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Pleasant Hill celebrates the 45th annual Community Awards Night

Thirteen awards bestowed ranging from the Community Service Award to Citizen of the Year

Local businessman and community volunteer, **Matt Rinn**, won the *Citizen of the Year* award at the 45th Annual Community Awards Night held on January 27. Matt received the award before a large audience at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. He was honored for volunteer work in local schools, philanthropy, and his involvement with and support for many local organizations including Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, the Pleasant Hill Education Commission and Pleasant Hill Rotary.

Educator of the Year went to **Liz Kim** (read more on page 7). *Business Person of the Year* went to **Ron Jewison** (read more on page 3).

College High School senior, **Laura Maule**, received the *Teen of the Year* award. Laura is one of the top



Teen of the Year Laura Maule and 2014 Teen of the Year Barune Thapa.



Citizen of the Year Matt Rinn with last year's winner Katherin Bracken, and daughters, Emily and Madison.

students at College Park with a 5.0 GPA. She is active in many clubs at the school and volunteers at the Pleasant Hill library and the California Cancer Research Center. In addition, Laura is a local math and science tutor and still manages to have a part-time job in Downtown Pleasant Hill.

The *Green Award* was given to **Anne Baker**, recycling coordinator for Republic Services. Anne is the community face of all things green in Pleasant Hill. She was honored for her passion and enthusiasm for the environment and for her promotion of sustainable practices.

The *Green Business Award* was bestowed on **Pleasant Hill Cohousing** (read more on page 4).

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Check this OUT!

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Volunteer opportunities to represent Pleasant Hill

Residents have an opportunity to get to know fellow residents while participating in commission and advisory committee decisions and events that shape the future of Pleasant Hill. The following commissions will soon have term expirations, creating vacancies.

► Architectural Review Commission

The Architectural Review Commission reviews site plans, architectural structures and signage primarily related to new development in Pleasant Hill. Candidates must have demonstrated talent in aesthetics and architectural design through training, education or occupation. Pleasant Hill residency is not required. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:00pm at City Hall. Terms are through May 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, **March 9, 2016**.

► Civic Action Commission

The Civic Action Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on subjects that improve the quality of community life, and organizes major City events such as Community Service Day and the "Sunset by the Lake" Summer Concerts. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at City Hall. Terms are March 2016 through February 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, **March 9, 2016**.

► Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging considers all matters affecting the aging in the community, provides awareness of resources, and plans, promotes, and participates in events benefiting the aging population. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall. Terms are May 2016 through April 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, **March 9, 2016**.

► Education Commission

The Education Commission is an advisory body to City Council fostering cooperation and communication with Mt. Diablo Unified School District, other local agencies, and businesses. Meetings are

held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at City Hall. Term is May 2016 through April 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

► Contra Costa County Library Commission

The Library Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian. Meetings are held every other month on the fourth Thursday at 7:00pm at the Contra Costa County Library Headquarters, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Room C, Pleasant Hill. Term is April 2016 through March 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, **March 9, 2016**.

► Planning Commission

The Planning Commission provides recommendations to the City Council on land use, zoning, the general plan, and other policy issues. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at City Hall. Terms are May 2016 through April 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is **April 6, 2016**.

► Traffic Safety Commission

The Traffic Safety Commission conducts and analyzes studies of traffic problems, makes recommendations on changes in policy, holds meetings with residents and business owners to hear traffic related suggestions and concerns, and works with various departments of the City and other local governments to implement recommended changes. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at City Hall. Term is May 2016 through April 2020. Deadline for submitting an application is **March 9, 2016**.

For an application or more information visit the City of Pleasant Hill website at www.PleasantHillCA.org or contact Juanita Davalos by phone at (925) 671-5283 or e-mail at jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org.

FREE tax preparation

Free tax preparation for the 2016 tax season is now available from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs.



All tax preparers are trained and certified by the IRS. While both programs serve taxpayers of any age, Tax-Aide does not have an income limit for whom they can serve; however, EKS can only serve individuals whose incomes do not exceed \$50,000.

For information or to make an appointment for the Tax-Aide sites serving the Pleasant Hill area, please call (925) 405-6011, Hillcrest Congregational Church site, or (925) 709-4525, Pacheco Community Center site. For general information and other site locations, call (925) 726-3199. For information on EKS sites call 2-1-1 or visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org.

To complete your tax return, Tax-Aide will need you to bring to the appointment your:

- Social Security Card or ITIN letter for all individuals to be listed on the return
- Photo ID
- Copies of all W-2s
- 1098s and 1099s
- Other income and deductions
- Your 2014 tax return



JOIN OUR TEAM!





Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission receives Mayor's Award

The current members of the 4th of July Commission proudly accepted the Mayor's Award at the recent Pleasant Hill Community Awards.



PLEASANT HILL
Fourth of July Commission

The Commission, which was originally formed as the Bicentennial Commission in 1976, was recognized for 39 years of organizing the annual Independence Day event. This popular day has grown to include the Firecracker 5K Fun Run, Parade, Party in the Park, and a spectacular fireworks show at College Park High School.

Over the years, the parade has included the Wells Fargo stagecoach, Tap Dancing Christmas Trees, and the always-popular Barbecue Dads. The Party in the Park has two live bands, kids' games, and in recent years special attractions such as Zorbs and a zip line.

Plans are underway to make the 40th anniversary of this event another great day for all of our community. To make this happen, many volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping and having fun, please contact President Chris Tipton at ctiptonph@yahoo.com.

The next three meetings of the Commission will be in the Large Community Room at City Hall beginning at 7pm on March 16, April 6, and April 20. If you are at Off the Grid, stop by and join us. ♣



The Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission needs you

- The commission is seeking a new treasurer to take over those duties for the 2017 event. Join now and you can work with the outgoing treasurer as we prepare for Independence Day 2016
- There are also opportunities to assist with or become chair of the fireworks, volunteers, fundraising, and other fun activities, working with a great group of people
- This is a tremendous way to meet new people and have lots of fun!

We are waiting to hear from you!

Contact Chris Tipton at ctiptonph@yahoo.com

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DIABLO REGION

Pleasant Hill students take the Bike-To-School Challenge

Valley View and Pleasant Hill Middle Schools are taking the Bike-to-School Challenge this spring—PHMS students are taking the Challenge on April 28 and Valley View students will ride on May 19.

Students are encouraged to give biking a try to:

- help reduce school-zone traffic,
- experience pollution-free transportation, and
- reap the benefits of physical exercise before a long day of study.

All Pleasant Hill students and families are encouraged to try biking (or walking, busing, or carpooling) when possible; and drivers are reminded to use extra caution around cyclists and pedestrians.

For more information about Bike-to-School Day, please visit www.StreetSmartDiablo.org. ♣

Printer named Business Person of the Year



Business Person of the Year award went to Ron Jewison, owner of the UPS store in downtown Pleasant Hill.

Ron was recognized for his contributions to many local organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Recreation & Park District, the Senior Center, Pleasant Hill Rotary, and Special Olympics.

He also works with a number of Pleasant Hill schools on special fund-raising events and often donates a portion of that work.

After 25 years in the Carpenter's Union, Ron retired and went back to school to earn his BA in graphic design. He has been in the UPS business now for 18 years, with the last 9 years as owner of the UPS Store located on Crescent Drive. ♣



Ron Jewison is presented Business Person of the Year by Jason Olson, 2014 winner.

Backyard Composting Workshops offered at City Hall

March 29 (Tuesday) and April 19 (Tuesday) 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. The workshops are one hour in duration. The next workshops will be held **Tuesday, March 29** and **Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00pm**.

All workshops are held in the large Community Room at City Hall. **Sign up at www.pleasant-hill.net/compost.** ♣



SAT / APRIL 9
10AM - 4PM
RAIN OR SHINE!

4th Annual Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm Expo & Plant Sale

Tomatoes, peppers, herbs and more—it's GARDEN time! Come take free classes to learn how to have your best garden ever. While you're letting great ideas sink in, the DVC Culinary Department will make your taste buds swoon, and all-local vendors will offer healthy, helpful products to make your inner and outer worlds happier. No need to leave our fair city for world class organic vegetables—keep your dollars local and join your neighbors in a beautiful setting! For class times and more information, visit www.RodgersRanchUrbanFarm.org or email info@RodgersRanchUrban.org.

Congratulations to Pleasant Hill Cohousing, recipient of the 2016 Green Business Award

Pleasant Hill Cohousing is a form of enhanced, intentional community that builds a strong sense of connection among residents. It consists of private, fully-equipped dwellings, as well as shared common facilities.

Pleasant Hill Cohousing includes 32 private households, a common house, swimming pool, shared workshop and art studio, guest rooms, kid rooms, and garden. It also includes two shared meals a week, common celebrations, and much more.

Recently the community became green certified through the Contra Costa Green Business Program, thanks in part to the work of cohousing resident Jan Passion. Many green building strategies were incorporated into the overall design of the facility, like passive heating and sustainably harvested wood. More initiatives have been incorporated since, including drought tolerant landscaping and water efficient toilets.

The award was presented by Mary Walker of Daily Digital Imaging, last year's winner of the Green Business Award, to Donna Luckey, representing Pleasant Hill Cohousing. ♣



Donna Luckey accepted the award on behalf of Pleasant Hill Cohousing.

Celebrate Earth Day at the PHIG

Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden (PHIG) is hosting a free Earth Day Event at its water conservation and wildlife habitat demonstration garden, located at the Pleasant Hill Education Center, on Sunday, April 17, from 1:00–4:00pm.

A free garden tour, informative talks, educational activities, exhibits, and games will be fun for everyone. Learn ways to provide for pollinators, to compost, and to use more responsible and sustainable water and waste management practices at home. According to the EPA, fully 1/3 of all waste now going into our landfills is compostable. Since its inception in 2007 the garden has supplied a working facility for the school to bring materials to be composted. Students and visitors learn of the many benefits of composting, reducing waste, and

recycling organic household and garden materials.

The garden is a demonstration of water conservation, wildlife habitat preservation and many recycling practices in a beautiful setting, which is also wheelchair accessible. The garden uses no pesticides in order to provide for pollinators. Did you know it is estimated that every third mouthful of food we eat is food that required pollination?

The project is led by Monika Olsen, Mt. Diablo Adult Education teacher and Contra Costa Master Gardener. The Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden is located at 1 Santa Barbara Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523, opposite Pleasant Hill Middle School, across from Pleasant Oaks Park and on the road behind the Pleasant Hill Library. Pre-register for the garden tour and for more information email phigarden@gmail.com, call voicemail at (925) 482-6670, and visit the web site at www.phig.webs.com. ♣



Earth Day Celebration

What: Free Garden Tour, Exhibit, Talks, Fun for Everyone!
When: Sunday, April 17th, 2016
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Where: 1 Santa Barbara Rd., off Oak Grove Rd.; across from Pleasant Oaks Park and Pleasant Hill Middle School
Cost: Free!

Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden
 Living Landscape: A California Habitats Garden
 Register for Garden Tour At: <http://phig.webs.com> – email: phigarden@gmail.com



FREE E-Waste recycling in Pleasant Hill



Time for spring cleanup...E-style!

“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, March 6 and Saturday, April 2 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. 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 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. ♣

Catch the Buzz!



Register today for sustainability workshops!
www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops

Tues PM & Sat AM Workshops

Sat	Mar 5, 10-12	Seeds and Seedlings
Tues	Mar 8, 6:30-8:30	Beekeeping
Tues	Mar 12, 6:30-8:30	Herbs and More
Sat	Mar 19, 10-12	Social Permaculture
Tues	Apr 12, 6:30-8:30	Guide to a Healthier Home

Location

Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center
 315 Cortsen Road, Pleasant Hill








Pleasant Hill Lions Club update

The Pleasant Hill Lions Club held its annual Crab Feed fundraiser on Saturday January 23rd at the Senior Center. After some uncertainty in the last weeks of December, the club secured plenty of very good crab for the enjoyment of more than 170 guests. The evening was a success with silent and live auctions, raffles, and dancing to live DJ music.

On February 3rd the Pleasant Hill club hosted the annual Lions Club Student Speaker Contest at City Hall. Three High School students from local schools competed with timed speeches on the topic "Liberty and Justice for All—what does it mean to you?" The winner earned \$100 and goes on to the Zone level

(Alameda/Contra Costa), and hopefully even further. Winners at each level move on to the Region, District, Area level, and the final California wide Contest. Significant scholarships are awarded to the winners at the top three levels.

New members

Doug Eden joined the club in December; and Rich and Rose Azzopardi, as well as James Stanley, joined this year. Welcome to all!

New members will have opportunities to participate in a number of upcoming events. In March the club will again support the annual Easter event by running egg hunts. In May it will provide breakfast for Relay for Life; and Mother's Day weekend will see the Lions Club Special



Kids Day, an annual private event to give a special day of free activities to mentally and physically disabled kids, adults and their caregivers.

The club is currently seeking new members to support a full schedule of service activities in our local PH community—if interested, call Don Flaskerud at (925) 676-5859. ♣

Rain Barrel Project installed at Rodgers Ranch

Several organizations in the community converged to install a rainwater harvesting system at Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center. The system includes four interconnected rain barrels which can hold 220 gallons of water collected off the tool shed located at the top of the hill at the urban farm onsite. It also includes a swale to aid with sinking run-off into the ground. The project intent is to educate and inspire the public on rainwater collection.

The project was initiated by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill and involved participation from Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center board members

and Rodgers Ranch Urban Farmers, College Park High School AP Environmental Science students, Troop 401 Boy Scout members, Sustainable Contra Costa and the Pleasant Hill City Channel.

The Rotary Rain Barrel Project committee would like to thank a key partner—project designer and leader, Ryan Kelsey of Ryan's Nature Designs. Ryan poured countless hours into designing the project, leading the hands-on workshops, and attending to many details, including procuring donated items from our generous donors, Ashby Lumber, County Quarry and Ewing Irrigation. Ryan is also knowledgeable about native plants, vegetable gardening, and greywater systems.

Contact him at ryan.naturedesigns@gmail.com.

The committee hopes to install another rainwater harvesting system at a high traffic site in Pleasant Hill. As well, the committee would like to find a



Rotarian John Burgh, on left, and another helpful volunteer do some finishing touches.

way to get rain barrels to every household.

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

In the meantime, be sure to take a stroll through peaceful, historic Rodgers Ranch to learn more about rain water harvesting, amongst many other things like growing your own food organically.



Project designer Ryan Kelsey and his wife, Lucy, pose for a photo with the finished project, along with John Matthesen, right,



The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is very proud to be part of this project. For more information on the Club, visit www.rotaryclubpleasanthillca.org. ♣

New Cause Leadership Center Launches Sanford Institute of Philanthropy at JFKU

John F. Kennedy University is launching an Institute of Philanthropy, named after philanthropist Denny Sanford who is providing financial and personal support for this outreach project. The mission of the Institute is to educate and engage philanthropic leaders to foster and maximize their success in local communities.



Solomon Belette,
Director of the Sanford
Institute of Philanthropy

Cause leadership and sustainability are critical components of strong non-profit organizations, and JFK University is reaching out to meet the specific needs for East Bay charities, foundations, and fundraising organizations.

“There is a real thirst for philanthropic education in our local area,” explains Solomon Belette, Director of the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy (SIP). “As a nonprofit and as an innovative education hub in the East Bay, the University has a passion for strengthening our local and regional philanthropic network.”

SIP will be offering a series of focused, educational seminars in 2016 beginning with the first event on March 10 on the JFKU Pleasant Hill campus at 100 Ellinwood Way. It will host its first seminar “The Performance Imperative: A Framework for Social Sector Excellence” and share the seven pillars of high-performing organizations.

“The impetus for JFK University establishing the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy is pragmatic,” explains President Debra Bean. She defines this project as a reflection of the University’s commitment to be a leader and catalyst in impacting the health and well-being of local communities through services, education, and research.

For more information about the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy at JFK University or to request a seminar scholarship, contact Solomon Belette at sbelette@jfk.edu or (925) 969-3143. ♣



Local families needed to host international students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC) is looking for local residents to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills.



Long or short-term placements are available. Students participating in the program pay their host families a stipend of \$875.00 per month. The requirements for being a host family are simple:

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

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

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

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

Pleasant Hill principal named Educator of the Year



Strandwood Elementary School Principal, Liz Kim, received the Educator of the Year award. Ms. Kim has been the principal of Strandwood for the past 15 years and has been a teacher and educator for more than 37 years.

At Strandwood, she has fostered a rich learning environment and a welcome and nurturing school for all students. One of her favorite quotes is, “Nothing you do for children is ever wasted.”

Ms. Kim is retiring this year.



Educator of the Year Liz Kim with Dawn Block, the award sponsor.

Can dancing make you smarter?

In 2012, a study conducted by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York (which compiled data on seniors for over 21 years) revealed that dancing can make you smarter and ward off dementia. The study wanted to identify any physical or cognitive recreational activities that might preserve the mental acuity of study participants as they aged. They studied the effects of cognitive activities such as reading, writing for pleasure, crossword puzzles, playing cards, and playing musical instruments; as well as physical activities such as walking, dancing, swimming, housework, cycling, and golf.

One of the surprises of the study was that dancing was superior to every other activity (both cognitive and physical) for reducing the risk of dementia. The study revealed the following reductions in the risk of dementia:

- Bicycling, swimming, and golf—0%
- Reading—35%
- Doing crossword puzzles 4 days a week—47%
- Dancing 4 days a week—76%



All exercise is good for you, but to reduce dementia, dancing is the clear winner! Why? Growing evidence shows that we increase our mental capacity by exercising our cognitive processes. We must use it or lose it. The best way to preserve mental acuity is to involve yourself in activities which require learning new things and split-second rapid-fire decision making.

Dancing involves and connects several brain functions simultaneously including: kinesthetic, rational, musical, emotional, and social processes. Dancing requires “learning and doing,” on multiple levels at the same time, and this heightens neural connectivity and stimulates the creation of new neural pathways within the brain.

Check out dancing opportunities at Pleasant Hill’s Community Center, Senior Center, and YMCA. For more dancing opportunities in Pleasant Hill, enter searches for “DVC Catalog-Dancing” and Zumba, Jazzercise and Sizzlin’ Latin classes in your web browser!

Senior Center events and activities

■ Pancake Breakfast—All ages welcome!

- ❑ Sunday, March 6, 9:30-10:30am
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Special Easter Pancake Breakfast on **March 26**, 9:00-11:00am. No pancake breakfast in April.

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 the 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.

March 10: “Protecting Your Assets,” presented by Littomo Law Group

April 14: “In-Home Care 101; How to choose the right care to remain living independently,” presented by Bryan Riddle, LivHomeInc.

■ Vagabond Players

- ❑ Fridays, at 1:30pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

The Vagabond Players are back! Grab lunch before the play at our Chef’s Lunch (not included in ticket price), then watch this award-winning live theater group put on a show.

March 4: “On Borrowed Time”

April: TBD (Visit phseniorcenter.com).

Tickets: Pre-sale: \$10. At the door: \$15

■ Taste of the Vine

- ❑ Friday, April 22 at 3:00-5:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Sip a glass of wine with friends and relax. A variety of red and white wines plus light hors d’oeuvres. Non-alcoholic beverages available. Sponsored by The Chateaus of Pleasant Hill. Tickets: Pre-sale \$10; Day of \$15 (based on availability)

■ Laugh, Love & Learn: Senior Live Well Forum

- ❑ Friday, May 6, 9:30am–1:00pm
- ❑ Chateau Room, Senior Center

A day full of educational and uplifting speakers, plus lunch. All funds raised benefit the Senior Center Care Management Program. For registration and more information, call the Senior Center at (925) 798-8788. Buy tickets now! Event is a sell-out! Tickets: \$25 if registered by April 22; \$35 after April 22.

2016 Featured Speakers: “Bullying Doesn’t Just Happen in High School.” Marsha Frankel, Clinical Director of Senior Services at JFCS.

Come Early for the Free Ultimate Senior Resource Fair from 8:30am–1:00pm. Over 50 vendors from the local area and free giveaways. Call the Senior Center for more info at (925) 798-8788. ♣

News from PHR&PD

Spring/Summer SPOTLIGHT is here!

Registration is now open for summer camps and spring/summer activities for the whole family. Mark your calendar for exciting upcoming events! Visit www.pleasanthillrec.com.



Join The Adventure!

Summer Camps for Preschool, Youth & Teens
Camp programs fill fast. Sign up early for wide variety of exciting camps to fit your summer schedule. See www.pleasanthillrec.com for details.

NFL Youth Flag Football (Co-Ed, Grades 3–8) Hut! Hut! Hike!

Join our spring Youth Flag Football program sponsored by the National Football League. Season play begins April 16 for 6 weeks. Saturday games. Sports jersey and football included. Fees: \$145/\$130 (Dist. Res.). Register at pleasanthillrec.com by April 1.

Tennis lessons available for the whole family!

Introduce family members (6 yrs & up) to a wonderful life-long sport! Private and Group Lessons available. Visit phrecsports.com/tennis.html

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.

Dolfin Swim Team Registration

Have fun! Swim fast! Sign up for swim team through May 20 at District Office, 147 Gregory Lane. For more info, call (925) 682-0896 or visit pleasanthillrec.com.

Literary Women

■ Saturday, April 16, 9:30am-3:00pm

■ Perera Pavilion, PH Community Center

Bay Area Bluestocking Festival of Authors. For readers as well as writers! Visit literarywomen2016eventbrite.com for details on the guest authors and to register. ♣

Now hiring lifeguards for summer!

Interested? Call (925) 682-0896
or visit www.pleasanthillrec.com

PH Teen Council now accepting applications for 2016-2017! (Grades 6-12)

Download applications at phteenscene.com.
Questions? Call Jenny Cooper at (925) 691-5645

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- Savor delicious food bites
- Shop the latest in shoes & fashion accessories
- Mingle with Shoe Guys
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- Kick up your heels for a fashion show

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Buy Tickets at www.winewomenandshoes.com/contracosta.

Easter Activities!

► Breakfast with Bunny (1–10 yrs)

Saturday, March 19, 8:30-9:30am
Dining Room, Senior Center

Pancake breakfast and crafts with Bunny! Bring camera. All attending (parent and child) must register. Pre-register by March 18 by calling (925) 682-0896. Admission: \$9.50/\$8.50 (Dist. Res.). Children <1 yr in stroller/backpack, free.

► “Egg”citing Egg Hunt! In Pleasant Hill Park

Saturday, March 26

Start times vary by age group. Checkin begins for ALL AGE GROUPS at 9:30am. \$6 per child. Online pre-registration at pleasanthillrec.com required by noon, March 25. Hunt eggs and enjoy lots of “egg”citing entertainment! Ride new Pleasant Hill Express train. Find GOLDEN TICKET to win special prize! Participants receive goody bag. Bring camera and Easter baskets. Enjoy visit with Easter Bunny. All activities close at noon.

► Easter Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 26, 9:00–11:00am
Chateau Room, Senior Center

Fuel up before or after our “Egg”citing Egg Hunt! Join us for our pancake breakfast! Tickets: Adults 11+: \$5. Children 5–10 yrs: \$3; 4 & under: free!



PH Library activities...

- **Fratello Marionettes Present: Frog Prince**
Monday, March 7, 6:30-8:30pm
3rd Annual Citywide Science Fair

See marionettes come to life in this awesome performance of The Frog Prince. Meet the handsome Prince who has been transformed into a frog and the Princess Ofelia who promises the frog three wishes.

- **Maker Monday**
Monday, March 14, 6:30-8:00pm
3rd Annual Citywide Science Fair

Register online or at the library to bring your Science Fair Project to Pleasant Hill's 3rd Annual City Wide Science Fair! All participants will receive a light show spinner! Stick around to see all the projects from the other participants and to make and take your own Maker Monday science project!

- Monday, April 11, 6:30-8:00pm**

Make and take your own Super-extendo grabber arms.

- **Tinker Tuesday**
Tuesday, March 15, 3:00-4:30pm
Tuesday, April 12, 3:00-4:30pm

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

- **Annie Barrows Author Talk**
Monday, April 4, 6:30-7:30pm

Come meet Annie Barrows the bestselling author of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society who also has written the very popular Ivy + Bean series for kids.

- **Wind, Wizards, and Wonder!**
Monday April 18, 9:30am-1:00pm

The Storytelling Association presents a special family storytime, featuring stories of wonder and surprise. Don't miss this special performance by storytellers Ida Johnson and Sally Holzman, followed by a springtime arts and crafts "make-and-take."

- **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.

- **Homework and Teen Tech Help**
Computer Drop-in Help
Homework: Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm,
Computer: Saturdays, 12:00-2:00pm

- **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!

- **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!

- **Senior Center Book Club**
March 7 and April 4, 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, March 12 and April 8, 1:00-2:30pm. **Evening Book Club**, March 11 and April 19, 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 tutor training class. No previous teaching experience is required. Please visit www.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 www.ccclib.org for specific dates.

Learn to machine sew your own fabulous up-cycled fabric creations! Plus screenprinting, jewelry making and more.

- **English Conversation Practice for Adult**
Every Wednesday, 1:30-2:30pm

Drop in to practice speaking and listening to English in a casual ESL conversation group.



Teen Advisory Group Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 3:00-4:00pm

Meet with other community teens and the young adult librarian to share and plan what you want to see happen at the library.

Storytimes

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 11:15am, plus Friday afternoons, 1:15pm

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of words at any of our fun and musical storytimes!

Join us on Thursdays for an enriched S.T.E.A.M. storytime with stories, songs and activities focusing on science, art, math and more!



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 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 www.ccclib.org.

For additional information and details on events, go to www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html

EVERYBODY'S IRISH ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

“How Irish can you be?” contest

Friends of Pleasant Hill Library invites you to “get your Irish on” with the “How Irish Can You Be?” contest. Submit photos, essays, poems, or drawings online at www.phlibraryfriends.org, or the Friends of Pleasant Hill Library Facebook page, or at the Friends’ Book Store inside Pleasant Hill Library. Winners will be announced March 17 on the website. Win prizes! Entries will be judged based on creativity and general “Irishness.” The contest is open to everyone. After all, everyone is Irish on St Patrick’s Day! The deadline for entries is March 15.

An Evening with Friends—April 4

Join Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library for a very special Evening with Friends: A Conversation with Annie Barrows. Monday, April 4 from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Annie Barrows, author of the best-selling “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society,” will talk about her latest novel, “The Truth According To Us.”

It’s the summer of 1938, during the Depression, when the daughter of a U.S. Senator is sent from her life of privilege in Washington, D.C. to a small town in West Virginia. Her assignment—write about the town’s history for the Federal Writers’ Project. What she thinks will be a straightforward (and boring) task turns out to be anything but. She begins to understand the subjective nature of history, and how the town’s story is wrapped up in the mystery of a single family.

Library Book Sale—April 9

Join the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library for their next Giant Parking Lot Used Book Sale on Saturday, April 9. Bargain prices for everyone 10:00am until 3:30pm: \$1.00 hardbacks, 50¢ paperbacks, 25¢ children’s books.

Clearance Sale hour: 2:30–3:30pm with general books \$3/bag; 50% off Better Books. Sale is in the parking lot BEHIND the Library near 75 Santa Barbara Road. Members’ early bird entry begins at 9:30am. ♣



Rotary

Club of Pleasant Hill



We aren't special....*what we do is!*

St. Patrick's Night of Merriment!

Friday ♦ March 18, 2016 ♦ 5:30pm

Pleasant Hill Community Center ♦ 320 Civic Dr ♦ Pleasant Hill

Food, Friendship, and Fundraising!

Full Irish dinner and more!

Entertainment by Irish singer Sin Silver!

Live and silent auctions • Dessert auction

Instant Wine Cellar raffle • Pot of Gold door prize

Raffle prizes galore!

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

\$50/ticket and \$500/table of 10

Reservations: call for tickets 938-5433 (Jim) or jbonato@aol.com



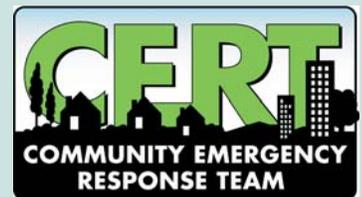
Thank you to our sponsors!



Steve & Lise Wallace

CERT training class starts soon!

The next class for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for Pleasant Hill residents begins on Saturday morning, April 9, 2016. The training is given at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Road, from 8:00 to 11:30pm.



The course, given over six Saturday mornings, 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.

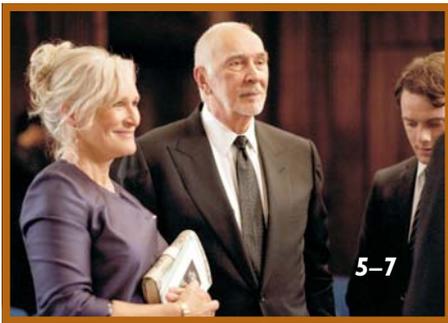
International Film Festival at Pleasant Hill March 5–13



The East Bay International Jewish Film Festival kicks off its 21st season on Saturday evening, March 5 at the Century 16 Theatres in Pleasant Hill with the “Best Foreign Film” Oscar nominee *Labyrinth of Lies*.

It will conclude with another Oscar submission in the foreign language category, *Baba Joon*, on March 13.

“We’re delighted that our 21st year will bring to our community many award-winning films that speak to a broad audience,” says chair Margaret Winter, a Contra Costa resident originally from London. “And while many of our films embrace serious issues, festival-goers will also be able to enjoy lighter fare such as the romantic French comedy *Serial Bad Weddings* and the American romance *5 to 7* co-starring

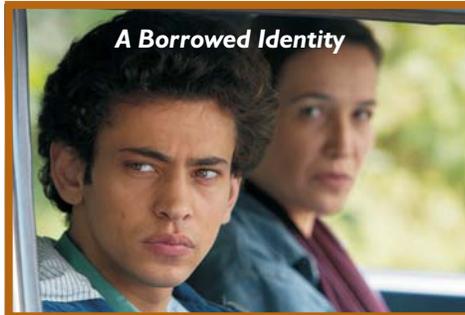


Glenn Close and Frank Langella.”

The Festival includes films from Spain, France, Canada, Germany, Morocco, New Zealand, Poland and Israel. Based on a true incident, the Spanish World War II thriller *Dirty Wolves* follows the heroic exploits of two women who sabotaged a Nazi mining operation. “The Canadian drama, *Remember*, stars two legendary actors, Christopher Plummer and Martin Landau. The critically acclaimed drama *Phoenix*, also on the Festival’s nine-day schedule, has been favorably compared to Alfred Hitchcock’s classic *Vertigo*.

The Festival Committee is proud that it has expanded its scope to include films with a universal message and the power to

To receive a brochure and to get the Festival’s monthly online ReelTalk, call (925) 240-3053 or email eastbayjewishfilm@hotmail.com. The day-by-day schedule can be seen at www.eastbayjewishfilm.org



A coming-of-age story about Eyad, an Arab Israeli teen who is accepted into a prestigious Jerusalem boarding school, but continues to question his sense of identity.

raise awareness of issues that are very important in today’s world. Set in contemporary France, the award-winning film *Welcome* brings us into the life of a Kurdish young man desperate to be reunited with his girlfriend living in England. *White Lies* dramatizes the ste-



The closing night film *Baba Joon* is Israel’s first film in the Iranian language Farsi. It tells a universal story of intergenerational conflict and father and son relations. Veteran actor Navid Negahban, known as mastermind Abu Nazir in Showtime’s *Homeland*, stars as Yitzhak, the tough father who demands that his son Moti follow in his footsteps.

reotyping against the indigenous Maori people in New Zealand during the 19th century.”

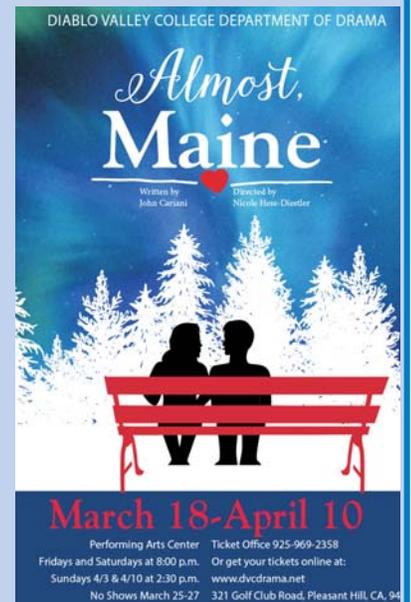
The Festival is co-sponsored by the City of Pleasant Hill, the Pleasant Hill Downtown Merchants and the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce along with RINA Accountancy, City National Bank, Destination Wealth Management, Aaron Metals, Davidson & Licht, Kabab-Burger, AA All Metal Recycling, Buttercup Grill & Bar, Ayala’s Skincare, and Diablo Mag-

DVC Drama presents the romantic comedy **ALMOST, MAINE** by John Cariani

“Utterly endearing...It’s hard not to warm up to *ALMOST, MAINE*.
A crowd-pleaser.” —*Broadway.com*.

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost’s residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night’s dream. Directed by Nicole Hess Diestler

- ★ March 18-April 10 ; Friday & Saturday, 8:00pm; Sunday, April 3 and April 10 at 2:30pm. (*No shows March 25-27)
- ★ Tickets: call (925) 969-2358 or go to our website at www.dvcdrama.net.
- ★ Location: DVC Theatre, 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Free parking for all performances.



... Relay and Star Quest!

Pleasant Hill Relay For Life Invites YOU to a FREE Tea For Cancer Survivors and Caregivers



When: Thursday, March 17 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Where: Pleasant Hill Senior Center Dining Room

What: St. Patrick's Day themed event with tea and cookies

Why: The tea is a way to:
Inform you about and invite you to sign up and participate in
Pleasant Hill's 7th annual Relay For Life on May 21.

Belief: Cancer survivors should be HONORED
for all they've gone/are going through
Cancer survivors give HOPE in the fight against cancer
Caregivers are unsung HEROes in battling cancer

Relay: A community event to raise awareness and funds
in the fight against cancer; it is not a walk, run or race
Participants go at their own pace to express their support
Cancer survivors and caregivers take the first lap
Registered survivors get a FREE T-shirt and goody bag.

At the tea: Register for the Relay and participate in a
FREE RAFFLE for a fabulous prize

The PH Relay For Life will be held at the PH Middle School track.
For more information, please contact Judi Richardson
judiirich@comcast.net or 925-957-9991

You may also go to www.relayforlife.org/pleasanthillca



Star Quest★2016

24th Annual Youth Talent Show

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



Star Quest celebrates

Great Broadway Composers



MORE
INFO?
689-2249

Sat, April 23
7:00pm

DVC Performing Arts Theatre
(Use Golf Club Rd parking lot)
PleasantHillStarQuest.org

Sun, April 24
2:00pm

Tickets available at: Rec & Park District
Office, Community Center, and PH Police

\$12.00 (\$5 under 18) in advance
\$15.00 (\$10 under 18) at door

Our rockin' community! Events for March and April 2016

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Mar 4	<i>On Borrowed Time</i>	PH Senior Center	Vagabond Players	798-8788
Mar 5-13	International Jewish Film Festival	Centure 16 Theatres	PH City, Downtown PH	240-3053
Mar 5	Sustainability Workshop (seeds)	Rodgers Ranch	Sustainable Contra Costa	sustainablecoco.org/workshops
Mar 6	E-Waste recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
Mar 7	Fratello Marionettes	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Mar 8	Sustainability Workshop (beekeeping)	Rodgers Ranch	Sustainable Contra Costa	sustainablecoco.org/workshops
Mar 10	CMS—Protecting Your Assets	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 10	<i>The Performance Imperative</i>	JFK University	JFK University	969-3143
Mar 18	Opening of <i>Almost Maine</i>	DVC Theatre	DVC Drama	969-2358
Mar 19	Breakfast with Bunny	PH Senior Center	PH Rec	682-0896
Mar 26	Easter Pancake Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Rec	682-0896
Mar 27	FREE Tea for Cancer Survivors	PH Senior Center	PH Relay for Life	957-9991
Mar 29	Composting workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Apr 6	E-Waste recycling	DVC parking lot, Golf Club Rd	Electronic Waste Management	(866) 335-3373
Apr 9	Giant Parking Lot Book Sale	Behind the library	Friends of the Library	phibraryfriends.org
Apr 9	CERT Training	Pleasant Hill City Hall	CERT	pleasanthillcert.org
Apr 14	CMS—In-home Care 101	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 16	Literary Women	PH Community Center	PH Rec	682-0896
Apr 17	Earth Day Event	PHIG Instructional Garden	PHIG	482-6670
Apr 18	Wind, Wizards, and Wonder!	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org
Apr 19	Composting workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Apr 22	Taste of the Vine	PH Senior Center	The Chateaus of Pleasant Hill/Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 25	Guitar Ensemble from DVC	PH Library	PH Library	www.ccclib.org

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



New businesses December 2015

Sana Massage

101 Gregory Lane, #41
925-522-6597

Absolute ILS – Office for Independent Living Services

3478 Buskirk Avenue
510-253-7434

Blue Cave Smoke Shop

1691 Contra Costa Blvd.
510-927-7696

Hillcrest Veterinary Hospital

2211 Morello Avenue
925-676-1909
www.hillcrestvet.com

Intarch, Inc. – Interior Design Services

140 Mayhew Way, #507
415-701-8855

Orchard Supply Company –

Retail Hardware
155 Crescent Plaza
925-685-3000

T-Mobile Leasing, LLC –

Telecommunication Equipment
552 Contra Costa Blvd., #30
800-927-9800

T-Mobile Leasing, LLC –

Telecommunication Equipment
25 Crescent Drive, E
800-927-9800

Woodbridge Marine – Admin. Office –

Ship Inspections/Surveyors
925-687-1234
www.woodbridgemarine.com

KAC Industries – Office-

Electro-Mechanical Design Service
408-691-1426

Rice Valley – Imports

925-381-2280

New businesses January 2016

American Advisors Group –

Mortgage Branch
2800 Pleasant Hill Road, #240
866-948-0003
www.aag.com

Bay Area Surgical Specialists

400 Taylor Blvd., #301
925-932-6330

Body Strong Massage –

Massage Therapy-Sports Focused
140 Gregory Lane, #195
510-327-9958
www.bodystrongmassage.com

Condominium Financial

Management, Inc. – Bookkeeping –
Homeowners Associations
60 Mayhew Way
925-566-6800
www.condofinancial.com

Dragon's Spring (Restaurant)

2642 Pleasant Hill Road
925-287-8899

Engineered Research Group, Inc.

(General Office/Construction
Consulting)
144 Mayhew Way
925-448-8175
www.engineeredresearchgroup.com

General Petroleum Services (Admin

Office-Water Well Drilling)
70 Doray Drive, Suite 14C
800-933-2907

IRI Landscape Design

3496 Buskirk Avenue, #106
415-845-0289

Justine Moirano (Hairstylist)

1603 Oak Park Blvd.
707-334-8006

Law Office of Bruce S. Osterman

2300 Contra Costa Blvd., #320
415-399-3900
www.bruceosterman.com

Massage by Wendy Dobbs

(Massage Therapy/Chiropractic Office)
2100 Monument Blvd, #16
925-676-1955

Michele French (Massage Therapy)

2367 Pleasant Hill Road
925-472-0852

Nexus Vapour, LLC (Electronic

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1600 Contra Costa Blvd., "E"
925-998-0093
www.nexusvapour.com

Oak Park Builders, Inc.

(General Contractor)
1800 Oak Park Blvd.
925-212-2116

Pleasant Oak Grooming

(Pet Grooming)
1914 Oak Park Blvd
925-939-4443

Solo Workforce/Solo W-2 Inc.

3478 Buskirk Avenue
925-680-0200

SUMO-LLC

(Brand Marketing Products)
21 Massolo Drive, Suite D
925-332-5956

The UPS Store (Retail/Shipping)

52 Golf Club Road
925-349-6115

Arifovic Trucking (Home Office/Trucking)

925-330-9617

Kerey Engineering, Inc. (Contractor)

347-613-5788

Bay Area Party Company (Children's Character Party Company)

888-631-3964
www.thebayareapartycompany.com

City Meetings



WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 2 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Manager's Conference Room
Wed 2 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
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Mon 7 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
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* Live streaming of these meetings is available on the City's website at 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. The City Channel airs on Comcast Channel 28, Wave Broadband Channel 29, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99. For more information on Pleasant Hill's City Channel go to www.pleasanthillca.org/citychannel.



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City Clerk Carol Wu

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

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

CITY HALL HOURS

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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for May/June is April 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.

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2015 Community Award Winners! (See pages 1, 3, 4, and 7 for full details)



Community awards photos by Mark Gebhardt Photography

Front row left to right: Brad Waite, Angela Warren, Scott Luke, Pamela Green, Peter Hutchinson, Matt Rinn, Susan Wood, and Bob Berggren.
 Back row left to right: Laura Maule, Liz Kim, Jim bonato, Allen & Sandy Vinson, Sandra Scherer, Anne Baker, Ron Jewison, and Donna Luckey.

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Mike Furtado, City maintenance worker, received the *Community Plus* award, which is given to an employee of either the City, Chamber, or Recreation & Park District. Mike was honored for his 38 years of service to the Pleasant Hill community, including his work in maintaining the landscaping around the entire City Hall complex.

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

- ★ Mayor's Award—Pleasant Hill Fourth of July commission (read more on page 3).
- ★ PH Rec & Park District Board Appreciation Award—Land Home Financial
- ★ PH Rec & Park District Community Service Award—Monument Crisis Center
- ★ Pleasant Hill Chamber Board Appreciation Award—Scott Luke
- ★ Pleasant Hill Chamber Ambassador of the Year—Pamela Green and Susan Wood
- ★ PH Community Foundation Cornerstone Award—Bob Berggren, General Manager of the Rec & Park District.

Community Awards Night is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, City of Pleasant Hill, the PH Recreation & Park District, the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education, and PH Community Foundation each year to honor citizens, organizations, businesses, and employees who have made a significant contribution to enhancing the quality of life in Pleasant Hill.

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