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## City Maintenance crews prepare for winter storms

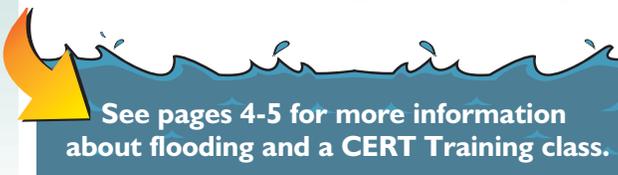
In anticipation of the much predicted 'El Nino' winter, City Maintenance staff has been active over the past several months in inspecting creeks, ditches, storm drains and catch basins to ensure that they are clear from debris and obstructions.

Most of the creeks through the city are on private property, and homeowners whose property backs directly onto a creek are responsible for maintaining that portion of the creek free from debris and overgrown vegetation. The City mailed out notices during the summer reminding all homeowners of this requirement. Of the approximately 500 affected homes, around 97% are in compliance with creek cleanup efforts. The City is now working with the remaining few homes to ensure that mitigation efforts are completed prior to any heavy rainfall this winter.

Maintenance staff is also working with Civicorps (formerly known as the East Bay Conservation Corps) to finish cleanup on all publicly owned creek areas, and volunteers from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be assisting staff in filling 2,000 sandbags to be used during emergency situations.

Sandbag stations will be set up on November 2 in the parking lots at City Hall (100 Gregory Lane) and at the Community Center (320 Civic Drive). Residents may fill their own sandbags at these location, with a limit of 10 bags per household.

For additional information on the City's emergency and flood preparations, please contact Mike Moore, Maintenance Superintendent, at (925) 671-5244 or email [mmoore@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mmoore@pleasanthillca.org). ♣





Light up the Night holiday celebration

Crescent Drive, Downtown Pleasant Hill

Wed ★ Dec 2 ★ 4:00-8:00pm

Santa is all set to arrive on December 2nd to join in the many festivities in Downtown Pleasant Hill, including the lighting of a 25-foot decorated tree in the small plaza next to Pasta Pomodoro at 6:00pm. Music, dance performances, and caroling will be at two locations on Crescent Drive. Event highlights include:

- ★ Free horse drawn carriage rides
- ★ Holiday arts & crafts fair
- ★ Free hot chocolate, coffee and cookies
- ★ "Elf on the Shelf" Treasure Hunt
- ★ Music, Studio A Dancers and caroling on two stages
- ★ Tree lighting at 6:00pm
- ★ Free pictures with Santa

The complete entertainment schedule can be viewed at [www.pleasanthillca.org/lutn](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/lutn).

This evening of merriment is brought to you by the Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission, the PH Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Pleasant Hill. For more details call (925) 671-5229 or email [mnelis@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org). ♣



## Crime prevention tips from the PH Police Department

As the Holiday season approaches the Pleasant Hill Police Department would like to remind people of some very basic precautions that can be taken to prevent being the victim of a theft.

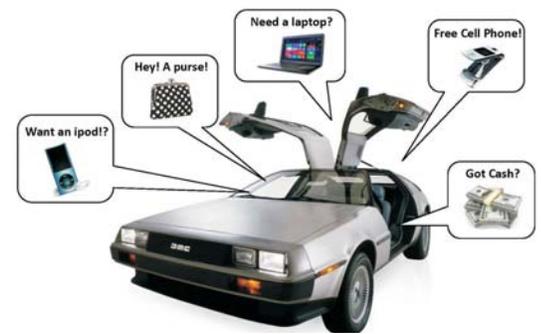
- **Car theft**—Protect your car by remembering to park in a well-lit area near people and activity. Also, take your valuables with you, or ensure they are locked away and out of sight. Even bags containing items you know are not valuable (e.g., gym bags with clothes) may attract a thief, who operates on the mere chance something valuable is inside.
- **Mobile phones**—Activate the GPS tracking feature on your mobile phone and practice logging into the program from a computer. If your phone is ever lost or stolen, you may be able to track its location and/or clear its hard drive before the phone is turned off.
- **Home security**—Lock the doors and windows at home and ensure your garage door is closed overnight. Consider

using motion sensor lights, special locks, alarm systems, and security cameras to prevent theft/burglary.

- **Property identification**—Take time to record brand, model, and serial numbers of your most valuable property. This could include bicycles, televisions, computers, tablets, mobile phones, and credit cards. If you become the victim of theft or fraud in the future, having these details available may assist police in the investigation and potential recovery of your property.

Be a good neighbor and report suspicious activity. Consider forming a neighborhood watch group so others will help watch your home when you're away. ♣

## IS YOUR CAR ATTRACTING THE **WRONG** KIND OF ATTENTION?



**Keep your car (and everything in it) SAFE from thieves!**

- **LOCK YOUR DOORS AND ROLL UP YOUR WINDOWS.** Even on a quick trip to the grocery store, LOCK it up. An unlocked car and an open window are an invitation to thieves to help themselves to your belongings!
- **KEEP YOUR VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT.** If you can't take them with you, DON'T leave them lying in plain view. Put cell phones, keys, laptops, bags, electronics, and even loose change in your glove box, trunk, or center console. DON'T be a magnet for burglars looking to "window shop." It takes 30 seconds for a thief to smash a window, but only 20 seconds to place your belongs safely out of sight. Take the time to save your stuff.
- **PARK IN A SAFE AREA.** Most vehicle break-ins happen at night or in large parking lots or parking structures. Don't leave your car unattended in unfamiliar areas for long, especially at night. Secure your vehicle in a well-lit area.

## Seeking nominations for the 45th Pleasant Hill Community Awards

The 45th Annual Community Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on Civic Drive. The event includes awards for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Teen of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Green Awards.

If you would like to nominate a teacher, business, resident, or organization for the respective award, please download the nomination forms from the City's website at [www.pleasanthillca.org/awards](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/awards). All nominations are due no later than Thursday, January 7.

Tickets for Community Awards Night will be available through the Chamber of Commerce by calling (925) 687-0700 or going to [www.pleasanthillca.org/tickets](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/tickets).

The nomination criteria are as follows:

- ★ **Citizen of the Year**—Nominees must be at least a 5-year resident of Pleasant Hill and have made significant contributions toward improving our community.
- ★ **Business of the Year**—Candidates must be in business for at least three years in Pleasant Hill and current member of the Chamber of Commerce.

- ★ **Educator of the Year**—Nominees must be a teacher in Pleasant Hill for at least three years.
- ★ **Teen of the Year**—Candidates must either live or go to school in Pleasant Hill and have a track record of volunteering in the community.
- ★ **Green Business Award**—This award recognizes a company that has shown outstanding leadership in minimizing impact on the environment and creating a sustainable future through conservation and waste reduction.

- ★ **Green Award**—This award recognizes an individual or organization that has shown outstanding leadership in sustainability through education and activism in Pleasant Hill. ♣



For more information about the event or nominations, please email Martin Nelis at [mnelis@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org) or call (925) 671-5229



## Find fresh produce at the Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market

The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market closes for the season on November 14. To find other farmers' markets in your area please visit [pcfma.org](http://pcfma.org).

It's the time of year to give thanks for family and friends, for good health, and for the bounty on our tables. The hard work of your local farmers has provided the best fruits and vegetables, flowers, honey, breads, and other California-grown products for your holiday meals.

And it's the perfect time to stop by the Pleasant Hill farmers' market to pick up your ingredients for the family feast. There are sweet potatoes, onions, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, pumpkins, and winter squash. You can also pick up crisp apples, plump grapes, persimmons, pomegranates, and citrus. Sweet local honey is here for your favorite side dish and dessert recipes, fragrant fall flowers for decorating the table, pumpkins and gourds to place on your front porch, and fresh bakery items like stuffing mix, pies, and dinner rolls to make your meal preparations easier.

Take time at the farmers' market to enjoy your gift-finding sojourn. Stroll the aisles and really savor the season! The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market also has wonderful holiday gift ideas—from soaps and lotions and flowers to baskets of oranges, jams, and honey.

**Happy Holidays! May your table be heavy with the abundance that California has to offer and may you have family and friends nearby with whom you can enjoy it.**



Thank you for supporting your local farmers' market during this worrisome time of drought! Remember to Buy Fresh, Buy Local. ♣

## Time to renew business licenses

It's nearly time for business owners in Pleasant Hill to be on the lookout for business license renewal notices. The notices will be mailed in mid-December to the mailing address on file. If your business mailing address has changed since last December, please notify the City's Business License Division at (925) 671-5234 or email to [lrodriguez@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:lrodriguez@pleasanthillca.org) as soon as possible to update your records and avoid any delay in resending mail to you. This will allow business owners the full grace period ending January 31, 2016.

You should also notify the Business License Division if you are no longer in business, have sold, closed, or moved out of the City. Send a brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, send to:

**City of Pleasant Hill  
Business License Division  
100 Gregory Lane  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

Or email to [lrodriguez@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:lrodriguez@pleasanthillca.org).

If you are in business or own rental property but are not yet licensed, call the City's Business License Division at (925) 671-5234 to have the appropriate forms sent to you or to answer any of your questions.

*Your Finance Department thanks you!*

## Volunteer opportunity on CCTA

A volunteer opportunity has opened to represent Pleasant Hill on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee

The City is seeking candidates to complete an unfulfilled term on the CCTA Citizens Advisory Committee. This regional advisory committee provides citizen perspectives, participation, and involvement in the CCTA's \$3 billion voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan and Growth Management Program. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in Walnut Creek.

The term of the appointment is through April 2019. Applications to fill this vacancy will be accepted through November 6.

For an application or more information visit the City of Pleasant Hill website at [www.pleasanthillca.org](http://www.pleasanthillca.org), or contact Juanita Davalos by phone at (925) 671-5283 or e-mail at [jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org). ♣

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# Information about flooding and services available in the City

Flooding during the winter can occur in some parts of Pleasant Hill. Here is a roundup of information that residents may need to be prepared in the event of flooding.

## Report a flooding problem

To report a flooding problem in your neighborhood, contact the City Maintenance Division simply by calling (925) 671-4646 weekdays during regular business hours. If it is an emergency, please contact the Police Department at 911.

## Flood warnings



- If flooding occurs, the County will warn citizens through radio, TV announcements, and emergency officials and vehicles.
- Know the flood warning procedures and plan escape routes to high ground.
- Monitor the level of water in the street or flood control channel.
- Stay tuned to your battery operated radio and local television channel for possible warnings.
- Turn off water and electricity in your home during flood emergencies; turn off gas only if you smell gas.
- Be especially cautious at night.

For additional information on the City's flood warning and emergency response plan contact the City Office of Emergency Services, Police Department, 330 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill (925) 288-4600.

## Special flood hazard areas

Certain areas have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). There are currently approximately 700 homes within these flood zones (Flood Zone AO). SFHAs are areas within the 100-year-flood boundary as mapped by FEMA. A "100-year-flood" refers to a flood level with 1% or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. There is a 26% chance that a structure located in a SFHA will be inundated by a 100-year-flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. In comparison, the risk of fire is approximately 5% in the same time period. Smaller floods have a greater chance of occurring in any given year and can still create a significant hazard to life and property.

## Local flood hazard

Flooding in our City is generally caused by the following—a creek overtopping its banks, clogged catch basin or storm drains, poor site drainage, and mud and debris laden flows from the hills above Pleasant Hill. To find out more information on local flood hazards, or for information on any other flood related question, call the City's Floodplain Manager at (925) 671-5264.



## City flood service

If requested, City staff will visit a property to review its flood problem(s) and explain ways to reduce flooding potential

or help to prevent flood damage. Printed copies of flood maps and flood protection references are available at City Hall and at the Central County Library located at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill, (925) 646-6434. Digital copies of flood maps can be obtained directly from FEMA's website at [www.msc.fema.gov/portal/portal](http://www.msc.fema.gov/portal/portal). Please also visit the City's website at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood) for more information.

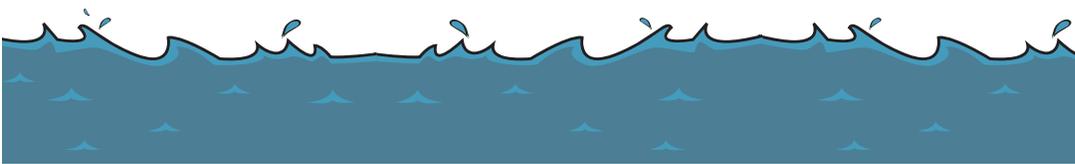
## Drainage system maintenance

The City regularly cleans and maintains its drainage channels. However, dumping debris into storm drains creates problems for everyone. Such dumping not only results in an expense to taxpayers for cleanup, but also can restrict water flow and create flood hazards. The dumping of debris into the City's storm drainage channels is prohibited by Municipal Code. To report cases of illegal dumping in channels call the Maintenance Division at (925) 671-4646.

## Property protection measures

There are several ways to help protect property from damage due to flood hazards. Please be aware that the following examples may or may not be economically feasible or practical for every situation:

- Provide adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and appliances to an area that is less likely to be flooded.
- Move essential items and valuables to the upper floors of your home if flooding is likely.
- Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, and plastic sheeting handy for emergency waterproofing. Sandbags can be obtained at the Public Service Center located at 310 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill and during the rainy season sandbag stations are also set up at City Hall (visitor parking lot) and Oak Park Boulevard/Monticello Avenue.
- Anchor the structure to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement.



- Elevate homes so that the lowest floor is a minimum of 1 foot above the base flood (100 year) elevation.

### Flood insurance

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes federally backed flood insurance available to everyone in the City, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Insurance is available for buildings (including walls, floors, and insulation) and contents (which is also available to renters). It is important to note that the standard homeowner policy that most of us have will not cover a loss caused by flooding. For information about flood insurance, call your insurance agent or the NFIP customer service line at (800) 638-6620.

Please be aware, that the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located within SFHAs. The minimum standard flood insurance coverage required by the federal government for an SFHA property is the less of the following:

- The outstanding mortgage balance on the structure,
- The replacement cost of the structure
- \$250,000 for a residential structure, and \$500,000 for industrial/commercial.

This insurance coverage limit does not apply to property outside the SFHA.

### Elevation Certificates

An Elevation Certificate (EC) provides elevation information necessary to determine the proper insurance premium rate. If your house is at or above the base flood elevation, you could receive a substantial

discount on your flood insurance premium by providing an EC to your insurance agent.

For properties in Flood Zone AO, an EC can be filled out by the property owner or the owner's representative. For all other flood zones, the EC will have to be prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer.

Copies of the form and instructions are available from the City Engineering Division or can be downloaded from FEMA's site ([www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160)).

The City of Pleasant Hill maintains the Elevation Certificates of all new and substantially improved buildings in the SFHA. To obtain a copy of the certificate or for help in preparing one, call the City's Floodplain Manager at (925) 671-5264.

### Floodplain development permit requirements

Any development within the SFHA is subject to Federal and City Floodplain management requirements. Always check with the Engineering Division before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. To report illegal floodplain development activity, call the City's Floodplain Manager at (925) 671-5264.

**Floor Elevation**—New residential buildings in the SFHA must have their lowest floor elevation (excluding garage) flood-proofed or raised above the 100-year Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

**Substantial Improvements (SI)** – Substantially improved structures in the SFHA must meet the same floodplain construction requirements as new buildings. SI is defined as any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the fair market value of the structure (excluding land value) before the start of the new construction.

**Substantial Damage (SD)** – Substantially damaged structures (a structure damaged by fire, earthquake, flood and etc. so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's value before it was damaged) in the SFHA must also meet the same floodplain construction requirements as new buildings. ♣



## CERT training class starts soon

The next class for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for Pleasant Hill residents begins on Monday evening, January 4, 2016. The training is given at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Road, from 6:00 to 9:30pm.

The course, given over six Monday evenings, emphasizes preparedness, first aid, small fire suppression, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and what supplies to have on hand. Most importantly, the training guides individuals to prepare themselves, their homes, and their families for the effects of a major earthquake and how to safely and effectively deal with its aftermath.

Sign up at the CERT web site at [www.pleasanthillcert.org](http://www.pleasanthillcert.org). ♣



For additional information on the City's Floodplain Management Program, visit the City's website at [www.cipleasant-hill.ca.us/flood](http://www.cipleasant-hill.ca.us/flood) or contact the City's Floodplain Manager at (925) 671-5264.

## Lawn to garden rebates growing success— customers get paid to remove water-thirsty turf

Amid severe drought and state-mandated water cutbacks, home and business owners throughout California are realizing the benefits of replacing water-thirsty lawns with water-efficient gardens.

In addition to saving water and money, many homeowners are receiving rebates of up to \$1,000 to make the switch.

From September 2014 through August 2015, 478 lawns—totaling more than 460,000 square feet—were converted to



gardens under the Contra Costa Water District's (CCWD's) Lawn to Garden Rebate Program. The annual water savings from these newly drought-resistant yards will help the District ensure a reliable water supply for generations to come.

### ► Save water and money

Homeowners can reduce outdoor water use by more than half by simply converting their lawn to a drought-tolerant garden. For a typical 900-square-foot yard, the savings add up to 25,000 gallons of water per year. Saving water means saving money on your water bill, which is always a good thing.

### ► Improve aesthetics and save time

Drought-tolerant front yards are beautiful, eye-catching gardens full of color that attract birds and wildlife. And now you can say goodbye to weekly walks with the lawnmower! Depending on the design and plant selection, a water-efficient garden can be very low maintenance.

### ► Rebates available

The CCWD Lawn-to-Garden Rebate Program provides rebates to qualified customers to replace their existing water-thirsty front lawns with water-wise

## Limited time!

The State of California is offering a dollar-for-dollar match to homeowners who replace their lawns with drought-resistant gardens. That means Contra Costa Water District customers can receive up to \$2 per square foot—up to a maximum \$2,000—when combining local and state rebates. For the state rebate program information and eligibility, visit [www.saveourwaterrebates.com](http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com).

landscaping. The rebate is \$1 per square foot with a maximum of \$1,000 per single family residence and up to \$20,000 for commercial, homeowner associations, industrial, and institutional properties. The program is not retroactive and projects must be pre-approved by District staff. Plus, participants are eligible for rebates in design assistance.

Complete program details can be obtained by calling (925) 688-8320 or by visiting [www.ccwater.com/conserve](http://www.ccwater.com/conserve). ♣



# FREE

## E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill



## Got E-Waste? The Holiday season is approaching!!!

Make room for the new toys, electronics, and goodies coming your way! We can help you recycle any old, unwanted electronics at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College, located at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill on Saturday November 7 and December 5 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Due to the holidays there will be no January 2016 event. This is a monthly event that takes place the first Saturday of each month. We will also be at the Pleasant Hill Library during their book sale located at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard (Behind the library) on Saturday December 6 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. 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. ♣

## Going Green at Zio Fraedo's

Not only is Zio Fraedo's an institution in Pleasant Hill, the restaurant has made great strides in implementing sustainable practices.



Under the leadership of General Manager Tony LaForte, Sr., and in cooperation with Republic Services' Recycling Coordinator, the restaurant vastly improved their recycling program by adding recycle bins in their kitchen and bar area. With staff on board, the amount of recyclable material grew substantially.

The restaurant obtained a larger recycling dumpster at no additional cost, as recycling is included with the rate for garbage. Tony noticed the amount of trash generated decreased significantly, enough that they were able to exchange their trash dumpster for a smaller size, thus reducing their garbage bill.

"Republic Services makes it easy to be green," Tony said.

Zio Fraedo's is a great example of what you can do at your business, to not only save money, but also be a wise steward of natural resources. As a patron of Zio Fraedo's, you can feel good knowing you are supporting a business that cares about doing the right thing for our planet.

Businesses can take it a step further and become a certified green business through the Contra Costa Green Business Program. This free, voluntary program provides resources to businesses to help reduce not only waste, but conserve water and energy, as well as prevent pollution through sustainable practices. Interested in learning more? The first step is to register on [www.greenbusinessca.org](http://www.greenbusinessca.org). ♣

## Pleasant Hill Community Foundation expands its Board of Directors



The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation has been improving the quality of life in Pleasant Hill for the past 28 years. The Foundation is currently looking for well-respected community members to join their Board of Directors. A 3-year commitment can be made to the Foundation to assist in garnering charitable donations and then stewarding and directing these funds among community organizations. Community-based and public organizations that provide cultural, recreational, and educational programming are eligible to receive grants from the Foundation.

Betty Geishirt Cantrell, long-time board member, stated, "The Foundation has enabled hundreds of organizations to provide valued services to our residents. Being able to do so has been a

very rewarding experience. Many major projects in Pleasant Hill would not have been completed without our ability to lead major fundraising projects. Most recently the Foundation led the renovation of the tennis courts at Pleasant Hill Middle School."

For an application to join the Board, email [info@PHCommunityFoundation.org](mailto:info@PHCommunityFoundation.org). More information about the Foundation is also available on its website, [www.PHCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.PHCommunityFoundation.org). ♣



**Front row:** Marian Woodard, Adrienne Roe, Yvonne Ceresa, Katherine Bracken, Hal Jeffery, Giles Miller.  
**Back row:** Bob Berggren, Suzanne Salter, Jim Utz, Kendra Diamond, Betty Geishirt Cantrell, Aloma Levine

## Calling all sole sisters

Rehabilitation Services of Northern California (RSNC) is proud to partner with Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District to present Wine, Women & Shoes on May 15, 2016.

What could be better than spending an afternoon sipping premium wine, shopping for shoes and fashion, and enjoying gourmet goodies and desserts with all of your best friends while supporting two great organizations? Oh, how about being served by 40 of the most charming and successful men in our community while doing so?

For over 40 years, RSNC has been a recognized community-based long term leader providing the services and therapies needed to allow our frail aging population to continue living independently with dignity. RSNC is embarking on a journey to create a true "Aging in Place

Mecca" where our beloved seniors can reside, eat, exercise, socialize, garden and get health services and truly live as they choose. The dream will include affordable housing, transportation, organic food and everything will be green and sustainable.

Pleasant Hill Rec & Park District improves the quality of life for our community by offering a wide variety of affordable and convenient sports, health and enrichment programs. The Aquatic park, Community Center, Senior Center, and Teen Center are all funded by the District in addition to the multiple parks and open spaces.

Save the date and support all of the fantastic programs offered by PH Rec & Park District and help RSNC build the dream!

For more event and sponsorship info, visit [www.winemewomenandshoes.com/contracosta](http://www.winemewomenandshoes.com/contracosta).

Tickets will be available online on November 2, 2015.

## Are video games good for the aging brain?

—Commission on Aging

Despite claims by many video and “brain” game developers, there is very little scientific evidence that playing video games will fend off mental decline in older adults. The best ways to keep our brains healthy are still daily exercise, a heart healthy diet, social interaction, and feeling that you are part of a community.

One type of video game that has been tested and did seem to have some lasting effects on improving the older player’s ability to do the tasks of daily living is a type called “speed-of-processing.” For example, in a video game where you are boating down a winding, rushing river you have to not only stay on course but also have to hit a button if a blue bird or a green fish pops up. The game should get harder and faster as you learn how to play it. Maybe a blue fish or a green bird will pop up and you better not hit the button in error (the color and the animal are not a match).

The brain’s ability to quickly react slows down as we age and we lose the ability to juggle multiple tasks. While more research is needed, this type of speed-of-processing video game may help you be better at dividing your attention between more than one thing at once in the real world and not just on the video screen. Game on! ♣



## Senior Center events and activities

### ■ Pancake Breakfast—All ages welcome!

- ❑ Sunday, November 1 and December 6, 8:30-10:30am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

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

### ■ Care Management Series Presents—FREE

- ❑ Thursday, November 12, 2:00pm: “Lower Back Pain and Chiropractic Care” presented by Beyond Chiropractic
- ❑ PH Senior Center dining room

Learn ways falls can affect you and how chiropractic care can help bring better health. Attendees can sign up for FREE 10-minute chair massage by Beyond Chiropractic on November 16 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Sponsored by Chateaus of Pleasant Hill.

### ■ Vagabond Players present “Too Old for the Chorus but Not Too Old to be a Star”

- ❑ Friday, November 6 at 1:30pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room
- ❑ Presale: \$10, Day of: \$15 (based on availability)

A musical revue about five characters who discover frustrations and joys of suddenly turning 50.

### ■ Thanksgiving Luncheon

- ❑ Friday, November 20, 12:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Enjoy delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal and live melodies of LaDiDa. Tickets: \$12 Members / \$15 General.

### ■ Taste of the Vine—Holiday Edition

- ❑ Friday, December 4 at 3:00-5:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

CHP will offer information to tune up your driving skills, safety devices that can be used in most cars, what DMV’s requirements are for senior drivers and much more. Presentation is free, but please sign up to ensure your space. Call (925) 798-8788.

### ■ Holiday Music Concert “Jingle Bells”

- ❑ Thursday, December 10  
Doors open at 6:30pm. concert starts at 7:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Back by popular demand, Clarinet Fusion will delight guests with their fabulous Holiday Revue. Refreshments served at 6:30pm. \$5 presale / \$8 day of concert.

### ■ Holiday Luncheon

- ❑ Friday, December 18, 12:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Celebrate the holidays with friends. Enjoy delicious lunch and a spirited show by the Golden Notes Chorus. Tickets: \$15 Members/ \$19 General. ♣



## Update from the Lions Club

The Pleasant Hill Lions Club proudly supported local volunteers at the recent Community Service Day in September. Members arrived at Pleasant Hill Park at 6am to begin setup in the dark in order to



Ken Wombacher pours syrup for one of the volunteers before she heads off to work.

start serving by 7:30am. About 400 volunteers were fed pancakes, sausages, fruit, orange juice and milk, before going on to their projects.

### Changes leadership

New officers for 2015-16 were installed on August 24. Congratulations to President Thierry Guichard, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jack Prosek, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ramona MacIntyre, Treasurer Ken Wombacher, Secretary Rich Henne and Board Member Phil Madruga. New Member Gloria Henne also was initiated that evening. Past President Don Flaskerud is the new Membership Chair. Since then, Robert Kelly has joined the Club. Welcome, Bob!

In December, the club will have a minor fundraiser—selling food at Rec & Park District’s Holiday Festival held on Wednesday December 9 at the Community Center.

### Upcoming events

The club’s annual Crabfeed takes place on Saturday, January 22, followed by the annual **Student Speaker Contest** for high school students in February. The topic this year is “Liberty and Justice for All—What does it mean to you?” Winners at the local level go on to compete at Zone, District, Regional, and State levels for ever increasing prizes.

The club is currently seeking new members in order to continue a full schedule of service activities in the local PH community. **If interested, call Don Flaskerud at (925) 676-5859.**



## Rotary hosts concert to help White Pony Express

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is working to end hunger in our own community!

A few months ago the Rotary Club was awarded a District Grant to help purchase a refrigerated vehicle for White Pony Express. WPE is a non-profit organization that couriers donated food to those in need throughout the county. Volunteers for the organization collect food—that would normally be destined for the landfill—from local restaurants, grocery stores, and other businesses and deliver it to other non-profit organizations in the county that serve those in need. Since the organization began their operation two years ago, more than one million pounds of food have been “rescued.” Because the grant will cover only some of the cost of the truck, Pleasant Hill Rotary is partnering with other Rotary clubs in the area, as well as hosting additional fundraisers, to raise the

remaining funds. The first of these fundraisers is a concert at Red House in Walnut Creek on Thursday, November 12, featuring the sounds of soloist, Lou Evans, and a great 80s band, The Accents! There will be hors d’oeuvres and a no-host bar, plus an information booth for White Pony Express, as well as great raffle prizes. If you are interested in donating or getting involved, please contact [jengrossi@yahoo.com](mailto:jengrossi@yahoo.com). For more information on WPE visit [www.whiteponyexpress.org](http://www.whiteponyexpress.org).

For more information on the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, visit [www.rotaryclubpleasanthillca.org](http://www.rotaryclubpleasanthillca.org).



**A Night to Fight Hunger!**  
benefit  
**WHITE PONY EXPRESS CONCERT!**  
Presented by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill and Red House of Walnut Creek

**THE ACCENTS**  
80's Rock

Concert opens with Soloist Lou Evans

**Thursday November 12**  
Doors open at 7:00 pm

**Red House**  
1667 Botelho Dr  
Walnut Creek

Hors d'oeuvres  
No-host bar

Purchase tickets at  
<http://ticketf.ly/1NREHf5>  
\$12 presale, \$15 at the door

**RedHouse** **Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill** **WHITE PONY EXPRESS**



## Winter Break Camps for Youth & Teens

Keep your kids active and engaged over Winter Break: KIDSTOP Winter Break Camp (Grade K-5), Youth Tennis Camp (6-12 yrs) and Winter Break at the Teen Center (Grade 6 & up; siblings Grades 3 & up). Visit [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com) for details.

## NBA/WNBA Youth Basketball League

- (CoEd - Grades 3-5 & 6-8)
- 8 weeks starting Jan 9, Saturday games 10:30am-3:00pm  
PH Education Center Gym, 1 Santa Barbara Rd.

Learn skills, coordination, agility, team work and sportsmanship through practice drills. Register online.

## Teddy Bear Tea

- Wednesday, November 4, 3:30-4:30pm
- PH Community Center, Perera Pavilion

Enjoy tea and cookies with parents. Young guests receive Teddy Bear. Dress-up clothes encouraged. Online pre-registration required by November 1. Parents must also register. Admission: \$9.50/\$8.50 (Dist Res).



## 40th Anniversary! Turkey Trot Trail run

- November 22  
9:00am-1:00pm  
ALL AGES!

Experience the tradition of 8.4-mile race in the beautiful hills of Briones Regional Park. Winners take home a turkey! Not for beginning joggers. Rain or shine.

Pre-registration ends on November 11. To register call (925) 682-0896 or email [sgeorge@pleasanthillrec.com](mailto:sgeorge@pleasanthillrec.com).



## New Year's Eve Celebration (21+ yrs)

- December 31, PH Senior Center, Chateau Room  
See all details in ad on page 13.

## FREE! Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair

- November 21, 9:00am-2:00pm (Check in at 8:00am)
- PH Senior Center  
See all details in ad on page 13.

# Breakfast *with Santa*

**December 5**  
8:30-9:45am or 10:15-11:30am  
PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Join Santa for a morning of live entertainment, holiday cheer and a pancakes breakfast.  
All attendees must register.  
Pre-register online by December 3.

Admission: \$10.50/\$9.50 (District Resident)

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District

The 28th Annual  
Holiday  
Festival

The magic continues!

SAVE THE DATE!

Wed., December 9 | 5:00-8:30 pm

Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill

Enjoy the Frozen® Kingdom with 2 princesses, new LEGO room, arts & crafts, music, food, holiday marketplace, Santa, train rides, and lots more! FREE! [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com)

Don't miss the most magical Holiday Festival in Contra Costa County! Dinner available for purchase.  
**Sponsored by Republic Services.**

## PH Library activities...

- **Thanksgiving for Pets**  
Monday, November 2, 6:30-7:30pm  
Help us stuff “doggie bags” for our furry friends.
- **Jerry on Jerry: The Unpublished Jerry Garcia Interviews**  
Wednesday, November 4, 6:30-8:30pm  
Dennis McNally, authorized biographer and historian for the Grateful Dead talks about his new book, “Jerry on Jerry: The Unpublished Jerry Garcia Interviews.”
- **Maker Monday**  
Monday, November 9, 6:30-8:30pm:  
*Zipline Gondolas*  
Monday, December 14, 6:30-8:30pm:  
*Third annual Gingerbread City! Make and take your own tasty house!*  
Maker Mondays allow kids to flex their creative muscles while also incorporating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- **Tinker Tuesday**  
If you miss the evening make and take events, drop in the day after  
Tuesday, November 10, 3:00-4:30pm  
Tuesday, December 15, 3:00-4:30pm:  
*Gingerbread houses*
- **Information about NEW PSAT/SAT test**  
Tuesday, November 10, 6:30-7:30pm  
Understand the new format of the test including the addition of common core principles and how to best prepare for these changes.
- **Homework and Teen Tech Help Computer Drop-in Help**  
Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm, Saturdays, 12:00-2:00pm  
Teen volunteers read and study with students. Just drop in and bring your homework! Need help navigating your computer and tech devices? Drop in for help from knowledgeable teen volunteers!
- **Lego Creators Club (with Robots!)**  
Every Saturday, 2:00pm  
Make anything you can imagine with our huge collection of Legos! Explore the programmable universe of Lego Mindstorms with EV3 robotics kits!
- **Senior Center Book Club**  
Monday, November 2, 12:00-1:00pm  
*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*  
Monday, October 5, 12:00-1:00pm  
*The Invention of Wings*  
Join us for a book club hosted by the library at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center! Enjoy a fun and casual discussion and enjoy something to nibble. Books will be provided for you to borrow.

- **Fratello Marionettes Present: Peter and the Wolf**  
Monday, November 16, 6:30-7:30pm  
Join us for a very special performance of the classic story, Peter and the Wolf. Three foot tall marionettes bring this wintry tale to life accompanied by the majesty of Sergei Prokofiev's music.
- **Adults Learn to Read Free**  
Project Second Chance (PSC) is the Contra Costa County Library's adult literacy program. **If you are interested in volunteering** to help an adult learn to read, write and spell better, registration is open for the September tutor training class. No previous teaching experience is required. Please visit [ccclib.org/psc/tutors](http://ccclib.org/psc/tutors) for more information. Together we make a difference!
- **First Year Moms' Group**  
Fridays, 10:00-11:00am  
For parents with babies 0-12 months. Connect with other parents going through the same things! Topics covered include: breastfeeding, sleep routines, and introducing food. Hosted by Bethany, a doula and childbirth educator with SFBayBirth, who will be providing practical and evidence based information. Meet in Room A, then stay for Friday storytime in the main library at 11:15!
- **Eco Studio**  
Third, fourth, and fifth Wednesdays of the month, 3-5pm, check [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org) for specific dates.  
Learn to machine sew your own fabulous up-cycled fabric creations! Plus screenprinting, jewelry making and more.
- **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 Adult**  
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

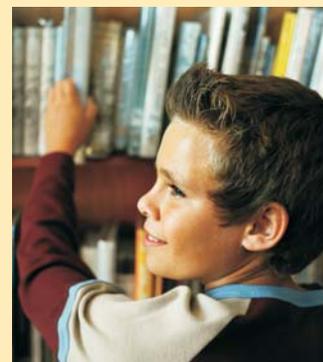
**Teen Advisory Group**  
Every second Wednesday of the month, 3:30-5:00pm

Meet with other 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.

Pleasant Hill Library Meeting Room and Small Study Room available during library open hours. Details on how to reserve these rooms at <http://ccclib.org>.

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

## What's happening in the community...

Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center's

### Holiday Boutique

December 5 & 6, 10am-4pm

Do your holiday shopping  
in our 1860s farmhouse



#### Unique and homemade gifts

Herb Garden at Lime  
Ridge

Deb's Sweets &  
Savories

Ashpharm Herbal  
Goods

Body by Bees

Devine Dog Jewelry

Bay Are Raw Soap

Balatong & Anna's  
Garden (succulent  
treasures)  
and more!

See  
**FROSTY** the  
Snowman!

Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center, 315 Cortsen Rd., Pleasant Hill  
RodgersRanch.org, info@RodgersRanch.org

Pleasant Hill's 45th Annual

## COMMUNITY AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
Pleasant Hill Community Center



HOSTED BY



For more info, email Martin Nelis at  
mnelis@pleasanthillca.org or call (925) 671-5229.



Friends of the Library

## Giant Used Book Sale

December 12, 2015

Weather permitting—check Friends' website for updates.

Parking lot BEHIND the Pleasant Hill  
Library, 75 Santa Barbara Road.

Sale Hours 10:00am-3:30pm  
9:30 am Early Bird entry for members  
\$1 Hardbacks, 50¢ Paperbacks,  
25¢ Children's books  
plus specially-priced  
"Better Books" area

**Clearance Sale Hours: 2:30-3:30pm**  
**General books \$3 per filled bag and**  
**50% off Better Books**



Free eWaste collection by electronic Waste Management ([www.NoEwaste.com](http://www.NoEwaste.com))

Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Board Meeting  
Saturday, November 14, 10:00-11:00am, [www.phlibraryfriends.org](http://www.phlibraryfriends.org)

## A Mom, a Boy, and a Library

Check out the Friends' new blog by Julie McPherson,  
"The Vertical File: A Mom, A Boy and A Library."

Julie is a Pleasant Hill mother who spends her days with her young son and her evenings doing housework. She is a writer who shares her wit and wisdom while talking about how libraries (and east coast bookmobiles) have transformed her life. She muses about how libraries can impact young people by widening their vision of the world.

Julie says: "Libraries have always been transformative. Beyond the door of the library or the bookmobile, magic awaits. Our future dreamers, innovators, and makers can make discoveries—about themselves, about their world—that have the potential to change minds and hearts, and touch individual lives and communities."

How has YOUR library changed you?  
You can find Julie's blog at  
[www.phlibraryfriends.org/vertical-file](http://www.phlibraryfriends.org/vertical-file).

...holiday shopping and celebrating!



**Holiday  
BOUTIQUE &  
CRAFTS FAIR**

Saturday, Nov. 21  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Pleasant Hill Senior Center  
233 Gregory Lane

- \* Over 30 Craft Vendors
- \* Handmade items from the Senior Center Boutique
- \* One-of-a-kind gift ideas
- \* Great Prices!

**FREE ADMISSION**

 Start your holiday shopping here! (925) 798-8788 | [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com)

**New Year's Eve  
Celebration**

**Thursday, December 31**  
**Chateau Room, PH Senior Center**  
**233 Gregory Lane**

Dance your way into 2016 to the live music of Fog5!  
Let us take care of your New Year's Eve dinner plans.  
VIPs enjoy delicious pre-party dinner.  
No host beer, wine, and cocktails

Photo booth and traditional balloon drop.

Visit [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com) for details. Space is limited.  
Must be 21+ years old.

**VIP Ticket: \$85 | Dance Party Ticket: \$50**  
Online ticket sales will be available on  
November 1 at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

**Our rockin' community! Events for November and December 2015...**

| Date    | Event                                     | Location                      | Organization                          | Contact  |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Nov 4   | Teddy Bear Tea                            | PH Community Center           | PH Rec & Park                         | 682-0896   |
| Nov 6   | Vagabond Players "Too Old for the Chorus" | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center                      | 798-8788   |
| Nov 4   | Unpublished Jerry Garcia Interviews       | PH Library                    | PH Library                            | <a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>               |
| Nov 7   | E-Waste recycling                         | DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd | Electronic Waste Management           | (866) 335-3373   |
| Nov 10  | Information about NEW PSAT/SAT Tests      | PH Library                    | PH Library                            | <a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>               |
| Nov 12  | CMS: Lower Back Pain & Chiro Care         | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center, Beyond Chiropractic | 798-8788   |
| Nov 16  | Fratello Marionettes: Peter and the Wolf  | PH Library                    | PH Library                            | <a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>               |
| Nov 19  | Hospice Tree Lighting                     | PHR&PD Office                 | Hospice & PH Rec & Park               | 682-0896   |
| Nov 20  | Thanksgiving Lunch                        | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center                      | 798-8788   |
| Nov 21  | Holiday Boutique & Crafts Fair            | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center                      | 798-8788   |
| Nov 22  | Turkey Trot Trail Run                     | Briones Regional Park         | PH Rec & Park                         | 682-0896   |
| Dec 2   | Light Up the Night                        | Crescent Drive, Downtown      | City of Pleasant Hill, Downtown PH    | 671-5265   |
| Dec 4   | Taste of the Vine—Holiday Edition         | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center                      | 798-8788   |
| Dec 5   | Breakfast with Santa                      | PH Senior Center              | PH Rec & Park                         | 682-0896   |
| Dec 5   | E-Waste recycling                         | DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd | Electronic Waste Management           | (866) 335-3373   |
| Dec 5-6 | Holiday Boutique                          | Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center | Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center         | <a href="mailto:info@RodgersRanch.org">info@RodgersRanch.org</a> |
| Dec 9   | Holiday Festival                          | PH Community Center           | PH Rec & Park                         | 682-0896   |
| Dec 10  | Holiday Music Concert "Jingle Bells"      | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center                      | 798-8788   |
| Dec 12  | Giant Used Book Sale                      | PH Library parking lot        | Friends of Pleasant Hill Library      | <a href="http://phlibraryfriends.org">phlibraryfriends.org</a>   |
| Dec 18  | Holiday Lunch                             | PH Senior Center              | PH Senior Center                      | 798-8788   |
| Dec 31  | New Year's Eve Celebration                | PH Senior Center              | PH Rec & Park                         | 682-0896   |

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 August 2015

**AT&T Authorized Retailer**  
1300 Contra Costa Blvd., #24  
925-798-4480

**California Auto Brokers, LLC**  
(Retail Auto Dealer)  
3317 Vincent Road  
925-820-1188

**Clyde Equipment Company, Inc.**  
(Admin Office)  
140 Gregory Lane, #275  
925-299-9180

**Estrela Motors** (Vehicle Retail Sales)  
3333 Vincent Road, #213  
408-640-7995

**Keyence Corp of America**  
(Sales Office – Sensors/  
Controllers/Equipment)  
2300 Contra Costa Blvd. #475  
201-930-0100

**Korlany Chhun, LMFT**  
(Couples & Family Counseling)  
399 Taylor Blvd., #210  
925-718-6617  
[www.korlanychhun.com](http://www.korlanychhun.com)

**Max Performance Rehab** (Physical  
Therapy/Health/Wellness/Fitness)  
2619 Pleasant Hill Road, "C"  
925-768-5757  
[www.maxperformancerehab.com](http://www.maxperformancerehab.com)

**The Big Lot's LLC**  
(Sale of Tea & Food)  
1972 Contra Costa Blvd.



**XYZ Scientific Applications** (Engineer-  
ing Software Development/Sales)  
2255 Morello Avenue, #220  
925-349-6318  
[www.trugrid.com](http://www.trugrid.com)

**Angels to Fly** (Home Office)  
408-472-6138

**Land and Sea Botanicals**  
(Aromatherapy Online/Boutiques)  
925-979-5573  
[www.landandseabotanicals.com](http://www.landandseabotanicals.com)

**Missive** (Custom Stationary/  
Invitations/Cards)  
415-250-0853  
[www.missivepress.com](http://www.missivepress.com)



## New businesses September 2015

**Angel's Hair & Nail Salon**  
101 Gregory Lane, #38  
925-609-8626

**Ang Auto** (Used Vehicle Dealer)  
3333 Vincent Road, #209  
925-588-4846

**Cook, Disharoon & Greathouse, Inc.**  
(Insurance Brokers)  
3480 Buskirk Avenue, #260  
510-437-1900  
[www.cdgininsurance.com](http://www.cdgininsurance.com)

**Nails By Connie** (Manicurist)  
609 Gregory Lane, #220  
510-387-7750

**The Wrights Place** (Online Sales)  
3478 Buskirk Avenue  
925-301-8840  
[www.bagsplice.com](http://www.bagsplice.com)

**Law Office of Sarah Jebrock**  
(Home Office/Immigration Law)  
415-935-0526  
[www.sarahjebrock.com](http://www.sarahjebrock.com)

**Outside** (Original Clothing Design)  
925-639-7943

**Unleash Studio** (Design Service/  
Furniture/T-Shirts/Spaces)  
808-277-4218  
[www.unleashstudio.com](http://www.unleashstudio.com)

**Wesley Sullensono**  
(Environmental Consultant)  
925-691-4946

## City Meetings

### NOVEMBER

| WHEN          | WHAT                                      | WHERE                                 |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 2 7:30pm  | City Council*                             | Council Chambers                      |
| Wed 4 9:00am  | Commission on Aging                       | City Hall Small Comm Room             |
| Wed 4 6:30pm  | Civic Action Commission                   | City Hall Small Comm Room             |
| Thu 5 5:00pm  | Architectural Review Commission           | City Hall Community Room              |
| Mon 9 7:30pm  | City Council—Special Meeting*             | Council Chambers                      |
| Tue 10 7:30pm | Planning Commission (public hearing)*     | Council Chambers                      |
| Tue 10 6:00pm | Traffic Safety Commission                 | City Hall Community Room              |
| Wed 11        | City Hall closed for Veteran's Day        |                                       |
| Thu 12 5:00pm | Zoning Administrator (public hearing)     | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Mon 16 7:30pm | City Council*                             | Council Chambers                      |
| Thu 19 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission           | City Hall Community Room              |
| Thu 26 & 27   | City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |                                       |

### DECEMBER

| WHEN          | WHAT                                       | WHERE                                 |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Tue 1 7:00pm  | Education Commission                       | City Hall Comm Room                   |
| Wed 2 9:00am  | Commission on Aging                        | City Manager's Conference Room        |
| Thu 3 5:00pm  | Architectural Review Commission            | City Hall Community Room              |
| Mon 7 7:30pm  | City Council*                              | Council Chambers                      |
| Tue 8 7:30pm  | Planning Commission (public hearing)*      | Council Chambers                      |
| Thu 10 5:00pm | Zoning Administrator (public hearing)      | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Tue 15 6:00pm | Traffic Safety Commission                  | City Hall Community Room              |
| Thu 17 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission            | City Hall Community Room              |
| Mon 21 7:30pm | City Council*                              | Council Chambers                      |
| Thu 24        | City Hall closed for Christmas Eve Holiday |                                       |
| Fri 25        | City Hall closed for Christmas Holiday     |                                       |

\* Live streaming of these meetings is available on the City's website at [www.pleasanthillca.org/media](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/media).

### 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). The City Channel airs on Comcast Channel 28, Astound Channel 29, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99. For more information on Pleasant Hill's City Channel go to [www.pleasanthillca.org/citychannel](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/citychannel).



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 (925) 671-5270  
[www.pleasanthillca.org](http://www.pleasanthillca.org)

#### CITY OFFICIALS

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 Sue Noack

City Manager June Catalano  
 City Treasurer Mark W. Celio  
 City Clerk Paige Kremser Stenrud

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

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

#### CITY HALL HOURS

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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for Jan/Feb is December 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 (925) 671-5229 or email to [mnelis@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org).

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#### Important Phone Numbers

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Police/Fire Emergency  | 911            |
| Police (Business)      | (925) 288-4600 |
| Fire (Business)        | (925) 941-3300 |
| Public Services Center | (925) 671-4646 |
| Chamber of Commerce    | (925) 687-0700 |
| Recreation & Parks     | (925) 682-0896 |
| Trash and recycling    | (925) 685-4711 |
| PG&E                   | (800) 743-5000 |
| Senior Center          | (925) 798-8788 |
| Senior Van Service     | (925) 671-5272 |
| Library                | (925) 646-6434 |



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Cleanup on Dinosaur Hill



Planting in Pleasant Hill Park



Food drive by Girl Scouts and community

## Community Service Day brings positive changes to City

On Saturday, September 26, more than 800 volunteers worked on 26 projects around Pleasant Hill as part of the 11th annual Community Service Day.

Projects included cleanup activities at seven school campuses, Dinosaur Hill Park, the PH Instructional Garden, the Twin Towers Memorial Garden and the Mt. Diablo Center for Adult Day Care. Volunteers picked up over two tons of trash from Ellinwood Creek, and 2,500 lbs of food was collected for the Contra Costa Food Bank.

Other projects included the Bike Buildathon at Pleasant Hill Park, landscaping at the YMCA, crafts making at St. Marks Lutheran Church, PH Library cleanup and painting, nail pulling at Rodgers Ranch and card making for seniors at Pleasant Hill Park. The Civic Action Commission oversaw landscaping and cleanups at six homes of elderly residents.

The Commission would like to thank the Lions Club, Republic Services, the Rec & Park District and other businesses, organizations, church groups, and DVC students for their help in staging the event. ♣



Salvaging old barn wood at Rodgers Ranch



Crafts for the Community, St Mark's Lutheran



Nurturing the roses at PH Middle School



Bike repair and cleanup at PH Park

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