by Lion Ramona MacIntyre to participate in Pleasant Hill’s American Cancer Society Relay for Life on May 30-31 at the Pleasant Hill Middle School. The Club will also serve a free breakfast to walkers and volunteers on Saturday, May 30.

Please contact Don Flaskerud at (676) 5859 or Ken Wombacher at (925) 683-7946 to learn more about the Lions Club. All new members are very welcome. ♣

...workshops and concerts ...

## Backyard Composting Workshops offered at City Hall

**Tuesday, May 19, Tuesday, June 16, and Monday, May 11**

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](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/compost). The workshops are one hour in duration. The next workshops will be held **Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm** and **Tuesday, June 16 at 7pm**. **A third daytime workshop has also been scheduled for Monday May 11 at 10:00am**. All workshops are held in the large Community Room at City Hall. Sign up at [www.pleasant-hill.net/compost](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/compost).



# DOWNTOWN PLEASANT HILL

# Summer

# CONCERT SERIES

## FREE + LIVE + MUSIC



**THE BIG JANGLE**  
JUNE 18



**INNERSOUL**  
JULY 16



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Crescent Dr. and Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Visit [www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com](http://www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com) for event updates.

## FREE Summer Concerts

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

**In the plaza  
next to Jack's  
Restaurant & Bar**

All concerts and parking are FREE!

**PLEASANT HILL**  
Chamber of Commerce

**Pleasant Hill Chamber  
Wine Tasting**

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Located next to Atlas & Athena.

Tickets available at  
[www.pleasanthillchamber.org](http://www.pleasanthillchamber.org)  
or call 925-687-0700.

Performances subject to change.



## Be there. Be fabulous!

### Wine Women & Shoes Contra Costa returns!

This very successful fundraiser, held for the first time in 2014, benefits Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and Monument Crisis Center

- Sunday, May 17, 2:00–6:00pm
- Community Center, 320 Civic Drive.
- Tickets on sale now at [wwsmay2015.eventbrite.com](http://wwsmay2015.eventbrite.com).

Kick up your heels for an afternoon of fun. Sip fine wines from top vintners. Savor delicious food bites. Shop the latest in shoes and fashion accessories. Mingle with Shoe Guys. Bid on one of a kind silent and live auction items. Be there. Be fabulous. Keep in step with the action at [facebook.com/wwscontracosta](http://facebook.com/wwscontracosta).

## Laugh, Love & Learn

### SENIOR LIVE WELL FORUM

**May 8, 10:00am–2:00pm at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center**

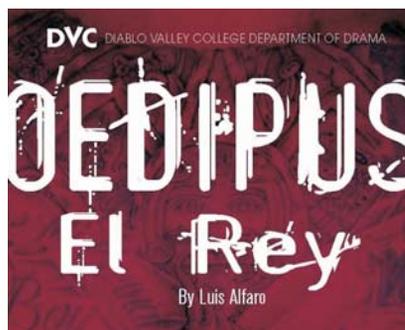
A full day of educational and uplifting speakers, plus lunch and the opportunity to win raffle prizes. All funds raised benefit the Senior Center Care Management Program.

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!

### DVC drama presents A classic tale with a contemporary twist

- OEDIPUS EL REY by Luis Alfaro and directed by Ed Trujillo
- Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm;
- Sunday May 3 and May 10 at 2:30pm.
- “Astoundingly real and electrifying” — Backstage.com



With Chicano swagger and a sly sense of humor, Luis Alfaro tears Sophocles’ timeless Greek tragedy out of its mythic past and catapults it into the vivid, vicious reality of today’s L.A. barrios. Here Oedipus does hard time for ripping off a Costco, Jocasta splashes on the cheap perfume while glued to “All My Children,” and the oracle takes cash only. The word on the street is not good, and the passion Oedipus has for one woman will violate our most sacred law.

For tickets, call (925) 969-2358 or go to the website at [www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net).



## Be there. Be fabulous!

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015**  
**2:00 - 6:00 PM • Pleasant Hill**  
**Community Center's Perera Pavilion**

- Sip fine wines from top vintners
- Savor delicious food bites
- Shop the latest in shoes & accessories
- Mingle with Shoe Guys
- Bid on one-of-a-kind auction items
- Kick up your heels for a fashion show



For tickets and more information visit [winewomenandshoes.com/contracosta](http://winewomenandshoes.com/contracosta)

Thank you to our sponsors!



**Free!**

# Sunset By The Lake Summer Concerts

**Free!**

**LIVE Music  
FOOD & FUN**

On the lawn by the lake at  
**Pleasant Hill City Hall**  
Gregory Ln & Cleaveland Rd  
**6:00-8:00pm!**

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



**May 24...The Von Trapps**  
Dance Rock 'n' Blues



**Jun 7...Sunday Paper**  
Bay Area Funk & Roll



**Jun 21...The Fundamentals**  
Red Hot Rockin' Soul



**Jul 5...Extra Large**  
Taste of 'Santa Cruz' lively & fun



**Jul 19...Fast Times**  
80s Dance Party Music



**Aug 2...MOFO**  
Rockin' Blues Band



**Aug 16...Groove Doctors**  
Variety Dance Party Band



**Aug 30...East Bay MUDD**  
Classic Fun & Soul



**Sep 6...Big Jangle**  
Tom Petty Tribute Band

Visit [www.pleasanthillconcerts.com](http://www.pleasanthillconcerts.com) for all concert information.



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Sept 6

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# Pleasant Hill Citywide Garage Sale

**Don't trash it — Sell it!**

Saturday, June 6, 2015

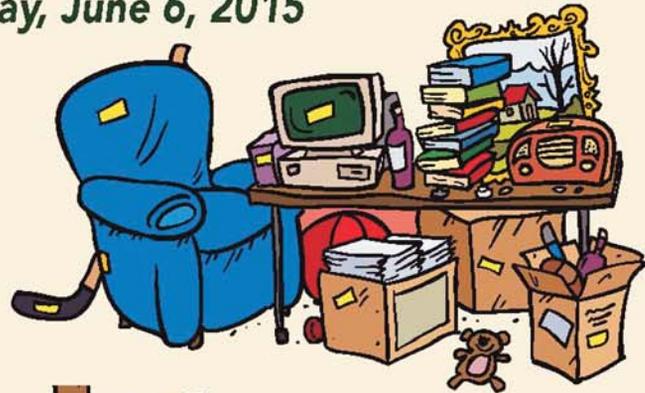
## If you're a buyer...

- Go online and visit the website [www.pleasanthillgaragesale.com](http://www.pleasanthillgaragesale.com) to find households taking part in the citywide garage sale.
- Start early but not before listed times. Experienced shoppers come early to find the best buys.
- Bring a reusable bag, which will allow you to carry heavier items more easily and to protect fragile objects.

## Buyers, Be a Contest Winner...

"Like" the garage sale on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pleasanthillgaragesale](http://www.facebook.com/pleasanthillgaragesale).

- **Best Find:** Post your best find on our Facebook page for a chance to win a great prize.
- **Best Upcycle:** Transform your garage sale find into something new. Post a photo of your "upcycled" find on our Facebook page. Best ones will be displayed at the Summer Concert at City Hall on July 5. Best in show wins a fabulous prize!



## If you're a seller...

- Register the address of your sale by going online and entering your information at the website [www.pleasanthillgaragesale.com](http://www.pleasanthillgaragesale.com).
- You may also register your sale by calling (925) 671-5806.
- Deadline to register is Thursday, June 4, 2015.
- To direct traffic to your sale, post street signs (not in public rights of way) and advertise online or in newspapers. Please take all signs down after your sale.

## Questions?

Online:

[www.pleasanthillgaragesale.com](http://www.pleasanthillgaragesale.com)

Phone: (925) 671-5806

Email: [abaker@republicservices.com](mailto:abaker@republicservices.com)

A joint effort by the City of Pleasant Hill & Republic Services to protect the environment and conserve resources through reuse.



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...and more fun!



Join the returning 4th of July art contest and display your talent in the Pleasant Hill Park on July 4th. **Create a masterpiece and submit it by July 1st!**

**Categories:**

- Drawing, painting
- Digital Art (photography)
- 3-D Art (ceramics, glass)

**Age groups:**

- Grade 3-5
- Grade 6-8
- Grade 9-12

Awards/Prizes will be given to 1st and 2nd in each division.  
Submit Artwork to Pleasant Hill Library starting May 1.

**Email [artcontestph@gmail.com](mailto:artcontestph@gmail.com) (Christy) for application and info!**

**Thank you, Thank you,  
THANK YOU!!**

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill wishes to thank everyone who supported their major fundraiser, St. Patrick's Night of Merriment, on March 13. Every person and business who attended, purchased prizes, donated to the auctions, or sponsored the event contributed to the amazing success of the evening. All proceeds will be returned to your community through grants and sponsorships.



Be sure to join us next year for this amazing party! 🍀

**Our rockin' community! Events for May and June 2015...**

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
May 1-10	DVC Drama: "Oedipus El Rey"	DVC Theatre	DVC Drama	969-2358
May 2	Farmers' Market opening	Trelaney Road, City Hall	PH Farmers' Market	
May 2	Friends of PH Library Board Meeting	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
May 2	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
May 3, Jun 7	Pancake Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
May 4	Comic Book Night	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
May 8	Laugh, Love and Learn	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
May 9	Plant Sale	Winslow Center	PH Garden Study Club	944-4898
May 9	Used Book Sales & E-Waste Event	Library parking lot	Friends of Pleasant Hill Library	info@FOPHL.org
May 11	Maker Monday: Rubberband Cars!	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
May 12	Tinker Tuesday: Rubberband Cars:	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
May 11	Gateway Design Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5213
May 11	Backyard Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	www.pleasant-hill.net/compost
May 17	Wine Women & Shoes	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park	www.may2015.eventbrite.com
May 14	CMP: Which Assisted Living Community...	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
May 19	Backyard Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	www.pleasant-hill.net/compost
May 21	Sustainable Living Series	Rodgers Ranch	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center	www.sustainablecoco.org
May 22	Memorial Day Social	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center Chateau Room	798-8788
May 24	Summer concert "The Von Trapps"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
May 30	Landscape workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	688-8320
May 30-31	Relay for Life	PH Middle School track	Relay for Life	944-4898
Jun 5	Senior Prom	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center Chateau Room	798-8788
Jun 6	Citywide Garage Sale	All over city of Pleasant Hill	City of Pleasant Hill, Republic Services	671-5806
Jun 7	Summer concert "Sunday Paper"	Pleasant Hill City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Jun 11	CMP: ...Hospice and Palliative Care.	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jun 16	Backyard Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	www.pleasant-hill.net/compost
Jun 18	World's Largest Swimming Lesson	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park	676-5200
Jun 18	Sustainable Living Series	Rodgers Ranch	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center	www.sustainablecoco.org
Jun 18	Downtown concert "The Big Jangle"	Downtown Plaza	Downtown PH	www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com
Jun 20	Family Camp Out	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park	676-5200
Jun 20	E-Waste Recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
Jun 22	Live Jazz in Charged Particles	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Jun 23	Jamie Coventry One-Man circus	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org

## 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](mailto:Kcalhoun@pleasanthillca.org).

### New businesses February 2015

**Ahtna Environmental, Inc.** (Environmental Consulting Services)  
2255 Contra Costa Blvd., #312  
(925) 222-6586

**California Classic Cabinets**  
2470 Estand Way  
(925) 969-1907

**Cam Thuyen Vo** (Hair Stylist)  
1920 Contra Costa Blvd.  
(925) 381-1732

**Chelsea Verdin** (Hair Stylist)  
2617 Pleasant Hill Road  
(925) 597-1508

**Diligent Care** (Home Care)  
3478 Buskirk Avenue  
(925) 481-4397

**Five Guys Burgers & Fries**  
100 Crescent Drive  
(925) 609-8400

**Healthy Families Chiropractic**  
140 Mayhew Way  
(925) 322-0660

**Kari Miller** (Hair Stylist)  
2617 Pleasant Hill Road  
(925) 206-8226

**Law Office of Jeffrey Nelson**  
3478 Buskirk Avenue  
(925) 302-9278

**Michelle McClintock** (Weight Loss/Fitness/Nutrition)  
2261 Morello Avenue, "C"  
(925) 768-3662



**Simret Nanda, MD** (Child/Adolescent/Adult Psychiatrist)  
3478 Buskirk Avenue  
(925) 388-6785

**Karen Miller** (Bookkeeping/Accounting/Income Taxes)  
(925) 682-3251

**S&A Events** (Event Planning)  
(510) 847-5707

### New businesses March 2015

**Imports Auto Sales**  
3313 Vincent Road  
(925) 207-4359

**Paola Colosimo**  
(Intuitive Counseling/Reiki)  
140 Mayhew Way  
(925) 890-1890

**Pathwise** (Financial Planning/Investment Mgmt. Service)  
2255 Contra Costa Blvd., #207  
(925) 939-5607

**Moded Boutique**  
(On-line ETSY Shop)  
(408) 807-9927





## City Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 4 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 6 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Comm Room
Wed 6 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Thu 7 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 12 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 12 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 14 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 18 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Thu 21 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 26 7:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 27 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Community Room
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Wed 24 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Comm Room
Thu 25 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room

### The City Channel is looking for volunteers!

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



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City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 28, U-Verse Channel 99, and Astound Channel 29 on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Videos of meetings are also available on the City website under "Media Center."

#### CITY HALL HOURS

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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for Jul/Aug is June 8. 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](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org).

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### “Celebrating America’s Story” at the Fourth of July Celebration

This year the Grand Marshal for the July 4th Parade is Patrick Remer, Senior Community Library Manager at the Pleasant Hill Library.

Patrick was born and raised in Pleasant Hill, and attended local schools, including Sequoia Middle School. Aside from being “the storytime guy,” Patrick is known for creating innovative programs for youth, including the annual Night of 1,000 Inventions, The Idea Box (a Rube Goldberg-inspired suggestion machine), and the monthly Maker Mondays for kids to explore hands-on science and technology. Patrick was the recipient of the 2015 Pleasant Hill Mayor’s award, and currently serves on the City’s Library Task Force, working on a new library building for Pleasant Hill. Patrick also serves as Chair of the Kid’s Games on the 4th of July Commission.

#### Student art contest

Pleasant Hill students are encouraged to participate in the Student Art Show and display their talent on the 4th of July. Categories are: Drawing and painting; digital art (photography); and 3-D Art (ceramics and glass).

Art will be judged in the following age groups: Grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12. Art work can be submitted to the Pleasant Hill Library between May 1 and July 1, 2015. See page 17 for more on the art contest.

#### 200 foot zip line at Party in the Park this year

The Commission members are planning lots of fun activities for the 39th annual celebration—including a 200-foot zip line! In addition, the whole family can participate in the Firecracker 5K Fun Run. Check the website [www.phjuly4.com](http://www.phjuly4.com) for updated information about online registration information and the day’s activities.

Parade entries are coming in and the entertainment, food vendors, children’s games, a petting zoo, and activities for the Party in the Park have been confirmed. Pleasant Hill Rec will add to the Party in the Park by having the



Park’s Sprayground and swimming pools OPEN FREE to kids from 11am to 1pm.

The site of the spectacular fireworks show will again be College Park High School. Come for dinner and stay for an amazing show! Slow Hand Barbeque and Cold Stone Creamery will be selling their delicious food and desserts. The band that entertained last year at the fireworks, Public Eye, will be back by popular demand! Look for more information and reminders as the 4th of July approaches.

Thoughts and ideas are always welcome. For information about planning or volunteering, please send an email to Chris Tipton at [ctiptonph@yahoo.com](mailto:ctiptonph@yahoo.com). ♣



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