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## City prepares for winter storms

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

This work is now complete and maintenance crews will be on storm patrol throughout the city over the next several months during major storms.



Volunteers from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) assisted staff in filling 3,000 sandbags to be used during emergency situations.

Sandbag stations are now set up in the parking lot at City Hall (100 Gregory Lane) and at the northwest corner of the Community Center parking lot (320 Civic Drive). Residents may fill their own sandbags at these locations with a limit of ten sandbags per household.

For additional information on the City's emergency and flood preparations please contact Mike Moore, Maintenance Supervisor, at (925) 671-5244 or email [mmoore@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mmoore@pleasanthillca.org). In the event of a major storm, please call 911 if you have an emergency situation, otherwise contact the Public Service Center at (925) 671-4646 to report local flooding or ask for assistance with sandbags. ♣

## Plan to attend the Mayor's Breakfast

- Friday, February 19 , 7:30am
- Pleasant Hill Senior Center
- The Mayor will present the 'State of the City' and highlight City events and programs.

**For tickets, contact the PH Chamber of Commerce at 687-0700 or email [info@pleasanthillchamber.com](mailto:info@pleasanthillchamber.com).**



- ✓ **Community Awards Night**  
Nominations are due January 7 for all awards (see page 16).
- ✓ **City launches Mobile App**  
The City has launched a new mobile app called "Ask PHill." The free app is available for download on iPhone and android mobile devices (see page 2).
- ✓ **New volunteer service award**  
Education Commission brings prestigious award opportunity to Pleasant Hill youth (see page 2).
- ✓ **Join our team!**  
See page 3 for information on volunteer opportunities and the City Clerk position.
- ✓ **City at work**  
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## Ask PHill mobile app launched by City of Pleasant Hill

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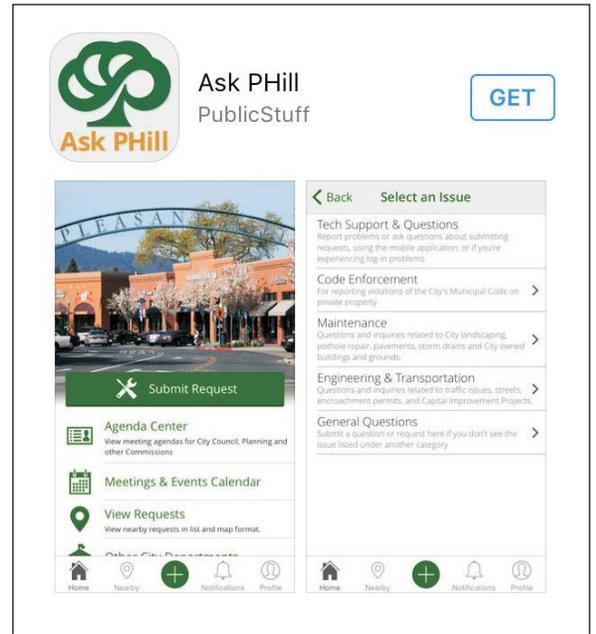
In the App Store or Google Play store, simply search for 'Ask PHill' or 'PleasantHill' (all one word).

After downloading and opening the app, you should log in by creating a simple profile or using your Facebook login (if you have one). The app will prompt you to enable it to find your geographic location on your mobile device, so that when you report potholes or tripping hazards, for example, the app will automatically identify the location and provide that information to City staff.

Ask PHill enables users to quickly submit service requests and other issues to the appropriate City department. Submitters can easily attach a photo to any request. The app also provides direct links to City Departments, job postings, news announcements, meetings and agendas, and information about events, festivals and other happenings.

The app service request feature can also be used on the City's website at [www.pleasanthillca.org/AskPHill](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/AskPHill).

For more information about Ask PHill contact Martin Nelis at [mnelis@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org). ♣



New city app in App Store or Google Play Store.

## Education Commission launches The President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is a national volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service, and offering presidential gratitude and national recognition.

PVSA recognizes, celebrates and inspires volunteerism, service and citizenship in the community.

It has been a long standing effort of the City of Pleasant Hill to encourage individuals to embrace a spirit of volunteerism. The embodiment of this effort takes hold during the annual Community Service Day where hundreds of volunteers join together for a day of service.

Recognizing that youth make significant contributions to our city, schools, and

community on this day and in many other ways, the City of Pleasant Hill, through its Education Commission, is pleased to bring this prestigious award opportunity to youth grades K-12.

Through PVSA, students attending school in Pleasant Hill are invited to participate in the PVSA in an effort to earn the award.

### Why participate in the program?

Presidential recognition sets you apart from your peers. It is a tremendous honor. Even though you may not seek recognition, your example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action. The award can be a strong addition to your resume and/or college application.

### To get started, here is what you need to do

- Register on the PVSA website
- Create your profile

- Join the City of Pleasant Hill team using this Record of Service Key: RNH-46691

- Track and submit your hours on the Pleasant Hill city website at [www.pleasanthillca.org/pvsa](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/pvsa).

The Education Commission will award those who have completed the required number of hours of service during the 12-month time period of September 1 through August 3. Awards will be presented next fall (before the college application season gets into full swing).

Register today! If you've completed community service between September 1 and today, please submit as soon as possible. ♣

### Questions?

Please contact the Education Commissioner PVSA Coordinators, Joann Jacobs [thinknow7@aol.com](mailto:thinknow7@aol.com) or Kelly St. Germain at [kellysaint@comcast.net](mailto:kellysaint@comcast.net).



### Volunteer opportunities to represent Pleasant Hill

Applications are being accepted by the City of Pleasant Hill through January 7, 2016 for candidates to serve on the following:

➤ **Contra Costa Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee**

The Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee assists in improving and managing the 18-mile Iron Horse Corridor, including the Iron Horse Trail, which formerly was part of the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The Committee assists with activities related to mapping; inventorying existing license agreements, easement and contracts; establishing standards to ensure continued operation as a joint use facility; and addressing funding mechanisms to cover program costs, including installation and maintenance of landscaping.

Candidates must be a resident of Pleasant Hill with an active interest in this area and be willing to invest their time in making a positive contribution. Committee meetings take place quarterly or as needed.

The term of the appointment is through January 2018.

➤ **Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees**

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is a tax-funded special district responsible for the county-wide control of mosquitoes, rats, skunks and ground nesting yellow jackets. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of Pleasant Hill, and have an interest in public health, public policy, wetlands, farming, community education, finance, personnel or land development. Trustees meet the second Monday evening of every other month, and may be appointed to committees that meet twice a month or as needed.

The term of the appointment is through January 2018 or an incumbent may be reappointed through January 2020.

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 her at [jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org). ♣

### Seeking applications for Pleasant Hill City Clerk

The City is seeking applicants for the position of City Clerk. Applicants must be residents and registered voters of Pleasant Hill. The City Clerk's compensation is set by the City Council, and is currently a stipend of \$585 per month plus limited additional benefits.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact Juanita Davalos at [jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org) or (925) 671-5283. Applications are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

#### Duties of the City Clerk

The City Clerk is responsible for ensuring the City's compliance with the following requirements of State law, among others—recording the proceedings

of the City Council; serving as the City's Elections Official; complying with the Brown Act; and collecting candidate Campaign Finance Forms. The Clerk is expected to attend each open City Council meeting and to prepare minutes of such meetings in a timely manner and format consistent with Council direction.

Note that in Pleasant Hill, the Clerk has historically been supported by City staff members, including Deputy City Clerks, who perform all of the day-to-day activities, on the Clerk's behalf, necessary for the Clerk to meet required duties, except regarding Council minutes. The City intends to continue this arrangement. ♣

### New Hispanic Undergraduate Success Center started at JFKU

Part of JFKU's mission is to further educational opportunities for a diverse student population, and the University was recently awarded a \$2.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund a new Hispanic Undergraduate Success Center. The state-of-the-art Center will provide students with a full suite of services, including tutors and mentors, a lending library, as well as retention model system to support the academic success of Hispanic students.

The prestigious grant comes just after JFKU was designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution through a federal program designed to assist colleges or universities in the United States help first-generation, minority low-income, Latino students succeed in their studies.

"We want to increase enrollment, retention, and graduation rates of Hispanic students in the community, and we want Hispanic students to feel at home at JFK University," said the program's Project Director and JFK University Chief of Staff Dr. Judy Castro. "This is an opportunity for us to give back to the community and help our students achieve their educational goals."

The 5-year grant will pay for an innovative system to track individual academic progress and determine where support is needed, enabling counselors to take a pro-active approach in focusing on student needs. ♣



Project Director Judy Castro



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**



### State law mandates food scraps recycling for businesses

Did you know that California disposes 30 million tons of waste in landfills every year? It is estimated that over 30% of what ends up in the landfill could be used for compost or mulch.

Beginning in April 2016, new state regulations require certain businesses to begin recycling their organic waste. Restaurants and other businesses that generate eight or more cubic yards of organic waste per week (food scraps, yard waste, and food-soiled paper waste) must participate in this recycling program. By January 2017, the threshold for participation will decrease to four yards of waste per week.

Republic Services will offer collection of the organics material, as well as free indoor bins to aid in the separation of food waste from recycling and any remaining trash.

Businesses that do a great job separating material and recycling may benefit with a decrease in their garbage bills, as the recycling and organics collection are included with the garbage rate at no additional charge.

Unsure if your business will be required to recycle organic waste? Interested in taking advantage of this program? For further information, please contact Republic Services' Recycling Coordinator, Anne Baker, at 925-671-5806 or [abaker@republicservices.com](mailto:abaker@republicservices.com). She can also assist with resources to improve businesses' existing recycling programs.

#### Residential organics program

The City is currently negotiating with Republic Services to implement a food scraps program also for all residential customers. Under this program, food scraps and food-soiled paper and napkins would be placed in the green cart with your yard waste. All of this organic material will then be sent to a composting facility in Richmond. The Outlook will have more details on this program when it becomes available to residential customers. ♣

### Backyard Composting Workshop offered at City Hall

**January 19 (Tuesday) and  
February 24 (Wednesday) at 7:00pm**

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, January 19** and **Wednesday, February 24** at 7:00pm.

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).** ♣



### E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill



### Start the New Year with getting rid of old unwanted electronics!

“Responsibly Recycle” at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College, located at 32 Golf Club Road parking lot #7, in Pleasant Hill on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00am until 1:00pm (there will be NO event in January because it is a holiday weekend). The events take place the first Saturday of each month except for holiday weekends. 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. ♣



### New Winter/Spring **SPOTLIGHT** is here!

Get a jump-start on your New Year's resolution! Participate in a wide variety of health, fitness, aquatic fitness, enrichment classes and activities. Register at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

### My Little Sweetheart Dinner Dance

- 1-10 years old, boys and girls
- February 12, 6:00-7:30pm, Senior Center Chateau Room

A sweet way to celebrate Valentine's Day as a family! Dinner and dessert. Kids under 1 year are free. Admission: \$10.50/\$9.50 (District resident)

### Come Together 6 Benefit Concert

- Friday, February 26, 7:30-10:30pm
- PH Community Center, Perera Pavilion

Don't miss the talented musicians in this popular all-star benefit show for the PH Teen Center. Adult beverages available for purchase. Must be 21 years old or older. Tickets online at [cometogether6.eventbrite.com](http://cometogether6.eventbrite.com). Tickets: \$20 pp

### Pleasant Hill Preschool 2016-17 Registration

- March 5, 9:00am, PH Community Center

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. For fees, requirements, and more information please contact director Sarah Smith at (925) 676-5200 ext. 626 or email [ssmith@pleasanthillrec.com](mailto:ssmith@pleasanthillrec.com).

### Spring Break Camps for Youth & Teens

- March 28-April 1

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

### Dolphin Swim Team Registration

Have fun! Swim Fast! Join the Dolphin Swim Team. Registration: January 4-May 20 at the District Office (M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm) or online at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com). Priority registration January 4-February 21 for returning Dolphins and siblings. New team member registration opens February 22. Call 682-0896 for more information.

Aquatics is hiring lifeguards for summer 2016! Lifeguard training classes available. Interested? Contact Korey Riley at (925) 682-0896.



**Sign up for Adult  
and Youth Sports  
at [pleasanthillrecsports.com](http://pleasanthillrecsports.com)**

## Senior Center events and activities

### ■ Pancake Breakfast—All ages welcome!

- Sunday, January 3 and February 7, 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

- Second Thursday of month, 2:00pm
- PH Senior Center dining room

The Care Management Series brings a variety of topics and helpful resources from experts in our community. Space is limited. Call (925) 798-8788 to reserve spot.

January 14: "When is the Best Time to Sell My Home?" presented by Wanda Wallis, Remax-Accord Realty

February 11: "Which Assisted Living Community is Right for Me?" presented by Lori Bastian, Chateaus of PH

### ■ PHSC Annual All You Can Eat Crab Feed

- Friday, January 22 at 6:00pm
- PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Enjoy all you can eat fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Reservations may be made for parties of 4 or larger. Tickets: \$45 before January 8 or \$50 after January 9 (based on availability).

### ■ Mardi Gras Party

- Tuesday, February 9, 3:00pm
- 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

Celebrate Mardi Gras in Pleasant Hill! Fine wine (non-alcoholic available) and appetizers serves. Glass with some wonderful wine selections (non-alcoholic available). Appetizers will be served! Live New Orleans style music by Elite Jazz Band. Sponsored by the Chateaus of Pleasant Hill. Tickets: \$12 presale, \$15 Day of (based on availability).

### ■ Valentine's Social

- Thursday, February 11, 1:00pm
- PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Sing, tap your toes and dance the afternoon away with friends or your valentine to the live Paul Fontes Band. Dance partner not required! Tickets: \$12 presale, \$16 day of (based on availability). ♣

## Rotary Club undertakes Rodgers Ranch rain barrel project

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is partnering with Rodgers Ranch and Sustainable Contra Costa to install rain barrels at Rodgers Ranch and educate the community about the collection, storage, and use of rainwater for gardening and other needs.



Example of a home rain barrel.

Rain barrels will be installed at Rodgers Ranch on Sunday, January 17, 2016, from noon to 4pm. The public is invited to participate in a hands-on workshop to learn about the benefits of the use of rain barrels. The materials for the installation are either recycled or have been donated.

Every drop of water counts, so please plan on attending this event. Register for the workshop at [www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops](http://www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops). A \$20 fee will help cover costs associated with the workshop. Rodgers Ranch is located at 315 Cortsen Road in Pleasant Hill.

For further information, please contact Anne Baker at [ABaker@republicservices.com](mailto:ABaker@republicservices.com).

### White Pony Express update

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is happy to report that their project to purchase a refrigerated van for White Pony Express has been very successful thus far. Many clubs and individuals have generously contributed towards the project. Funds were also raised at a concert in November at The Red House in Walnut Creek. The club is more than 80% towards their goal of \$45,000. If you are interested in donating or getting involved, please contact [jengrossi@yahoo.com](mailto:jengrossi@yahoo.com).

For more information on White Pony Express 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).

The Pleasant Hill Lions Club Proudly Presents  
**The 43rd Annual Crab Feed\***  
 Sponsored by Don & Norma Flakerud Re/Max Today Real Estate  
 Saturday, January 23, 2016

Cash, Door, & Raffle Prizes!

Cracked Crab  
 Pasta  
 Salad  
 French Bread  
 Music & Dancing

Live & Silent Auction!

The Pleasant Hill Senior Center  
 233 Gregory Lane | Pleasant Hill  
 No Host Bar 🍷 6:00  
 Dinner 🍴 7:30  
 \$50.00 per person  
 Babysitting available 🍼 \$10 per family

**Tickets Available**

Ken Wombacher	925.687.0858
Don Flakerud	925.676.5859
Ramona Machtyre	925.798.5354

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\*If Crab is not available, our friends at Back 40 BBQ will be catering an all you can eat delicious BBQ dinner featuring ribs, brisket, chicken, with all the fixings

\* If crab is not available in Back 40 will cater an all you can eat BBQ buffet!

## Local non-profit receives Long Foundation grant

Rehabilitation Services of Northern California (RSNC) was recently awarded a two year \$900,000 grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation.

RSNC has been providing services to the community's frailest people since its foundation in 1949. Over the years, the Mt. Diablo Center at 490 Golf Club Road has provided a wide variety of programs with the mission 'to promote dignity and independence of people with disabilities and special needs.'

Today, as an advocate and service provider for the frail elderly and people with disabilities, RSNC is able to serve this mission through services such as Adult Day Health Care, complex case management, and assistance with transitions from Skilled Nursing Facilities. Despite years of enduring massive reductions, complete losses of funding and program eliminations for some of Contra Costa County's most vulnerable residents, RSNC persevered because the need was there and it was the right thing to do.

Thanks to the Long Foundation, RSNC will embark on a complete technology overhaul, infrastructure building, project and staff development, and a marketing and social media upgrade that will ensure the unique services are known to all and available to everyone. As CEO, Debbie Toth enthused, "The Thomas J. Long Foundation has recognized RSNC's contribution to the community and awarded us the means to spread our wings and soar!"

It has been an amazing year of growth and change for RSNC as they move closer to their goal of building a true "Aging in Place Mecca" in Pleasant Hill. Thanks to the support of the Thomas J. Long Foundation, the word is out that RSNC is the place to be! ♣



Highlighting the Engineering Division Projects within the City

## Completed Projects

### Geary Road Improvement Project

The Geary Road Improvement Phase 3 Project was a joint partnership between the Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek, covering the section of Geary Road from Putnam Boulevard/Buena Vista Avenue to Pleasant Hill Road. The project began in the Spring of 2014 and was substantially completed at the end of December 2015. It was funded with \$9.9 million in Measure J Transportation sales tax money and with local funds from both cities.

The project improves safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles through the reconfiguration of traffic lanes, new pedestrian facilities, and traffic signal modifications. The street enhancements include new six-foot wide bike lanes, a continuous two-way left turn center street lane, on-street parking bays, new concrete sidewalks, pavement rehabilitation, traffic calming radar signs, new underground drainage and treatment facilities, colored crosswalks, LED and ornamental street lighting, and drought-tolerant and low water usage landscape.

New traffic signals were installed at Geary Road/Putnam Boulevard/Buena Vista Avenue and Geary Road/Pleasant Hill Road intersections to enhance vehicular flow.



### Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement Project

The purpose of the Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement Project was to replace the 60-year-old Golf Club Road Bridge over Grayson Creek and provide a structure that complies with current safety requirements. The \$6.3 million project is funded by approximately \$5.0 million in grant funds and other local funds.

The first phase of the project began in the summer of 2013, with the relocation of a major 24 inch water main (Contra Costa Water District) to the southern side of the new bridge footprint under Grayson Creek. This cleared the way for the demolition of the old structure which began in the summer of 2014. The project was completed by replacing one side of the bridge at a time, in two separate phases which allowed for the uninterrupted flow of traffic to Diablo Valley College, businesses and local residents.

The new bridge is a reinforced concrete two span bridge that is approximately three feet higher at mid-span to increase flood capacity. The project provides for new pedestrian, bicyclists and vehicular safety improvements with four traffic lanes, 5-

## Completed Projects – continued

foot wide bike lanes, 7-foot sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, and a 12-foot landscape median island. In addition, the work included new pavement rehabilitation and overlay, colored crosswalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, decorative LED street and pedestrian lighting, bridge aesthetics features, drought tolerant landscape (irrigated with recycled water), and other street enhancements along Golf Club Road between Contra Costa Boulevard and east of Old Quarry Road. The project was substantially completed by the end of December 2015.

### Diablo Vista Water System Pump House Upgrades

The City of Pleasant Hill operates a non-potable water system, the Diablo Vista Water System (DVWS), which supplies irrigation water to approximately 475 homes in the southern part of the City during nine months of the year. Water is pumped and supplied to the DVWS by the Diablo Vista Water Pump Station (DVWPS), which draws untreated water from the Contra Costa Canal operated by the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD). The DVWPS was built in 1951, and over time much of the original piping reached the end of its useful life. Replacement of the piping was needed to continue to provide reliable service to the DVWS customers.

The project work included the replacement of the existing discharge piping, the discharge manifold, the existing surge tank and the renovation of the existing slide gate system that allows water to flow from the canal to the pump station. The total project construction cost was over \$156,800, which was funded by the DVWS Capital Improvement Fund. The project began in January 2015 and was completed at the end of March 2015.



### Street Resurfacing Program

The City of Pleasant Hill's Street Resurfacing Program (SRP) provides for the on-going maintenance of the City's 110 plus miles of roadway pavement. It is estimated that a total of \$2.1 million is needed annually to maintain our current street network in their current conditions. The City Council allocated \$1.8 million in available funds in fiscal years 2014-2016. In addition, \$2.2 million in grant funds was scheduled for pavement improvements and major roadway projects (e.g. Geary Road, Golf Club Road and Contra Costa Blvd. projects).

As directed by City Council, staff continues to focus resources on rehabilitating the City's arterials and collectors system. These roadways provide for the economic vitality of the City, benefit the most amount of users, and provide major connectivity routes for emergency services. As funds become available for residential zones (24 total zones in the City) additional zones may be included in the next two-year budget cycle.

The 2014/2015 SRP included:

- 2014 Street Pothole Repair Project: 22,384 square feet of pavement failures were repaired on Boyd Road, Chilpancingo Parkway, Contra Costa Boulevard (Boyd Road to Taylor Boulevard), Grayson Road, Gregory Lane, Monument Boulevard, Morello Avenue, Oak Park Boulevard, Paso Nogal Road, Pleasant Hill Road, Putnam Boulevard, and Taylor Boulevard.
- 2015 Street Pothole Repair Project: 3,700 square feet of pavement failures were repaired on ten residential streets citywide.
- 2015 Street Resurfacing Project included:
  - 70,000 square feet of pavement resurfacing
  - 550 linear feet of curb and gutter repaired prior to resurfacing.

## Completed Projects – continued

- ❑ New asphalt pavement overlay on Contra Costa Boulevard (CCB), between Boyd Road and Monument Boulevard
- ❑ Rubberized Cape seal of ten residential streets (32,624 square yards) in the Fair Oaks neighborhood and along Oak Park Boulevard between Patterson and Monticello
- ❑ Microsurfacing seal on arterial streets (64,200 square yards) on Monument Boulevard, Gregory Lane and Pleasant Hill Road between Wendell Lane and Paradise Lane and CCB between Monument Boulevard and Gregory Lane
- ❑ Microsurfacing seal in Downtown Pleasant Hill along Crescent Drive
- ❑ Microsurfacing on both City Hall parking lots
- ❑ Updating/refreshing existing thermoplastic pavement markings, reflectors and striping on the City's arterial and collector streets
- ❑ Upgrading to high visibility crosswalks on Gregory Lane and Contra Costa Boulevard
- ❑ Refreshing painted red curb on all project streets

The City continues to maintain the its Overall Pavement Condition Index (66/good condition), but the unfunded deferred street maintenance, currently over \$15 million, continues to grow every year.

For more information on the City's residential Street Resurfacing Program, please visit the City website at [www.pleasanthillca.org/streetpaving](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/streetpaving).

### Storm Drain Facilities Maintenance Program

The City's Storm Drain Facilities Maintenance Program provides for the installation of new storm drains and maintenance of existing facilities. The Engineering Division has worked to design and construct priority projects prior to the upcoming winter rains and has completed three major storm drain repair projects:

- **Elinora Drive Storm Drain Repair Project:** the City removed and replaced approximately 80 linear feet of deteriorated 42-inch storm drain pipe. Work began September 2014 and was completed in October 2014.
- **Paso Nogal Storm Drain Repair Project:** this was an emergency repair which removed and replaced approximately 60 linear feet of deteriorated 24-inch storm drain pipe. Work began in August 2015 and was completed September 2015.



- **Ruth Drive Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project:** Approximately 230 linear feet of deteriorated 15-inch storm drain pipe, three drainage inlets, and limited gutters and curbs were replaced. Work began in November 2015 and was completed in December 2015.

The completion of these projects will restore the functionality of the storm drain systems and reduce the potential for flooding in these areas. The total cost was over \$310,000. The projects are funded by the Storm Drain Program and Storm Drain Maintenance Program. Currently there is over \$8 million dollars in deferred maintenance and unfunded storm drain improvement needs.

### High Visibility Crosswalk Treatment along arterials

In an effort to enhance crosswalk visibility and pedestrian safety, the City began implementing new high visibility crosswalk patterns along major arterials and collector streets with various roadway projects in 2015. Traditional crosswalks were delineated with two 12-inch white or yellow thermoplastic pavement stripes, while the new “high visibility” crosswalks consist of 24-inch “zebra” stripes that run perpendicular to the length of the crosswalk.

Given the additional implementation cost associated with these types of crosswalk patterns, any new additions have been reserved for major arterial and collector roadways (e.g. Contra Costa Boulevard). Additional colored treatment has also been incorporated into high visibility crosswalks near high pedestrian areas such as Contra Costa Boulevard, Golf Club Road, and Geary Road. The new crosswalk hatching pattern will continue to be implemented in the upcoming years as part of future roadway improvement projects.

## Projects in Design

### Boyd Road/Elinora Drive Sidewalk Installation Project

The City of Pleasant Hill has secured \$575,000 in grant monies to install Safe Routes to School and sidewalk gap closure improvements at two locations: the north side of Boyd Road, between Liahona Court and Horten Court, and the east side of Elinora Drive, between Gregory Lane and Gladys Drive. The project scope consists of the following key components:

- Installation of new ADA compliant pedestrian enhancements (e.g. concrete sidewalk and curb ramps) along the north side of Boyd Road and the east side of Elinora Road
- Drainage improvements along the north side of Boyd Road within the project limits, including pervious concrete, new curb and gutter and drywells
- Installation of a raised pedestrian crosswalk at the Elinora Drive/Gladys Drive intersection.
- Installation of speed radar signs on Elinora Drive
- Landscape restoration throughout the project limits

The various project elements have been designed specifically to provide a logical and safe roadway facility that balances the overall needs of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians in the area. It will also greatly enhance multi-modal access to the Sequoia Elementary and Middle Schools, Strandwood Elementary School, and the Senior and Teen Centers. The project is expected to begin construction in early summer 2016.

### Contra Costa Boulevard Improvement Project (Harriet Drive to Beth/Doray Drive)

This project will provide for pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety improvements (complete street enhancements) along Contra Costa Boulevard (CCB) between Harriet Drive to Beth/Doray Drive. The project is funded in large part by three grant funds totaling \$3.45 million and local funds.

Key planned project features include NEW:

- Concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk along west side of CCB between Harriet Drive and Beth/Doray Drive
- ADA compliant curb ramps and driveway ramps for the various businesses and intersections
- Traffic signal at Ellinwood Drive intersection
- Pavement surfacing treatment and pavement traffic striping
- Enhanced pedestrian crosswalks along CCB
- Decorative LED street and pedestrian lighting
- Street furnishing (e.g. metal benches and bike racks)



- Street trees and drought-tolerant, low water use landscape

The improvements will be consistent with those completed in 2014 along Contra Costa Boulevard between Viking Drive and Chilpancingo Parkway. The project is expected to begin construction in summer 2016.

### Golf Club Road/Old Quarry Road Improvement Project

The City is nearing completion of the design of the upcoming Golf Club Road/Old Quarry Road Improvement Project. The project will construct “complete street” enhancements along Golf Club Road (from Contra Costa Canal Trail to about 300 feet east of Old Quarry Road) and Old Quarry Road, including new concrete sidewalk, bike lanes, traffic signals, flashing crosswalk beacons, a roundabout (at Old Quarry Road/Camelback Road intersection), pavement rehabilitation, LED street lighting, and landscaping.

Due to the proposed construction of the roundabout, the number of lanes along Old Quarry Road will be reduced from four lanes (two lanes in each direction) to two lanes (one lane in each direction). The various project elements are designed to enhance access and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, and it will provide access to the DVC campus, DVC Plaza, and nearby apartment complexes. The project is funded with \$4.87 million in grant funds and local funds. Final project design is scheduled to be completed by early 2016, with the first stage of construction starting late fall 2016.



## PH Library activities...

### ➤ **Maker Monday**

Monday, January 11 6:30-8:30pm

*Flight Night!* Take to the air with paper airplanes. Fly a drone quadcopter. Watch aerodynamics in action with our wind tunnel, and more!

Monday, February 8, 6:30-8:30pm

*Lava Lamps and Love.* Make and take a lava lamp and Valentines cards.

### ➤ **Tinker Tuesday**

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

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

If you miss the evening make and take events, drop in the day after.

### ➤ **Chinese New Year Lion Dancers**

Monday, February 1, 6:30pm

Celebrate the Year of the Monkey with the spectacular White Crane Lion Dancers. Plus crafts and other New Year's activities!

### ➤ **Practice SAT Exam**

Saturday, February 6, 9:30am-1:00pm

Understand the new format of the test including the addition of common core principles and how to best prepare for these changes.

### ➤ **Chinese New Year Story Time**

Saturday, February 6, 11:15am

Join us in celebration of the Chinese New Year with stories and crafts.

### ➤ **S.T.E.A.M. Story Times**

Thursdays, 11:15am

Starting in February! Enjoy stories and hands on activities that emphasize Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

### ➤ **Indie Innovators**

Fridays, 10:15am-12:15pm

A unique opportunity for independent learners in middle and high school. Explore the world of multimedia art and design. Create self-selected projects with real world applications. Assist and inspire Ingenuity Lab participants. Earn Volunteer Hours.

### ➤ **Ingenuity Lab**

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm

A place for families to explore, discover, and create together. Explore STEM concepts while completing exciting challenges. Meet us in the Public Meeting Room!

### ➤ **Homework and Teen Tech Help**

#### **Computer Drop-in Help**

Homework: Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm,

Computer: Saturdays, 12:00-2:00pm

### ➤ **Lego Creators Club (with Robots!)**

Every Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm

Make anything you can imagine with our huge collection of Legos! Explore the programmable universe of Lego Mindstorms with EV3 robotics kits! Join us on January 23 and February 20 when Steve & Kate's Camp returns with Lego Stop Motion Animation Stations!

### ➤ **Senior Center Book Club**

January 4 and February 1, 12:00-1:00pm

Join us for a fun and casual book discussion hosted by the library at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center! Books will be provided for you to borrow.

**Afternoon Book Club**, January 8 and February 12, 1:00-2:30pm. **Evening Book Club**, January 19 and February 16, 6:30-8:00pm.

### ➤ **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 January 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 can 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, 3:30-7:00pm

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.



## 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 [p hl@ccclib.org](mailto:p hl@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)

## Register Today! Sustainability Workshops in Pleasant Hill



### Growing Food in Harmony with Nature Series Saturdays - 10am to 12pm

- Jan 30 What is Permaculture?
- Feb 6 Sectors and Vectors
- Feb 13 Rethinking Plants
- Feb 20 Starting Plants
- Feb 27 Water, Plants, Sun & Soil
- Mar 5 Weeds & Pests
- Mar 12 Heat, Frost, Rain, Wind
- Mar 19 Social Permaculture



### Sustainable Living Workshops Tuesdays - 6:30 to 8:30pm

- Feb 9 Fruit Trees
- Mar 8 Beekeeping & Gardening
- Apr 12 Guide to a Healthier Home
- May 10 Eating Seasonally & Locally
- June 14 Zero Waste Living
- July 12 Water-Smart Living
- Aug 9 Kitchen Cosmetics
- Sept 13 Home Canning

**Location (All Workshops)**  
Rodgers Ranch  
315 Cortsen Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Register Online!** <http://sustainablecoco.org/workshops>



## Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library need you!

Dozens of people volunteer each month with Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library in jobs that are big and little, skilled and unskilled, experienced and not. Did you know that our neighbors donate hundreds of books each week to the library for our Quarterly Giant Used Book Sales? These are the biggest fund-raisers for Library programs. We are also able to sell good quality, barely used books in our in-library retail sales nook every day.

Volunteers do all book handling because we have no paid staff. Someone has to choose which books can be sold in the bookstore, and which ones can be kept in storage for our Quarterly Giant Parking Lot Used Book Sale. For each parking lot sale, we need dozens of volunteers to put the books out on tables, maintain the stock, and put away unsold books.

You can volunteer time in your own neighborhood, expand your social horizons, keep up with the latest books, help others and be appreciated for it!

### We also need special skills

- **Social media savvy**—help us get the word out about library programs through Facebook, Twitter and our website. Work your own hours, your own location, on your own time.
- **Specific skills**—Do you have time for one-time projects? Photography skills? Human interest storywriter? Event planning?
- **Board service**—do you want to help Friends plan for the future library for Pleasant Hill?

Please contact us: [www.phlibraryfriends.org/join-us](http://www.phlibraryfriends.org/join-us)

If you have an hour or more available on days the library is open, including Saturdays, please let us know online at [www.phlibraryfriends.org](http://www.phlibraryfriends.org). We would be happy to discuss ways you can support your library. ♣

## 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).**



## Pleasant Hill's Star Quest seeks performers

For 23 years Star Quest of Pleasant Hill has been bringing amazing performances by our youth to the community. And as the committee plans the show for 2016, they encourage school-age children to audition for it.

Since Star Quest began in 1992, its intent has been to provide a positive program where young people of Pleasant Hill, in grades K through 12, could showcase their artistic and theatrical talents.

This year's show is on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24 at the Diablo Valley College theatre.

Applications will be available at local schools, the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Office, and at Pleasant Hill City Hall. If you are a singer, dancer, musician, comedian, magician, etc, pick up an application and submit it by Friday February 7 to the Recreation & Park District Office at 147 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. Auditions will take place in February at a time and place to be announced to those applying.

Call Pleasant Hill Rec at 682-0896 or the show producer Jim Nunes at 689-2249 for further information. Star Quest is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill. ♣

## Wine, Women & Shoes 2016

Sunday, May 15, 2:00–6:00pm  
Community Center: Perera Pavilion

Be there! Be fabulous! Sip fine wines, savor delicious food, shop the latest in designer shoes and fashion, bid on auction exciting prizes and enjoy an incredible fashion show. Benefits Rehabilitation Services of Northern California and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District.

Go to [www.winewomenandshoes.com/contracosta](http://www.winewomenandshoes.com/contracosta) to buy tickets now.

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*Be there. Be fabulous!*

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016**  
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 & fashion accessories
- Mingle with Shoe Guys
- Bid on one-of-a-kind silent & live auction items
- Kick up your heels for a fashion show

## Our rockin' community! Events for January and February 2016

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jan 4	CERT Training begins	PH Adventist Academy	PH CERT	<a href="http://www.pleasanthillcert.org">www.pleasanthillcert.org</a>
Jan 4	Senior Center Book Club	PH Senior Center	PH Library	<a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>
Jan 14	CMS: Best Time to Sell My Home	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 17	Rain Barrel installation	Rodgers Ranch	PH Rotary, Rodgers Ranch	<a href="mailto:ABaker@republicservices.com">ABaker@republicservices.com</a>
Jan 19	Composting workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Jan 22	All You Can Eat Crab Feed	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 27	Community Awards Night	PH Community Center	PH Chamber, PH City, PH Rec	<a href="http://www.pleasanthillca.org/awards">www.pleasanthillca.org/awards</a>
Jan 30	Sustainability Workshop	Rodgers Ranch	Sustainable Contra Costa	<a href="http://sustainablecoco.org/workshops">sustainablecoco.org/workshops</a>
Feb 1	Senior Center Book Club	PH Senior Center	PH Library	<a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>
Feb 1	Chinese New Year Lion Dancers	PH Library	PH Library	<a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>
Feb 6	Practice SAT Exam	PH Library	PH Library	<a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>
Feb 6	E-Waste recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
Feb 6	Sustainability Workshops	Rodgers Ranch	Sustainable Contra Costa	<a href="http://sustainablecoco.org/workshops">sustainablecoco.org/workshops</a>
Feb 9	Mardi Gras party	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Feb 11	CMS: Which Assisted Living Comm....	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Feb 12	My Little Sweetheart Dinner Dance	PH Community Center	PH Rec	682-0896
Feb 11	Valentines Social	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Feb 19	Mayor's Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Chamber	687-0700
Feb 24	Composting workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Feb 26	Come Together 6 Benefit Concert	PH Community Center	PH Rec	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 October 2015

**Kait's** (Vintage Inspired Store)  
1942 Linda Drive  
(925) 383-5470  
[www.createwithkait.com](http://www.createwithkait.com)

**Maddwireless, Inc.** (Consulting –  
Land Use Telecommunication)  
105 Hopeco Road  
(925) 209-3642  
[www.maddwireless.com](http://www.maddwireless.com)

**Olesya Shulga** (Chemical Peel-  
ing/Tinting/Waxing/Facials)  
391 Taylor Blvd., #130  
(925) 954-7546

**Renu Your Life**  
(Intuitive/Life Coaching)  
140 Mayhew Way  
(925) 480-7795  
[www.renu-your-life.com](http://www.renu-your-life.com)

**RP Associates, Inc.** (Consulting  
Civil/Structural Engineers)  
140 Mayhew Way  
(415) 863-9647

**Siren's Sandwich Shop**  
2391 Pleasant Hill Road  
(925) 250-5027  
[www.sirensandwichshop.com](http://www.sirensandwichshop.com)

**Studio Flex** (Fitness Studio/  
Personal Training/Classes)  
1610 Oak Park Blvd., #2  
(925) 451-6768  
[www.flexfitnessbootcamp.com](http://www.flexfitnessbootcamp.com)

**Gina Marie Designs**  
(Auto Accessories)  
(510) 432-8285

**Green and Clean, LLC**  
(House Cleaning)  
(925) 322-0944  
[www.greencleaningcontracosta.com](http://www.greencleaningcontracosta.com)

**Laurel Z Photography**  
(925) 890-2903  
[www.laurelzphotography.com](http://www.laurelzphotography.com)

## New businesses November 2015

**680 Auto Sales, LLC** (Auto Retail)  
3355 Vincent Road  
(925) 818-6992

**Camille Alexandria**  
(Eyelash Extensions)  
391 Taylor Blvd., #130  
(310) 962-6411

**Lizzy's Pies**  
35 Crescent Plaza, "D"  
(925) 300-6170  
[www.lizzyspies.com](http://www.lizzyspies.com)



**Yan's Garden** (Restaurant)  
2223 Morello Avenue  
(925) 676-8585  
[www.pleasanthillyangarden.com](http://www.pleasanthillyangarden.com)

**Lint Busters** (Dryer Vent Cleaning –  
Commercial/Residential)  
(925) 334-1277

**Pema Secure Networking Corp.**  
(Cyber Security Consulting)  
(415) 233-7362  
[www.pemasecure.com](http://www.pemasecure.com)

## Your business license renewal for 2016 was sent in mid-December

If you are a business owner in Pleasant Hill, you should have received your renewal notice by now. The notices were mailed in mid-December to the mailing address on file. If your mailing address has changed since last December, notify the 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 have a copy of the renewal notice sent to you. This will allow the business owner the full grace period ending January 31, 2016.

You should also notify the Business License Division if you are no longer in

business in the City of Pleasant Hill. A brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, should be sent 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!*

## City Meetings

# JANUARY

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 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
Thu 14 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 21 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 25 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Tue 26 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
Tue 26 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Comm Room
Thu 28 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room

# FEBRUARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
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Wed 3 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Manager's Conference Room
Wed 3 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Comm Room
Thu 4 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 9 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 9 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
Thu 11 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 18 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 22 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Tue 24 7:00pm	Education Commission	City Hall Comm Room
Thu 25 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room

\* 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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City Manager June Catalano  
City Treasurer Mark W. Celio  
City Clerk Vacant

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 Mar/Apr is February 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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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
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### Don't miss Community Awards Night! Nominations are due Thursday, January 7.

The 45th Annual Community Awards Night will be held on January 27, 2016. Award nominations are due on Thursday, January 7. 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).

Tickets for Community Awards Night will be available through the Chamber of Commerce by calling 687-0700 or online at [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 a 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

### 4th of July session planning for the 2016 event

Planning for the 2016 Fourth of July is already underway. Meetings of the 4th of July Commission are held in the Large Community Room at City Hall beginning at 7pm. The next meeting will be on January 20. The theme for the 2016 Independence Day celebration is:

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY THE PLEASANT HILL WAY—FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY.

The key to a successful Fourth is volunteers who do the work to make the Firecracker 5K Fun Run, Parade, Party in the Park, and Fireworks concert and show a success. Please consider volunteering your time as a member of the Fourth of July Commission. Further information can be obtained at the website, [phjuly4.com](http://phjuly4.com) or by contacting President Chris Tipton at [ctiptonph@yahoo.com](mailto:ctiptonph@yahoo.com).

The Commission would like to acknowledge the countless hours devoted to this event by Jim Bonato, who is stepping down after serving on the Commission for 12 years, including 8 years as its President.

Last year's event saw the addition of the zip line and other new activities. Please join us to share your ideas about how to continue this great Pleasant Hill tradition. ♣



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